

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

Property/District Name: 8477 Leishear Road Survey Number: HO-691

Tax Parcel#: 29

Project: Maryland 216/29 Project Planning Study Agency: MDOT-SHA

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

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

The house at 8477 Leishear Road is not eligible due to the fact that it does not meet National Register Criteria A, B, C, or D. Preliminary research has not revealed any association between the dwelling and events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history (Criterion A) or the lives of persons significant in our past (Criterion B). Vernacular in design, the building is neither unusual nor distinguished; it does not represent the work of a master or display high artistic merit (Criterion C). There is no evidence that the property is likely to yield information important in history or prehistory (Criterion D). In addition, the house was removed from its original location (Criterion B of Criteria Considerations). Thus, the property is not National Register-eligible.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Maryland Historical Trust Inventory Form  
and Maryland 29/216 Project Planning Report

Prepared by: Tracerics, 5420 Western Ave., Chevy Chase, MD 20815 November 1997

Concun - [Signature] Date 2/10/98  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

NR program concurrence:  yes  no  not applicable

[Signature] Date 3/31/99  
Reviewer, NR Program

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**CAPSULE SUMMARY**  
8477 Leishear Road  
(HO-691)

Erected circa 1900, the house at 8477 Leishear Road is a typical example of a modest vernacular L-shaped dwelling. The cross gable form, with an inset porch, is an illustration of the modest, working class house commonly found in Scaggsville in the early twentieth century. The one-and-one-half-story house has an L-shaped plan with an inset porch. The wood frame house, which sits on a solid foundation, has been reclad in aluminum siding and currently has an asphalt shingle, cross gable roof. The inset porch has a sloping roof that extends from the main roof. It is supported by thin square posts and has a solid clapboard balustrade. An interior chimney projects from the cross gable, while an exterior chimney, laid in stretcher bond, marks the south elevation.

The building was originally located at the intersection of Leishear Road and Scaggsville Road, moved in 1934 to its present site at 8477 Leishear Road. The property on which it is sited was sold on March 12, 1924 by Mary E.T. Sanner to Basil W. Harding. Harding and his wife, Annie, subsequently conveyed the property to their son, Basil W. Harding, Jr. and his wife, Eleanor H. Harding, who are the present owners.

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MD INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Inventory No. HO-691

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1. Name of Property

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historic name \_\_\_\_\_  
common/other name \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Location

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street & number 8477 Leishear Road not for publication \_\_\_\_\_  
city or town Laurel vicinity \_\_\_\_\_ state Maryland code MD  
county Howard code 027 zip code 20723

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3. State/Federal Agency Certification N/A

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4. National Park Service Certification N/A

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5. Classification

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Ownership of Property (Check all that apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing		Noncontributing		
<u>1</u>		<u>2</u>		buildings
<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>		sites
<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>		structures
<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>		objects
<u>1</u>		<u>2</u>		Total

Is this property listed in the National Register?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Listing \_\_\_\_\_  
No

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6. Function or Use  
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Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: DOMESTIC Sub: SINGLE DWELLING  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: DOMESTIC Sub: SINGLE DWELLING  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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7. Description  
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Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Vernacular  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Solid: Concrete, Stucco  
roof Gable: Asphalt Shingle  
walls Wood Frame: Aluminum Siding  
other \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property.)

See Continuation Sheet No. 7-1

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8. Statement of Significance  
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Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or a grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

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Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Period of Significance ca. 1900-1947  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Dates ca. 1900-1915  
1934  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)  
\_\_\_\_\_

Cultural Affiliation Undefined  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Architect/Builder Unknown  
\_\_\_\_\_

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property.)

See Continuation Sheet No. 8-1

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9. Major Bibliographical References  
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(Cite the books, articles, legal records, and other sources used in preparing this form.)

Howard County Land Records, Recorder of Deeds, Howard County,  
Ellicott City, Maryland

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10. Geographical Data  
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Acreage of Property 33,933 Square Feet

**Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)**

The property at 8477 Leishear Road is designated as Parcel 29, Grid 12 as indicated on Map 46.

**Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)**

The property at 8477 Leishear Road has historically been associated with Parcel 29 since the building's relocation to the site in 1934.

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11. Form Prepared By  
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name/title Kristyna G. Olsen, Architectural Historian  
organization Traceries date October 27, 1997  
Street & number 5420 Western Avenue telephone 301/656-5283  
city or town Chevy Chase state MD zip code 20815

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12. Property Owner  
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name Basil W. Harding, Jr. and Eleanor H. Harding  
street & number 8477 Leishear Road telephone 301-776-3213  
city or town Laurel state MD zip code 20723  
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8477 Leishear Road  
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county and state

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The dwelling, which was constructed at the turn-of-the-20th-century, was relocated from a nearby intersection to 8477 Leishear Road in 1934. The one-and-one-half-story house has an L-shaped plan with an inset porch. The wood frame house, which sits on a solid foundation, has been reclad in aluminum siding and currently has an asphalt shingle, cross gable roof. The inset porch has a sloping roof that extends from the main roof. It is supported by thin square posts and has a solid clapboard balustrade. An interior chimney projects from the cross gable, while an exterior chimney, laid in stretcher bond, marks the south elevation.

Two additions have been made to the dwelling. A one-story single-pile addition that serves as an entry was constructed on the northeast corner of the dwelling. Additionally, a one-story addition with a shed roof was added to the southeast corner. These alterations appear to have been constructed after the building was relocated to its present site.

The dwelling is set on a level site which slopes down at the west to a wooded area. The house is surrounded by shrubs and mature trees are scattered around the property. The house is set back sixty to seventy feet to the east of Leishear Road.

**EXTERIOR DESCRIPTION:**

The west elevation, or facade, of the dwelling, is predominately marked by the front gable portion of the L-shape. This projection is two-bays wide with 2/2 windows, louvered shutters, and wide square-edged surrounds of metal. The main entry, located within the inset porch to the south, is filled with a flush wood door pierced with multiple lights.

The south elevation is symmetrically composed with an exterior end chimney, laid in stretcher bond, at the center. The 1934 reconstructed chimney is flanked by two original 2/2 windows with metal casings. Within the sloping roof of the rear addition, the south elevation is extended to include a triple 6/6 window with wide mullions and metal surrounds.

The south side of the one-story, gable roof addition to the rear of the house is pierced by a single leaf, paneled wood door with lights and a metal surround. The door is reached by a concrete masonry block porch.

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The main block of the east elevation is pierced on the first story by two 2/2 windows. The gable end has a single 2/2 and a smaller opening with louvered vents. The southeast corner, believed to be part of an addition, has one 6/1 window with a metal surround. To the north, a one-story entry addition was constructed. This addition has a single entry opening on the south elevation, reached by concrete block steps. The east elevation is marked by a single 1/1 window, capped by a smaller louvered opening.

The unadorned north elevation has three unequally spaced openings, each with 2/2 windows.

**OUTBUILDINGS:**

To the southwest of the main building are two one-story, wood frame buildings with sloping roofs. One building is clad in corrugated plastic and asphalt shingles, while the second has aluminum siding and asphalt shingles. Both buildings have asphalt shingle roofs and appear to date from between the 1940s and 1950s.

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**HISTORIC CONTEXT:**

**Geographic Organization:** Piedmont

**Chronological/Development Period (s):**

Industrial/ Urban Dominance (1870-1930)  
Modern Period (1930-present)

**Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme (s):**

Architecture, Landscape, and Community  
Planning

**RESOURCE TYPE(S)**

**Category:** Building

**Historic Environment:** Rural

**Historic Function (s):** DOMESTIC/ Single Dwelling

**Known Design Source:** Unknown

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**Chain of Title for 8477 Leishear Road:**

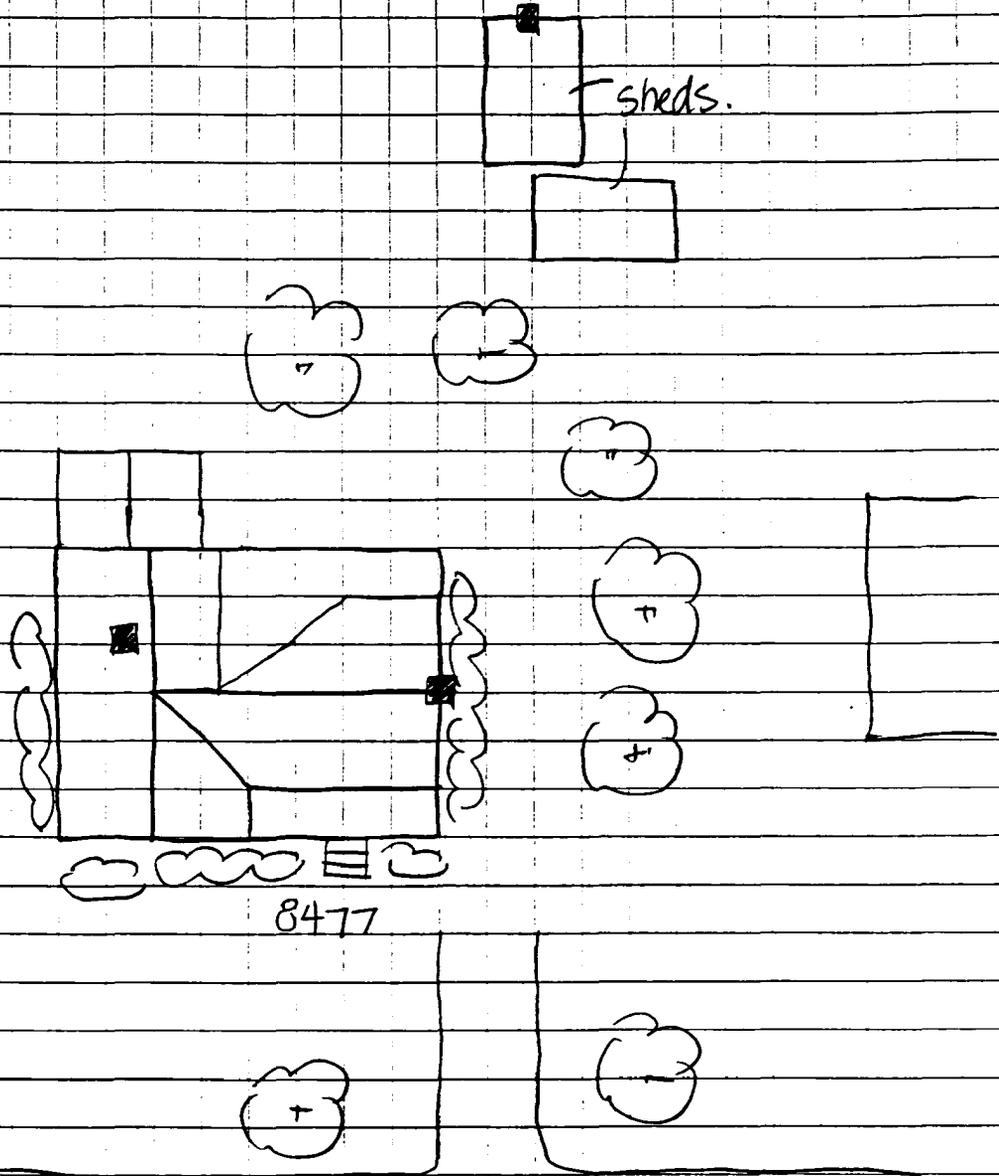
March 12, 1924 Mary E.T. Sanner to Basil W. Harding  
Howard County Land Records  
Liber HBN 119 Folio 552

May, 20 1943 Basil W. Harding and Annie Harding to Basil W.  
Harding, Jr. and wife, Eleanor Harding  
Liber BMJr. 178 Folio 272

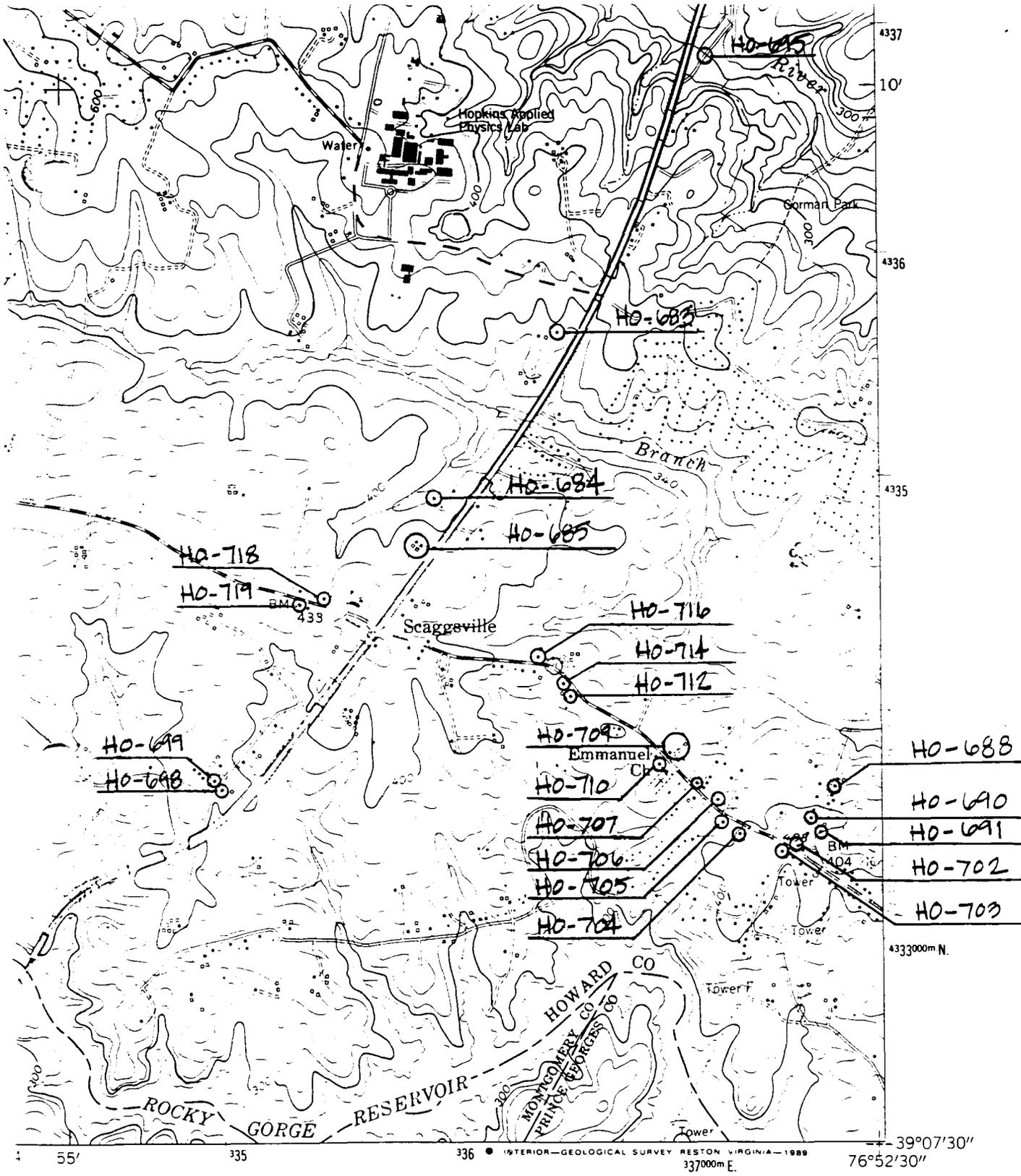
RESOURCE SKETCH MAP

8477 Leishear Rd  
Laurel, Howard County, MD

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LEISHEAR RD

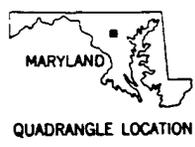


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ROAD CLASSIFICATION

- Heavy-duty Light-duty
- Medium-duty Unimproved dirt

U. S. Route State Route



**CLARKSVILLE, MD.**  
 NW/4 LAUREL 15' QUADRANGLE  
 39076-B8-TF-024

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House, West Elevation

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House, East Elevation



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House, South Elevation

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Sheds, Looking South

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