

AREA-WIDE ELEMENTS

HISTORIC RESOURCES

The intent of the County's preservation program is to provide a rational system for evaluating, protecting, and enhancing the County's historic and architectural heritage for the benefit of present and future generations. It serves to highlight the values that are important in maintaining the distinctive character of the County and its communities.

A listing of Montgomery County's potential historic resources was established in 1976 with the publication of the *Locational Atlas and Index of Historic Sites*. In 1979, the County established planning and regulatory techniques to protect historic resources by adopting the *Master Plan for Historic Preservation* and Chapter 24A, the Historic Preservation Ordinance of the County Code. The Historic Preservation Commission is charged with initiating evaluation of Atlas properties for designation under Chapter 24A. The evaluation process includes review by the Planning Board, the County Executive and the County Council. The final decision on designation is made by the County Council.

Derwood Historic Resources

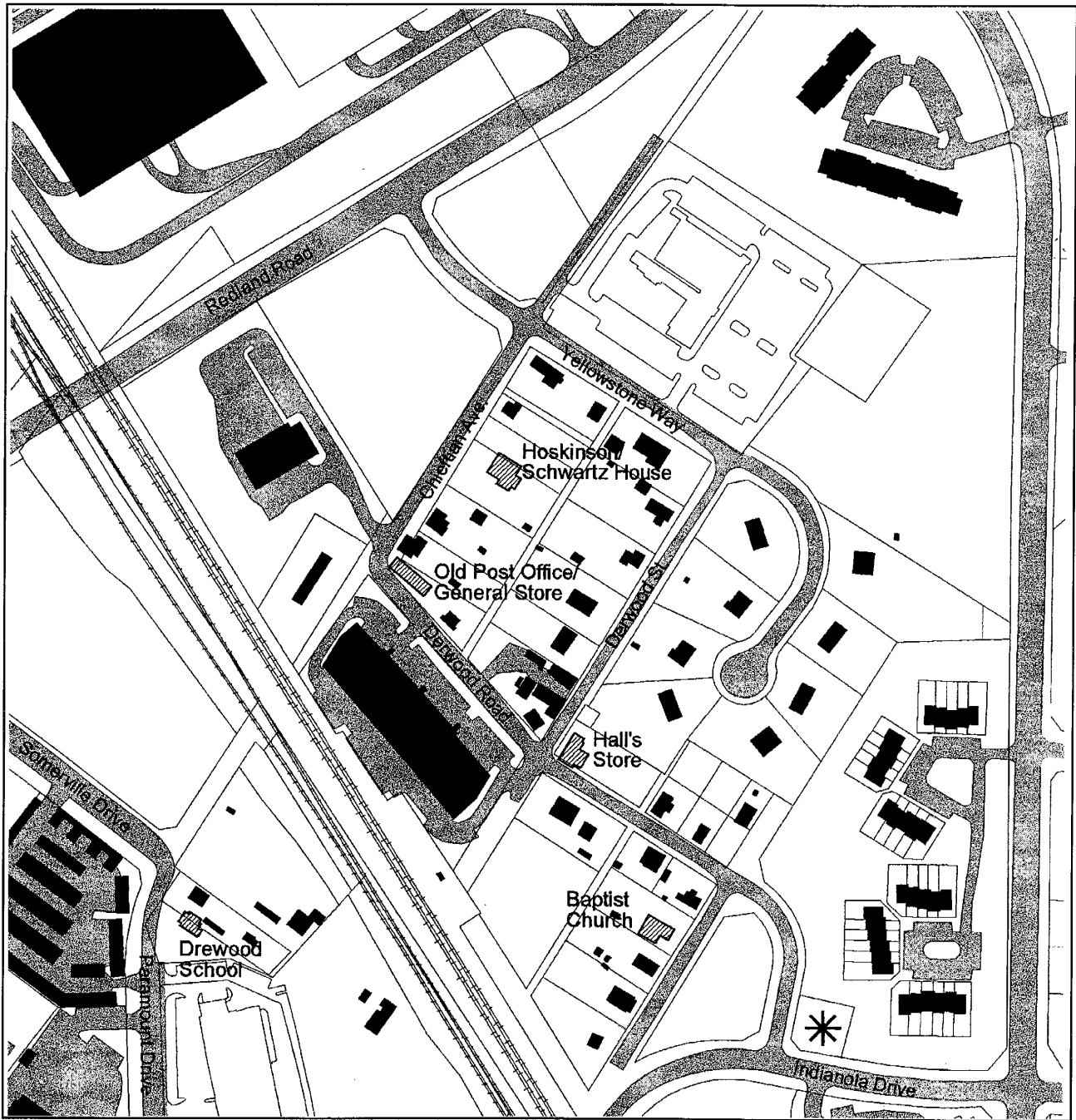
The Plan includes historic resources in Derwood because of their potential historic and architectural significance. This group of resources, located in the Metro East Neighborhood, is near the Metro station and includes properties with redevelopment potential.

Derwood was established in the late 19th century as a railroad community anchored by the train station and a flour mill. Today, the community of about two blocks consists of about 30 houses, including several built on a cul-de-sac established in the 1980s. Located in Derwood is the Crabb Family Cemetery, already designated on the *Master Plan for Historic Preservation*. The Derwood Store and Post Office is listed on the *Locational Atlas and Index of Historic Sites*.

History of Derwood

The area now known as Derwood was settled in the 18th century by the Crabb family. The community of Derwood was established in the late 1800s. The Derwood train stop opened in 1875, soon after the B&O's Metropolitan Branch came through Montgomery County. By the time that the town was platted in 1888, the community had an architect-designed railroad station and a substantial flour mill. The settlement served as a commercial center as farmers brought their grain to Derwood for milling and sent produce to market by train. The community soon included a general store, post office, church, and several substantial dwellings. The flour mill was a mainstay of the railroad stop. In 1954, fire destroyed both the flour mill and the railroad station. Hereafter, the Derwood Station stop ceased to exist. In 1974, the Derwood post office was closed and moved to its present location at Redland and Muncaster Mill Roads.

Existing and Potential Historic Resources



* Crabb Family Cemetery
Master Plan for Historic Preservation - # 22/33-1



NOT TO SCALE

Existing Historic Resources

Crabb Family Cemetery, *Master Plan for Historic Preservation* (#22/33-1): This family cemetery is located at the corner of Derwood Road and Indianola Drive. The cemetery is the resting place of General Jeremiah Crabb (c.1760-1800), Montgomery County's first U.S. Congressman who also served as a Lieutenant in the Revolutionary War. The cemetery is located on land patented in 1753 by Jeremiah's father, Captain Henry Wright Crabb, when he was granted a 2,085-acre tract known as *Resurvey for Valentine's Garden* between what is now Rockville and Gaithersburg. This was also the site of the Crabb family farmstead. No Crabb family buildings remain on the property. Four generations of the Crabb family were buried in the cemetery between 1800 and 1925.

The Derwood Store and Post Office, *Locational Atlas and Index of Historic Sites* (#22/33-3): Clarence Hoskinson built the Derwood Store and Post Office in November 1903, at the same time he built his own house on what is now Chieftain Avenue. In 1936, the miller Richard T. Schwartz and his wife, Mary, purchased the Derwood Store. They operated the store for some time, and continued operating the post office even after they closed the store.

The two-bay by six-bay structure is three stories tall. The structure's front porch has been enclosed and the original German siding covered with asbestos shingle siding. The structure has been enlarged with a two-story, rear addition.

The Hoskinson-Schwartz House at 15919 Chieftain Avenue was removed from the *Locational Atlas* at the owner's request. However, it should be included in a reevaluation of the community's historic resources. It is a good example of the 19th century Colonial Revival style and was built by the original owner of the Derwood Store.

Recommendations

- Evaluate the significance of the following resources in Derwood for inclusion on the *Locational Atlas*:
 - **Derwood Baptist Church, 15812 Paramount Drive;**
 - **Derwood School, 15805 Esquire Court;**
 - **Hall's Store, 15833 Derwood Road, and**
 - **Hoskinson-Schwartz House, 15919 Chieftain Avenue.**

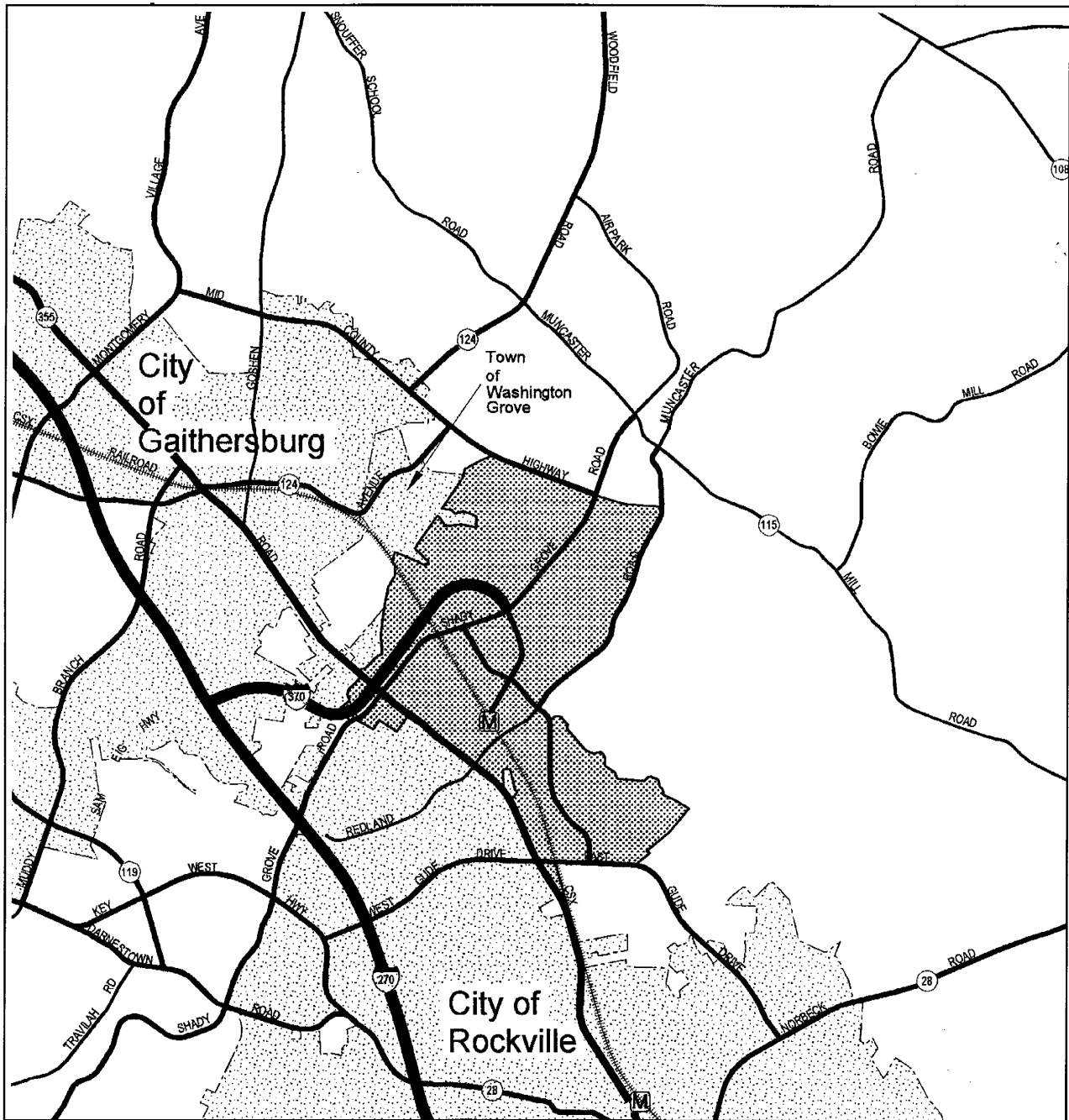
The community has come to view this Sector Plan as an opportunity to reinforce their community's history and residential character, and even though the structures were reviewed for a district in 1990 and found not to merit designation. The community would like these structures to be reconsidered as individual sites.







- Evaluate *Locational Atlas* sites for designation on the *Master Plan for Historic Preservation*.

The Post Office, recently placed on the *Locational Atlas*, should be considered for inclusion in the *Master Plan for Historic Preservation*. Master Plan properties receive the full protection of Chapter 24A. Properties that are removed from the *Locational Atlas* and not designated on the Master Plan are not protected by the Historic Preservation Ordinance.

- Offer redevelopment options that support historic Derwood's character as a residential community and that complement the community's historic structures.

Roadway Network



-  Municipalities (City of Gaithersburg, City of Rockville, Town of Washington Grove)
-  Shady Grove Sector Plan Boundary
-  Freeways
-  Major Roads
-  Arterial Roads/Commercial Business Streets
-  Primary Roads

