

## VIII. HISTORIC RESOURCES AND PRESERVATION

Designation of historic sites and districts highlights values that are important in maintaining both the County's overall cultural heritage and the social fabric and identity of its individual communities. The intent of the County's historic preservation program is to provide a rational system for identifying, evaluating, and protecting the County's historic and architectural heritage for the benefit of present and future generations.

### OBJECTIVES:

- **Highlight the sites that are important in maintaining the character of the Fairland Master Plan area.**
- **Protect and enhance the Fairland Master Plan area's historic and architectural heritage for the benefit of present and future residents.**
- **Integrate historic sites into new and existing development.**

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. Placement on the *Master Plan for Historic Preservation* officially designates the property as a historic site or historic district and places it under the protective provisions and procedural requirements of the County's Preservation Ordinance. This status affects only the exterior historic appearance of the structures and their designated environmental settings. Owners of designated properties can qualify for a number of County and State preservation tax credits, as well as other financial aids and incentives, to assist with the maintenance and preservation of their properties.

The historic properties discussed in this chapter range in date from the late eighteenth to the mid-twentieth centuries and represent well the historic land use and the evolution of the region from a sparsely populated agricultural region into a concentrated suburban community. Table XIV summarizes the current status of the historic resources of the Fairland Master Plan area and Figure 49 illustrates the general location of these properties.

The *Historic Resources of the Eastern Montgomery County Master Plan Areas* gives a historic overview of the Fairland Master Plan area and Eastern Montgomery County, as well as descriptions and pictures of the historic sites currently designated on the Master Plan for Historic Preservation. This report includes those historic properties currently on the *Locational Atlas and Index of Historic Sites in Montgomery County* and other potential historic structures, including those in the Fairland Master Plan area that are to be evaluated for designation. It also contains further explanation of the historic preservation designation criteria, the effects of historic site designation, and description of potential tax benefits to owners.

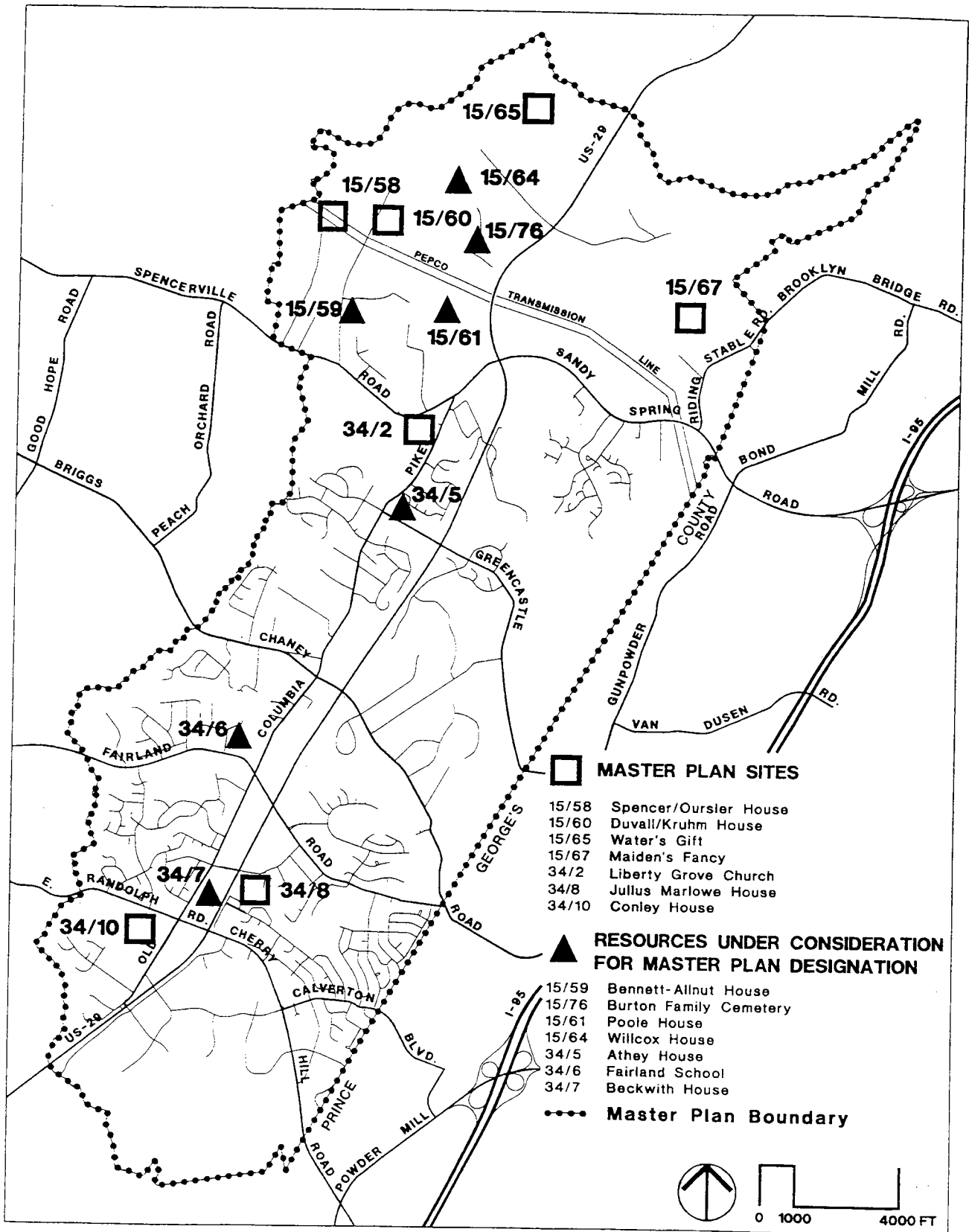


Table XIV

**HISTORIC RESOURCES  
FAIRLAND MASTER PLAN**

Ident. #	Name	Address	Comments	HPC Recommen- dation	Plan Recommen- dation
<b>MASTER PLAN SITES</b>					
#15/58	Spencer/ Oursler House	15920 Oursler Road	Distinctive example of folk Victorian triple-A. center hall I-house characterized by its three gables or A's (side gables and steeply pitched center cross gable). Built in two stages between 1863 and 1870 by Hiram Spencer and later purchased by Amelia and Charles Oursler and passed on to their son Augustus, the house was inhabited by only two families before M-NCPPC acquired the property in 1970 as part of plans for a park.		Master Plan
#15/60	Duvall/Kruhm House	15900 Kruhm Road	Important local representative of a center hall I-house built ca. 1885. The folk Victorian farmhouse, with its massive period bank barn and outbuildings, is also the heart of an outstanding late nineteenth century farmstead and reflects the lifeways of enterprising farm families in Eastern Montgomery County in this period.		Master Plan
#15/65	Waters' Gift	3600 Dustin Road	This log and frame farmhouse, originally built as a one-story chestnut log cabin around 1750 with later mid-nineteenth century two-story clapboard additions, has strong historical associations with the Waters family and their contributions to the early settlement and agricultural development of Fairland.		Master Plan
#15/67	Maiden's Fancy	15701 Aitcheson Road	Outstanding local example of a transitional Georgian/Federal brick I-house with a flemish-bond main facade and accentuated flat arches constructed for James and Lucretia Waters Ray about 1807. The house, considered a farmer's mansion in eastern Montgomery County in this period, also has historical associations with the Waters and Carr families and their contributions to the settlement and development of the Burtonsville area.		Master Plan

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MASTER PLAN SITES (Cont'd.)

#34/2	Liberty Grove Church	3537 Spencer-ville Road	Originally built ca. 1863 and remodeled after a fire with a belfry, vestibule, and wing additions between 1923 and 1927, Liberty Grove Church is an expansive frame structure that combines a vernacular Gothic Revival church with a parish house, classrooms, and social hall. The complex building visually expressed the church's ambitions to expand its ministry throughout the community and represents a major institutional landmark with strong historical associations with the growth and development of Burtonsville.		Master Plan
#34/8	Julius Marlowe House	2525 Musgrove Road	Three-bay, two-story I-house originally erected about 1800 with later nineteenth century lateral and rear additions. Although sided with redwood clapboards, the house still recalls its associations with the early settlement and agricultural development of the region.		Master Plan
#34/10	Conley House	12500 Old Columbia Pike	Built around 1903, the Conley House is an outstanding local example of the Neoclassical style that embodies the Conleys pride in their "Green Ridge" farm and manifests their status as a successful farm family in the community during the first half of the twentieth century.		Master Plan

SITES RECOMMENDED FOR DESIGNATION ON THE *MASTER PLAN FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION*

#15/59	Bennett-Allnut House	2708 Spencer-ville Road	Locally significant as a rare surviving example of a double-parlor plan I-house built about 1862. It is the sole representative of this house type to be identified in eastern Montgomery County and illustrates an amalgam of English Georgian form and Germanic plan that was once common on the nineteenth century rural landscape of Pennsylvania and central Maryland.	Yes	Yes
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#15/76	Burton Family Cemetery	3700 Block Bell Road	Small nineteenth century cemetery of the founding family of Burtonsville with plots laid out in rows on a rectangular lot. Most of the stones are simple granite pylons without inscriptions and there are several footmarkers with only initials. Two prominent double markers of white granite set on granite sills have inscriptions that indicate Isaac (died 1873) and Keturah (died 1877) and William (1787-1832) and Susan Burton (1783-1860) are interred here.	Yes	Yes
<b>SITES RECOMMENDED BY THE HPC FOR REMOVAL FROM THE LOCATIONAL ATLAS AND INDEX OF HISTORIC SITES</b>					
#15/61	Poole House	3300 Belle Cote Road	Local tradition holds that this greatly altered log 2/3 Georgian plan house, erected about 1850 (now a rear ell) with an I-house frame addition around 1885, was once a dwelling for the tenants of Louis Duvall (Duvall/Kruhm House #15/60). The building was extensively renovated in the 1980s.	No	No
#15/64	Wilcox House	3720 Bell Road	This two-story gable front and wing house, built in two sections around 1859 and 1905, was representative of popular folk Victorian houses erected by Montgomery County farmers in the late nineteenth century. Extensively remodeled and expanded in the recent past.	No	No
#34/5	Athey House	3320 Green-castle Road	This 1891 two-story gable front and wing house was representative of the type of Gothic Revival or Queen Anne style farmhouses erected by Montgomery County farmers in the late nineteenth century. Extensively remodeled as an "early Americana farmhouse" in the 1970s.	No	No

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#34/6	Fairland School	2510 Fairland Road	Built ca. 1895 this one-story school/residence was a simple gable front clapboard building that was converted to a L-shaped house in the 1920s and renovated again in the 1980s. The structure is the last surviving nineteenth century school in the eastern section of the County, but it is now too altered to reflect its associations with the history of American public education.	No	No
#34/7	Beckwith House	13150 Old Columbia Pike	This ca. 1865 two-story, side-gabled folk Gothic Revival style farmhouse was greatly expanded and renovated in the 1980s and no longer reflects either its associations with the region's agricultural history or represents a significant example of the vernacular architecture.	No	No