

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties (MIHP) Property Detail Report

CE-1452

Elkton Drive-In Theatre

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Inventory Number: CE-1452

Property Name: Elkton Drive-In Theatre

Address Pulaski Highway E. (US 40)

Town Elkton Zip Code

USGS Quadrangle(s) Elkton

Digitized in GIS Yes Number of polygons 1 designation in GIS CE-1452

Mapped on mylar Yes Detail map code

Within NR district No Within survey district No Materials in vertical file No

Other

Additional Designations:

National Register       Preservation Easement       Determinations of Eligibility  
 Contributing Resource Determinations of Eligibility       Related Inventory Numbers

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

Property/District Name: Elkton Drive-in Theatre Survey Number: NA CE-1452

Project: Proposed Wal-mart store Agency: COE

Site visit by MHT Staff: no  yes Name L.L. Bowlin Date 03/09/92

Eligibility recommended        Eligibility not recommended XX

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)

Surrounded by strip development and modern housing, the Elkton Drive-in Theatre is located on the south side of Rt. 40 in Elkton, Cecil County. Drive-in theaters were first developed in the 1930s but they did not gain the national popularity until immediately after World War II. Constructed circa 1950 during the drive-in boom, the Elkton theatre is a very poor example of the property type during its heyday. The screen tower displays a large, lumpy configuration of two components. Its construction was fast; its materials cheap: simple plywood, concrete block and steel supports. The complex consists of the screen tower, two announcement boards, a concession building and plywood screen. The complex is void of typical art deco styling and does not represent a unique example. The integrity of the resource has been compromised since its vacancy: original materials have been removed and/or severely deteriorated. In addition, the theater is less than 50 years old and does not possess exceptional significance. A much better example of an early drive-in theater is located in Beltsville on Rt. 1, called Sydney Lust's Drive-in Theater.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: OPS project file

Prepared by: LLB

L. Bowlin  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence:  yes    no    not applicable

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Reviewer, NR program Date 3.12.92

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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 Adaption

IV. Historic Period Themes:

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

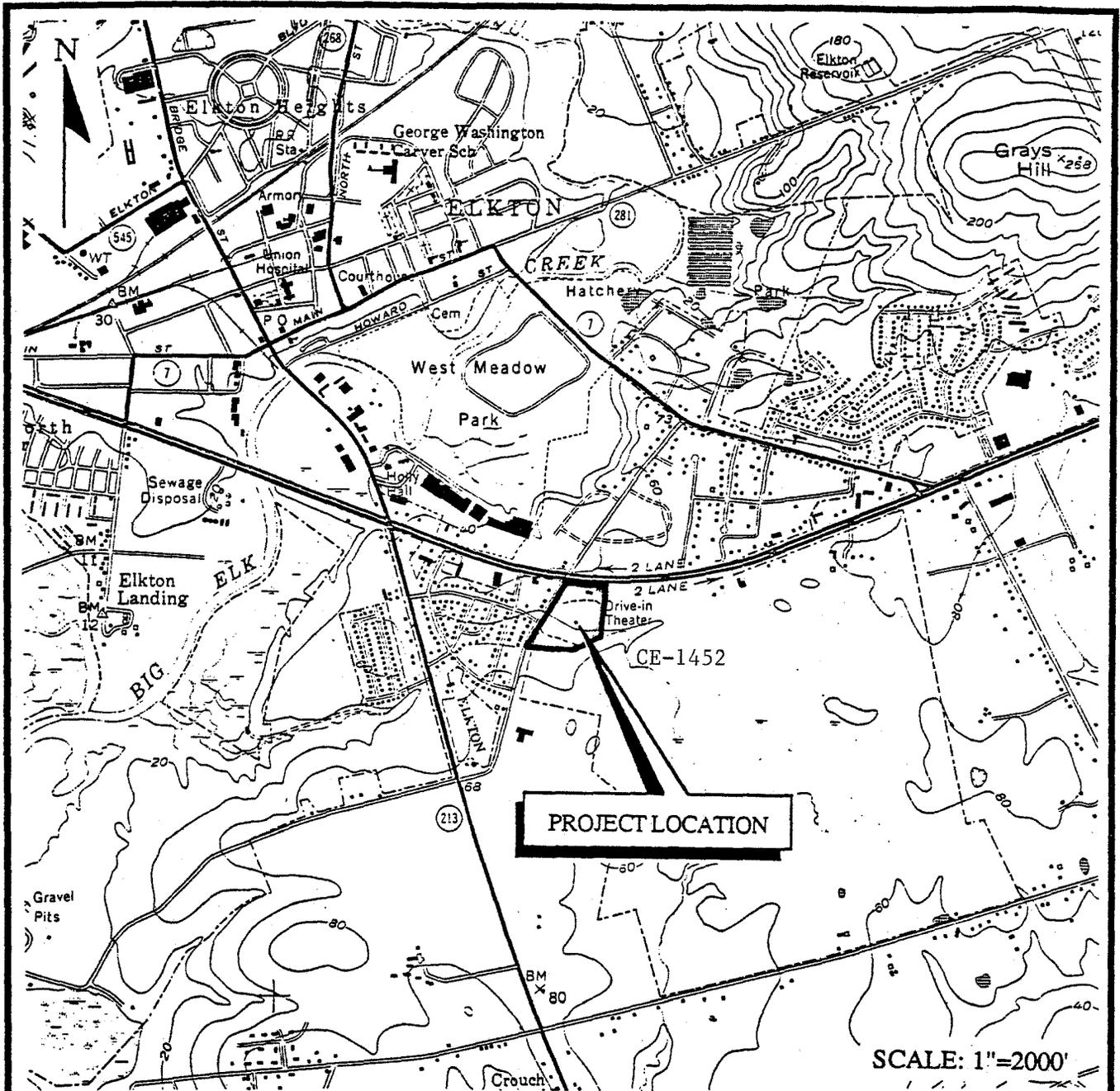
V. Resource Type:

Category: site

Historic Environment: suburban

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): recreation and culture

Known Design Source: \_\_\_\_\_



**PROJECT LOCATION**

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SCALE: 1"=2000'

*Williamsburg  
Environmental  
Group, Inc.*

**Figure 1-2  
Project Location Map  
Elkton, Wal-Mart**

Source: USGS Quadrangle  
Map. Elkton, Md.

Elkton, Md.

January, 1992

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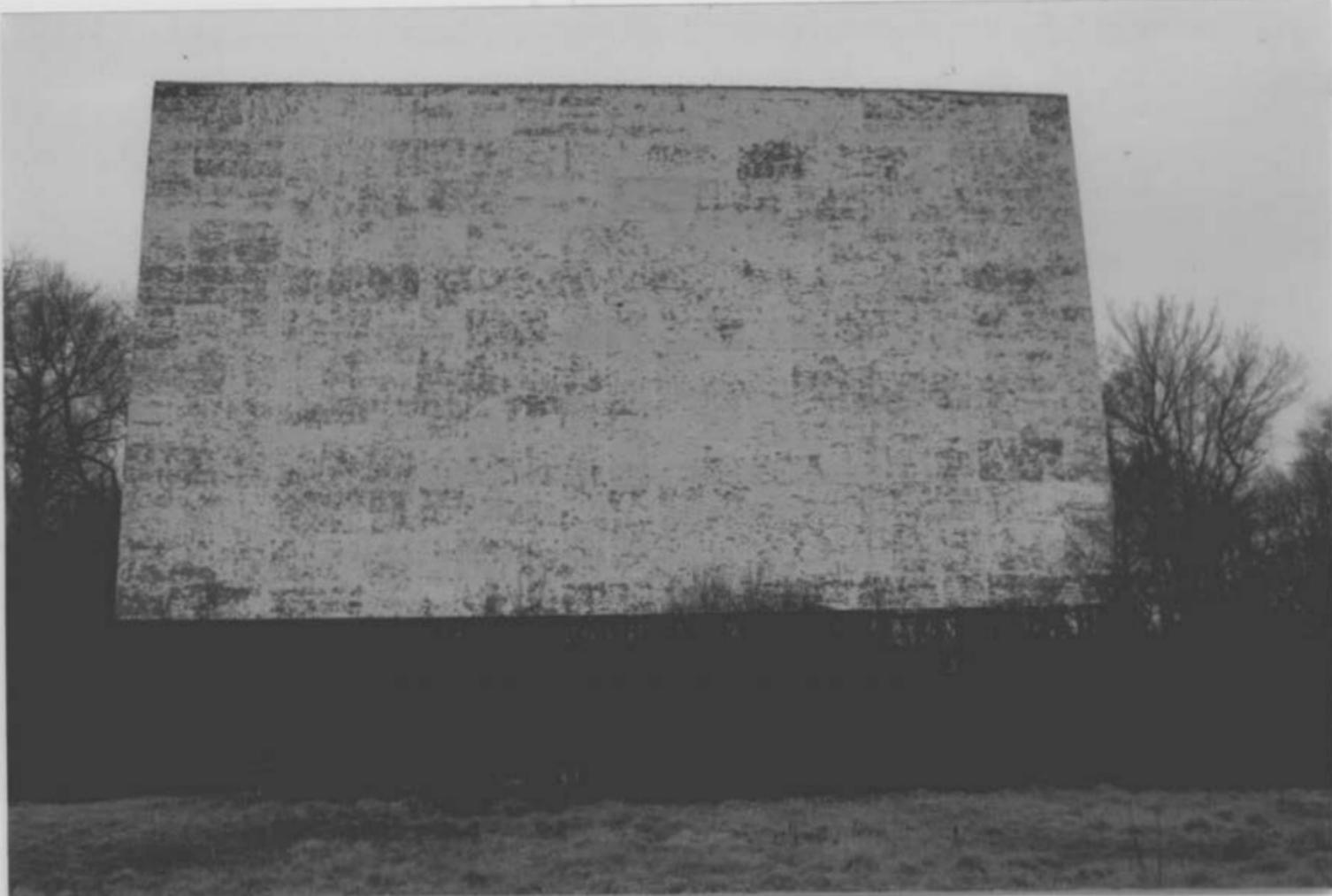
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RUE BRIDGEVILLE  
PA 17003  
PH 565-3200

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