

M: 24-19-1

1856; 1897

Darnestown Presbyterian Church & Cemetery  
15120 Turkey Foot Road  
(formerly 13800 Darnestown Road)  
Darnestown

Begun as a rural, vernacular, frame building in 1856, the church is surrounded by old pines and maples. The church parlor and bell tower, added in 1897, impart a Gothic feeling to the present structure. Added at the same time were a beautiful stained-glass memorial window, and the stone wall, which runs the length of the church's frontage along Darnestown Road (MD 28). A rear addition was built in the 1950s, and renovations were made to the interior. In the back of the church the original gallery for blacks remains. A cemetery to the rear of the church property contains gravestones of many of the early residents of Darnestown.

Prior to the construction of this church, there had been a worshiping group of Presbyterians in the Darnestown area. This small group shared the little log church at Pleasant Hills, at the present-day intersection of Darnestown and Germantown Roads, with Methodists, Baptists, and Episcopalians. In 1856, the Presbyterians decided to establish their own church at Darnestown.

24/16 Poplar Grove Baptist Church 14621 Jones Lane 1.93 Acres

- Late 19th century rural vernacular church featuring a gabled facade and three-story entrance tower with no steeple.
- Current 1883 building stands on the site which has been occupied since the early 1800's by a church in the Poplar Grove community.
- The recommended .267 acre environmental setting includes the church, cemetery and the major trees which define the historic churchyard.

24/19-1 Darnestown Presbyterian Church 13800 Darnestown Road 9.73 Acres

- Begun as a rural, vernacular, frame building in 1856, the church parlor and bell tower added in 1897, impart a Gothic feeling to the present structure.
- The approximately 6-acre environmental setting equates to the historic churchyard and includes the cemetery to the rear of the church property, the parking area and yards to the east and south of the church as well as the stone fence which runs the length of the church's frontage along Darnestown Road.

#24/19-1

Darnestown  
Presbyterian Church

13800 Darnestown Road

9.73 acres

- \* \* \*
- \* \* \*

#13/3

Oliver T. Watkins  
House (Wells Farm)

23400 Ridge Road

290 acres

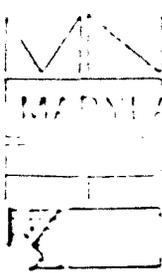
- \* \* \*
- \* \* \*

- [The 290-acre parcel is recommended as the environmental setting for placement on the Master Plan.]

- The 2.6 acre environmental setting includes the major trees associated with the historic farmhouse and incorporates acreage to the south or front of the house, and to the east to preserve any seasonal vistas of the house from Ridge Road and views of the house along the entrance drive to the site.

This is a correct copy of Council action.

  
 Kathleen A. Freedman, Secretary  
 County Council



M:24-19-1

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

See correspondence dated March 10, 1986

ACTION TAKEN

- M: 13/3..... Oliver T. Watkins House  
(Wells Farm)
- M: 13/7..... Ned Watkins House  
(Wells Farm)
- M: 13/30..... High View/Burdette (Boyds) Hotel
- M: 17/46..... Mount Nebo
- M: 24/16..... Poplar Grove Baptist Church
- M: 24/19-1..... Darnestown Presbyterian Church

Amendment to Master Plan

The purpose of this amendment is to designate these sites on the Master Plan.

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Article 28 of the Annotated Code of Maryland and Chapter 24A and Chapter 33A of the Montgomery County Code, the Montgomery County Planning Board of The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission hereby gives notice that it will hold a public hearing on the following:

PRELIMINARY DRAFT AMENDMENT TO  
THE MASTER PLAN FOR  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION  
WESTERN AND UPPER MONTGOMERY  
COUNTY RESOURCES

THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 1985

at

10.00 A.M.

in the

Montgomery Regional Office Auditorium  
 8787 Georgia Avenue  
 Silver Spring, Maryland

to take testimony on whether or not the following historic resources presently listed in the Locational Atlas and Index of Historic Sites in Montgomery County should be included in the Master Plan for Historic Preservation:

<u>SITE</u>	<u>ATLAS #</u>
1. Oliver Watkins/Wells Farm Ridge Road Cedar Grove, MD	13/3
2. Ned Watkins/Ovid Wells Farm 12001 Skylark Road Cedar Grove, MD	13/7
3. High View/Burdette Hotel 21010 Clarksburg Road Boys, MD	13/20
4. Mount Nebo Mount Nebo Road Poolesville, MD	17/46
5. Poplar Grove Baptist Church Jones Lane Darnestown, MD	24/16
6. Darnestown Presbyterian Church & Cemetery 13800 Darnestown Road Gaithersburg, MD	24/19-1

7. Darnestown Historic District 24/19  
 Seneca & Darnestown Roads  
 Darnestown, MD

The Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission reviewed the architectural and historic significance of these resources according to the criteria listed in the Historic Preservation Ordinance, Chapter 24A of the Montgomery County Code, and nominated one through six for placement on the Master Plan for Historic Preservation. If placed on the Master Plan, the historic resource will be protected under the Historic Preservation Ordinance which provides certain controls regarding alteration, demolition, and maintenance of the property.

The Historic Preservation Commission found Darnestown Atlas historic district did not meet Ordinance criteria for placement and recommends its removal from the Locational Atlas. If not included in the Master Plan for Historic Preservation, any of the resources listed above may be removed from the Locational Atlas. If removed, the sites would no longer be subject to the provision of Chapter 24A-10, the Moratorium on Alteration and Demolition. All sites will remain on the Maryland Historical Trust's Inventory.

The Preliminary Draft Amendment is available for public inspection at The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission's Regional Headquarters, 8787 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland.

The purpose of the public hearing is to allow all interested persons to express their views concerning this action. Persons wishing to testify should call 495-4600. If you are unable to attend, write your concerns to the Montgomery County Planning Board at 8787 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland 20907 and they will be made part of the public hearing record.

*Thomas H. Countee, Jr.*  
 Thomas H. Countee, Jr.  
 Executive Director

13/30

High View/Burdette  
(Boyds) Hotel

21010 Clarksburg Road

9.2 acres

- 1887 -- Large Queen Anne style house featuring a central projecting, three-story pavilion flanked on the east side by two porches with a two-story porch on the west side and a two-story square bay window on the north. The house also features a mansard roof with diamond and square shaped slate tiles.
- One of the best extant examples of Victorian 'summer resort' architecture in the County, the hotel reflects the historical development of Boyds as a summer resort during the late 19th century.

17/46

Mount Nebo

Mount Nebo Road

2.97 acres

- Good example of late 18th century Federal style architecture and one of very few remaining frame dwellings of this style and age in the County.
- Associated with the Fletchall and White families, early settlers prominent in the history of the western part of the County.
- The recommended environmental setting of two acres includes the terracing to the front of the house and the small outbuilding to the rear.

24/16

Poplar Grove Baptist  
Church

14621 Jones Lane

1.93 acres

- Late 19th century rural vernacular church featuring a gabled facade and three-story entrance tower with no steeple.
- Current 1883 building stands on the site which has been occupied since the early 1800's by a church in the Poplar Grove community.
- The entire 1.93-acre parcel is recommended as the environmental setting and includes the cemetery to the rear of the church yard.

24/19-1

Darnestown Presbyterian  
Church

13800 Darnestown Road

9.73 acres

- Begun as a rural vernacular frame building in 1856, the church parlor and bell tower added in 1897, impart a Gothic feeling to the present structure.
- The recommended environmental setting excludes the new construction but incorporates the cemetery and the church yard on the east side of the property up to the road.

## APPENDIX

SITES NOT RECOMMENDED FOR REGULATION UNDER THE  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION ORDINANCE CHAPTER 24A OF THE  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY CODE

The Montgomery County Preservation Commission evaluated the area identified as the Darnestown historic district in the Locational Atlas and Index of Historic Sites in Montgomery County, Maryland and found that the district as delineated in the following map did not meet ordinance criteria for Master Plan designation. The Commission recommends that the following properties, which have been identified as part of the district, be removed from further regulation under the Moratorium on Alteration and Demolition, Section 24A-10 of the County's Historic Preservation Ordinance:

(Note: Although removed from further regulation under the County's Ordinance, the Darnestown historic district will remain on the Maryland Historical Trust's Inventory of state historical resources.)

<u>Parcel</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Associated Acreage</u>
P616	Darnestown Presbyterian Church Board of Trustees, % Rev. Daniel Manson Gaithersburg, MD 20878	9.73 acres
P578	Terrel E. & R.S. Thornton 13900 Darnestown Road Gaithersburg, MD 20878	1.2 acre
P556 P559	Lewis K. & D.P. Ives 13904 Darnestown Road Gaithersburg, MD 20878	0.31 acre
P580	Edgar O. & D.M. Pollen 13908 Darnestown Road	8,640 sq. ft.
P581	Arthur C. & C.M. Green 14530 Turkey Foot Road	20,510 sq. ft.
P582	William O. Karjala & Karen Gally 13920 Darnestown Road	1.32 acre
P605	Ethel H. & C.E. Gasch 14000 Darnestown Road	2 acres
P639	James R. & R.W. Offutt 14010 Darnestown Road	1.08 acre

M:24-19-1

<u>Parcel</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Associated Acreage</u>
P641	First American Bank of Maryland Route 108, P.O. Box 2321 Attention: Robert Cushman Columbia, MD 21045	79,567 sq. ft.
N546	Travilah Realty Corporation P.O. Box 132 Dickerson, MD 20753 --	40,189 sq. ft.
P490	Robert J. & C.L. Huebner 14120 Darnestown Road	1.17 acre
P234	Clark W. Jr. & D. B. Boyer 14320 Darnestown Road	1 acre
P665	A.W. & J. W. Beall, et al % Mrs. Robert Griffith U.S. Mission to NATO APO New York 09667	
P587	Jack Coppersmith % Texaco, Inc. P.O. Box 4582 Atlanta, GA 30302	
P531	Floyd E. Eaton 1110 Bonifant Street Silver Spring, MD 20910	0.43 acre
P532	Clinton F. & H. I. Carter 14015 Darnestown Road Gaithersburg, Md 20878	0.77 acre
P533	Arden Baker, et al 152 Rollins Avenue Rockville, MD 20852	0.3 acre
P494	Carl A. Cuphaver, et al 5600 Huntington Parkway Bethesda, MD 20814	0.4 acre
P493	Arden Baker % Crowell & Baker 152 Rollins Avenue Rockville, MD 20852	19,602 sq. ft.
P481	Noah & L.S. Defalco 14111 Darnestown Road	0.67 acre

<u>Parcel</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Associated Acreage</u>
P437	James T. & H.I. Munday 14121 Darnestown Road	1.01 acre
P428	Howard F. & P.V. Carter 14125 Darnestown Road	21,130 sq. ft.
P429	Jon E. & G.B. Jarboe 14129 Darnestown Road	0.5 acre
P328	Raymond J. & A.M. Davis 14139 Darnestown Road	6.63 acres
P326	Gladys F. Thompson 119½ S. Washington Street Rockville, MD 20850	0.5 acre
P325	Ann M. & J.G. Jett 14147 Darnestown Road	1 acre
P324	Mary A. & B.N. Rice 14151 Darnestown Road	
P190	Unimproved	
P140	Unimproved	
P655	Unimproved	
P708	Unimproved	
P860	Unimproved	
P809	F.B. & T.A. Zimmerman 14200 Seneca Road Germantown, MD 20767	1.87 acre
P867	Charles W. & B.E. Robert 14210 Seneca Road Germantown, MD 20767	2.75 acres



M:24-19-1

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

See correspondence dated May 31, 1985

ACTION TAKEN

PRELIMINARY DRAFT AMENDMENT TO  
THE MASTER PLAN FOR  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION  
WESTERN AND UPPER MONTGOMERY  
COUNTY RESOURCES

THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 1985

at  
10.00 A.M.

in the  
Montgomery Regional Office Auditorium  
8787 Georgia Avenue  
Silver Spring, Maryland

to take testimony on whether or not the following historic resources presently listed in the Locational Atlas and Index of Historic Sites in Montgomery County should be included in the Master Plan for Historic Preservation:

<u>SITE</u>	<u>ATLAS #</u>	
1. Oliver Watkins/Wells Farm Ridge Road Cedar Grove, MD	13/3	
2. Ned Watkins/Ovid Wells Farm 12001 Skylark Road Cedar Grove, MD	13/7	
3. High View/Burdette Hotel 21010 Clarksburg Road Boys, MD	13/20	
4. Mount Nebo Mount Nebo Road Poolesville, MD	17/46	
5. Poplar Grove Baptist Church Jones Lane Darnestown, MD	24/16	
6. Darnestown Presbyterian Church & Cemetery 13800 Darnestown Road Gaithersburg, MD	24/19-1	
		7. Darnestown Historic District Seneca & Darnestown Roads Darnestown, MD
		24/19



M: 24-19-1

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

See correspondence dated July 18, 1985

ACTION TAKEN

Final Draft Amendment.....to designate the following sites on the Master Plan thereby extending to them the protection of the Historic Preservation Ordinance:

- M: 13/7.....Ned Watkins House (Wells Farm)
- M: 13/30.....High View/Burdette (Boyds) Hotel
- M: 17/46.....Mount Nebo
- M: 24/16.....Poplar Grove Baptist Church
- M: 24/19-1.....Darnestown Presbyterian Church

As part of this amendment, the Planning Board reviewed a second resource located on the Ovid Hazen Wells Special Park, the Oliver Watkins Farm.

The Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission had recommended designation of the building; the Planning Board's vote on the merits of the structure however was split.

The Planning Board therefore makes no recommendation on the designation of the Oliver Watkins house but does recommended inclusion of the following Preservation Commission's findings on the site for purposes of public hearing and action by the County Council:

<u>Site</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Associated Acreage</u>
13/3	Oliver T. Watkins House (Wells Farm)	23400 Ridge Road	290 acres (Ovid Hazen Wells Special Park)

M: 24-19/1



THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION  
8787 Georgia Avenue • Silver Spring, Maryland 20907

RECEIVED

July 18, 1985

JUL 23 1985

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

TO: Richard Ferrara, Director  
 Department of Housing and Community Development  
 John L. Menke, Director  
 Department of Environmental Protection  
 ✓ J. Rodney Little, Director  
 State Historic Preservation Office  
 Priscilla Schwab, Chairperson  
 Historic Preservation Commission

FROM: Melissa C. Banach, Coordinator *MCB*  
 Community Planning North

SUBJECT: Final Draft Amendment to the Master Plan for  
 Historic Preservation: Upper and Western Montgomery  
 County Resources

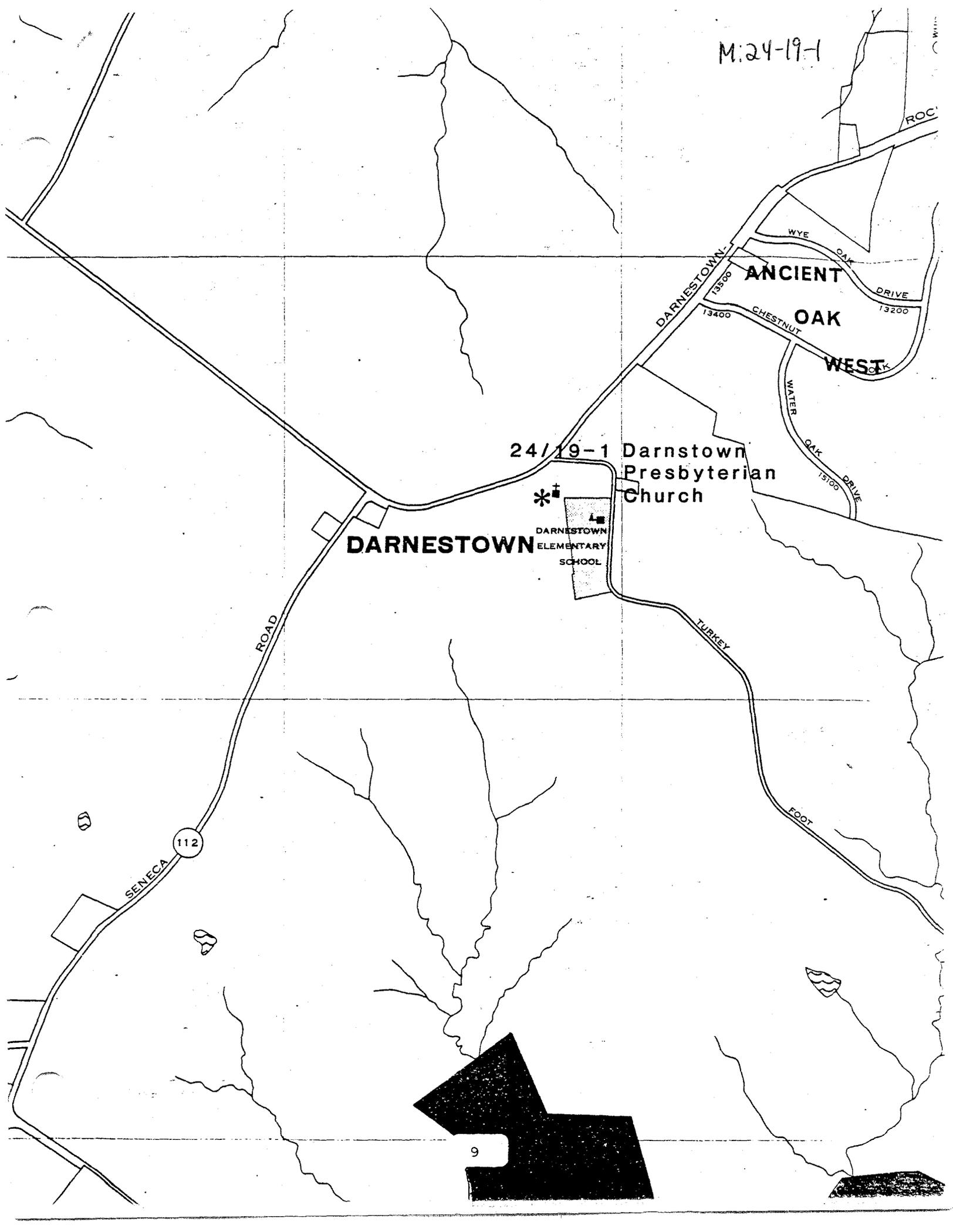
I am pleased to transmit to you this Final Draft Amendment to the Master Plan for Historic Preservation.

This document contains the recommendation of the Montgomery County Planning Board on the designation of several individual historic sites within Upper and Western Montgomery County.

Should you have any questions concerning this amendment, please do not hesitate to contact Marty Reinhart of Community Planning North staff at 495-4565.

MCB:MR:lyg  
Attachment

M:24-19-1



**DARNESTOWN**

24/19-1 Darnestown  
Presbyterian  
Church

DARNESTOWN  
ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL

**ANCIENT**

**OAK**

**WEST**

SENECA

112

ROAD

DARNESTOWN  
13300

WYE

OAK

DRIVE

13200

CHESTNUT

13400

WATER

OAK

DRIVE

15100

TURKEY

FOOT

- Associated with the Fletchall and White families, early settlers prominent in the history of the western part of the County.
- The recommended environmental setting of 2.97 acres includes the terracing to the front of the house and extant outbuildings associated with the site.

24/16 Poplar Grove Baptist Church 14621 Jones Lane 1.93 acres

- Late 19th century rural vernacular church featuring a gabled facade and three-story entrance tower with no steeple.
- Current 1883 building stands on the site which has been occupied since the early 1800's by a church in the Poplar Grove community.
- The recommended .267 acre environmental setting includes the church, cemetery and the major trees which define the historic churchyard.

24/19-1 Darnestown Presbyterian Church 13800 Darnestown Road 9.73 acres

- Begun as a rural, vernacular, frame building in 1856, the church parlor and bell tower added in 1897, impart a Gothic feeling to the present structure.
- The approximately 6 acre environmental setting equates to the historic churchyard and includes the cemetery to the rear of the church property, the parking area and yards to the east and south of the church as well as the stone fence which runs the length of the church's frontage along Darnestown Road.

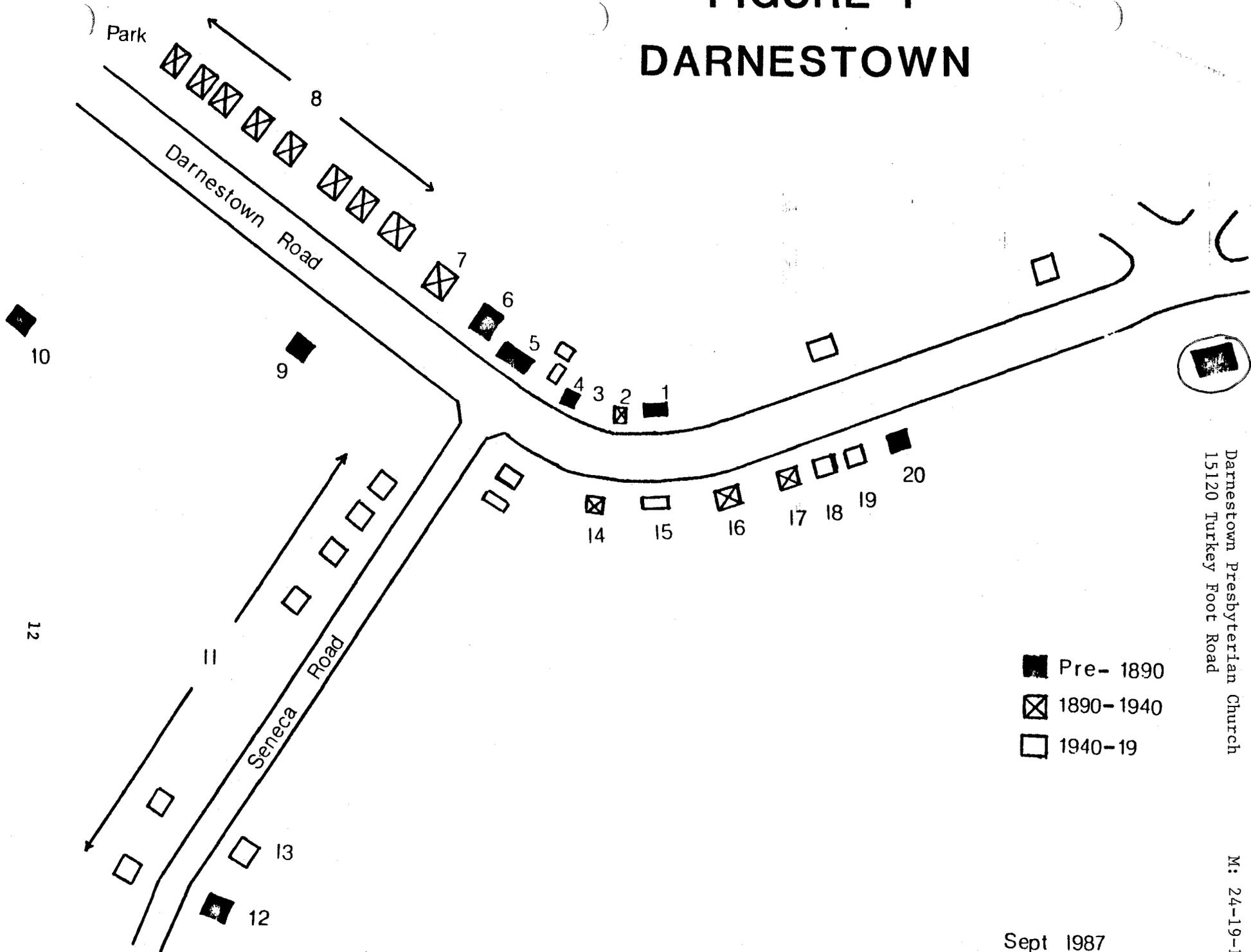
As part of this amendment, the Planning Board reviewed a second resource located on the Ovid Hazen Wells Special Park, the Oliver Watkins Farm.

The Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission had recommended designation of the building; the Planning Board's vote on the merits of the structure however was split.

The Planning Board therefore makes no recommendation on the designation of the Oliver Watkins house but does recommended inclusion of the following Preservation Commission's findings on the site for purposes of public hearing and action by the County Council:

<u>Site</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Associated Acreage</u>
13/3	Oliver T. Watkins House (Wells Farm)	23400 Ridge Road	290 acres (Ovid Hazen Wells Special Park)

# FIGURE 1 DARNESTOWN



Sept 1987

Darnestown Presbyterian Church  
15120 Turkey Foot Road

M: 24-19-1



NAME DARNESTOWN PRESBY. CH.

LOCATION RTE. 28, DARNESTOWN, MD.

FACADE N

PHOTO TAKEN 2/26/15

M. RUYER

(DARNESTOWN  
HIST. DISTRICT)

#24-19-1