

Historic Resources

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The Bethesda-Chevy Chase Planning Area has a rich history, interwoven with the development of Montgomery County and the entire region. The architectural heritage of the area is strong with historic structures ranging from early farmhouses, to grand estates, to 20th century commercial buildings. Eight sites in the planning area are on the *National Register of Historic Places*.

This chapter provides a brief overview of the historic resources in Bethesda-Chevy Chase. A separate amendment to the *Master Plan for Historic Preservation*, which was considered simultaneously with this Plan, contains more detailed information on each of the properties reviewed for County historic designation.

The *Master Plan for Historic Preservation* and the Historic Preservation Ordinance, Chapter 24A of the Montgomery County Code, are designed to protect and preserve Montgomery County's historic and architectural heritage. When a historic resource is placed on the *Master Plan for Historic Preservation*, the adoption action officially designates the prop-

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erty as a historic site or historic district and subjects it to the further procedural requirements of the Historic Preservation Ordinance. Resources which are found not to warrant historic designation are removed from the *Locational Atlas and Index of Historic Sites in Montgomery County*, a preliminary inventory of historic sites, and from further protection under the Ordinance.

In evaluating properties for historic designation, the architectural and historical significance of the resources is considered, using the criteria stated in Section 24A-3 of the Historic Preservation Ordinance. In addition, issues such as community need, public interest, and coordination with overall area planning goals are taken into account in recommending the inclusion of resources in the *Master Plan for Historic Preservation*.

Within the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Planning Area (excluding Sector Plan areas), there are currently 12 resources on the *Master Plan for Historic Preservation*. This Plan places 19 additional resources on the Master Plan (17 individual properties and 2 districts) and removes 9 resources from the *Locational Atlas**. The Chevy Chase Historic District (Site #35/13) has not yet been reviewed by the Historic Preservation Commission and is not being considered for designation on the *Master Plan for Historic Preservation* at this time.

Table 16, which lists the historic resources in the Bethesda-Chevy Chase area, includes each site's *Locational Atlas* number, name, address, brief description, Historic Preservation Commission recommendation, Planning Board recommendation, and ultimate designation. A map of the sites is included in the Plan. (See Figure 16.)

In addition to the resources listed in the table, there is the potential for the future evaluation and designation of other historic properties in Bethesda-Chevy Chase. Particular areas which warrant further study include the Hawkins Lane neighborhood, the Cabin John and Glen Echo communities, and 20th Century historic sites.

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- * Following adoption of this Plan, the County Council completed action on the resources in Bethesda-Chevy Chase to be included in the *Master Plan for Historic Preservation*. The designation of these sites and districts took the form of separate resolutions—#11-1930 and #11-1998.

Table 16
BETHESDA-CHEVY CHASE HISTORIC RESOURCES
(Excluding Sector Plan Areas)

Site No	Name	Address	General Comments/ Physical Condition	HPC Recommendation	Planning Board Recommendation	Designation
35/01	Bohrer House	5923 Johnson Ave Bethesda	1859 farmhouse, moved and altered, good condition	Negative	Negative	Negative
35/02	Mahlon Austin House Ayr lawn Farm	9104 Hempstead Ave Bethesda	Circa 1900 farmhouse, moved for inclusion in model farm, altered, excellent condition, barns demolished, several out-buildings remain on adjacent parcels	Negative	Negative	Negative
35/03	Alta Vista	5506 Beech Ave Bethesda	19th Century Victorian house, adjacent to trolley line, excellent condition	Positive	Positive	Positive
35/04	Samuel Perry House	9421 Wisconsin Ave Bethesda	Circa 1854 house/estate, home of Clark Clifford since 1950, excellent condition	Positive	Positive	Positive
35/05	Bethesda Meeting House	9400 Wisconsin Ave Bethesda	Greek Revival style church, 1850, and parsonage, circa 1851, good condition on National Register of Historic Places			Master Plan (9/79)
35/07	Stone Ridge School	9101 Rockville Pike Bethesda	1904 Georgian Revival estate, excellent condition	Positive	Positive	Negative
35/08	Bethesda Naval Hospital Tower Block	8901 Wisconsin Ave Bethesda	Built in 1939-42, inspired by a sketch by Franklin D. Roosevelt, designed by Paul Phillippe Cret, excellent condition, on National Register of Historic Places			Master Plan (9/79)
35/09	George Freeland Peter Estate (NIH)	Rockville Pike Bethesda	1931 estate, designed by Walter G. Peter, includes caretaker cottage and gardens, excellent condition	Positive	Positive	Positive

Definitions:

Positive: Found to warrant historic designation.

Negative: Found not to warrant historic designation.

Master Plan: Already included on the *Master Plan for Historic Preservation* and, thus, protected by the provisions of the Historic Preservation Ordinance.

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35/10	Hayes Manor	4101 Manor Rd Chevy Chase	Built circa 1767, outstanding Georgian manor house, excellent condition			Master Plan (7/84)
35/11	Chevy Chase Lake Trolley Passenger Station	Original location: 8401 Connecticut Ave Chevy Chase Present Location: Frederick County near Hyattstown	1892 brick passenger station, moved and adapted for residential use			Master Plan (9/79)
35/12	Woodend	8940 Jones Mill Rd Chevy Chase	1927 Georgian Revival estate, designed by John Russell Pope, on National Register of Historic Places			Master Plan (7/84)
35/13	Chevy Chase Historic District	(Status to be determined)				
35/13-1	Corby Mansion (Ishpiming)	9 Chevy Chase Cir	Built in 1893 by Senator Francis G. Newlands, developer of Chevy Chase, excellent condition	Positive	Positive	Positive
35/15	Old School House	Old Georgetown Rd Bethesda	Demolished	Negative	Negative	Negative
35/16	C.W. Lansdale House/ Landon School	6101 Wilson La Bethesda	Mid-19th century farmhouse, excellent condition, includes outbuildings, particularly stable and barn	Positive	Positive	Positive
35/18	W. Lynch House	8313 Tomlinson Ave Cabin John	1887 Gothic Revival cottage, moved and enlarged, excellent condition	Positive	Positive	Positive
35/19	William Dowling House/Graceland	6542 80th St Cabin John	Post Civil War farmhouse, greatly altered, fair condition	Negative	Negative	Negative
35/20	Lock #10 and Lockhouse	C&O Canal Cabin John	1830's stone lockhouse on historic C&O Canal, good condition	Positive	Positive	Positive
35/21	Lock #8 and	C&O Canal	1830's stone lockhouse on historic	Positive	Positive	Positive

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	Lockhouse	Cabin John	C&O Canal, good condition			
35/22	Rammed Earth House	6532 75th St Cabin John	Unique construction method, 1923, USDA demonstration house, excellent condition	Positive	Positive	Positive
35/23	Cabin John Hotel Gas House	MacArthur Blvd Cabin John	Brick gas house in Cabin John Creek Park, good condition			Master Plan (9/79)
35/24	Reading House (Oakdale)	44 Wellesley Cir Glen Echo	1853 Greek Revival field-stone farmhouse, excellent condition	Positive	Positive	Positive
35/25	Clara Barton House	5801 Oxford Rd Glen Echo	Home of Clara Barton, founder of Red Cross, built 1891-2, a designated National Historic Landmark, good condition			Master Plan (9/79)
35/26	Glen Echo Chautauqua	MacArthur Blvd Glen Echo	1889 Chautauqua site and amusement park, on National Register, fair condition	Positive	Positive	Positive
35/27	Lock #7 and Stone Lockhouse	C&O Canal Glen Echo	1830's stone lockhouse on historic C&O Canal, good condition	Positive	Positive	Positive
35/28	Old Sycamore Island Club	C&O Canal Glen Echo	Private boating club built in 1930's, good condition	Negative	Negative	Negative
35/29-1	Baltzley Castle	5415 Mohican Rd Glen Echo	1890 Victorian stone "castle," built by Edward & Edwin Baltzley, developers of Glen Echo Chautauqua, good condition	Positive	Positive	Positive
35/29-2	R.A. Charles Castle	5417 Mohican Rd Glen Echo	1890 Victorian stone house, one of three in Baltzley development, good condition	Positive	Positive	Positive
35/29-3	Kimmel House	5446 Mohican Rd Glen Echo	1890 Victorian house, one of three Baltzley castles, excellent condition	Positive	Positive	Positive

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35/30	Ft. Sumner Site	Sangamore Rd at Westpath Way	Site of historic fort, plaque only	Negative	Negative	Negative
35/31	Brookmont Trolley Right-of-Way	Georgetown to Cabin John	Abandoned trolley line	Negative	Negative	Negative
35/32	Battery Bailey/ Civil War Earthworks	Westmoreland Hills Recreation Center Little Falls	Civil War ramparts for defense of the Capital, poor condition, in County Park			Master Plan (9/79)
35/33	Shoemaker Cemetery	Behind 4705 Bayard Ave Bethesda (Westmoreland Hills)	Small 19th century family cemetery, poor condition	Negative	Negative	Negative
35/34	DC/MD Boundary Stones	Various locations along Montgomery County/DC border	Eight boundary markers from original survey of Washington in 1791-92, fair condition	Positive	Positive	Positive
35/35	Milton/ Loughborough House	5312 Allendale Rd Bethesda	1847 granite Federal house, excellent condition, on National Register of Historic Places			Master Plan (9/79)
35/36	Somerset Historic District	Approximate boundaries: Essex Ave to Cumberland Ave, Warwick Place to Surrey St, Somerset	District includes houses from 1890's and early 1900's, developed as early trolley suburb	Positive	Positive	Positive
35/37	Cabin John Aqueduct	MacArthur Blvd, over Cabin John Pkwy, Cabin John	1859-1863 single arch stone bridge carrying aqueduct and traffic, excellent condition, on National Register of Historic Places			Master Plan (9/79)
35/38	"In the Woods"	8922 Spring Valley Rd Chevy Chase	Unique 1910 home and exotic gardens of horticulturist David			Master Plan (9/79)

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Site No	Name	Address	General Comments/ Physical Condition	HPC Recommendation	Planning Board Recommendation	Designation
			Fairchild			
35/43	Bethesda Community Store	8804 Old Georgetown Rd Bethesda	Small frame store built in 1924 on site of earlier store, good condition			Master Plan (9/86)
35/46	Walter Johnson House	Corner Oakmont and Old Georgetown Rd Bethesda	1905-06 American Foursquare house, home of baseball star Walter Johnson from 1925-36, excellent condition	Positive	Positive	Positive
35/47	Bonfield's Service Garage	624 MacArthur Blvd Bethesda	One of the oldest auto-related structures in continuous use in the County, 20th century historic resource, built in 1921, good condition	Positive	Positive	Positive

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