

Washington Grove Historic District (M: 21-5)
Name of Property

Montgomery County, Maryland
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of Property Approximately 225 acres

Latitude and Longitude Coordinates

See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet)

See continuation sheet.

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet)

See continuation sheet.

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Maps

A USGS map (7.5 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A latitude and longitude map with coordinates indicating the property's location.

A map of the historic district showing contributing and noncontributing buildings.

Photographs

Representative photographs of the property.

Additional Items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO)

name _____

street & number _____ telephone _____

city or town _____ state _____ zip code _____

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Latitude and Longitude Coordinates

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| A. 39.146773, -77.178570 | N. 39.137979, -77.169748 |
| B. 39.147610, -77.175318 | O. 39.139159, -77.170726 |
| C. 39.143612, -77.173890 | P. 39.137955, -77.171697 |
| D. 39.144399, -77.172820 | Q. 39.137192, -77.170122 |
| E. 39.143408, -77.171762 | R. 39.135192, -77.172209 |
| F. 39.143012, -77.167928 | S. 39.135901, -77.173567 |
| G. 39.142591, -77.167679 | T. 39.135407, -77.174053 |
| H. 39.139897, -77.169943 | U. 39.135004, -77.173803 |
| I. 39.139211, -77.168732 | V. 39.135231, -77.174699 |
| J. 39.139419, -77.167946 | W. 39.134446, -77.175831 |
| K. 39.139028, -77.166035 | X. 39.139080, -77.179963 |
| L. 39.137908, -77.165993 | Y. 39.139768, -77.179347 |
| M. 39.138216, -77.167905 | Z. 39.140081, -77.180068 |

Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary of the Washington Grove Historic District is indicated on the attached maps, which are drawn to scale.

Boundary Justification

The Washington Grove Historic District is roughly bound by Railroad Street on the south, Washington Grove Lane and the western limits of the town's West Woods on the west, Boundary Street and the northern limits of the East Woods on the north, and Ridge Road and the eastern edge of the Washington Grove Meadow Conservation Park on the east. These boundaries take into account legal limits, the distribution of resources, and the cultural features that define the physical extent and location of the historic district and encompass the residential, commercial, municipal, and religious resources and historic associated landscape features that contribute to its significance. The historic district encompasses approximately 225 acres and includes nearly all

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Boundary Justification (cont.)

of the land within the town's municipal boundaries, as well as two areas (the Washington Grove Meadow Conservation Park and a cluster of three residential buildings on the west side of Washington Grove Lane) that are outside the town limits but relate directly to the distinctive historical themes and development that characterize Washington Grove. The 12-acre Washington Grove Meadow Conservation Park is located along the east side of Ridge Road. The park features a native meadow habitat with forested edges and natural surface trails. While the land was part of the original tract acquired by Washington Grove, it was never platted for residential development. Instead, it was used as farmland, and, for decades, this parcel contributed to Washington Grove's rural character and reinforced its image as "a place apart." Today, the park preserves the rural, open vistas and spatial organization of the agricultural fields that historically formed the setting of Washington Grove and is a contributing site within the historic district. The three early twentieth-century houses on the west side of Washington Grove Lane (126, 128, and 200 Washington Grove Lane) were developed on lots that were historically part of the original land acquisition for Washington Grove. Although they are no longer located within the town limits, the houses retain integrity and contribute to the residential setting and architectural character of the historic district. The eastern boundary of the historic district extends to embrace a concentration of residential properties along the eastern extension of Ridge Street that demonstrate the character of Washington Grove's growth during the post-World War II era. This segment of Ridge Street retains integrity despite the subdivision of several properties to create "flag lots." The recent houses built on these lots do not contribute to the significance of the district, but they are set back from the street, minimizing their impact on the character of the streetscape. Three areas within the town limits, but at its edges, are excluded from the historic district because they feature clusters of noncontributing resources and/or lack integrity. These include 2.88 acres at the eastern end of Brown Street (500-507 Brown Street), 1.58 acres along the eastern side of Ridge Road (211-217 Ridge Road), and the small park along the south side of Railroad Street known as Railroad Park.