Amendment to the Master Plan for Historic Preservation: Individual Resources

Resource	Address	Status	HPC Recommendation
Stone Culverts and Railroad Bed	Harvest Glen Way/ Father Hurley Blvd	Locational Atlas	Yes
Little Seneca Viaduct	Little Seneca Lake, Wisteria Dr	Locational Atlas	Yes
Germantown Presbyterian Church	19431 Walter Johnson Rd	Nomination	No
Burton Log House	15107 Birmingham Dr. , Burtonsville	Nomination	Yes
Susan B. Chase House	4717 Drummond Ave, Chevy Chase	Nomination	Yes
Seymour Krieger House	6739 Brigadoon Dr, Bethesda	Nomination	Yes
Watson House	9206 Watson Road, Silver Spring	Nomination	Yes

Historic Preservation Ordinance Criteria

(1) Historical and cultural significance:

The historic resource:

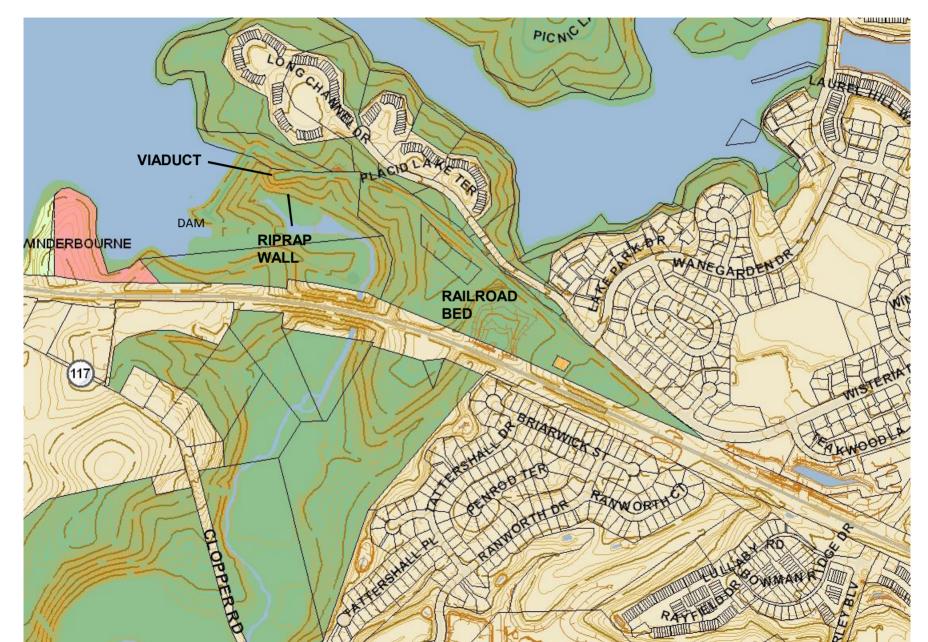
- a. has character, interest, or value as part of the development, heritage or cultural characteristics of the County, State, or Nation;
- b. is the site of a significant historic event;
- c. is identified with a person or a group of persons who influenced society; or
- d. exemplifies the cultural, economic, social, political or historic heritage of the County and its communities; or

(2) Architectural and design significance:

The historic resource:

- a. embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period or method of construction;
- b. represents the work of a master;
- c. possesses high artistic values;
- d. represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; or represents an established and familiar visual feature of the neighborhood, community, or County due to its singular physical characteristic or landscape.

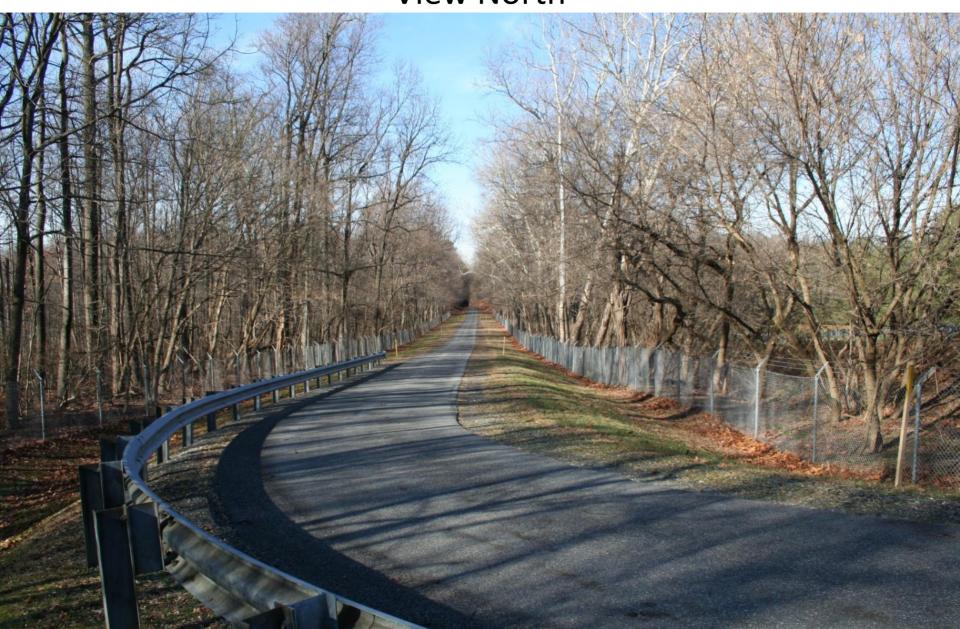
#18/44 Little Seneca Viaduct

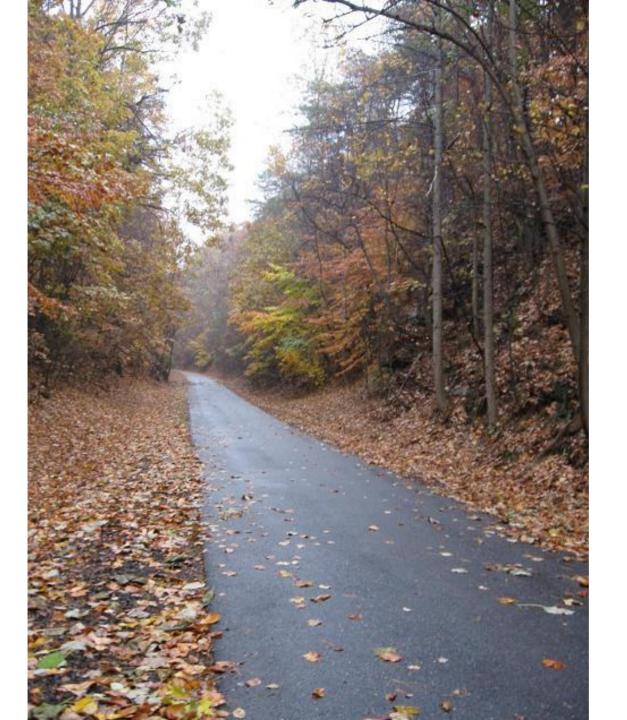


Railroad Bed, View South



Access Road on Railroad Bed, View North





Railroad Bed, Access Road





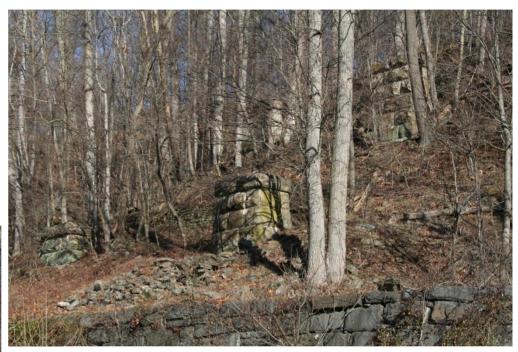
Rip-Rap Wall (c1873)

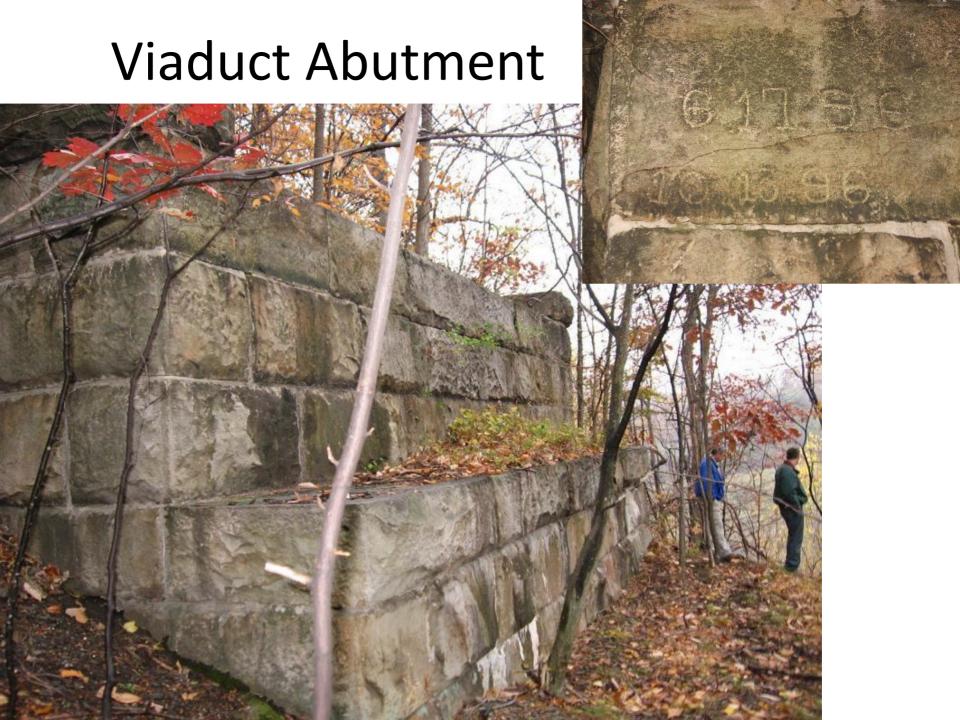




Viaduct Supports: Piers and Abutment







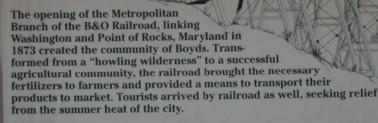
Viaduct Approach



Little Seneca Dam







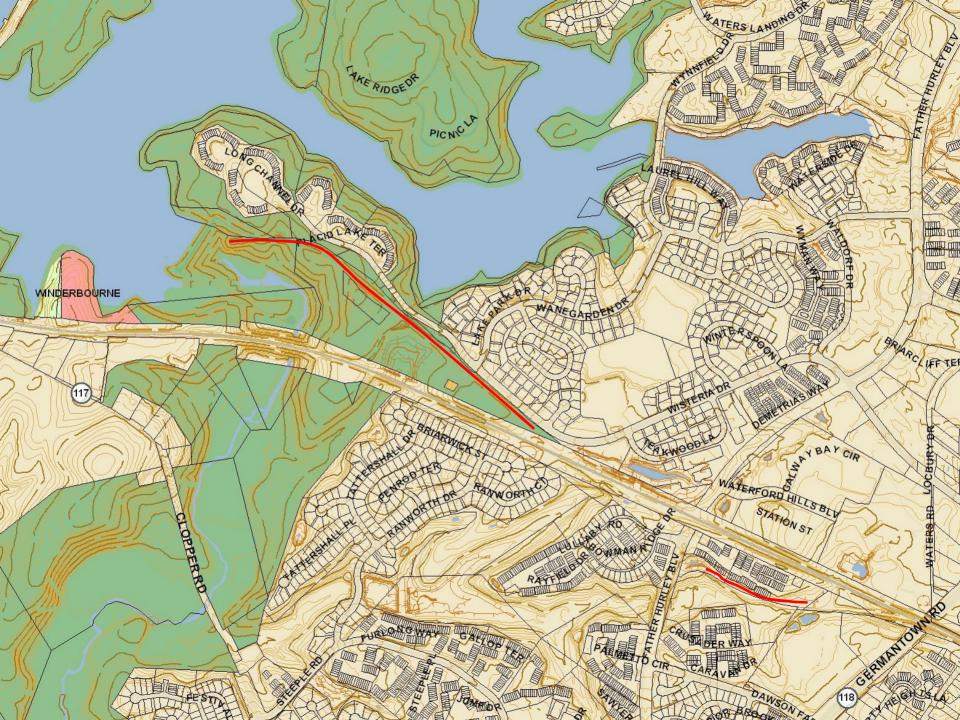
Crucial to the opening of the line was the construction of a wooden trestle bridge across Little Seneca Creek, considered at that time to be the longest railroad bridge in the world. Since this trestle required extensive maintenance and was under constant threat of fire from hot cinders thrown from the trains, a stone and metal bridge replaced it in 1896. In 1928, more track was added necessitating a move south to the present location to accommodate the expansion, thus making the old stone and steel bridge obsolete.

The old right-of-way forms a scenic path between the dam and the present railroad bridge across Little Seneca Creek. At the end of the path, the stone abutments are all that remain of the original single track railroad bridge.

Today, tourists have returned to the area, no longer transported by train to stay in the summer boarding houses that once existed, but by automobile and foot as nature and history lovers to enjoy Black Hill Regional Park.

#18/44 Environmental Setting; Criteria 1a, 1d, 2a





Stone Culverts and Railroad Bed





North Culvert

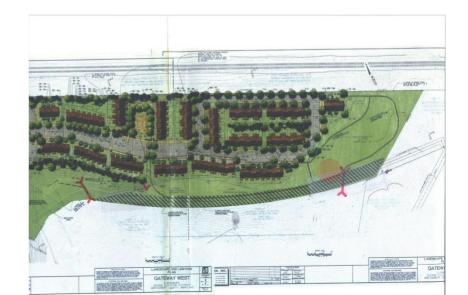








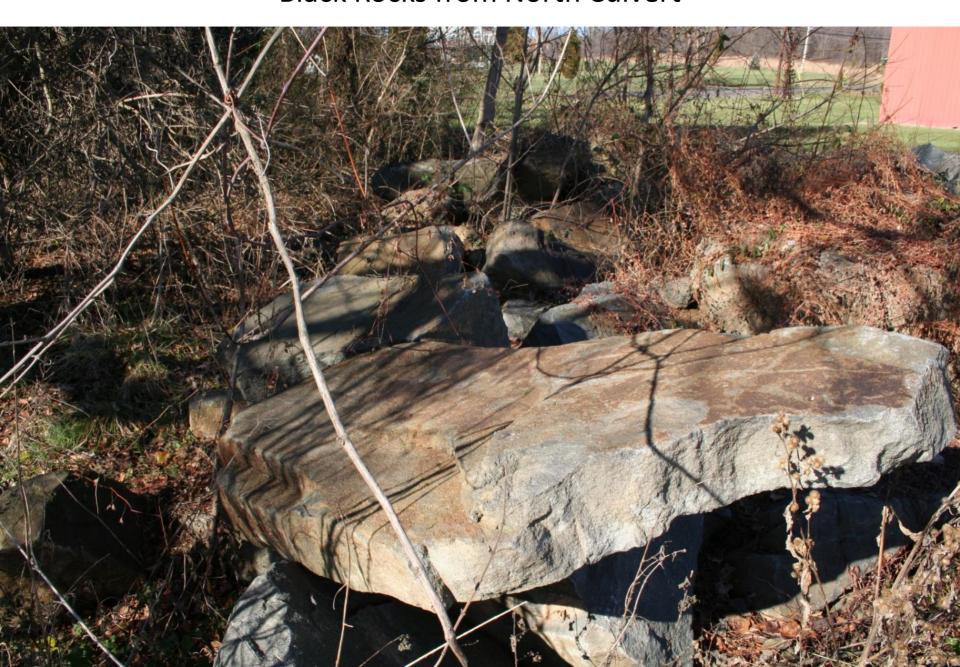
South Culvert



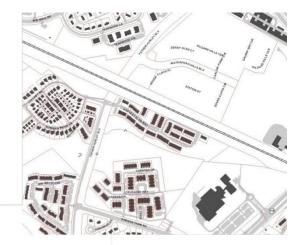
Single-Track Railroad Bed



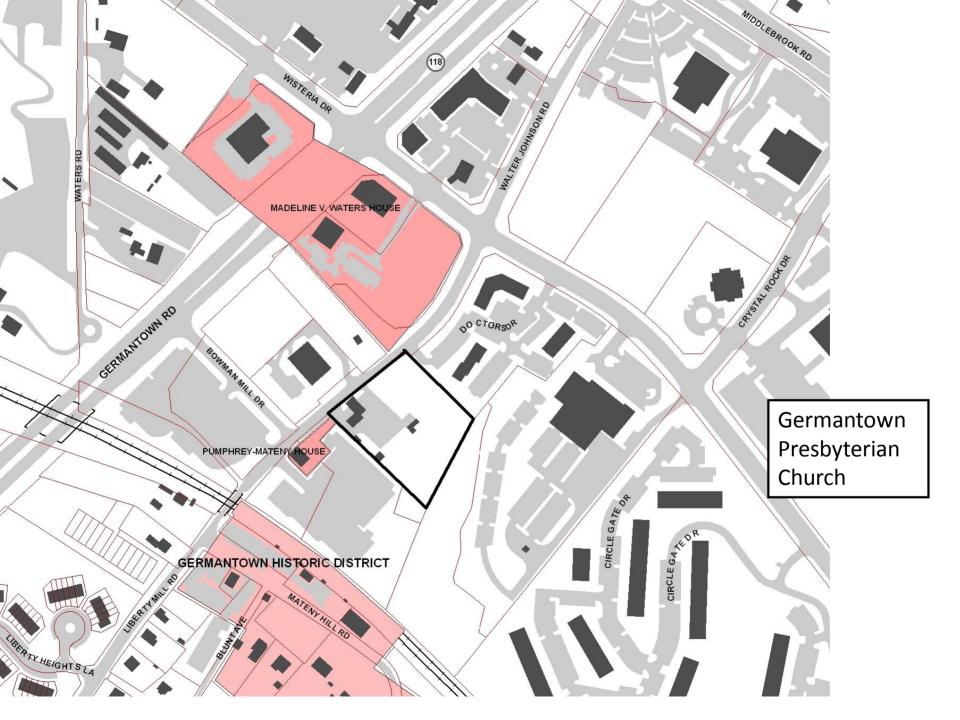
Black Rocks from North Culvert



#19/40 Stone Culverts/Railroad Bed Environmental Setting Criteria 1a, 1d, 2a















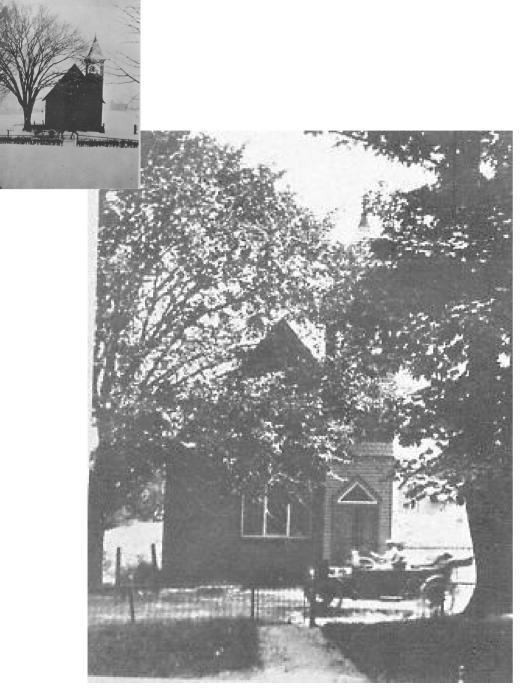




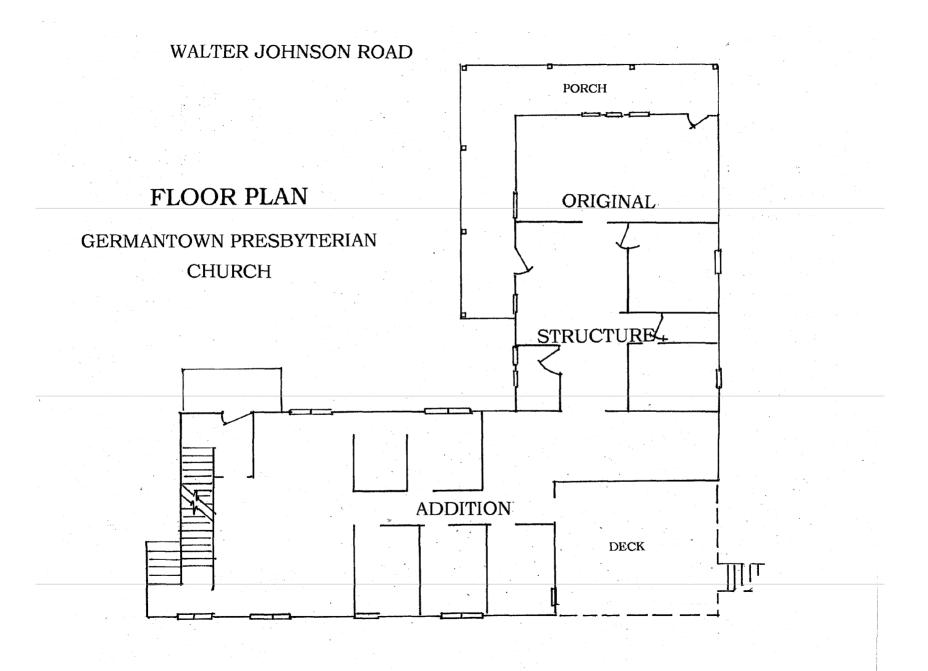












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INDIVIDUAL HISTORIC RESOURCES

An amendment to the Master Plan for Historic Preservation; being also an amendment to the Germantown Master Plan (1989); Fairland Master Plan (1997); Bethesda-Chevy Chase Master Plan (1990); North and West Silver Spring Master Plan (2000); and an amendment to the General Plan (On Wedges and Corridors) for the Physical Development of the Maryland-Washington Regional District Within Montgomery and Prince George's Counties

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Isaac Burton House
North Façade (which faces Rt 198, Sandy Spring Road)

#35-160 Susan B. Chase House, Drummond



Southwest façade





Watson House

