

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

NR Eligible: yes
no

Property Name: Old Frederick Avenue Bridge Abutments Inventory Number: ~~XXX~~ B-5062

Address: Gwynns Falls City: Baltimore City Zip Code: 21223

County: Baltimore City USGS Topographic Map: Baltimore West, MD

Owner: Baltimore City

Tax Parcel Number: N/A Tax Map Number: N/A Tax Account ID Number: N/A

Project: Proposed Phase 2 Gwynns Falls Pathway Agency: Maryland State Highway Administration

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

Is the property located within a historic district? no yes Name of district: _____

Is district listed? no yes Determined eligible? no yes District Inventory Number: _____

Documentation on the property/district is presented in:

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The Old Frederick Avenue Bridge Abutments are located on the east and west banks of the Gwynns Falls, south of the Frederick Avenue bridge. In general, the abutments are in a state of ruin. They contain rough-hewn stones of irregular size and interrupted coursing. The walls of the abutments are slightly battered and have a soft mortar. The east abutment is approximately 20 feet in height, while the west abutment remains are scattered over the bank and reach about 5 feet.

The Old Frederick Avenue Bridge Abutments are situated immediately adjacent to the south side of the Frederick Avenue Bridge. The Frederick Avenue Bridge and Old Frederick Avenue Bridge Abutments are located southwest of Baltimore City. The Frederick Avenue Bridge crosses over the Gwynns Falls and CSX railroad. Gwynns Falls Park is located southwest of the bridge abutments and contains mostly open fields. Southeast of the bridge and abutments lies a residential area and small businesses. To the northwest of the resources, there are industrial sites.

The bridge abutments were abandoned when the Frederick Avenue Bridge was built in 1930. The abutments are situated within the wooded banks of Gwynns Falls. As a result, the resource has become obscured by the overgrowth.

The Frederick Turnpike toll road was constructed in the early 1800's along the present day route of Frederick Avenue. The toll road was supported by the abutments. One of the tollgates was located just east of Ellicott Driveway. The ruins of the stone abutments of the turnpike-bridge are located adjacent to the south side of the existing bridge. None of the actual bridge spanning-structure remains.

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Eligibility recommended <input type="checkbox"/>	Eligibility not recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Comments: _____	
<u>Andrew Levin</u> Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	<u>05/03/01</u> Date
<u>[Signature]</u> Reviewer, NR program	<u>5/10/01</u> Date

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Continuation Sheet No. 1

The overgrowth that obscures the resource has compromised the integrity of the resource. Overgrowth has invaded the resource and its surrounds and has caused pieces of stone and mortar to separate from the structure. The condition of the abutments is poor and is beyond reasonable repair. It has lost integrity of materials due to the loss of substance caused by demolition and weathering. Although the abutments meet the 50-year eligibility criterion, the remains do not have sufficient integrity to be eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Old Frederick Avenue Bridge Abutments are not eligible for listing in the National Register under Criterion A because they do not have sufficient integrity to demonstrate a broad pattern of history at the local, state, or national level.

The Old Frederick Avenue Bridge Abutments are not eligible for listing in National Register under Criterion B because they are not associated with the productive years of a person of importance at the local, state, or national level.

The Old Frederick Avenue Bridge Abutments are not eligible for listing in the National Register under Criterion C because they do not embody distinctive characteristics of a bridge type on the local, state, or national level.

The Old Frederick Avenue Bridge Abutments are not eligible for listing in the National Register under Criterion D because they are unlikely to yield new information in terms of archaeological study of the area.

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Date Prepared: March 2001

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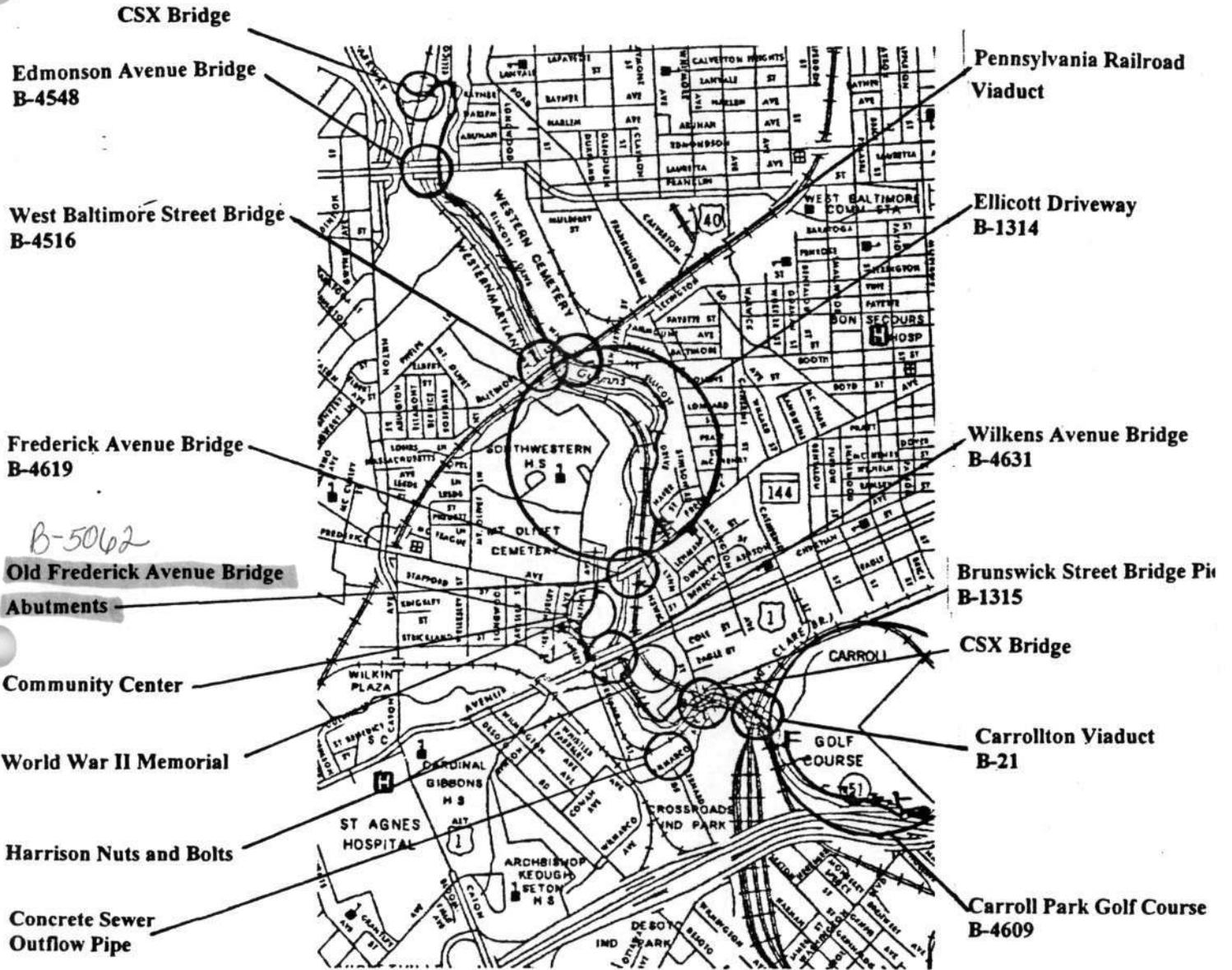


Figure 1. Map Showing Gwynns Falls Area including the Proposed Phase 2 Pathway.



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OLD FREDERICK AVENUE BRIDGE PIERS

BALTIMORE CITY, MD

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MARCH 2001

EAST ABUTMENT - TAKEN FROM FREDERICK AVENUE
BRIDGE

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WEST APARTMENT PIVOTS TAKEN FROM FREDERICK AVENUE
BRIDGE

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