

CAPSULE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey No.: M:31-26

Construction Date: circa 1950

Name: Greater Washington Boy's and Girl's Club, Silver Spring Branch

Location: 1300 Forest Glen Road, Four Corners vicinity, Montgomery County

Private Ownership / Present Use: Educational, Park/ Occupied / Condition: Good / Restricted Access

Description:

The Greater Washington Boy's and Girl's Club, Silver Spring Branch is located on the south side of Forest Glen Road in the Four Corners vicinity of Montgomery County. The facility includes the Harry F. Duncan Building and an outdoor recreation area. The property was subdivided from the Argyle Country Club (later Sligo Golf Course) circa 1950 during a boom of residential development in the area that included the construction of the adjacent communities of Argyle Park, Argyle Club Estates, Sunset Terrace, and many others. Though constructed concurrently with adjacent subdivisions, the Boy's and Girl's Club property was not developed in conjunction with any one specific development, but rather was built to service the entire growing region.

The Greater Washington Boy's and Girl's Club, Silver Spring Branch includes one structure and a recreation area. The Harry F. Duncan Building is a 2-story brick structure constructed circa 1950. The building consists of two distinct parts: a gymnasium and a classroom wing. The gymnasium visually dominates the building with its large scale and barrel roof. To the east of the gymnasium is a 2-story classroom and administrative wing with a flat roof and band of windows. The structure is of brick and concrete construction with replacement vinyl windows and cast concrete detailing.

Significance:

The Greater Washington Boy's and Girl's Club, Silver Spring Branch was constructed circa 1950 in the Four Corners vicinity of Silver Spring. Four Corners was largely developed by the late 1950s. This rapidly developing area was a logical choice to locate a community facility such as a Boy's and Girl's Club. Located on land that was part of the Argyle Country Club, the Boy's and Girl's Club was accessible to numerous residential subdivisions. Due the educational/recreational function of the Boy's and Girl's Club facility, the building's form closely resembles school architecture of the post World War II era. International style influences and building functions dictate the style of the structure, as evidenced by the large volume and barrel roof of the gymnasium, and the low horizontal massing of the classroom wing. The Greater Washington Boy's and Girl's Club, Silver Spring Branch is one of many recreational facilities in the Silver Spring area and Montgomery County. The building utilizes a typical form, and changes to the architectural fabric have altered the property's integrity. The Greater Washington Boy's and Girls' Club, Silver Spring Branch is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. This property is a common suburban resource type that does not have an association with early suburban development or a direct association with minority or labor groups. Many of the windows have been replaced and the characteristic barrel roof of the gymnasium has been covered with a dropped ceiling and climate control systems.

DOE yes no

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Greater Washington Boy's and Girl's Club, Silver Spring Branch (Preferred)

and/or common

2. Location

street & number: 1300 Forest Glen Road

not for publication

city, town Silver Spring, vicinity of Four Corners

congressional district

state Maryland

county Montgomery

3. Classification

Category

- district
 building(s)
 structure
 site
 object

Ownership

- public
 private
 both

Public Acquisition

- in process
 being considered
 not applicable

Status

- occupied
 unoccupied
 work in progress

Accessible

- yes: restricted
 yes: unrestricted
 no

Present Use

- agriculture
 commercial
 educational
 entertainment
 government
 industrial
 military

- museum
 park
 private residence
 religious
 scientific
 transportation
 other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Boy's Club of Greater Washington

street & number: P.O. Box 39063

telephone no.:

city, town Washington, D.C.

state and zip code: 20816

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Judicial Center

liber: 2584

street & number 50 Maryland Avenue

folio: 308

city, town Rockville

state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date

federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town

state

7. Description

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Condition

- excellent
 good

- deteriorated
 ruins

Check one

- unaltered
 altered

Check one

- original site
 moved

date of move

Resource Count: 1

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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The main entrance to the building is on the east side of the building. The entrance, located near the northeast corner of the structure, is a 2-story glass window wall with a row of metal doors. The entrance is sheltered by a metal awning structure. On either side of the entrance are bands of windows framed by cast concrete. The bands of windows continued across the north and south elevations of the classroom wing and along the lower level of the gymnasium structure. The west elevation has metal doors leading from the gymnasium to the recreation area. Bands of metal awning windows are located along the upper level of the building.

Inside the main east entrance is a split level entry. Stairs to the second story lead to a vestibule, restrooms, and the gymnasium, while the steps to the lower level access a lobby, administrative offices, and classrooms. The interior floors are linolium, the walls are painted concrete block, and the ceilings are dropped with integral florescent lighting. The interior of the gymnasium has a wood floor, wood bleachers, concrete block walls, and bands of metal awning windows. The ceiling of the gym has been lowered to cover the original barrel ceiling, a principal feature of this building type. Lighting and ventilation systems have been added between the dropped and original ceilings.

Outside the gymnasium building is a swimming pool immediately south of the building and a ball field to the west. Concrete bleachers have been built into the hillside between the building and the ball field. The total acreage of the facility is 1.2 acres.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance – Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archaeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
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	<input type="checkbox"/> invention			

Specific Dates circa 1950

Builder Architect Unknown

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
 and/or
 Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G
 Level of Significance: national state local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support

The Greater Washington Boy's and Girl's Club, Silver Spring Branch was constructed circa 1950 in the Four Corners vicinity of Silver Spring. Four Corners began as a 19th-century agricultural community located at the crossroads on the Bladensburg and Colesville Roads. The community remained rural until the post-World War I building boom in suburban Montgomery County. Beginning in the late 1930s, Four Corners saw the development of Northwood Park, Woodmoor, Indian Spring Village, Indian Spring Terrace, North Hills of Sligo Park, and Fairway. These subdivisions expanded between 1945 and 1955 even as new ones, such as Northwood and Franklin Knolls, were constructed. The single-family house subdivisions that soon surrounded Four Corners had winding streets that formed an irregular grid in between major roads. Four Corners was largely developed by the late 1950s. This rapidly developing area was a logical choice to locate a community facility such as a Boy's and Girl's Club. Located on land that was part of the Argyle Country Club, the Boy's and Girl's Club was accessible to numerous residential subdivisions. Due to the educational/recreational function of the Boy's and Girl's Club facility, the building's form closely resembles school architecture of the post World War II era. International style influences and building functions dictate the style of the structure, as evidenced by the large volume and barrel roof of the gymnasium, and the low horizontal massing of the classroom wing. The Greater Washington Boy's and Girl's Club, Silver Spring Branch is one of many recreational facilities in the Silver Spring area and Montgomery County. The building utilizes a typical form, and changes to the architectural fabric have altered the property's integrity.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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8. Significance (Continued)

National Register Evaluation:

The Greater Washington Boy's and Girl's Club, Silver Spring Branch, constructed circa 1950, is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The property is not eligible under Criterion A, as research conducted indicates no association with any historic events or trends significant in the development of national, state or local history. This property is a common suburban resource type that does not have an association with early suburban development or a direct association with minority or labor groups. Historic research indicates that the property has no association with persons who have made specific contributions to history, and therefore, it does not meet Criterion B. It is not eligible under Criterion C, as it is a common building type that lacks material integrity. Many of the windows have been replaced and the characteristic barrel roof of the gymnasium has been covered with a dropped ceiling and climate control systems. Finally, investigations have not been conducted to determine whether the property has the potential to yield information important in history or pre-history, therefore, National Register Criterion D can not be assessed at this time.

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Eligibility recommended

XX (A, C)

Eligibility Not Recommended:

Comments: IMPORTANT COMMUNITY RESOURCE IN POST WWII ERA

Reviewer, OPS: [Signature]

Date: 9/11/00

Reviewer, NR Program: [Signature]

Date: 10/12/00

[Signature]

9. Major Bibliographical References

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See Continuation Sheet

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property

Quadrangle name Kensington, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

N/A

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

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date January 2000

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city or town Hunt Valley

state/zip Maryland, 21030

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

Return to:

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DHCP/DHCD
100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
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----- 1944. *Washington and Vicinity Topographic Map*. Washington, D.C.: USGS.

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10. Geographical Data (Continued)

Montgomery County Tax Map:



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Maryland Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan Data Sheet

Historic Context:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION DATA

Geographic Organization:

Piedmont

Chronological/Development Period Theme(s):

Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D.1870-1930

Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):

Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning

RESOURCE TYPE:

Category (see Section 3 of survey form):

Building

Historic Environment (urban, suburban, village, or rural):

Suburban

Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

Educational, Park

Known Design Source (write none if unknown):

None

Preparer:

KCI Technologies, Inc.

January 2000

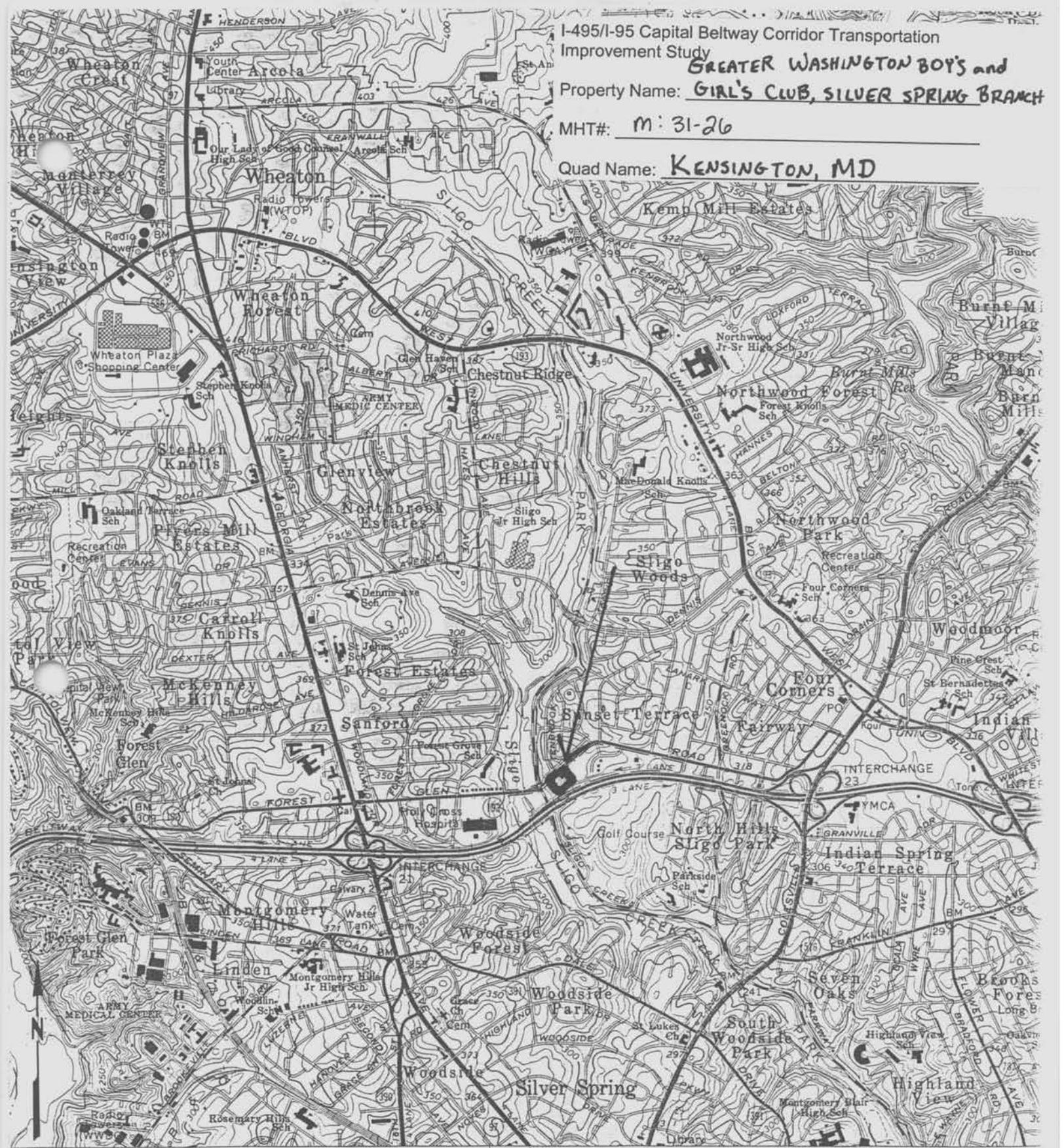
I-495/I-95 Capital Beltway Corridor Transportation Improvement Study

GREATER WASHINGTON BOYS and

Property Name: GIRL'S CLUB, SILVER SPRING BRANCH

MHT#: M: 31-26

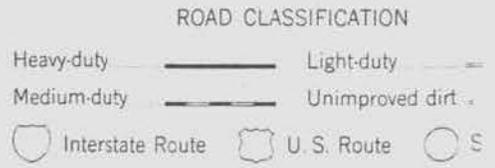
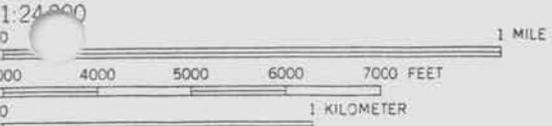
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SILVER SPRING (R.R. STA.) 0.3 MI.
WASHINGTON 'U.S. 240' 7 MI.

● INTERIOR—GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, RESTON VIRGINIA—1972
1:26000E



VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929



KENSINGTON



HARRY F. DUNCAN BUILDING

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2. GREATER WASHINGTON BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB, SILVER
SPRING BRANCH
3. MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD
4. TIM TAMBUKIN
5. DECEMBER 1981
6. MD JMO
7. HARRY F. DUNCAN BUILDING, NORTHEAST CORNER
VIEW SOUTHWEST
8. 1 OF 9



1 M: 31-26

2 GREATER WASHINGTON BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB,
SILVER SPRING BRANCH

3 MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD

4 TIM TAMBUKING

5 DECEMBER 1999

6 MD STATE

7 HARRY E. DUNCAN BUILDING, SOUTHEAST CORNER,
VIEW NORTHWEST

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2 GREATER WASHINGTON BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB,
SILVER SPRING BRANCH

3 MONTGOMERY COUNTY MD

4 TIM TAMBURINO

5 DECEMBER 1949

6 MD SHPO

7 HARRY F. DUNCAN BUILDING, SOUTH ELEVATION,
VIEW NORTH

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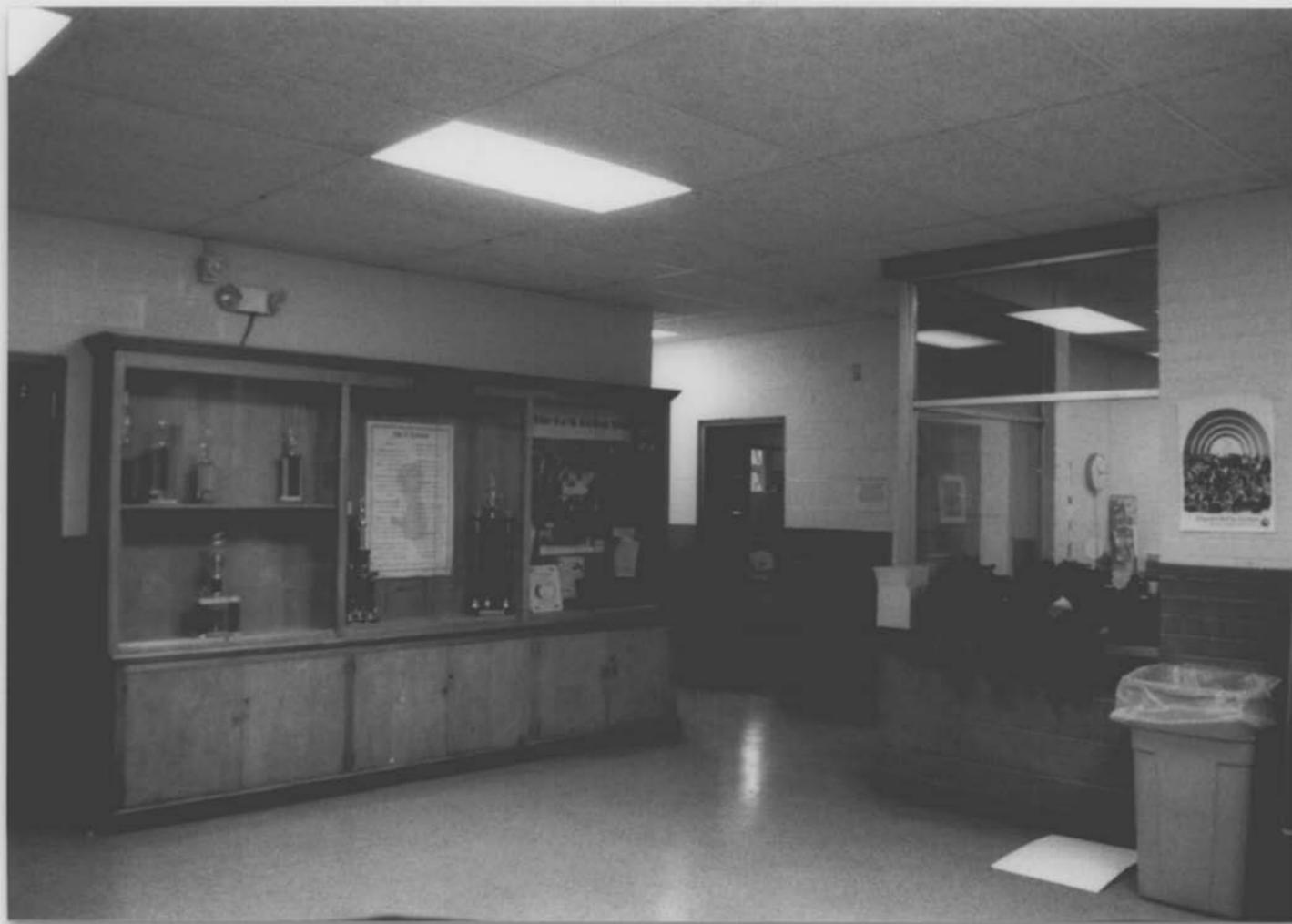


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2. GREATER WASHINGTON BOY'S AND GIRL'S CLUB,
SILVER SPRING BRANCH.
3. MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD
4. TIM TAMBLERMAN
5. DECEMBER 1969
6. MD STPO
7. HARRY F. DUNN BUILDING, WEST ELEVATION,
VIEW SOUTHEAST

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SILVER SPRING BRANCH
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4. TIM TAMBURRINO
5. DECEMBER 1999
6. MD SHPO
7. HARRY F. DUNCAN BUILDING, NORTH ELEVATION,
VIEW SOUTH
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SILVER SPRING BRANCH
- 3 MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD
- 4 TIM TAMBURRINO
- 5 DECEMBER 1999
- 6 MD SHPD
- 7 HARRY F. DUNCAN BUILDING, FIRST FLOOR HALLWAY,
INTERIOR
- 8 6 OF 9



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2. GREATER WASHINGTON BOY'S AND GIRL'S CLUB,
SILVER SPRING'S BRANCH
3. MONTGOMERY COUNTY MD
4. TIM TAMPUERINO
5. DECEMBER 1946
6. MD SHFO
7. HARRY F. DUJAN BUILDING, SECOND FLOOR
GYMNASIUM (INTERIOR)
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3. MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD
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5. DECEMBER 1999
6. MD SHPO
7. HARRY F. DULCAL BUILDING, ENTRANCE (INTERIOR)
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VIEW SOUTHWEST
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