

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes \_\_\_  
no

Property Name: Fairland School Inventory Number: M:34-28  
 Address: 13313 Old Columbia Pike City: Silver Spring Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 County: Montgomery USGS Topographic Map: Beltsville  
 Owner: Montgomery County Board of Education Is the property being evaluated a district? \_\_\_ yes  
 Tax Parcel Number: P085 Tax Map Number: KR31 Tax Account ID Number: 00251766  
 Project: MO891B21 Agency: SHA  
 Site visit by MHT staff:  no \_\_\_ yes Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Is the property is located within a historic district \_\_\_ yes  no

*If the property is within a district* District Inventory Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 NR-listed district \_\_\_ yes Eligible district \_\_\_ yes Name of District: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource \_\_\_ yes \_\_\_ no Non-contributing but eligible in another context \_\_\_ yes

*If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district)* Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible \_\_\_ yes  no

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

Documentation on the property/district is presented in Compliance files

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

The Fairland School is located at 13313 Old Columbia Pike at the intersection of Old Columbia Pike and Fairland Road. It is the second school building to be built on the site and the third built in the Fairland community.

The present Fairland School building is a one story building with a flat roof. It has 23 classrooms containing 45,082 square feet. It features red brick and metal casement windows that have been modified. There are several later additions featuring yellow brick accented with blue bricks. The school is located on 9.8 acres and includes a playground and ball fields.

According to the tax records the school was built in 1947, however, research has revealed that the original part of the present building was built in 1934 and was the design of Howard W. Cutler, the exclusive architect for Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) from 1926-35. The 1934 building was actually built as a separate addition to the former Fairland High School, an earlier school building that once stood at the southeast corner of Fairland Road and Old Columbia Pike. The earlier school building (Fairland High School) was a four room, two-story stucco building built in 1920-21. It was located closer to the corner of Fairland and Old Colesville Road where the present parking lot is located. The old school building was removed in 1952 by Ace Wrecking Company "at no cost to the Board"

In 1918, the Fairland community had grown enough to warrant building a high school. In 1919, a one acre lot was purchased

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<u>Andrew Lewis</u> Reviewer, Office of Preservation Service	<u>6/27/03</u> Date
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for \$200 and a two-story, four classroom frame and stucco structure was built around the corner from the Fairland School, a one-room school house located on Fairland Road, just west of Old Columbia Pike (M:34-06). In a 1928 Education Report of the Board of Education, Fairland High School was described as having " had modern conveniences provided.....is in excellent shape and is of stucco construction." The architect for the original Fairland High School building is not known. It is likely that the design came from a pattern book which was common at that time. Records from the Montgomery County Board of Education indicate that in October 1919, a contract for \$4, 014 was awarded to Robey and Robey, possibly the contractor hired to build the school. In 1920, change orders were made making the cost of the building \$12,025.

Until the new school was completed, classes were held in the homes of community families. Mr. Maxwell Burdette of Damascus was principal of Fairland from 1919 to 1932. Fairland High School served children in first to eleventh grades until June of 1932 when grades eight to eleven were discontinued. High school students from the Fairland community attended Sherwood or Silver Spring High School until Montgomery Blair replaced Silver Spring High School in 1934.

Howard Wright Cutler, AIA, began working for the MCPS in 1924 and was the principle architect for MCPS until his death in 1948. He designed at least 25 schools plus additions in that period. They included the Takoma Park- Silver Spring High School, Silver Spring Intermediate School, Garrett Park school, Clara Barton School, Colesville Elementary School, Chevy Chase Elementary School, Park Street Elementary School, Damasca Elementary School, Bethesda- Chevy Chase High School, Montgomery Blair High School, Montgomery Hills High School, Westbrook Elementary School and Lynnbrook Elementary School. His designs evolved from Art Deco to Classical Revival to Streamlined Art Moderne.

Cutler's proposed plans for Fairland School featured a brick, two-story Colonial Revival style school with five classrooms, an auditorium and cupola. The plans, however, were abandoned in 1933 because they were too expensive to build. Cutler's revised plans were more modest and approved by the MCPS in 1934. The revised plans called for a simple one story brick building with a basement and flat roof. The entrance featured quarry stone, wrought iron railing and concrete steps and a slate roof. The front facade windows had cast stone lentils. The plans called for an all purpose room that had two skylights and a stage, one classroom, a kitchen and boys and girls bathrooms. The building was constructed slightly south of the existing Fairland School and connected with a sidewalk. MCPC records indicated that a contract for \$18,500 was awarded to J. Herbert Johnson in 1934, although it is not known if he was the contractor.

Cutler was a Colorado native who graduated from the Mechanic Art Institute. He began his practice in 1906 and designed the Eastman Kodak building. He moved to Washington DC after WWI and opened the firm, Cutler and Moss. In 1923 he was practicing under his own name and working from his Dale Drive home in Silver Spring MD. He had an office at 1106 16th Street, NW, Washington DC by the 1930s.

In a 1949 report on Montgomery County, Fairland Elementary School was listed as a " White" school built in 1921 with 5 classrooms, 5 teachers, and 150 students enrolled.

Maurice S. May, AIA, designed the 1952 and 1960 additions to Fairland School. The 1952 addition was built on the front entrance of the existing building and dramatically changed the appearance of the school. The new entrance was located on the east side of the building. The brick addition included four classrooms and a principal's office. Other changes include the addition of multi-paned light steel windows in the existing building. In 1960, four more classrooms were added as well as another all purpose room, office, kitchen, and storage space.

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May had an office at 1223 Conn. Ave., N.W. Wash. D.C. and lived at 3920 Oliver St. in Chevy Chase, MD He graduated from Catholic University with a BS in Arch in 1915. His major works included St. Mary's School in Rockville, MD, 1950; Christ Child Convalescent Home; Warehouse, May Hardware Co.; & Red Cross Bldg., Silver Spring; all 3 in 1952; Ch. Of Annunciation, Parish Hall, 1954; & Providence Hospital, Nurses Home, 1955. May was not found listed in the book "Who's Who in the Nation's Capital" for the 1934-1935 editions, or in the 1982 book by Sally Hanford called "Architectural Research Materials in the District of Columbia".

In 1961, the MCPS bought an additional 4.7 acres from Willard Marlow for \$4,000 per acre. In 1963, Phillip Mason was hired to design an addition that included nine classrooms. In 1970, a library and another eight classroom were added. Mason's additions were constructed in yellow brick and are easily distinguished from the earlier building. Since the 1970's, numerous alteration and additions have occurred at the Fairland school. The building is now called the Fairland Center and is presently being used as a holding school for schools under renovation. The new Fairland Elementary School is located about a mile away at 14315 Fairdale Road, just off of Briggs Chaney Road.

The original Fairland High School was demolished in 1952. The existing building although originally designed by Howard W. Cutler, an important local architect, has been significantly altered and has at least four major additions by various architects. The Fairland Elementary School lacks integrity and is not a good example of Cutler's work. Fairland school is, therefore, not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

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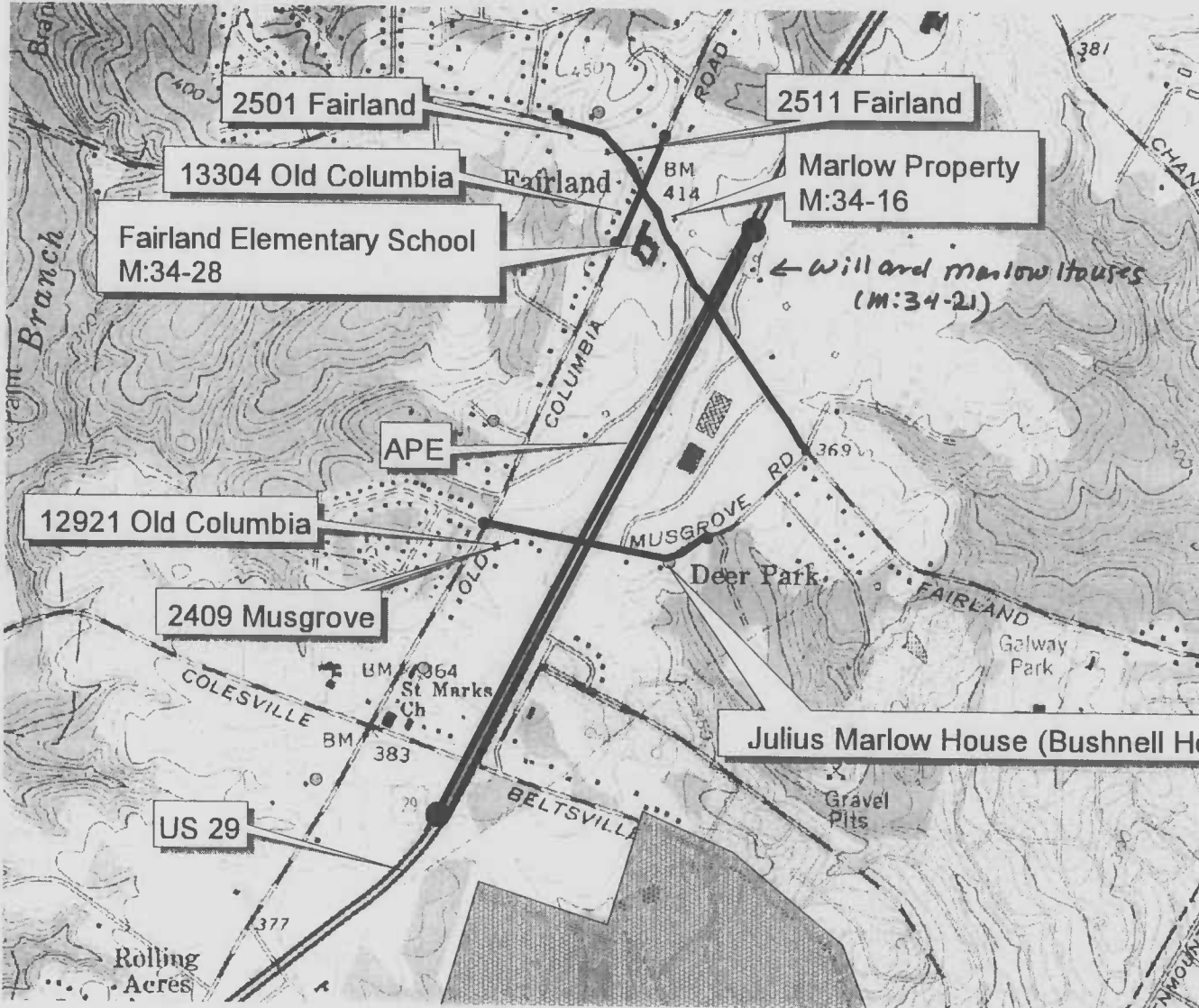
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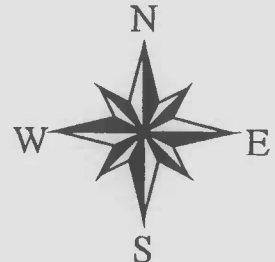
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US 29 at Musgrove Road & Fairland Road  
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 Beltsville Quad  
 Attachment I showing APE



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Looking NE at front facade





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Looking at <sup>front</sup> facade of school

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Looking east at addition

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Looking South at rear of School



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Looking North at addition

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Looking south at rear of original part of  
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