

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes \_\_\_\_\_  
no

Property Name: James Temple Property (C A Whittle General Store) Inventory Number: AA-2289  
 Address: 1400 Old Annapolis Road (MD 175) Historic district: yes  no  
 City: Odenton, MD Zip Code: 21113 County: Anne Arundel  
 USGS Quadrangle(s): Laurel  
 Property Owner: James Temple Tax Account ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tax Map Parcel Number(s): 437 Tax Map Number: 21  
 Project: MD 175: Brockbridge Road to MD 170, Project No. AA436B1 Agency: FHWA/MD SHA  
 Agency Prepared By: MD SHA  
 Preparer's Name: Anne E. Bruder Architectural Historian Date Prepared: 10/26/2010  
 Documentation is presented in: Project Review and Compliance Files  
 Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: \_\_\_\_\_ Eligibility recommended  Eligibility not recommended  
 Criteria: A B  C D Considerations: A B C D E F G  
 Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:  
 Name of the District/Property: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Inventory Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Eligible: \_\_\_\_\_ yes Listed: \_\_\_\_\_ yes  
 Site visit by MHT Staff yes  no Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

The Maryland Transit Administration identified the James Temple Property as an historic standing structure during the Odenton MARC Station Expansion Project and a Determination of Eligibility (DOE) form was completed in May 2002. However, no eligibility determination was formally made on the property and in 2007 the DOE was accessioned into the MIHP with a note indicating that the property had not received any eligibility determination. In 2008, as part of SHA's studies for the MD 175 Project Planning Study, MHT advised SHA that the property had been previously surveyed and received MIHP No. AA-2289. Based on additional information received from the Odenton Heritage Society and MHT, SHA herewith provides the following assessment:

Charles Whittle, Sr. and his wife Annie Maria, purchased a farm in Odenton in 1888. They sold a portion of the land on the west side of the Pennsylvania Railroad, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington Branch to Whittle's brother, N. Peter Whittle who in turn left the property to his daughter, Anna Maria Whittle. Following her death in 1913, her husband, Charles A. Whittle, Sr. and two sons, Charles A. Whittle, Jr. and N. Peter Whittle, received the property. In the 1915-1916-1917 R. L. Polk & Co. Maryland State Gazetteer and Business Directory, Charles A. Whittle is listed as a farmer in Odenton. In the 1930 US Decennial Census Charles Whittle Sr. described himself as a merchant while his sons had no identified jobs.

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Eligibility recommended _____	Eligibility not recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Criteria: <u>A</u> <u>B</u> <u>C</u> <u>D</u>	Considerations: <u>A</u> <u>B</u> <u>C</u> <u>D</u> <u>E</u> <u>F</u> <u>G</u>
MHT Comments:	
<u>Jim DeLuca</u> Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	<u>11/17/10</u> Date
<u>[Signature]</u> Reviewer, National Register Program	<u>11/18/10</u> Date

In the late 1930s, the Maryland State Roads Commission (SRC) began to widen and realign some of the arterial highways, including MD 175. As part of the project, the SRC received funding from the federal government to construct bridges that would help eliminate the many at-grade railroad crossings. One such project was the state highway on Odenton Road which then crossed both the Pennsylvania Railroad, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington Branch, and the Annapolis-Washington Railroad in Odenton. The SRC chose to relocate MD 175 north of the downtown area and the Odenton Road. This brought the new highway through the C.A. Whittle and Sons Farm which stood on either side of the Pennsylvania Railroad. The SRC built a new metal girder, three span, two-lane bridge across the railroad tracks and raised the highway in 1938 (the SRC widened the bridge to four lanes in 1968 and additional alterations were made in 1996). The right-of-way and easement areas required from the Whittle Farm tapered on the west side of the new bridge as the highway approached Lokus Road and joined Third Avenue. Third Avenue was also widened to the south by the SRC so that it would align with the new highway which became MD 175.

A construction date of 1940 has been tentatively assigned to the building based on an interior photograph showing a calendar with that date. Neither the SRC's right-of-way plat (No. 3100, 1937) nor the 1937 plan for the new bridge show the C.A. Whittle Store standing at the intersection of MD 175 and Lokus Road, but it is possible that the store was constructed between 1938 following the completion of the new highway and 1940. It was a front gable, one story frame building with three bays covered by a full-width porch, sitting on a concrete block piers. Two one-over-one double sash windows on either side of a center door defined the bays of the building. All three windows in the photograph are barred on the exterior. Also, there was a single exterior chimney at the rear of the building. The exposed rafter tails on the front gable roof and hipped roof porch demonstrate that the builders were familiar with Arts and Crafts or Craftsman style designs, because such construction is more typical of the 1920s.

The C. A. Whittle General Store featured Esskay Products (the Baltimore meat producer) and also sold ESSO (Standard Oil Company) gasoline from a pump that was introduced in 1930 with a "clockface" gauge that could register the amount of gas that was purchased. The interior photograph from 1940 shows a cooler that held glass bottles of milk and several varieties of meat. Another general store in Odenton, Pumphrey's General Store on the northeast corner of Odenton and Morgan Roads, also sold ESSO gasoline while the store was in business from 1928 until 1944.

According to information obtained from Mr. James Temple, he purchased the property in 1976 or 1978 and completely gutted the building, putting on a new front roof, new three-part windows that expanded the size of the fenestration in the front facade, a paneled door, and creating a circular stair between the first floor and basement. He also joined a side gable building which was also on the property to the original store by creating a hyphen between the two buildings. The changing floor levels in the interior demonstrate the differing construction periods and methods. The 1940 photograph of the general store also shows that the ground around the store was level. At present, the western portion of the property has been graded to expose the basement level.

Although the western portion of the Temple Property retains the form of the C.A. Whittle General Store, the new siding, roof, awning, windows and interior, as well as the new additions and alterations to the property's setting have caused a loss of integrity of materials, design, workmanship, setting, feeling and association. Research conducted as part of this study did not identify events or persons of local, state or national importance and the James Temple Property (C.A. Whittle General Store) is not eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) under Criteria A or B. The James Temple (C.A. Whittle General Store) lacks integrity and is not a significant architectural example of a mid-twentieth century commercial structure. As a result, SHA has determined that it is not eligible for inclusion in the NRHP under Criterion C (architecture). Criterion D, information potential, was not included as part of this study.

The boundary for the James Temple Property (CA Whittle General Store) will be confined to Tax Parcel 437 as shown on Anne Arundel County Tax Map 21.

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MHT Comments:

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 Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

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 Date

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 Reviewer, National Register Program

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 Date

Sources consulted:

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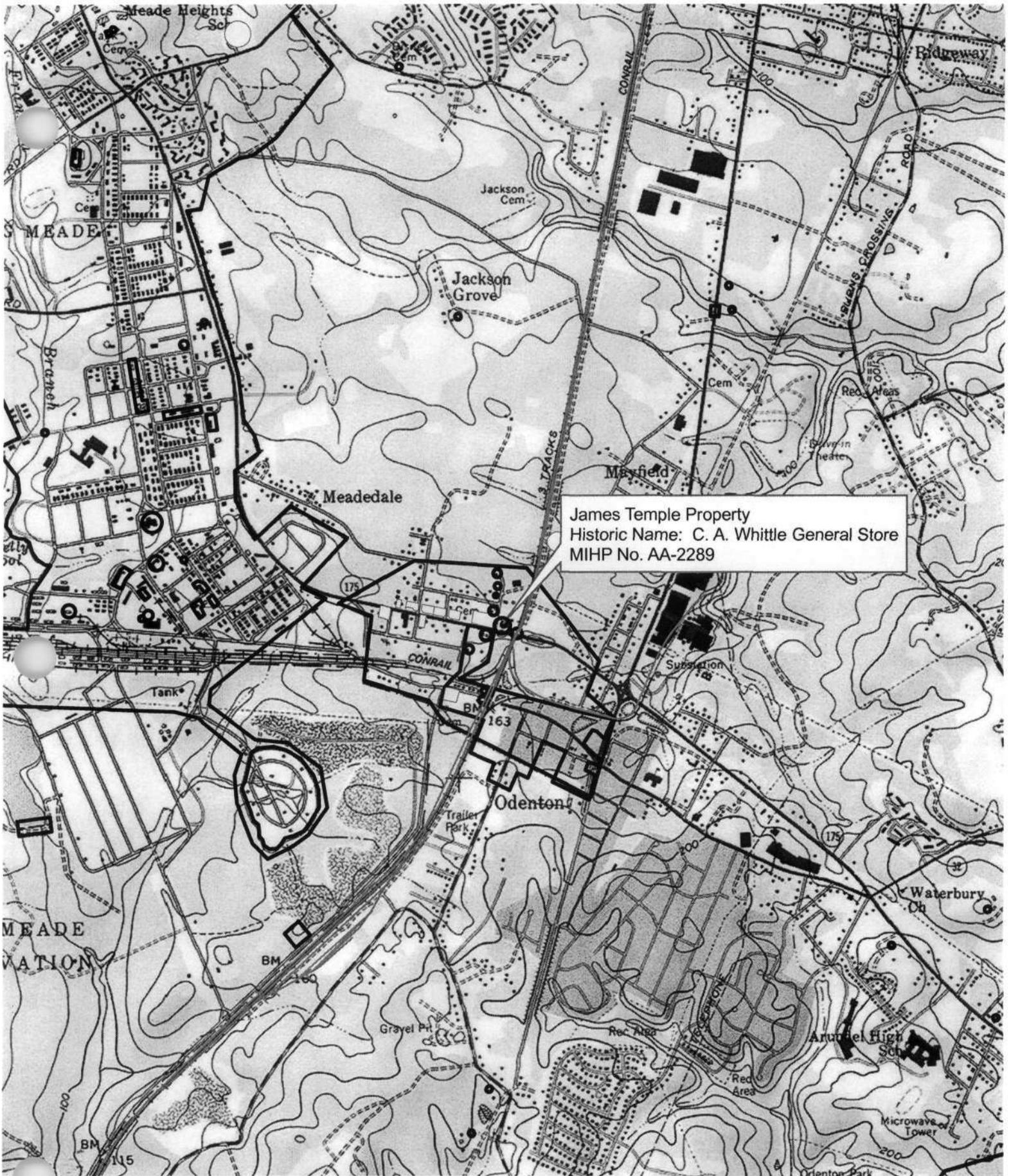
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Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

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Date

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Reviewer, National Register Program

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Date



# Odenton USGS Quadrangle

James Temple Property (C.A. Whittle General Store)

0 600 1,200 2,400 Feet







LOBBY  
CLOSED

AA-2289

JAMES TEMPLE PROPERTY  
ANNE ARUNDEL Co., MD.

ANNE BEURER.

10-18-2010.

MD SAPO.

C.N. WHITTLE GENERAL STORE

LOOKING EAST AT SOUTH AND WEST  
FACADES.

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Memo to file

January 31, 2007

From: Peter E. Kurtze  
Administrator, Evaluation and Registration

Re: AA-2289  
James Temple Property

The property documented in the following MIHP form has not been formally evaluated for eligibility for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The comments in the text are those of the preparer of the documentation. The State Historic Preservation Officer has neither concurred nor disagreed with those comments.

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

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Address: 1400 Old Annapolis Road, Odenton, Maryland 21113

Owner: James Temple

Tax Parcel Number: 437 Tax Map Number: 21

Project: Odenton MARC Station Expansion Project Agency: Maryland Transit Administration

Site visit by: \_\_\_\_\_ Staff:  No  Yes Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Eligibility recommended: \_\_\_\_\_ Eligibility not recommended: X

Criteria:  A  B  C  D Considerations:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G  None

Is property located within a historic district?  No  Yes Name of District: Odenton Survey District (AA-869)

Is district listed?  No  Yes

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo):*

The James Temple Property is a commercial structure located at the intersection of Old Annapolis Road (MD 175) and Lokus Road. Although tax records state that the building was constructed in 1960, a structure appears at this location on the 1957 Odenton, MD USGS Quadangle. It is possible that portion of the existing building dates to circa 1950 or earlier. The building consists of a 1-story front-gable section with basement and a 1-story side-gable section with low-pitched roof. Numerous alterations have obscured traces of past building function, but the form suggests a commercial use. The building is of wood-frame construction with a concrete block foundation, textured plywood siding and an asphalt shingle roof. An exterior end brick chimney is located on the rear of the front-gable section, while a central brick chimney is located within the side-gable section. The grade slopes down toward the rear of the building exposing a full-height entryway into the basement level of the front-gable section on the west elevation. All windows on the front elevation are vinyl casement and the doors are modern. The rear elevation of the side-gable section is symmetrical with two doors, each flanked by a small window or wall A/C unit opening. This may indicate that this space contained two stores or office spaces divided by the central chimney. The front and rear yards have been paved for parking. There are no other structures on this property.

Prepared by: Tim Tamburrino, A.D. Marble & Company, May 2002

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Comments: _____	
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Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	Date
Reviewer, NR Programs	Date

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Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo):* (CONT'D)

The property is located within the Odenton Survey District (AA-869). The survey district was documented in 1985, however, no formal boundaries or determination of eligibility have been made. It is recommended that this property be excluded from the survey district due to its isolation from the core of Odenton and lack of material and architectural integrity. An evaluation of the Odenton Survey District will not be conducted as part of this study, therefore, the James Temple Property will be individually evaluated for National Register eligibility. The property is recommended as not eligible for the National Register. Numerous modern additions and alterations, such as the replacement siding windows and doors, have obscured the original building function and design characteristics. As a result, the structure suffers from a loss of architectural and material integrity. Therefore, the property does not retain sufficient integrity to meet eligibility requirements for the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A, B, C, or D.

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**PRESERVATION VISION 2000; THE MARYLAND PLAN  
STATEWIDE HISTORIC CONTEXTS**

**I. Geographic Region:**

- Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
- Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
- Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
- Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

**II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:**

- Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815
- Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870
- Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930
- Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present
- Unknown Period ( prehistoric  historic)

**III. Historic Period Themes:**

- Agriculture
- Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
- Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
- Government/Law
- Military
- Religion
- Social/Educational/Cultural
- Transportation

**IV. Resource Type:**

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural/Suburban

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Commercial

Known Design Source: Unknown



### Historic Structure Location Map

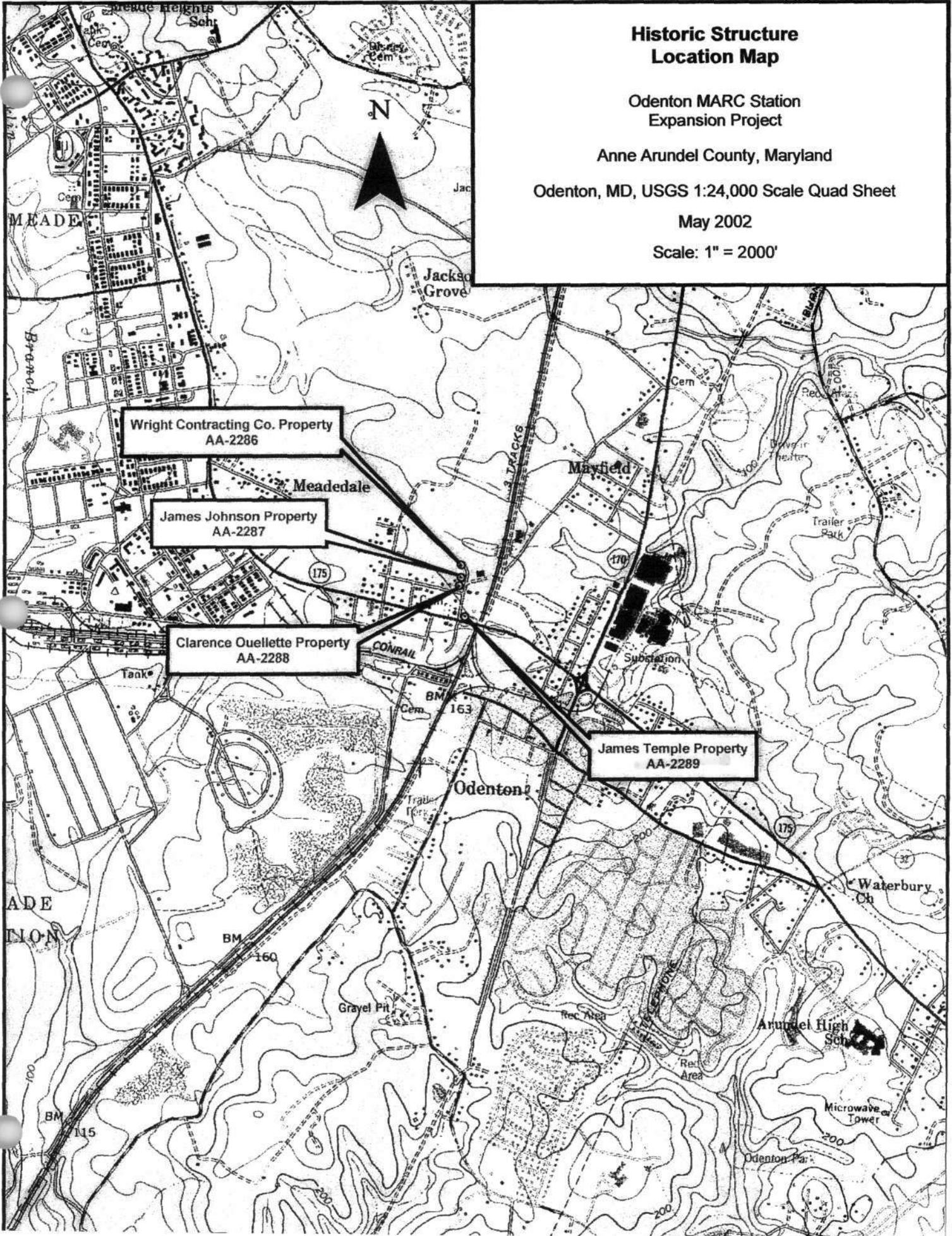
Odenton MARC Station  
Expansion Project

Anne Arundel County, Maryland

Odenton, MD, USGS 1:24,000 Scale Quad Sheet

May 2002

Scale: 1" = 2000'





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  - ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MD
  - TIM TAMBURRINO
  - APRIL 2002
  - MD SHPO

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- FRONT ELEVATION, SW CORNER  
VIEW NW
- 1 OF 2

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- AA-2289
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  - ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MD
  - TIM TAMBURRINO
  - APRIL 2002
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  - REAR ELEVATION, VIEW SE
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