

**INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT  
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

Property/District Name: Wyman Park Drive over Stony Run, Baltimore City Survey Number: B-4634  
(# 8033)

Project: Jones Falls Hiker-Biker Trail - Phase 2 Agency: FHWA/T-21

Site visit by MHT Staff:  no  yes Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Eligibility recommended  Eligibility not recommended

Criteria:  A  B  C  D Considerations:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G  
 None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

The Wyman Park Drive Bridge was determined to be eligible for the National Register in 1996 by the Interagency Historic Highway Bridge Committee, made up of representatives of Federal Highway Administration, Maryland State Highway Administration and the Maryland Historical Trust. It does not appear that any changes have occurred to the Bridge since that determination and therefore the 1920 concrete arch bridge (Bridge #BC8033) is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The bridge is a closed parapet example with stone-faced parapets and represents the City's increasing park areas in the early twentieth century. Thus, the bridge is eligible for the National Register under Criterion A, as well as Criterion C, as an engineering example.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project Review and Compliance File

Prepared by: City of Baltimore

Anne E. Bruder April 5, 2000  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence:  yes  no  not applicable

Bleutze 4/14/00  
Reviewer, NR program Date

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**MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT**

**I. Geographic Region:**

- Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
- Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
- Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
- Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

**II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:**

- Paleo-Indian 10000-7500 B.C.
- Early Archaic 7500-6000 B.C.
- Middle Archaic 6000-4000 B.C.
- Late Archaic 4000-2000 B.C.
- Early Woodland 2000-500 B.C.
- Middle Woodland 500 B.C. - A.D. 900
- Late Woodland/Archaic A.D. 900-1600
- Contact and Settlement A.D. 1570-1750
- Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815
- Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870
- Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930
- Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present
- Unknown Period (  prehistoric  historic)

**III. Prehistoric Period Themes:**

- Subsistence
- Settlement
- Political
- Demographic
- Religion
- Technology
- Environmental Adaptation

**IV. Historic Period Themes:**

- Agriculture
- Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
- Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
- Government/Law
- Military
- Religion
- Social/Educational/Cultural
- Transportation

**V. Resource Type:**

Category: Structure

Historic Environment: Transportation through Urban Park

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Transportation

Known Design Source: Unknown

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties number: B-4634

Name: WYMAN PARK RD. OVER STONEY RUN

The bridge referenced herein was inventoried by the Maryland State Highway Administration as part of the Historic Bridge Inventory, and SHA provided the Trust with eligibility determinations in February 2001. The Trust accepted the Historic Bridge Inventory on April 3, 2001. The bridge received the following determination of eligibility.

| MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST                                     |  |
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| Eligibility Recommended <u>  X  </u>                          | Eligibility Not Recommended <u>      </u>  |
| Criteria: <u>  A  </u> <u>  B  </u> <u>  C  </u> <u>  D  </u> | Considerations: <u>  A  </u> <u>  B  </u> <u>  C  </u> <u>  D  </u> <u>  E  </u> <u>  F  </u> <u>  G  </u> <u>None</u> |
| Comments: _____   |  |
|   |  |
| Reviewer, OPS: <u>Anne E. Bruder</u>                          | Date: <u>  3  </u> April 2001 <u>      </u>  |
| Reviewer, NR Program: <u>Peter E. Kurtze</u>                  | Date: <u>  3  </u> April 2001 <u>      </u>  |

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC BRIDGES  
HISTORIC BRIDGE INVENTORY  
MARYLAND STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION/  
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

MHT No. B-4634

SHA Bridge No. BC 8033

Bridge name Wyman Park Road over Stony Run

**LOCATION:**

Street/Road name and number Wyman Park Road

City/town Baltimore City Vicinity     

County Baltimore

This bridge projects over: Road      Railway      Water X Land     

Ownership: State      County      Municipal X Other     

**HISTORIC STATUS:**

Is bridge located within a designated historic district? Yes      No X

National Register-listed district      National Register-determined-eligible district     

Locally-designated district      Other     

Name of district     

**BRIDGE TYPE:**

Timber Bridge      :  
Beam Bridge      Truss -Covered      Trestle      Timber-And-Concrete     

Stone Arch Bridge     

Metal Truss Bridge     

Movable Bridge      :  
Swing      Bascule Single Leaf      Bascule Multiple Leaf       
Vertical Lift      Retractable      Pontoon     

Metal Girder      :  
Rolled Girder      Rolled Girder Concrete Encased       
Plate Girder      Plate Girder Concrete Encased     

Metal Suspension     

Metal Arch     

Metal Cantilever     

Concrete X :  
Concrete Arch X Concrete Slab      Concrete Beam      Rigid Frame     

Other      Type Name

**DESCRIPTION:**

**Describe Setting**

Bridge BC 8033 carries Wyman Park Road over Stony Run in Baltimore City. Wyman Park Road runs east-west over the southern flowing Stony Run. The bridge is located in Wyman Park and borders Johns Hopkins University.

**Describe Superstructure and Substructure:**

Bridge BC 8033 is a single span filled concrete arch bridge. The total length of the bridge is 258 feet, with a clear arch span of 148 feet. The bridge has a rise of approximately 45 feet from springline to the crown. There is a clear roadway width of 25 feet, with an overall width of 43 feet. The arch barrel has moderate deterioration, cracking, and efflorescence. There are large areas of scale at the base of the abutment. The spandrel walls have large areas of cracking and patched areas from previous repairs. In addition, the walls have areas of efflorescence. The wingwalls have small longitudinal cracks with exposed reinforcement bar. According to a 1995 inspection report, the bridge is in satisfactory condition with a sufficiency rating of 82.6.

The parapets are original. The designers used a closed parapet design faced in stone. Dowels fasten the reinforced concrete panel to the structure. The parapets are 210 feet across both sides of the bridge. Both parapets have random cracks and light scale. Most posts have spalls with surface erosion.

**Discuss Major Alterations:**

During the 1960s, the bridge received extensive rehabilitation, however, the original components were not removed from the structure. There has been extensive patching throughout the bridge..

**HISTORY:**

**WHEN was bridge built?** circa 1920

**WHY was bridge built?** Access to Wyman Park

**WHO was the designer?** Unknown

**WHO was the builder?** City of Baltimore Department of Public Works

**WHY was bridge altered?** To repair damaged sections

**Was bridge built as part of an organized bridge-building campaign?**

Yes, this bridge was built as part of Baltimore City's efforts to create green spaces.

**SURVEYOR/HISTORIAN ANALYSIS:**

**This bridge may have National Register significance for its association with:**

- A - Events   X   B- Person
- C- Engineering/architectural character   X

This bridge was determined eligible by the Interagency Review Committee in June 1996.

**Was bridge constructed in response to significant events in Maryland or local history?**

In order to finance Baltimore City's reservoir and park development, a penny park tax was levied on the horsecar system.. The horsecar was a box-like car that carried 22 passengers and connected all parts of the city. Mayor Swann successfully instituted a tax to establish a capital base to begin park development in the 1890s. Most of the new parks were developmental street opening that prepared new territory for residential development.

Following the annex of 1888, the city began developing plans to cross the area's extensive waterways. The city adopted a policy of expensive permanent bridges rather than timber trestles. The city would be connected by a series of parks within the stream valley, Gwynns Falls, the Jones Falls, Herring Run, and the Patapsco were to be connected by parkways or landscaped drives through the smaller stream valleys. Wyman Park Road was one of the parkways.

**When the bridge was built and/or given a major alteration, did it have a significant impact on the growth & development of the area?**

No, by the time this bridge was built, the area was already established as a park and the Johns Hopkins campus.

**Is the bridge located in an area that may be eligible for historic designation?**

Yes, the bridge is located in Wymans Park, which may be eligible for historic designation as a part of the early park-system in Baltimore.

**Is the bridge a significant example of its type?**

Yes, this bridge is a significant example of a concrete arch bridge. The bridge represents Baltimore City's use of long lasting materials and the development of large-scale infrastructure projects based on the use of the city's green spaces.

**Does bridge retain integrity of important elements described in Context Addendum?**

Yes, the bridge retains its parapets, spandrel walls, and wingwalls. The bridge is in good condition.

**Is bridge a significant example of work of manufacturer, designer and/or engineer?**

Yes, this is a significant example a concrete arch bridge built by the City of Baltimore Department of Public Works.

**Should bridge be given further study before significance analysis is made?**

Yes, this bridge may be given further study in order to determine its relation to the City's parkland movement.

**BIBLIOGRAPHY:**

County inspection/bridge files \_\_\_\_ SHA inspection/bridge files \_\_\_\_ Other (list):

Baltimore City Bridge Files

State Roads Commission Report

**SURVEYOR/SURVEY INFORMATION:**

Date bridge recorded June 1996

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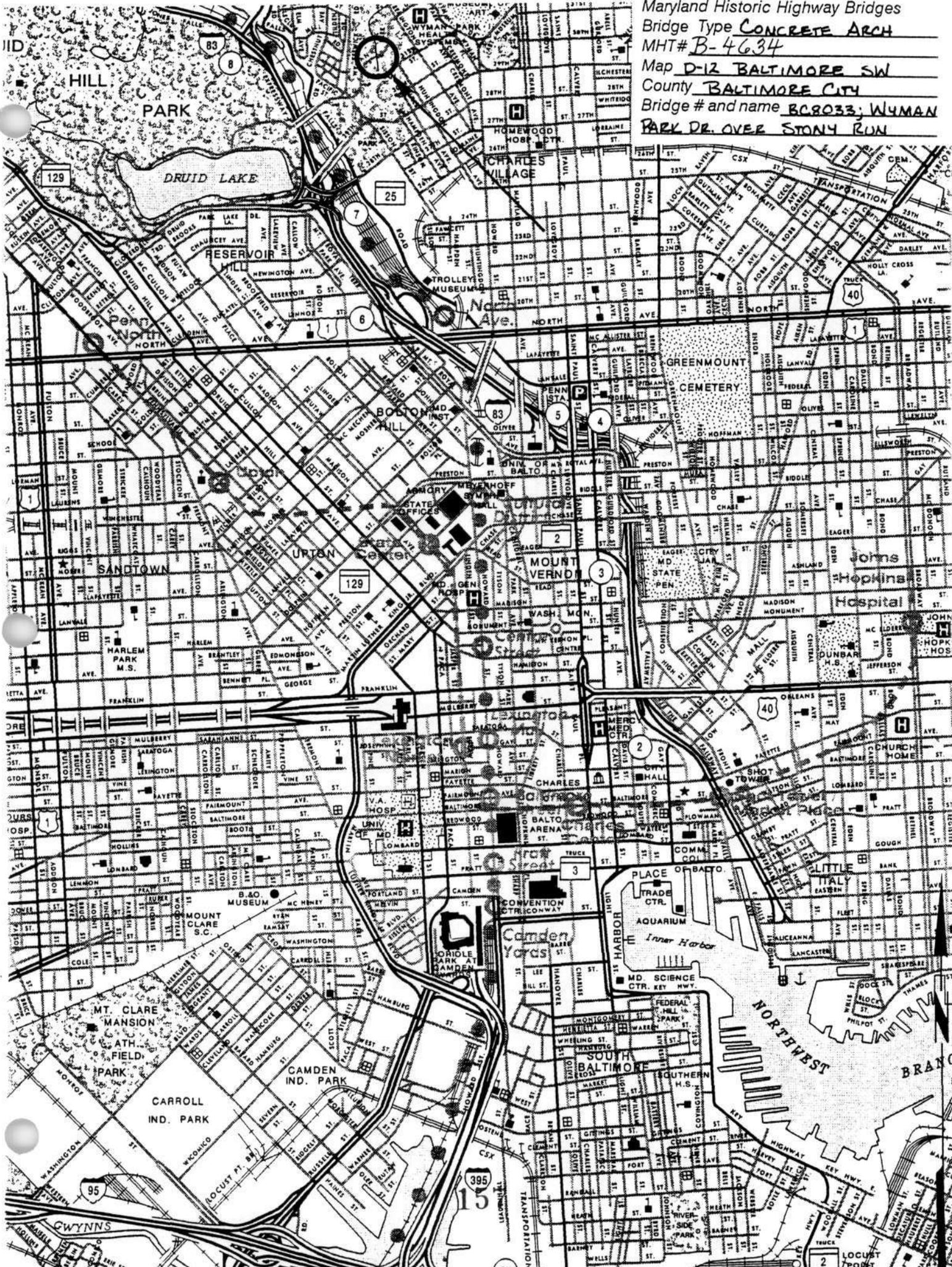
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MHT# B-4634

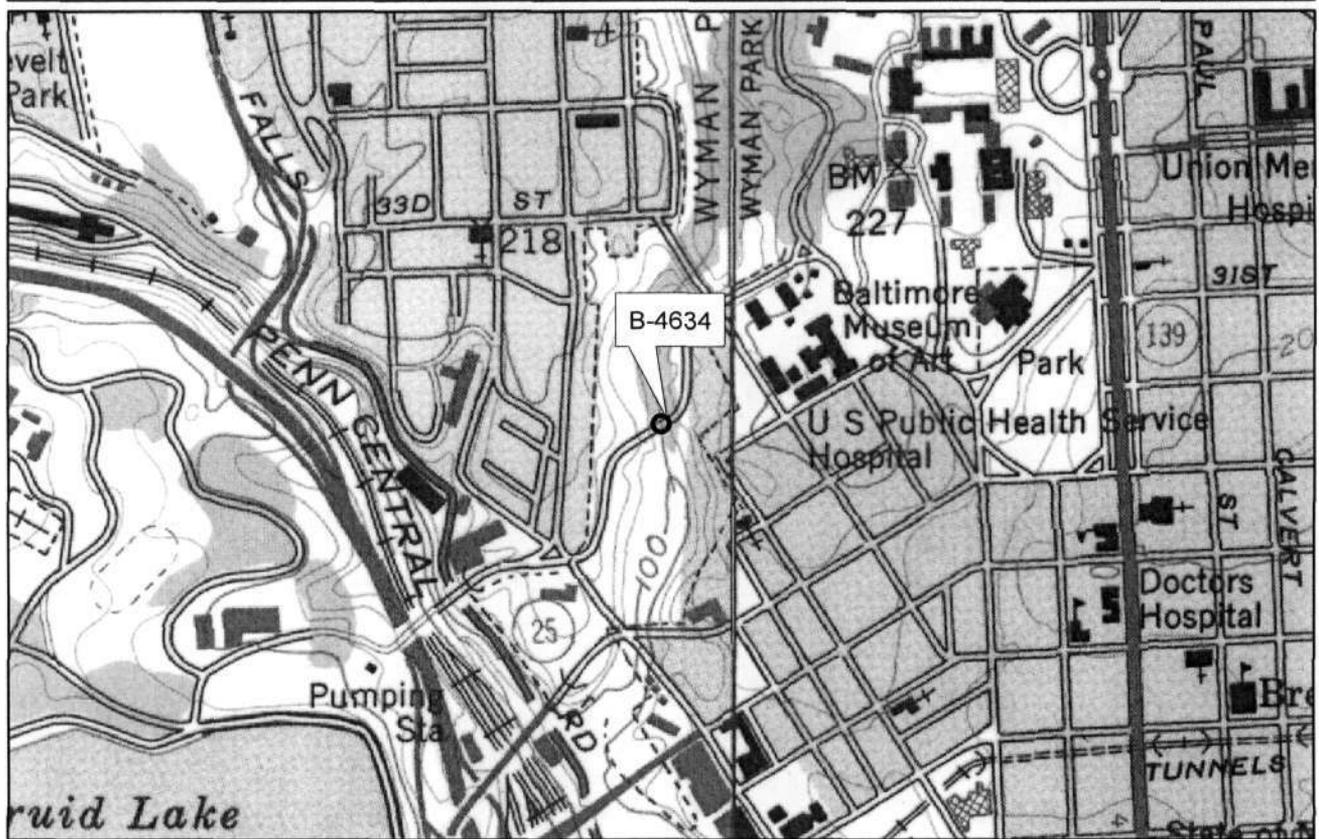
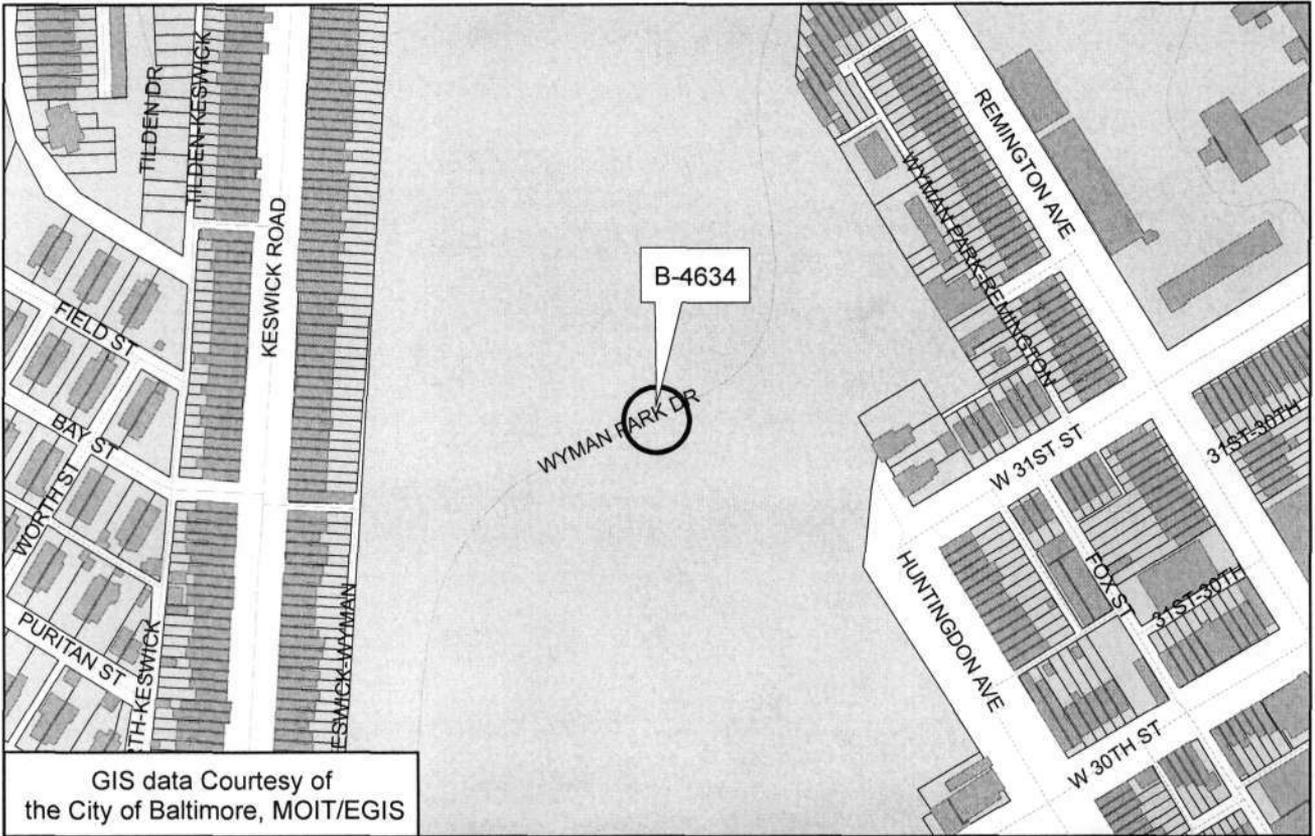
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County BALTIMORE CITY

Bridge # and name BC033; WYMAN PARK DR. OVER STONY RUN



B-4634  
Bridge BC8033  
Wyman Park Drive over Stony Run  
Baltimore City  
Baltimore West Quad





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Name 8033-WYMAN PARK DRIVE OVER SONEY RUN

County/State BALTIMORE CITY/MARYLAND

Name of Photographer TIM SCHOEN

Date 1/95

Location of Negative SNA

Description SOUTH APPROACH

Number 1 of 25<sup>4</sup>

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County/State BALTIMORE CITY/MARYLAND

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Date 1/95

Location of Negative SHA

Description NORTH APPROACH

Number 2 of 4

PHOTOGRAPHIC RECORD



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