

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

Property Name: _____ Inventory Number ~~EL0008~~ CH-922

Address: 2294 Old Washington Road, Charles County - in the vicinity of Waldorf

Owner: Robertson, Ophus L

Tax Parcel Number: 190 Tax Map Number: 8

Project MD 301 Agency State Highway Administration (SHA)

Site visit by SHA 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 property located within a historic district? no yes Name of District: _____

Is district listed?: no yes

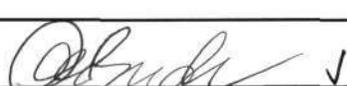
Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project Review and Compliance Files

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

Vernacular in style, this wood frame house is one story high and features aluminum or vinyl siding, 6/6 windows, aluminum awning windows, a 1-leaf door, and a gable, asphalt shingle roof with a central interior brick chimney.

Located in the town of Waldorf, this house reflects patterns of residential development that characterized Waldorf in the early-20th century. Following the Civil War, railroads made the greatest impact upon community development in this area, particularly the completion of the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad's (B & P) main line from Bowie in Prince George's County to Pope's Creek in Charles County in 1872. Small towns, like Waldorf, grew when they became regular stops on the B & P line, and developed as service centers for the surrounding rural areas. As a result, by 1887, Waldorf grew to contain a Methodist Church, a school, two general stores, two saloons, and two hotels. By the beginning of the 20th century, road improvements and the use of the automobile began to further affect the development of the region. As trucks began carrying more tobacco and produce from southern Maryland to northern markets, the demand for better roads grew. In 1922, the construction of the Robert Crain Highway, the predecessor to U.S. 301, began. Linking the rural areas of southern Maryland to the urban centers in the north, Crain Highway

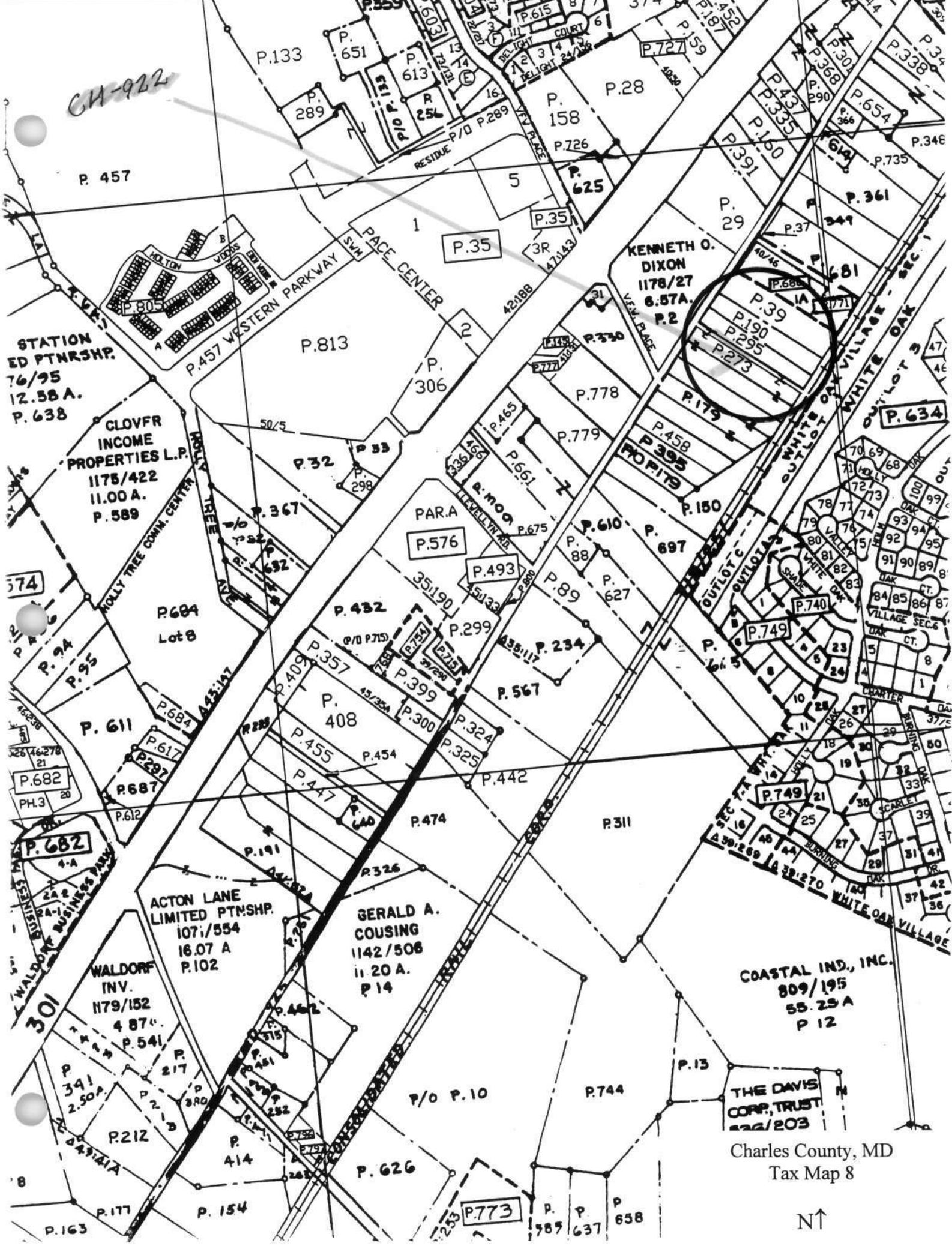
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_____ Reviewer, NR Program	_____ Date

attracted new commercial and domestic development. As a result of the highway, Waldorf became an important interchange on Crain Highway between the rest of southern Maryland and Washington D.C. The commercial and residential development that sprang up contributed greatly to the overall growth of the town in the 1920s and 1930s.

This c. 1930 structure is not eligible for the National Register. It lacks significance related to events, persons or architecture. Criterion D, information potential, was not assessed for this study.

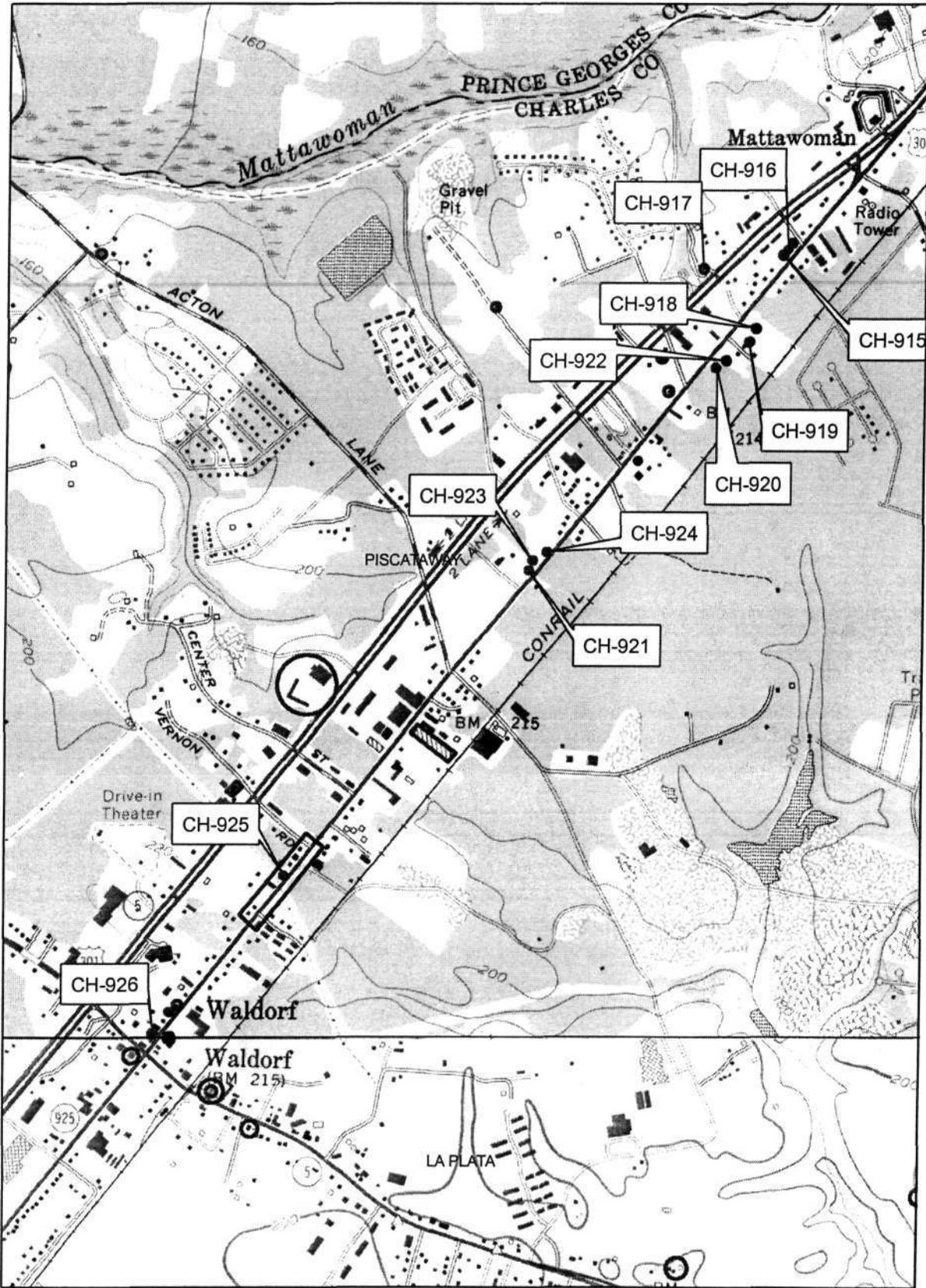
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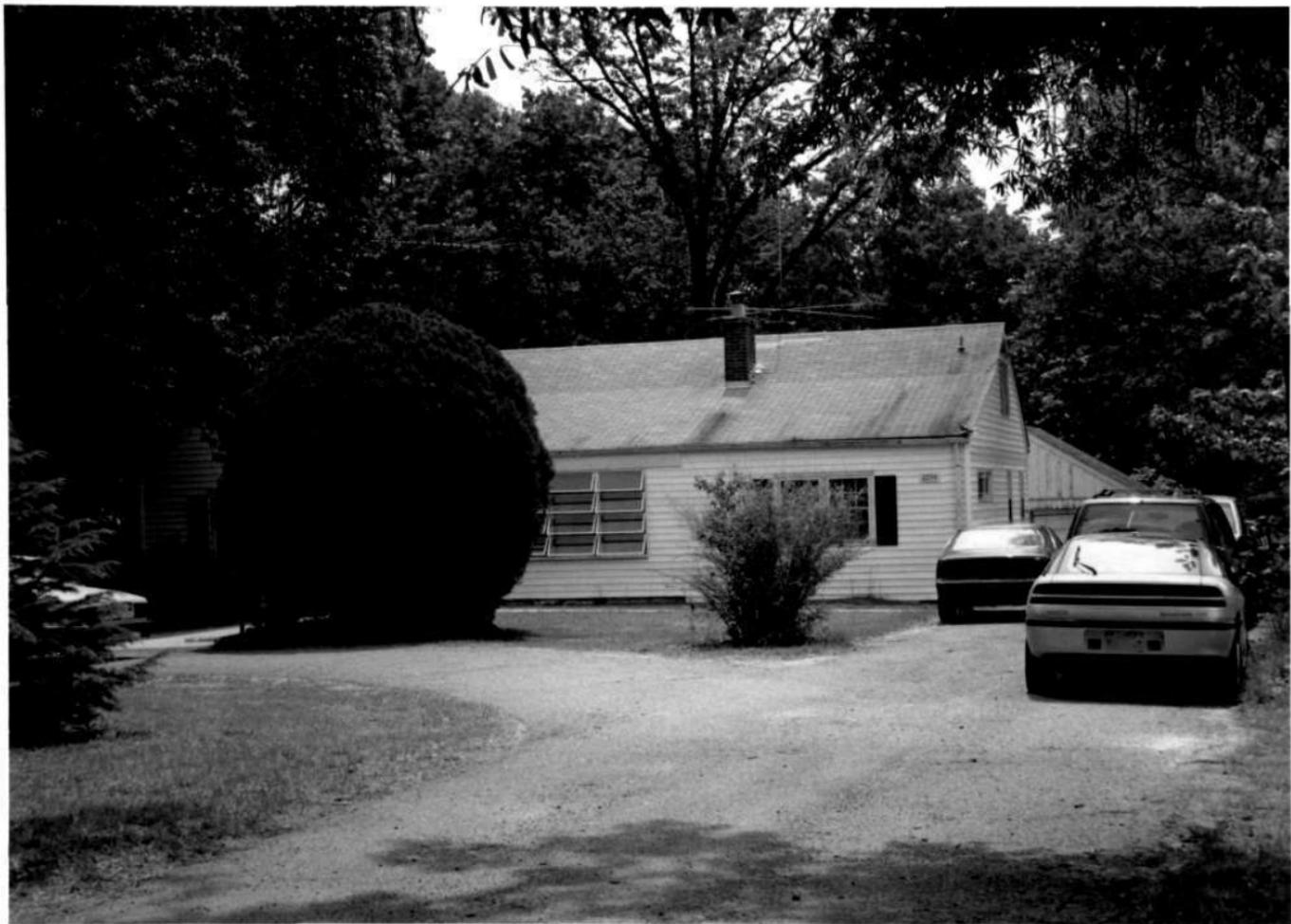


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