

AREA: Financial District

MAGI NO.: 041143387

Address: 100 Block Saint Paul Street (west side)

Current Name: Courthouse Plaza

Block:	Lot:	Lot size:
Height:		Materials:
Condition: Good		Owner: City of Baltimore
Use: Open space		Accessible: Yes
Designation: None		Liber/Folio:



Historic Name: Courthouse Plaza

Date: 1964

Architect/Builder: Sasaki, Walker and Associates, landscape architects

Style (if appropriate):

Description:

This small plaza on the west side of the 100 block of Saint Paul Street features a central fountain, trees and concrete benches. The fountain has a curved stone base and a bronze dish in the center where the water sprays and falls into the pool. Nine trees are located north and south of the fountain. Under the shade of the trees are plain concrete benches for seating. Two round globe light fixtures on poles are located at the rear of the plaza to either side of the fountain. A small plaque in front of the fountain states, "Courthouse Plaza, 1964, Theodore R. McKeldin, Mayor." At the north end of the plaza is an old clock on a cast iron base and fluted column. The bronze rim around the clock is capped by a decorative finial. On the face of the clock, "Title Time," is displayed in gold letters.

Significance:

Area: Landcape Architecture

Level: Local

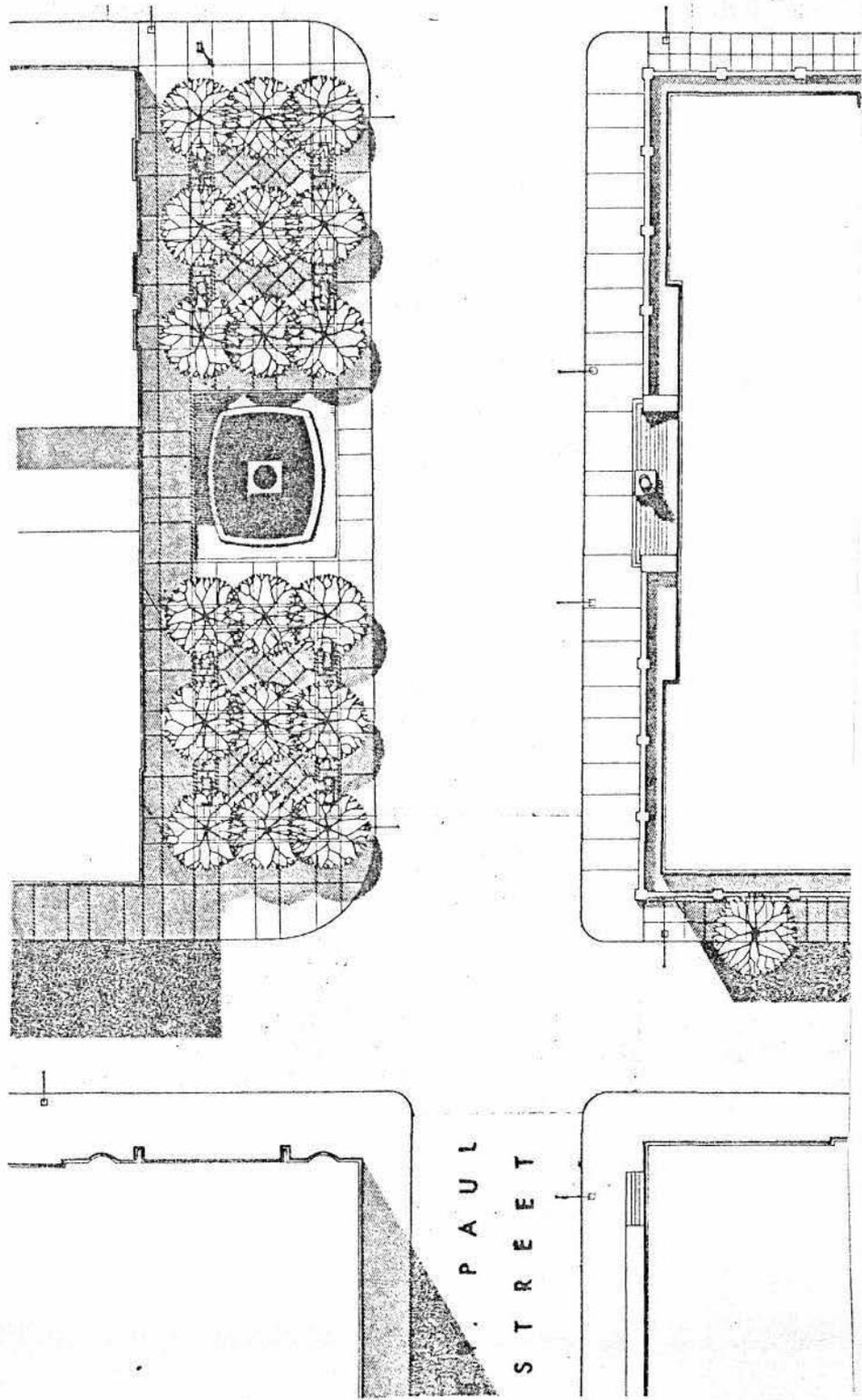
This small plaza was created as part of a landscaping program for Baltimore's Central Business District. Mayor Theodore McKeldin began the program in 1961, with the Massachusetts firm of Sasaki, Walker and Associates as landscape consultants. The major accomplishments of the program were the Courthouse plaza and Monument Square landscaping. Saint Paul Street in front of the courthouse was widened after the Baltimore Fire of 1904, however it was never properly landscaped and the space was used for automobile parking in the mid-twentieth century. Although this is not a large or extensive park, it provides shade and landscaping in a heavily urbanized area.

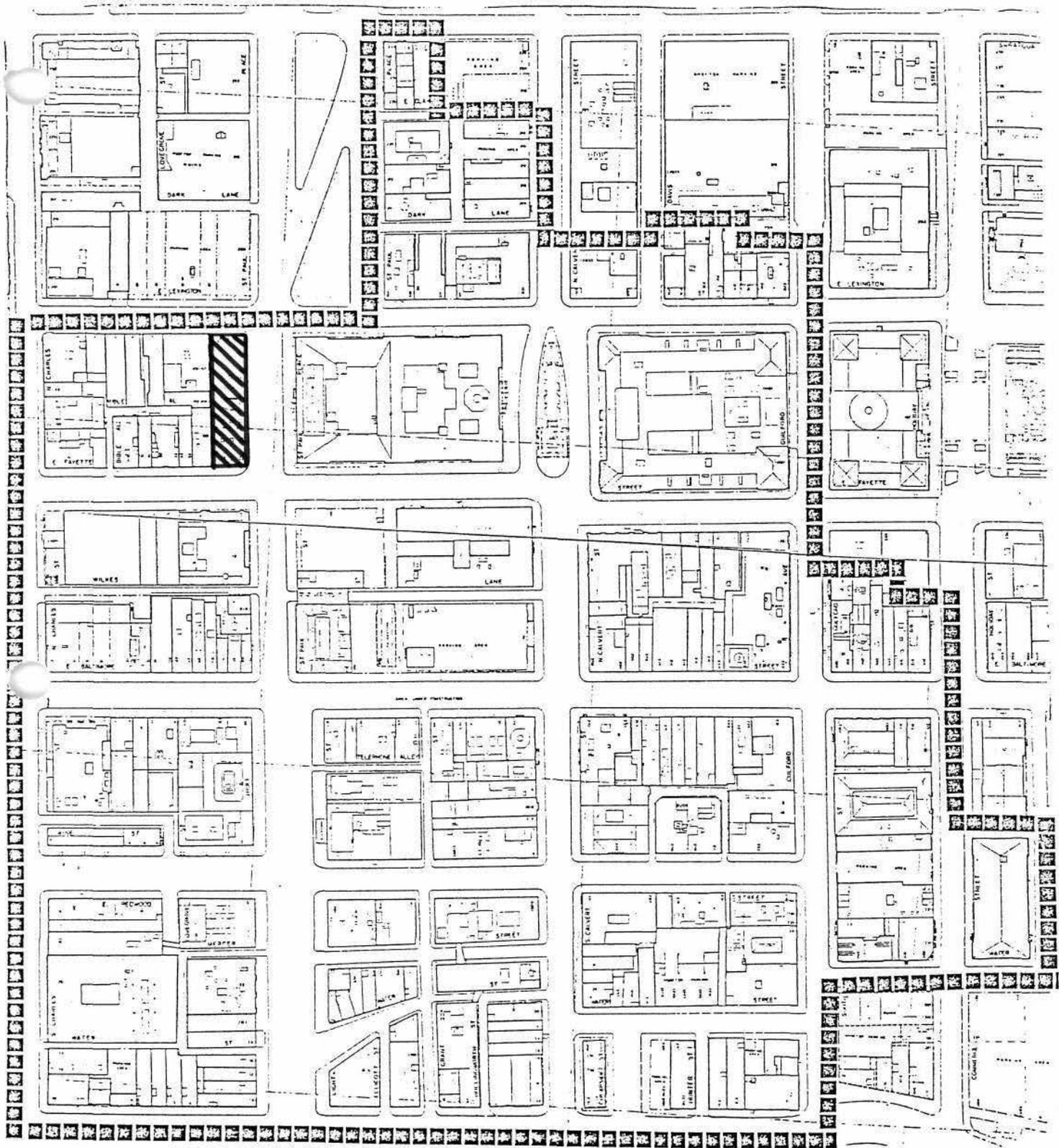
Sources: Central Business District Master Landscape Plan, 1961.

Surveyor and Date: Fred B. Shoken, July 1985

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Courthouse Plaza
100 block Saint Paul Street
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Original design for Courthouse Plaza, from: Baltimore Central Business District Master Landscape Plan, February 1961.





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100 block Saint Paul Street (west side
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Baltimore (City), Maryland

Photo: Caroline Hardy

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From E. Lexington Street looking
south