

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes
no

Property Name: Small Structure 08018X0 Inventory Number: CH-801
 Address: Riverside Road (MD 224) Historic district: yes no
 City: Nanjemoy Zip Code: _____ County: Charles
 USGS Quadrangle(s): Widewater
 Property Owner: SHA Tax Account ID Number: _____
 Tax Map Parcel Number(s): _____ Tax Map Number: _____
 Project: MD 224 over Branch of Potomac River Agency: SHA
 Agency Prepared By: SHA
 Preparer's Name: Kathryn Barrett Date Prepared: 08/24/2008
 Documentation is presented in: MHT
 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 Listed: yes
 Site visit by MHT Staff yes no Name: _____ Date: _____

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

Structure Number 08018X0 on MD 224 (Riverside Road) over Branch of the Potomac River is a one-span concrete small slab structure measuring seven foot, three inches in length. Constructed in 1931, the structure design follows the State Roads Commission 1930 Standard Plans for reinforced concrete slab bridges. The small structure features concrete abutments and wing walls and an open-string balustrade. The wingwalls are small and flared at an approximate 45 degree angle from the center of the bridge. Saddleback coping caps both of the balustrades. Grooved concrete panels detail the interior and exterior of each end post. At some time, a metal guard rail was affixed to both balustrades, and the roadway has been resurfaced.

Established in 1908, the State Roads Commission created a seven year program to improve the road system across the state. During this initiative, the State Roads Commission developed series of standard pans to facilitate the construction of multiple structures starting in 1912. The use of standard plans allowed for the quick design and construction of structures. The reinforced concrete slab bridge design was also a technological advancement from the timber bridges and was considered a permanent structure.

Following World War I, volumes of truck traffic serving the new factories and military installations across the state increased

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MHT Comments:

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 Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

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 Reviewer, National Register Program

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dramatically. In response, the State Roads Commission constructed many more roadways and bridges in the 1920-1929 period. Many of the bridges (and small structures) constructed before this period were considered inadequate for the new volumes of traffic and larger vehicles. Established in 1920, the Bridge Division oversaw the construction, repairs and replacements of bridges throughout the state. Structure Number 08018X0 was constructed for MD 224. This road runs almost parallel to the Potomac River and served to provide access from Charles County farms to Washington, D.C. and other parts of Maryland. The area around the bridge is rural and is comprised of small farms and residential properties. MD 224 is a two lane narrow road that follows the rolling hills that comprise the topography.

The slab, railing, wing walls and abutments of the structure are all original to the 1931 construction date, and are considered character defining elements (CDE). These features are also largely unaltered. According to the Small Structures on Maryland's Roadways Historic Context Report (Parsons Brinkerhoff Quade & Douglas, Inc., 1997), a concrete slab small structure could be considered eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) under Criterion C if the structure retains integrity of all CDEs. However, due to the utilization of standardized plans during this period, the structure is a ubiquitous type with many similar structures found throughout the state. The structure does not feature any unique design elements that deviate from the standardized plans. Therefore, the structure is not considered eligible for the NRHP under Criterion C. The structure is not associated with a historic roadway, historical events, or persons of significance, and is therefore not eligible under Criteria A or B. *The structure was not evaluated under Criterion D.* Therefore, Structure Number 08018X0 is not considered eligible for the NRHP.

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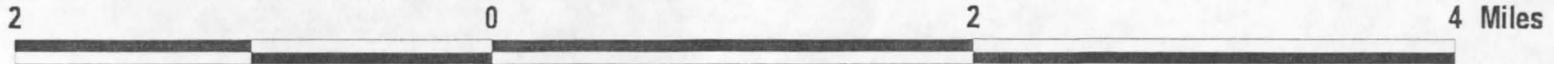
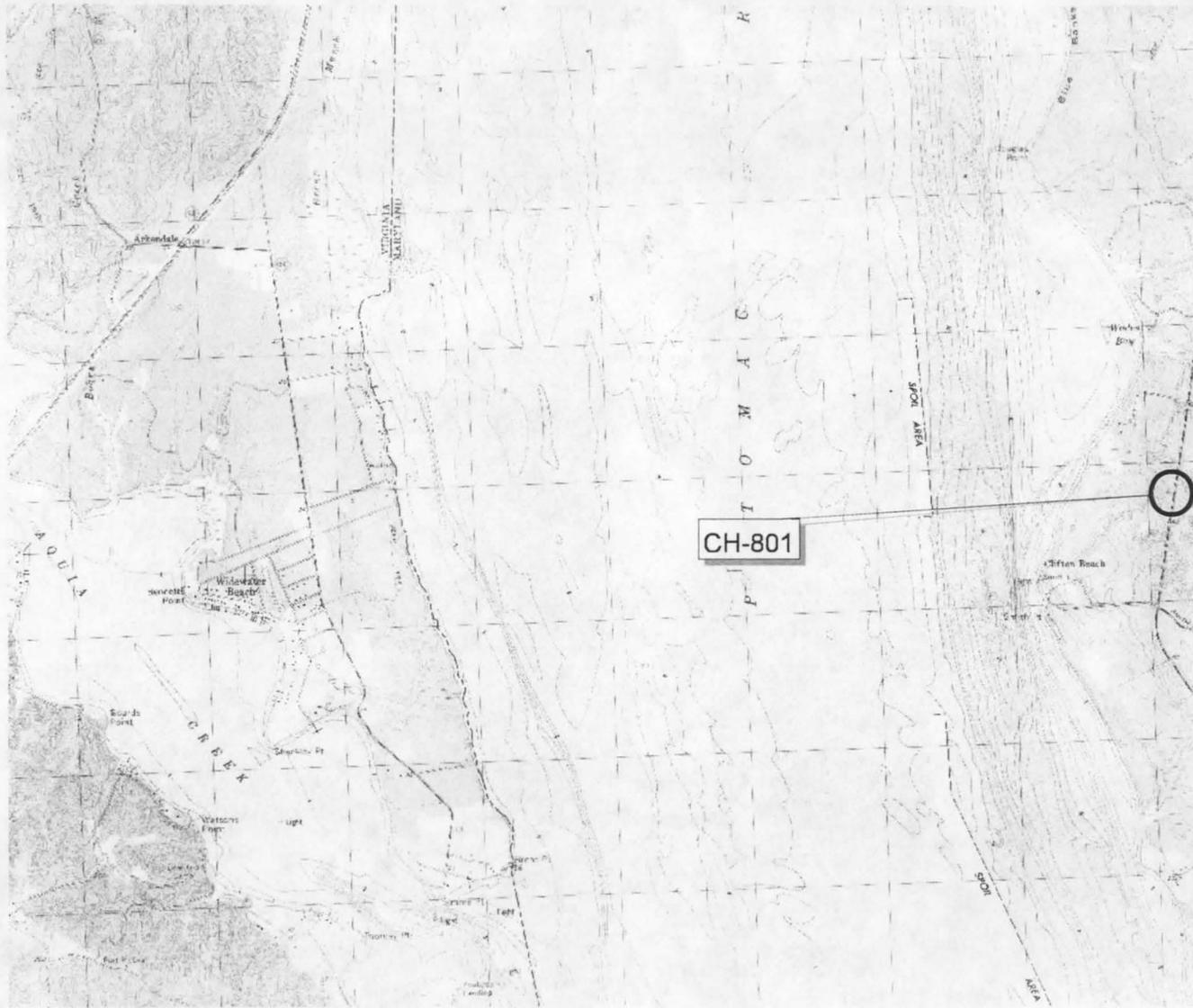
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View of the east side parapet.

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View of the east side Abutments and
Wingwalls.



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View of the structure looking
North up MD 224.

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View of the west side parapet.

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