

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes no

Property Name: West Hills Parkway ~~District~~ Survey District Inventory Number: BA-3194
 Address: West Hills Parkway, West Hills Ct., Charing Cross Rd. Historic district: yes no
 City: Catonsville Zip Code: 21229 County: Baltimore County
 USGS Quadrangle(s): Baltimore West
 Property Owner: various Tax Account ID Number: n/a
 Tax Map Parcel Number(s): _____ Tax Map Number: _____
 Project: Red Line Corridor Transit Study Agency: Mass Transit Administration
 Agency Prepared By: John Milner Associates, Inc.
 Preparer's Name: Katherine Larson Farnham Date Prepared: 7/29/2005
 Documentation is presented in: Enoch Pratt Free Library Maryland Room vertical files
 Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: Eligibility recommended Eligibility not recommended
 Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G
Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:
 Name of the District/Property: _____
 Inventory Number: _____ Eligible: yes no Listed: yes no
 Site visit by MHT Staff yes no Name: _____ Date: _____

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

The West Hills Parkway District is a small residential neighborhood development located between the Baltimore city line and Baltimore National Pike. The West Hills rowhouse neighborhood adjoins to its east and the West Edmondale neighborhood to its west. The district includes West Hills Parkway from Baltimore National Pike to the city line, plus Charing Cross Rd., West Hills Court, and short streets connecting them. The streets are wide, curvilinear and tree-lined, with sidewalks throughout. A central green space is provided on West Hills Parkway, where the road divides on either side of a tree-lined oblong park east of Charing Cross Rd.

Housing in the West Hills Parkway neighborhood consists of both single-family and duplex housing, all executed in brick. Single-family homes appear in a variety of styles and shapes, but the predominant type is a two-story, three-bay brick Colonial Revival house on a somewhat raised foundation. The roof is typically either hipped or side-gabled, sometimes with a gabled wall dormer in front, and is covered in slate. Side-gabled homes have clapboard siding in the gable. Occasionally the houses have an extra half-story with a hipped or gabled attic dormer. Many of the houses include a ground-level garage, usually half a story down from the first floor. Above the garage, at the second floor level, is an inset open porch with a wide corner column or pier and iron balustrades. The first floor front typically features a front door next to the garage section and a bay window or picture window. In

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many cases, a pent roof section, sometimes hipped or curved, shelters the front door and window, or there is an entry porch at the front door. Those homes without porches or overhangs have Colonial Revival door surrounds with fluted pilasters and pediments. Bigger houses have no downstairs garage, a second picture window where the garage would be, and no upstairs porch. Some homes have elaborate patterned brickwork. Original windows are typically six-over-six double-hung wooden sash. One-and-one-half-story Cape Cod and Tudor Revival homes are also present in the neighborhood. These are generally brick with slate roofs. The single-family homes are found in the southern part of the neighborhood on Charing Cross Rd. and West Hills Parkway.

The other predominant housing in the neighborhood consists of Colonial Revival duplex homes, which are generally located in the northern part of the neighborhood, on West Hills Parkway where it divides, and on West Hills Court. The duplexes are similar in overall size to the larger single-family homes, and have slate roofs and slightly raised foundations with visible basement windows. The rooflines are either hipped or side-gabled, and some of the houses have an attic dormer. Side-gabled homes have clapboard siding in the gable. Each duplex unit is two bays wide, with a single front door and large window on the first floor, and a paired window upstairs. The two front doors are set side-by-side at the center of the facade of each duplex. The first-floor window is typically either a triple window, bay window, or picture window. Some houses have an entry porch sheltering the front doors, while others have a pent roof projection above the front doors and windows on the first floor. Those without porches or overhangs have Colonial Revival door surrounds with fluted pilasters and pediments. Original windows are typically six-over-six double-hung wooden sash. Some duplexes have weave-pattern brickwork in the blank space above the front doors.

The earliest homes in this neighborhood were constructed from 1939 to 1942, including both single-family and duplex dwellings. The development was created to entice city-dwellers to the growing suburbs on Baltimore's outskirts, continuing an exodus that began shortly after World War I. Construction was halted by World War II and resumed in 1945, continuing until 1954. A few infill dwellings were built later, in the 1970s, and a townhouse complex was built on an adjacent street in the 1990s. Overall, the neighborhood is well-preserved, retaining its parklike setting and green space. The houses are of higher quality and more distinctive in appearance than most developments of this period. Though there have been some alterations to the homes, enough are intact and their quality is such that an overall sense of their original time and place is preserved. The West Hills Parkway District is an excellent example of a mixed-density suburban development designed in the pre-World War II period and constructed both before and after the war. It is also an example of a development built using a parkway and greenspace as a central feature. It is recommended eligible for the NRHP.

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