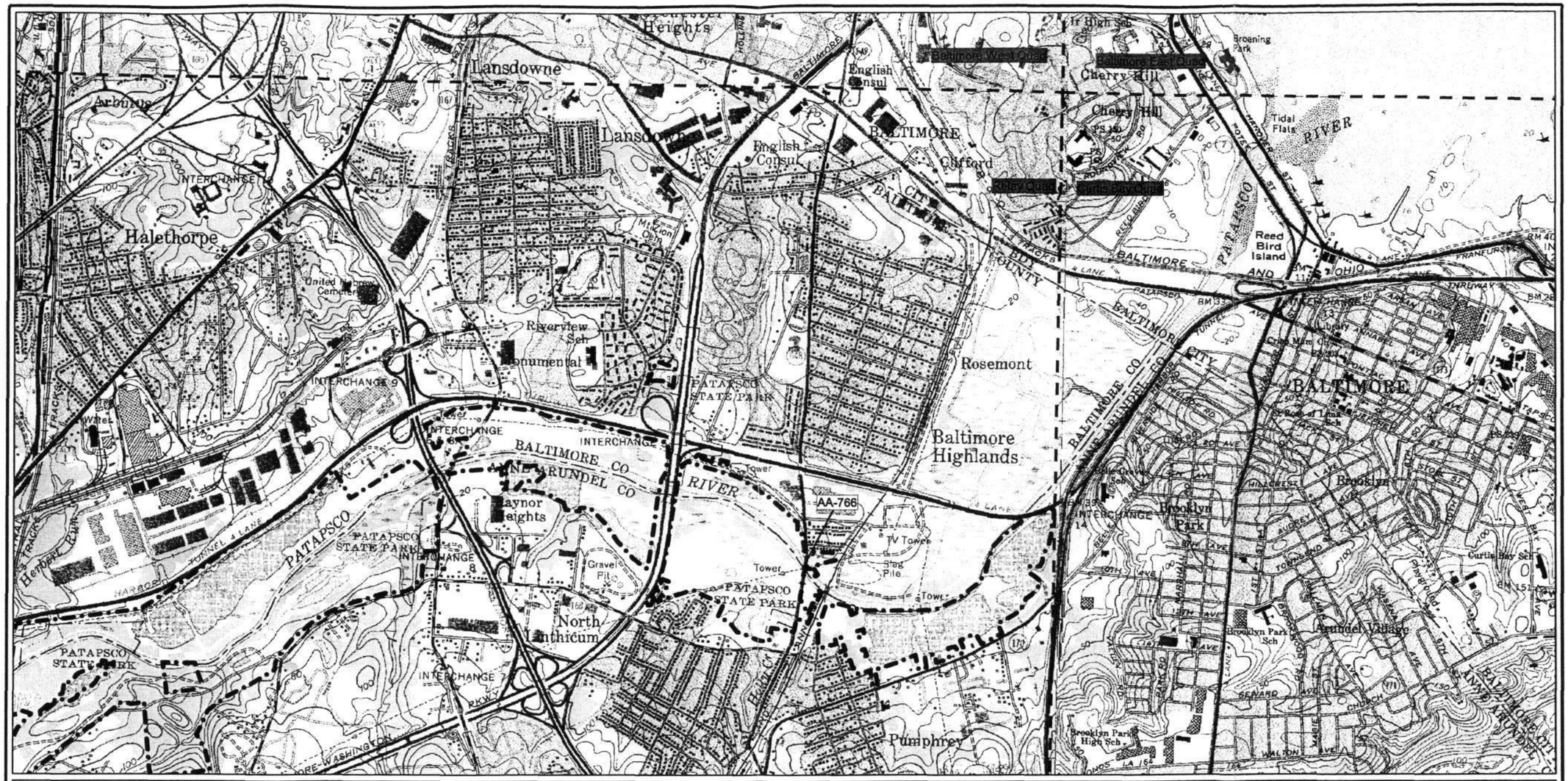
CAPSULE SUMMARY
Patapsco Valley State Park
MIHP # AA-2290, BA-3003, CARR-1662, HO-759 (SEE HO-759 FOR INVENTORY FORM AND PHOTOGRAPHS)
Elkridge to Sykesville
Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, and Howard Counties, Maryland
Park = 1907
Public

Patapsco Valley State Park encompasses 14,250 acres in Anne Arundel (992 acres), Baltimore (4,541 acres), Howard (6,011 acres), and Carroll (2,706 acres) counties (Maryland Department of Natural Resources (MdDNR) 2002). The park land stretches approximately 26 miles along the Patapsco River from west of Sykesville to just east of Baltimore Harbor. The river courses through the lengthy Fall Line zone that extends from approximately the villages of Alberton to Elkridge. East of Elkridge, the river becomes a broad, slow, relatively shallow stream that is affected by tidal action.

As a park, the property has been assembled from 1907 through the 1990s. The first acquisition was a 40-acre donation in the Hilton area. Until 1950, land acquisition was focused on the valley south of Ellicott City. During the 1950s, the park was expanded to incorporate lands north of Ellicott City and west to Sykesville. Most of the park is open space and forests. Recreation areas within the park have been designed as distinct, independent areas that support a wide-range of activities and park operations, but the recreation areas are not linked to form a unified entity. Thus, the park boundaries do not establish an identifiable entity that would qualify as a district for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

The buildings that transferred with the land represent a disparate group of buildings that are unrelated to each other historically or aesthetically by plan or physical development. The resources most intimately connected with the Patapsco River are the industrial buildings and sites that required waterpower or water resources to make their products. Most industrial resources located within park boundaries are archeological sites that have not been evaluated applying National Register Criteria for Evaluation. Agricultural resources contained within the park boundaries are not related to each other. Agriculture was not a significant theme in Patapsco River valley, but in the upland areas bordering the river. Any agricultural buildings located within the park boundaries are actually on the edges of agriculturally productive areas. While the built resources located within the boundaries of Patapsco Valley State Park do not qualify as a district, many possess the qualities of significance and integrity for listing in the National Register of Historic Places individually or in complexes as detailed in the accompanying table.



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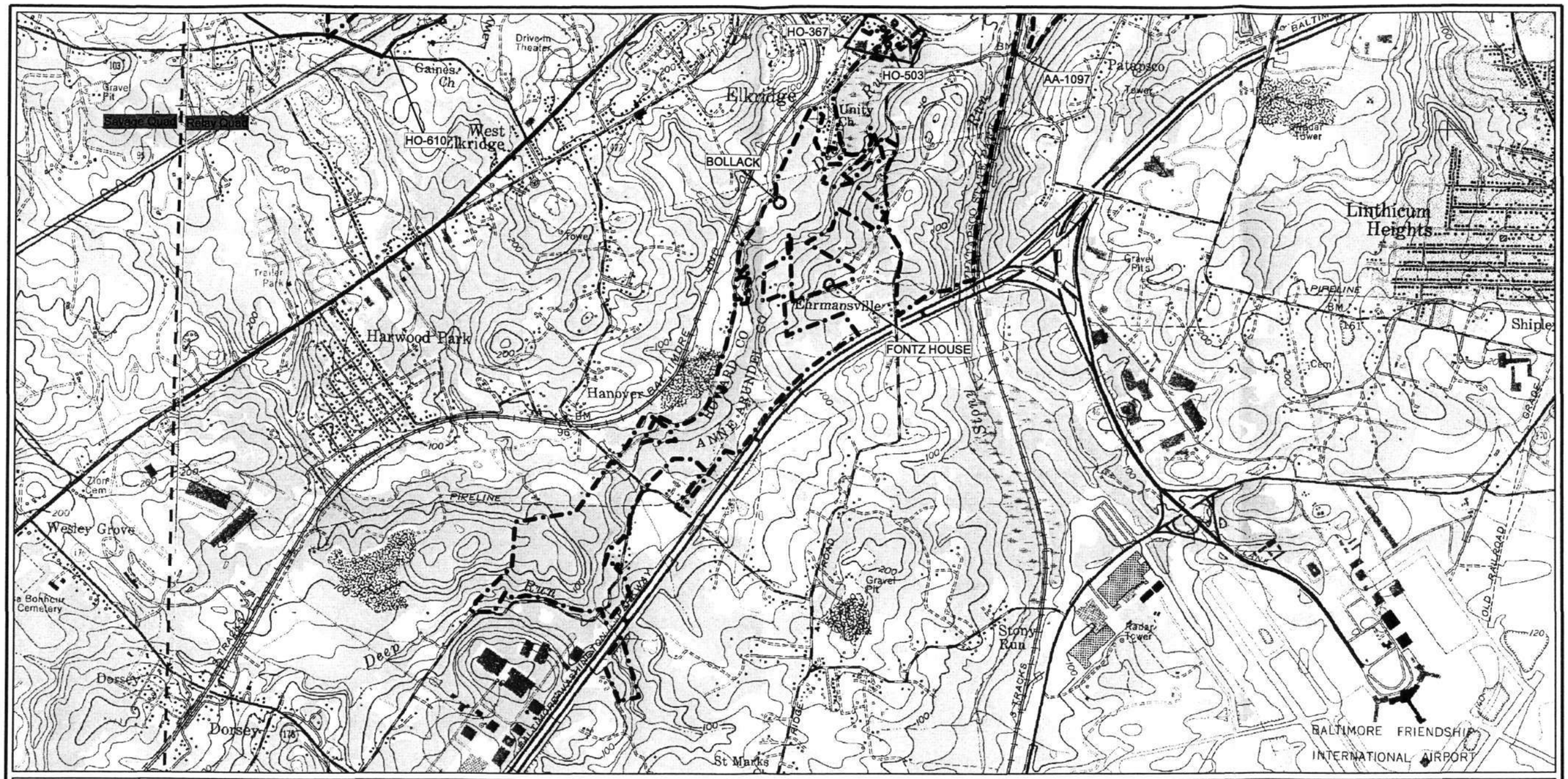

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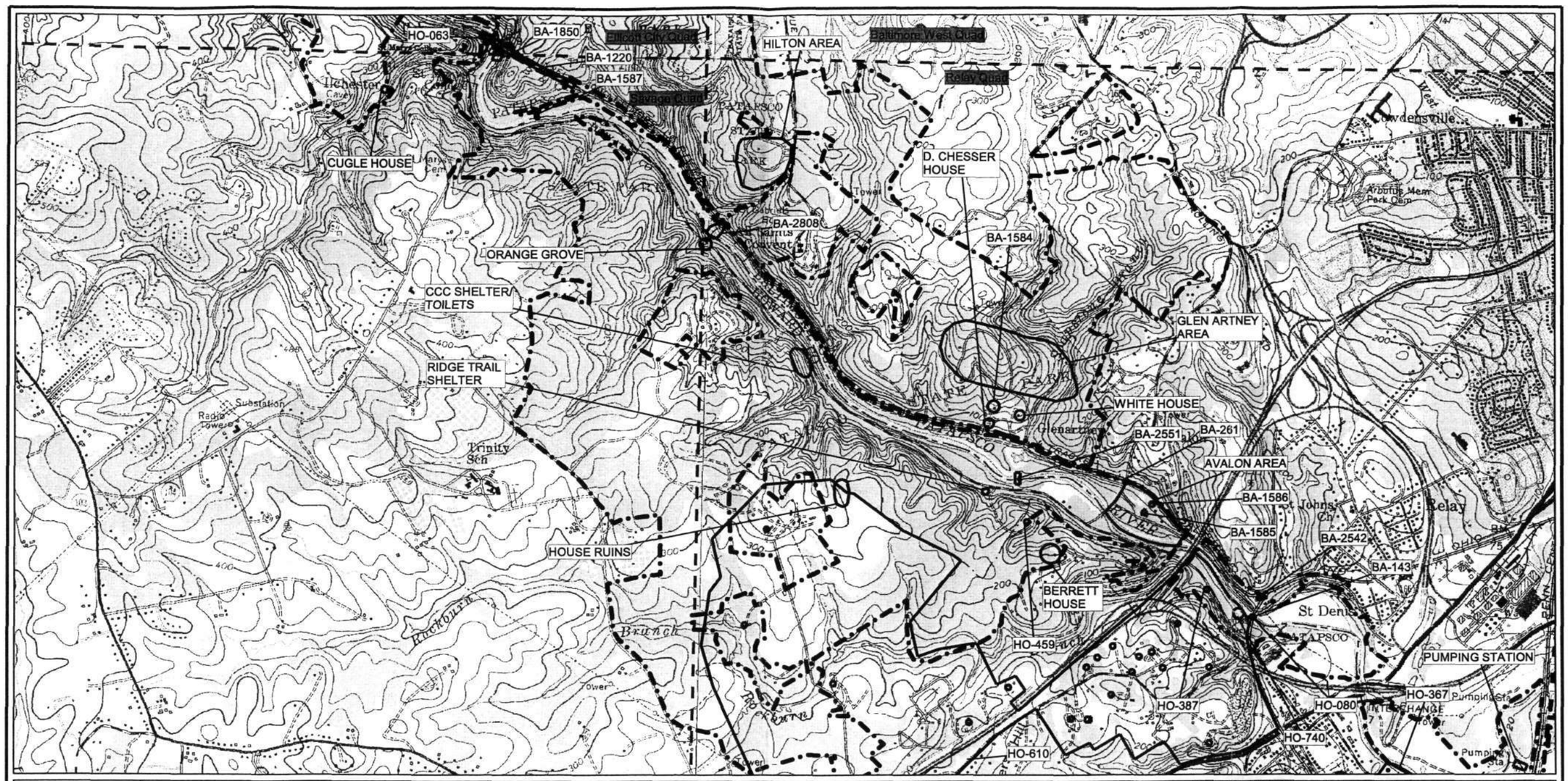

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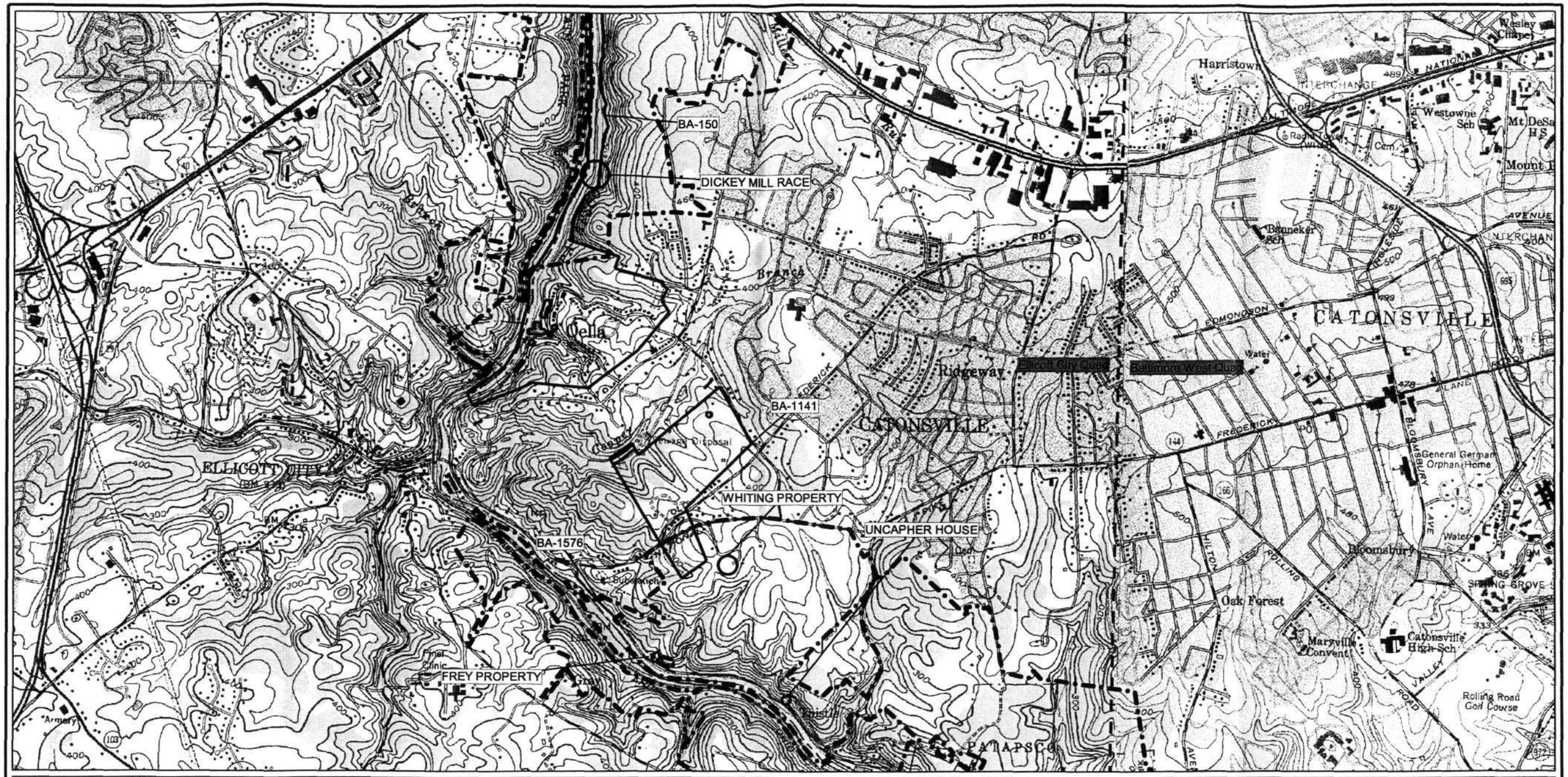

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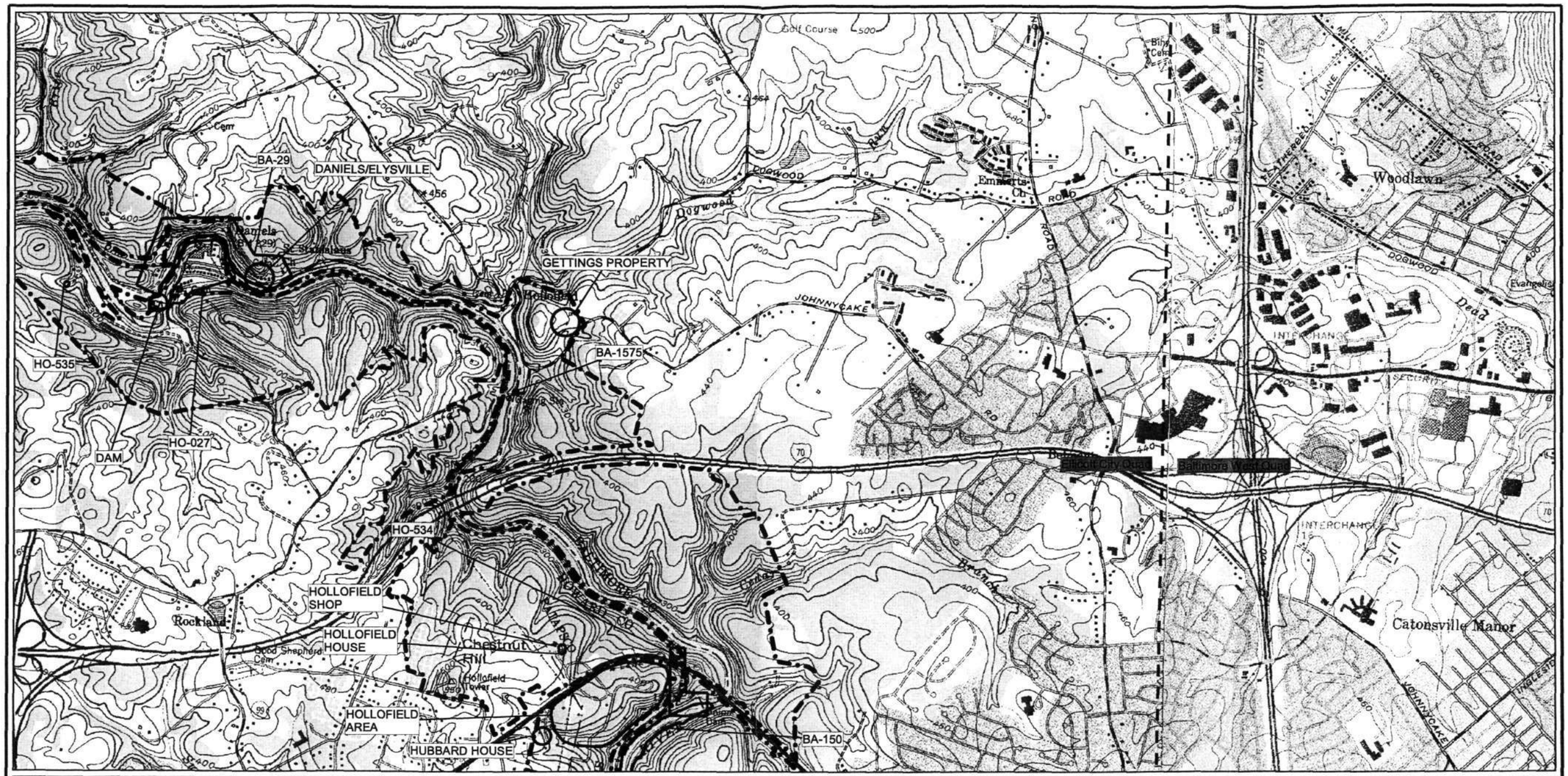

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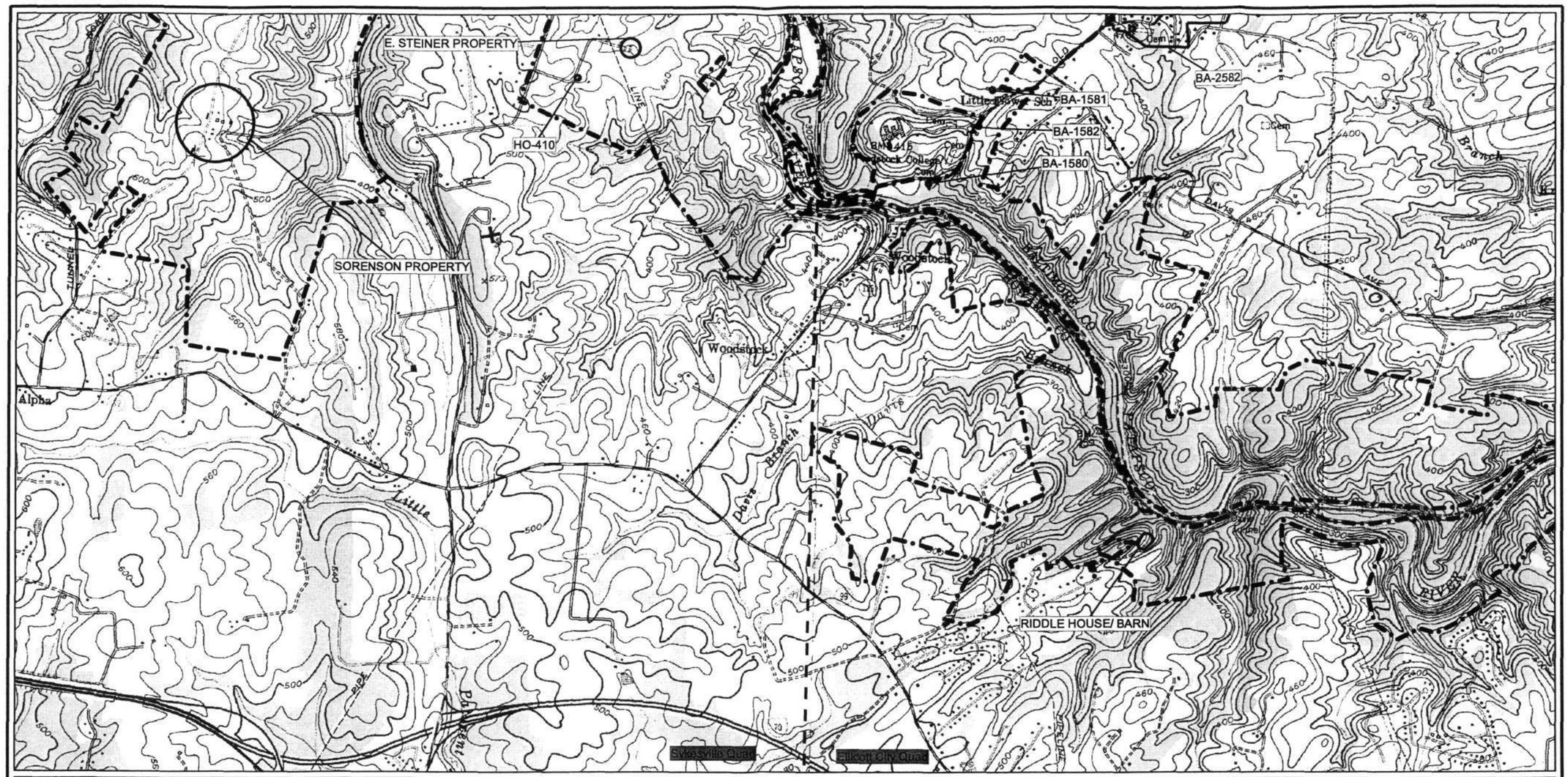

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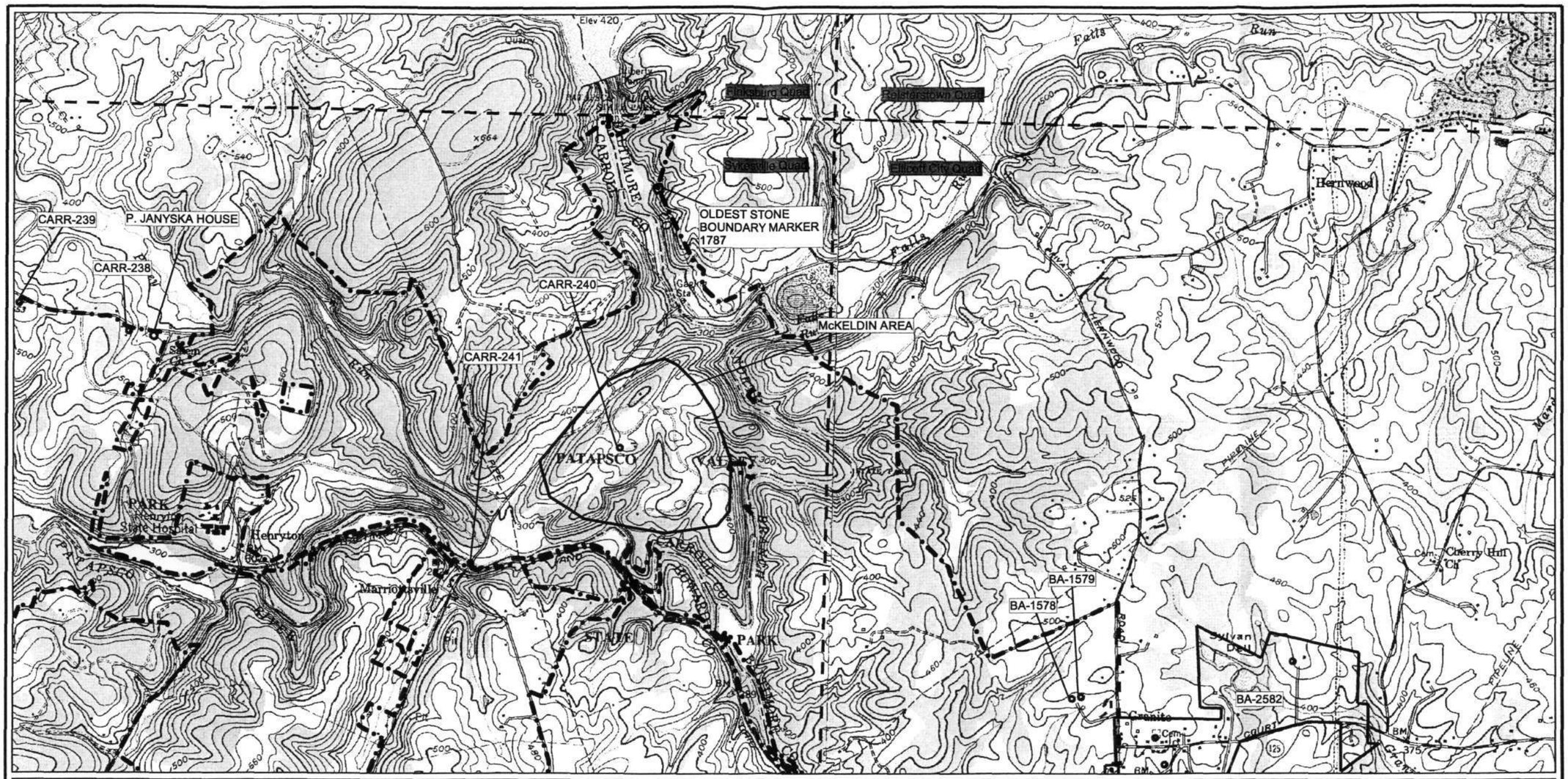

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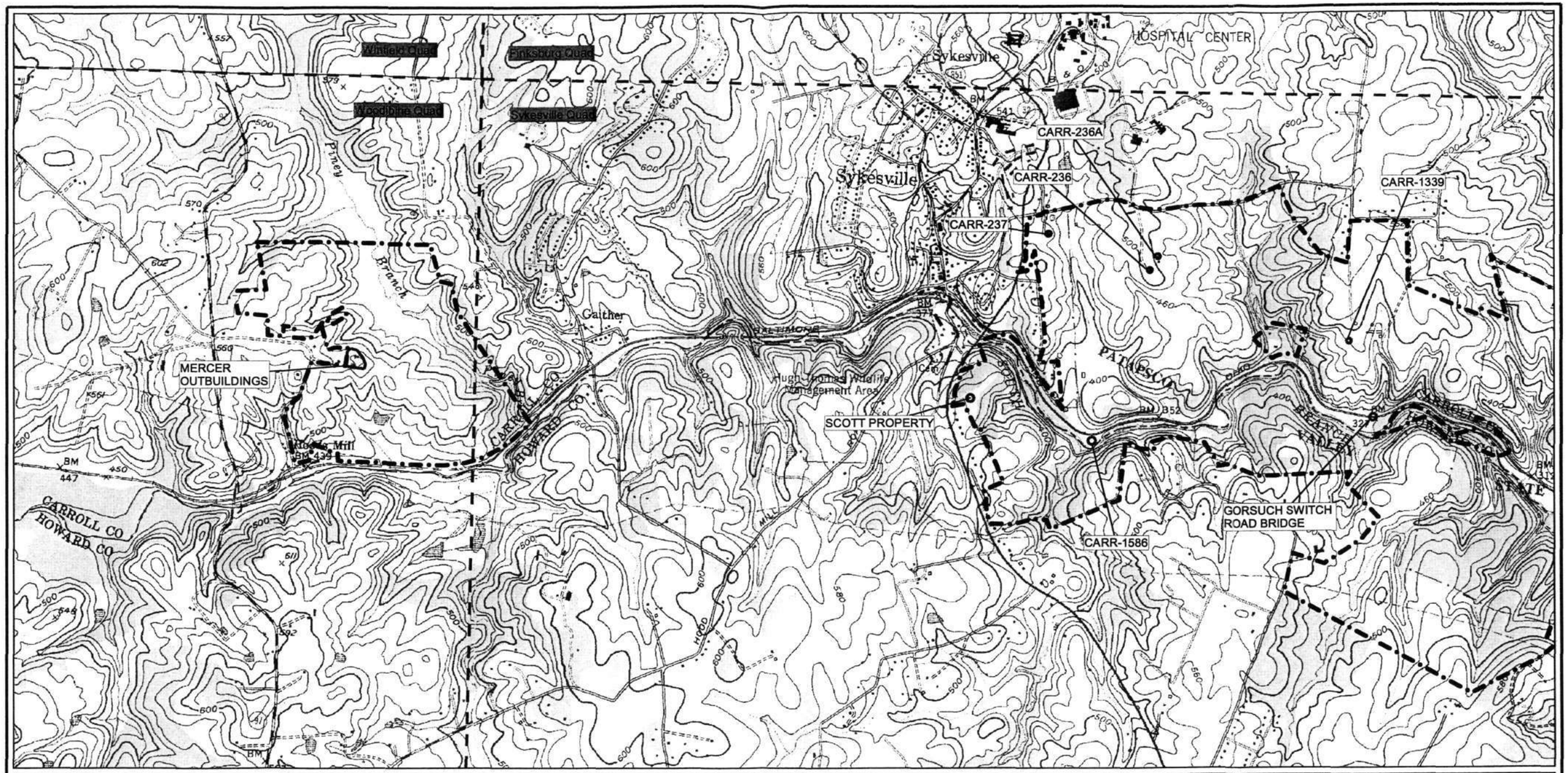

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