

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. M 33-8

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic "Estates" of Springbrook

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Warrenton Drive area, off New Hampshire Ave. not for publication

city, town White Oak vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Montgomery

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Multiple Ownership

street & number Warrenton Drive telephone no.:

city, town White Oak state and zip code Maryland, 20904

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Courthouse liber

street & number folio

city, town Rockville state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title M-NCPPC Historic Sites Survey

date 1976 federal state county local

pository for survey records Park Historian's Office

city, town Rockville state Maryland

7. Description

Survey No. M:33-8-1

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The estate area of the "Springbrook" subdivision is a community of fine, custom built homes located in a picturesque area of winding roads, sloping hills and large wooded lots. It is situated between New Hampshire Avenue to the east and Northwest Branch park land to the west and is approximately one mile from Rt. 29.

This community of simple country estates was laid out and plated on January 29, 1940 by the Woodmoor Development Corporation. The present community includes a circa. 1903 home, a number of homes dating from the 1940's and a few more modern homes including some recently built. The 1940's residences built following the platting of the subdivision are characterized by one-and-a-half stories, a small square main block with descending wings and a steep gable roof with or without dormers. They are of any combination of brick, stone and frame construction built in a fairly traditional, simple yet nicely appointed architectural style.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. M:33-8-4

Montgomery County Land Records & Tax Assessments
Conversation with Mr. Blair Lee, III
Conversation with Mrs. Jane Seibel
Original Plat of Springbrook, bk. 19 folio 1192

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone Easting NorthingC

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state code county code

state code county code

1. Form Prepared By

name/title Catherine Crawford

organization Mont. Co. Hist. Pres. Comm.

date 5/84

street & number

telephone

city or town Rockville

state Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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HISTORY & SUPPORT

The estate area of the "Springbrook" subdivision is a collection of fine custom homes on large lots. The community has the feel of the country with its winding lanes, sloping hills and large green lawns with an abundance of trees. "Springbrook" was platted on January 29, 1940 by the Woodmoor Development Corporation. It was layed out on property which had formerly been the Bean family farm of 255 1/2 acres. The president of the Woodmoor Development Corporation, Mr. George Moss, had in mind a community of three to eight acre "estates" in an area which at that time was largely open country yet not too far from downtown Silver Spring and Washington, D.C. Mr. Moss himself lived in this community for many years. The idea was slow to catch on, but eventually the lots were sold.

The present "Springbrook" community includes the circa. 1903 Bean family residence, a number of residences dating from the 1940's and a few more modern homes including some recently built. The 1940's house type which accounts for a good part of the estate area is characterized by a one-and-a-half story home built of any combination of brick, stone and frame construction. The architectural style is fairly traditional. Most of these homes consist of a small, square main block with decending wings to one or both sides; a variation on the American dream house of the 1930's and 1940's-- the Cape Cod Cottage. The roofs are steeply gabled, some with dormers.

Of particular note is the Bean family residence. This property was purchased by John T. Bean on November 8, 1888 from William E. Shaw (of neighboring "Quaint Acres"). It then consisted of 255 1/2 acres of "Easy Purchase" (Deed EBP 23/169). The present house was built in 1903 according to the current owner and county records. The property was sold in December of 1939 to the Woodmoor Development Corporation, who then subdivided it. The house itself was sold on a 4.79 acre lot in May of 1941. It then passed through a succession of owners. From July of 1949 until June of 1952 it was the home of Texas Congressman Lloyd M. Bentsen and his wife, Beryl. They then sold the property to the present owners, Blair Lee III and his wife, Mathilde Boal Lee. Mr. Lee, involved in both politics and real estate, is a former Maryland governor; the only one so far to be a native of Montgomery County. Their home is an attractive, traditional style two story frame house with a mansard roof with dormers. Mr. Lee reports that the only change made to the exterior was his addition of aluminum siding.

Also of interest is the Odend'hal house at #420 Warrenton Drive. This house was built in 1942 on lot #1 block E of Springbrook. Lloyd and Evelyn Odend'hal purchased the property from the Woodmoor Development Corporation on September 30, 1940 (Deed 798/75). It is a two story brick residence which an almost Medieval look with its heavy masonry massing and rounded tower with a pointed top located at the northeast

corner elevation. The Odend'hals sold the house on October 17, 1946 to John K. and Edith A. Witherspoon. They in turn sold it on October 17, 1951 to Elizabeth R. McConnell. The house presently belongs to the heirs of Mrs. McConnell.

Houses #307 and #110, both typical of the house type found in the "Springbrook" estate area as discussed, were built in the mid 1940's. #307 was built for Andrew and Ella Kessinger and #110 for Ralph and Helen Queen. House #200, also typical, was the home of George J. Moss, president of the Woodmoor Development Corporation and his wife, Joyce from 1940 until 1963. It was then purchased by the present owners, Dr. Dwight R. and Hilde T. Smith. Houses #200 and #10 are larger, two story frame houses.

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM for the NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON:
Springbrook (Estate Area)

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
area of Warrenton Drive, off New Hampshire Ave.

CITY OR TOWN:
White Oak (Silver Spring)

STATE: Maryland COUNTY: Montgomery

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes: Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	_____	_____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
various owners

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Montgomery County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE:
Rockville Maryland

Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE:

7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed <small>(Check One)</small>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Unclered <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site <small>(Check One)</small>
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>There are a number of large, older homes here-on large grassy lots. The oldest of them may date from the 1920's "country estate" era. Most of the other homes here are of modern vintage. Picturesque, hilly valley of the NW Branch.</p>	

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

SIGNIFICANCE			
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	
SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)			
AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi-	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	losophy	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human-	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	itarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Music	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE			
<p>One of the more interesting homes appears to be that of the present Lt. Governor, Blair Lee.</p>			

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Michael F. Dwyer, Senior Park Historian

ORGANIZATION: M-NCPPC

DATE: 8/20/75

STREET AND NUMBER:
8787 Georgia Ave.

CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring

STATE: Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National State Local

Signature _____

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

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SPRINGBROOK MONTGOMERY COUNTY MARYLAND

PLAT No. 1192

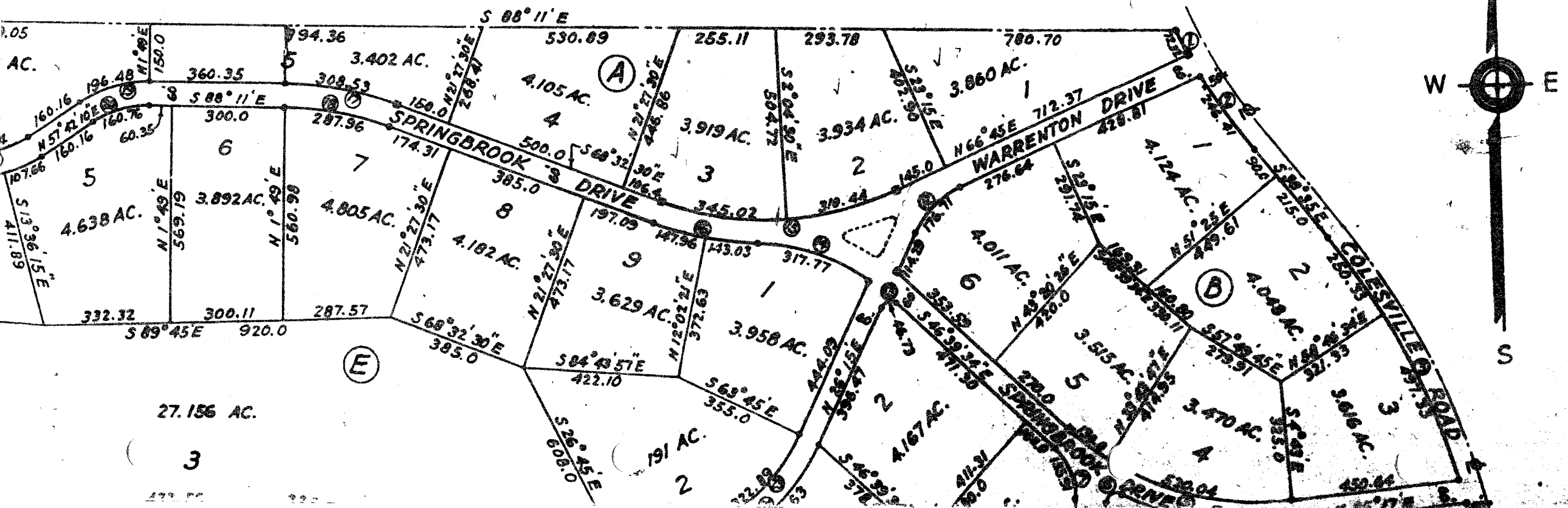
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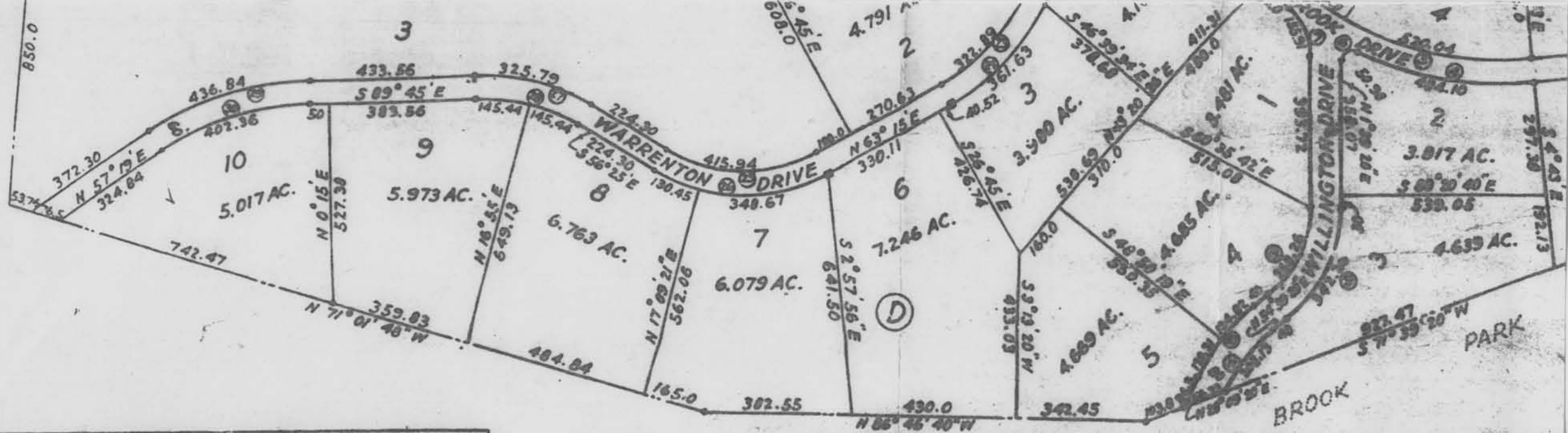
JOSEPH N. STARKEY, CIVIL ENGINEER
SILVER SPRING, MD.

LOCAL CAPITAL PARK & PLANNING COMMISSION
 JAN. 24, 1940
 GEORGE N. PALMER, CHAIRMAN
 ROBERT D. HAMILTON, SECRETARY
 RECORD FILE NO. 1179

WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY DISTRICT
 APPROVED: JAN. 22, 1940
 AS TO SUITABILITY FOR WATER ONLY
 HARRY HALL, CHIEF ENGINEER



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CURVE DATA

NO.	RADIUS	CENTRAL ANGLE	ARC	CHORD	CHORD BEARING
1	1752.10	2° 21' 54"	72.32	72.32	S 27° 22' 09" E
2	1752.10	8° 03' 28"	246.41	246.20	S 34° 33' 16" E
3	1948.90	21° 58' 50"	747.66	743.69	S 27° 35' 35" E
4	835	33° 13' 03"	484.10	477.34	S 78° 06' 28" E
5	775	48° 03' 26"	650.04	631.15	N 70° 41' 17" W
6	25	116° 50' 43"	50.98	42.60	N 60° 04' 41" E
7	184.89	48° 18' 54"	155.91	151.33	S 22° 30' 07" E
8	290	53° 00'	268.26	258.79	S 28° 09' 20" W
9	370	53° 00'	342.26	330.19	N 26° 09' 20" E
10	530	26° 30'	248.13	242.95	S 41° 20' 20" W
11	450	26° 30'	208.13	206.20	N 41° 20' 20" E
12	250	46° 30'	178.71	172.05	N 46° 30" E
13	25	107° 06' 26"	46.73	40.21	N 29° 57' 45" E
14	550	25° 06' 12"	317.77	312.37	S 75° 30' 54" E
15	640	24° 42' 30"	685.46	658.90	S 80° 06' 15" W
16	900	14° 31' 30"	198.90	209.72	S 77° 48' 15" E
17	900	19° 30' 30"	308.53	307.02	N 78° 21' 45" W
18	640	19° 30' 30"	287.96	285.58	S 78° 21' 45" E
19	330	24° 06' 30"	286.48	183.89	S 72° 45' 35" W
20	270	34° 06' 30"	166.78	128.39	N 75° 06' 35" E
21	270	54° 02' 30"	273.54	242.39	S 66° 03' 35" W
22	330	54° 02' 30"	334.50	320.21	N 66° 03' 35" E
23	500	37° 00'	321.80	312.50	S 42° 45" W
24	500	37° 00'	321.80	312.50	N 42° 45" E
25	325	60° 20'	415.94	385.08	N 66° 25" W
26	485	60° 20'	475.12	457.16	S 66° 25" E

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ENGINEER'S CERTIFICATE.

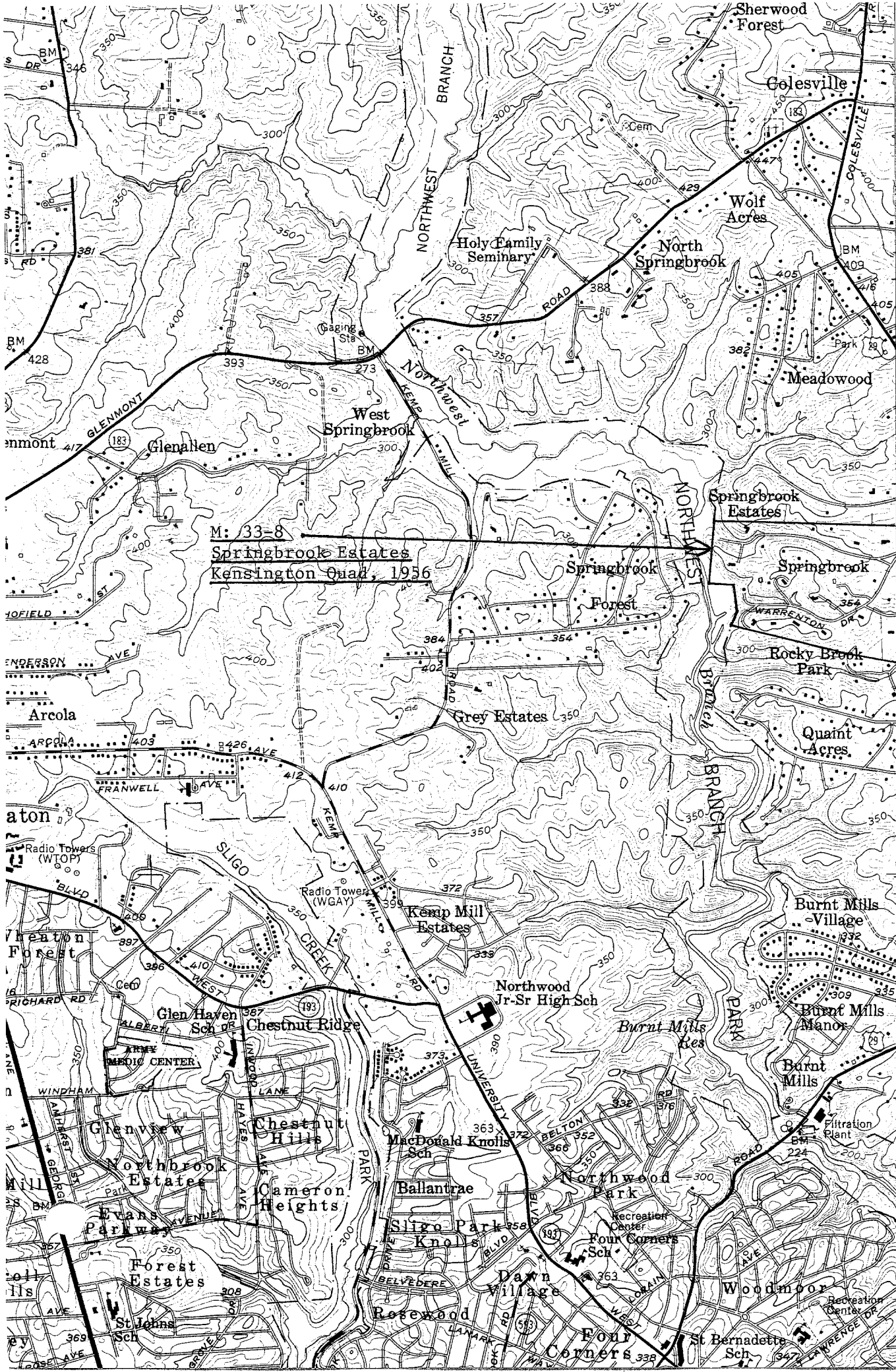
I hereby certify that the plan shown hereon is correct; that it is a subdivision of all of the lands conveyed by William A. Bean et al to Woodmoor Development Corporation by deed dated Dec. 14, 1928 and recorded among the Land Records of Montgomery County, Maryland, in Liber 765, Folio 324; and that stakes marked thus  and iron pipe marked thus  have been placed as indicated.

OWNER'S DEDICATION

We, Woodmoor Development Corporation, by Geo. J. Moss, President and Assistant Secretary, owners of the described hereon, hereby do establish the minimum building sheets to public use. There are no sales of other property included in this plan. Date: Jan. 22, 1929

January 22, 1929 
 Joseph H. Stucky
 Civil Engineer

Attest



M: 33-8
 Springbrook Estates
 Kensington Quad, 1956

(BELTSVILLE) 2.6 MI.
 2'30"

