

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic "Estates" of Springbrook

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Warrenton Drive area, off New Hampshire Ave. not for publication

city, town White Oak vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Montgomery

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Multiple Ownership

street & number Warrenton Drive telephone no.:

city, town White Oak state and zip code Maryland, 20904

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Courthouse liber

street & number folio

city, town Rockville state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title M-NCPPC Historic Sites Survey

date 1976 federal state county local

pository for survey records Park Historian's Office

city, town Rockville state Maryland

7. Description

Survey No. M:33-8-1

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

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

The estate area of the "Springbrook" subdivision is a community of fine, custom built homes located in a picturesque area of winding roads, sloping hills and large wooded lots. It is situated between New Hampshire Avenue to the east and Northwest Branch park land to the west and is approximately one mile from Rt. 29.

This community of simple country estates was layed out and plated on January 29, 1940 by the Woodmoor Development Corporation. The present community includes a circa. 1903 home, a number of homes dating from the 1940's and a few more modern homes including some recently built. The 1940's residences built following the platting of the subdivision are characterized by one-and-a-half stories, a small square main block with decending wings and a steep gable roof with or without dormers. They are of any combination of brick, stone and frame construction built in a fairly traditional, simple yet nicely appointed architectural style.

HISTORY & SUPPORT

The estate area of the "Springbrook" subdivision is a collection of fine custom homes on large lots. The community has the feel of the country with its winding lanes, sloping hills and large green lawns with an abundance of trees. "Springbrook" was platted on January 29, 1940 by the Woodmoor Development Corporation. It was layed out on property which had formerly been the Bean family farm of 255 1/2 acres. The president of the Woodmoor Development Corporation, Mr. George Moss, had in mind a community of three to eight acre "estates" in an area which at that time was largely open country yet not too far from downtown Silver Spring and Washington, D.C. Mr. Moss himself lived in this community for many years. The idea was slow to catch on, but eventually the lots were sold.

The present "Springbrook" community includes the circa. 1903 Bean family residence, a number of residences dating from the 1940's and a few more modern homes including some recently built. The 1940's house type which accounts for a good part of the estate area is characterized by a one-and-a-half story home built of any combination of brick, stone and frame construction. The architectural style is fairly traditional. Most of these homes consist of a small, square main block with decending wings to one or both sides; a variation on the American dream house of the 1930's and 1940's-- the Cape Cod Cottage. The roofs are steeply gabled, some with dormers.

Of particular note is the Bean family residence. This property was purchased by John T. Bean on November 8, 1888 from William E. Shaw (of neighboring "Quaint Acres"). It then consisted of 255 1/2 acres of "Easy Purchase" (Deed EBP 23/169). The present house was built in 1903 according to the current owner and county records. The property was sold in December of 1939 to the Woodmoor Development Corporation, who then subdivided it. The house itself was sold on a 4.79 acre lot in May of 1941. It then passed through a succession of owners. From July of 1949 until June of 1952 it was the home of Texas Congressman Lloyd M. Bentsen and his wife, Beryl. They then sold the property to the present owners, Blair Lee III and his wife, Mathilde Boal Lee. Mr. Lee, involved in both politics and real estate, is a former Maryland governor; the only one so far to be a native of Montgomery County. Their home is an attractive, traditional style two story frame house with a mansard roof with dormers. Mr. Lee reports that the only change made to the exterior was his addition of aluminum siding.

Also of interest is the Odend'hal house at #420 Warrenton Drive. This house was built in 1942 on lot #1 block E of Springbrook. Lloyd and Evelyn Odend'hal purchased the property from the Woodmoor Development Corporation on September 30, 1940 (Deed 798/75). It is a two story brick residence which an almost Medieval look with its heavy masonry massing and rounded tower with a pointed top located at the northeast

corner elevation. The Odend'hals sold the house on October 17, 1946 to John K. and Edith A. Witherspoon. They in turn sold it on October 17, 1951 to Elizabeth R. McConnell. The house presently belongs to the heirs of Mrs. McConnell.

Houses #307 and #110, both typical of the house type found in the "Springbrook" estate area as discussed, were built in the mid 1940's. #307 was built for Andrew and Ella Kessinger and #110 for Ralph and Helen Queen. House #200, also typical, was the home of George J. Moss, president of the Woodmoor Development Corporation and his wife, Joyce from 1940 until 1963. It was then purchased by the present owners, Dr. Dwight R. and Hilde T. Smith. Houses #200 and #10 are larger, two story frame houses.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

1. NAME				
COMMON: Springbrook (Estate Area)				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: area of Warrenton Drive, off New Hampshire Ave.				
CITY OR TOWN: White Oak (Silver Spring)				
STATE Maryland			COUNTY: Montgomery	
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____ _____
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: various owners				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Montgomery County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN: Rockville			STATE: Maryland	
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY:				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

One of the more interesting homes appears to be that of the present Lt. Governor, Blair Lee.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Michael F. Dwyer, Senior Park Historian

ORGANIZATION: M-NCPPC

DATE: 8/20/75

STREET AND NUMBER:
8787 Georgia Ave.

CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring

STATE: Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:
 National State Local

Signature _____

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SPRINGBROOK MONTGOMERY COUNTY MARYLAND

PLAT No. 1192

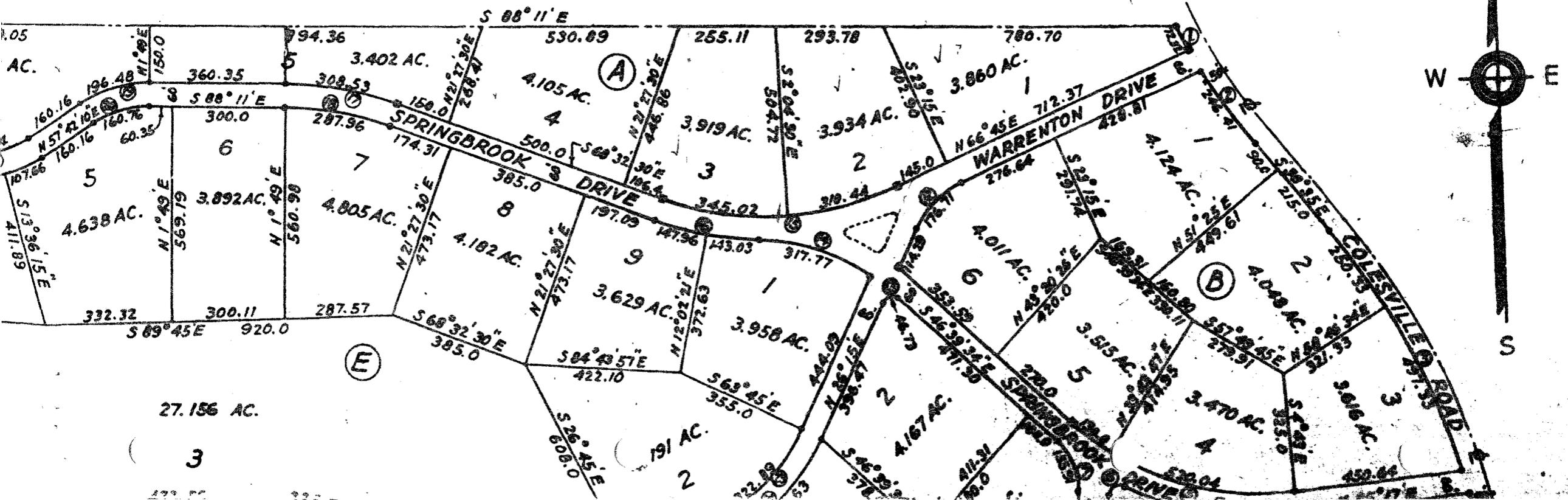
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Under Deed No. 9401 Equity.

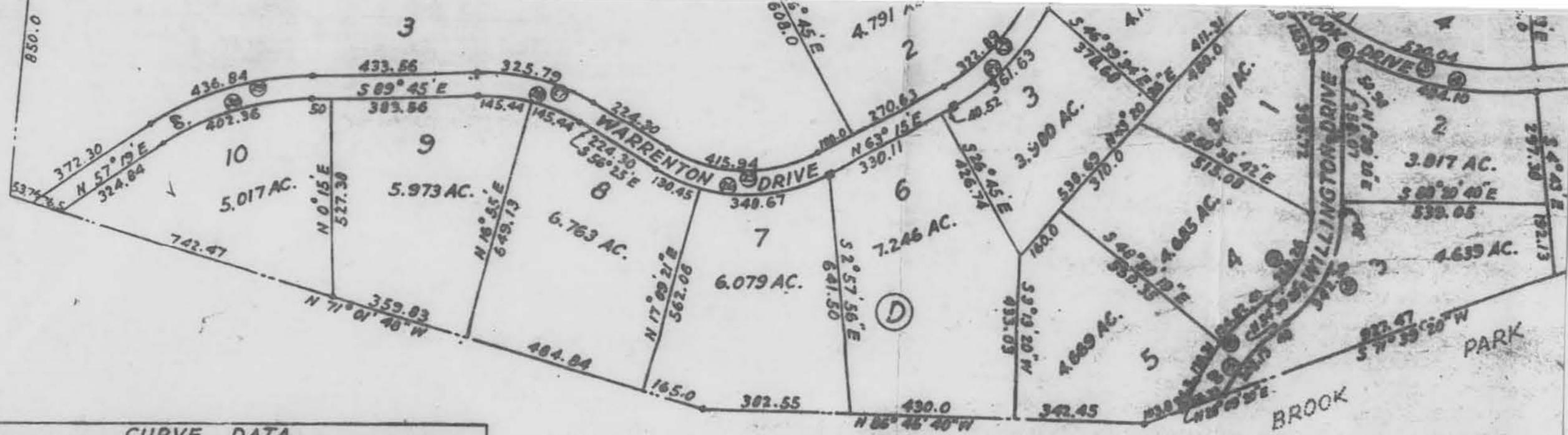
JOSEPH N. STARKEY, CIVIL ENGINEER
SILVER SPRING, MD.

LOCAL CAPITAL PARK & PLANNING COMMISSION
 JAN. 24, 1940
 CHAIRMAN
 SECRETARY
 RECORD FILE NO. 1179

WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY DISTRICT
 APPROVED: JAN. 22, 1940
 AS TO SUITABILITY FOR WATER ONLY
 CHIEF ENGINEER



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CURVE DATA

NO.	RADIUS	CENTRAL ANGLE	ARC	CHORD	CHORD BEARING
1	1752.10	2° 21' 54"	72.32	72.32	S 27° 22' 09" E
2	1752.10	8° 03' 28"	246.41	246.20	S 34° 33' 16" E
3	1948.99	21° 58' 50"	747.66	743.09	S 27° 35' 35" E
4	835	33° 13' 03"	484.10	477.34	S 78° 06' 28" E
5	775	48° 03' 26"	650.04	631.15	N 70° 41' 17" W
6	25	116° 50' 43"	50.98	42.60	N 60° 04' 41" E
7	184.89	48° 18' 54"	155.91	151.33	S 22° 30' 07" E
8	290	53° 00'	268.26	258.79	S 28° 09' 20" W
9	370	53° 00'	342.26	330.19	N 26° 09' 20" E
10	530	26° 30'	248.13	242.95	S 41° 28' 20" W
11	450	26° 30'	208.13	206.28	N 41° 28' 20" E
12	250	40° 30'	178.71	172.05	N 56° 30' E
13	25	187° 58' 26"	46.72	40.72	N 29° 47' 45" E
14	580	35° 06' 12"	317.77	312.97	S 78° 30' 54" E
15	840	24° 48' 30"	685.46	658.98	S 89° 04' 15" W
16	900	14° 31' 30"	498.99	289.72	S 77° 48' 15" E
17	900	19° 28' 30"	304.53	307.02	N 78° 31' 45" W
18	840	19° 28' 30"	287.96	286.55	S 78° 21' 45" E
19	290	34° 04' 30"	186.48	181.89	S 75° 45' 30" W
20	270	34° 04' 30"	166.78	160.39	S 75° 45' 30" E
21	270	58° 02' 30"	273.54	261.99	S 66° 29' 15" W
22	290	58° 02' 30"	334.92	320.21	N 66° 29' 15" E
23	580	37° 01'	317.89	312.98	S 66° 21' 15" E
24	580	37° 01'	317.89	312.98	N 66° 21' 15" W
25	395	60° 20'	415.98	395.98	N 60° 20' W
26	455	60° 20'	471.12	452.98	S 60° 20' E

ENGINEER'S CERTIFICATE.

I hereby certify that the plan shown hereon is correct; that it is a subdivision of all of the lands conveyed by William A. Bean et al to Woodmoor Development Corporation by deed dated Dec. 14, 1949 and recorded among the Land Records of Montgomery County, Maryland, in Liber 765, Folio 320; and that stakes marked thus * and iron pipe marked thus • have been placed as indicated.

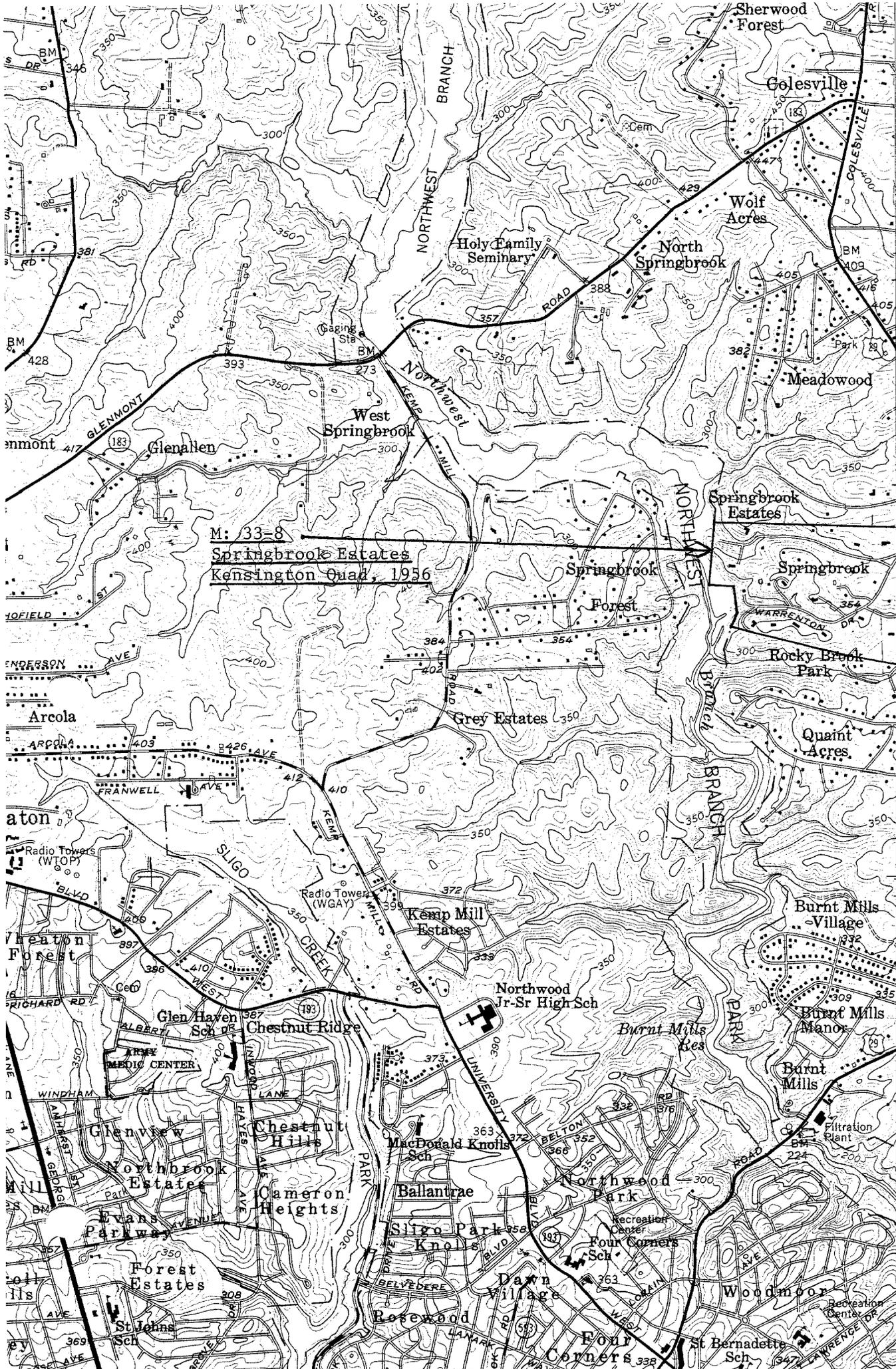
January 11, 1950
Joseph M. Stanley
 Civil Engineer

OWNER'S DEDICATION

We, Woodmoor Development Corporation, by Geo. J. Moss, President and Assistant Secretary, owners of the described hereon, hereby dedicate the streets to public use.

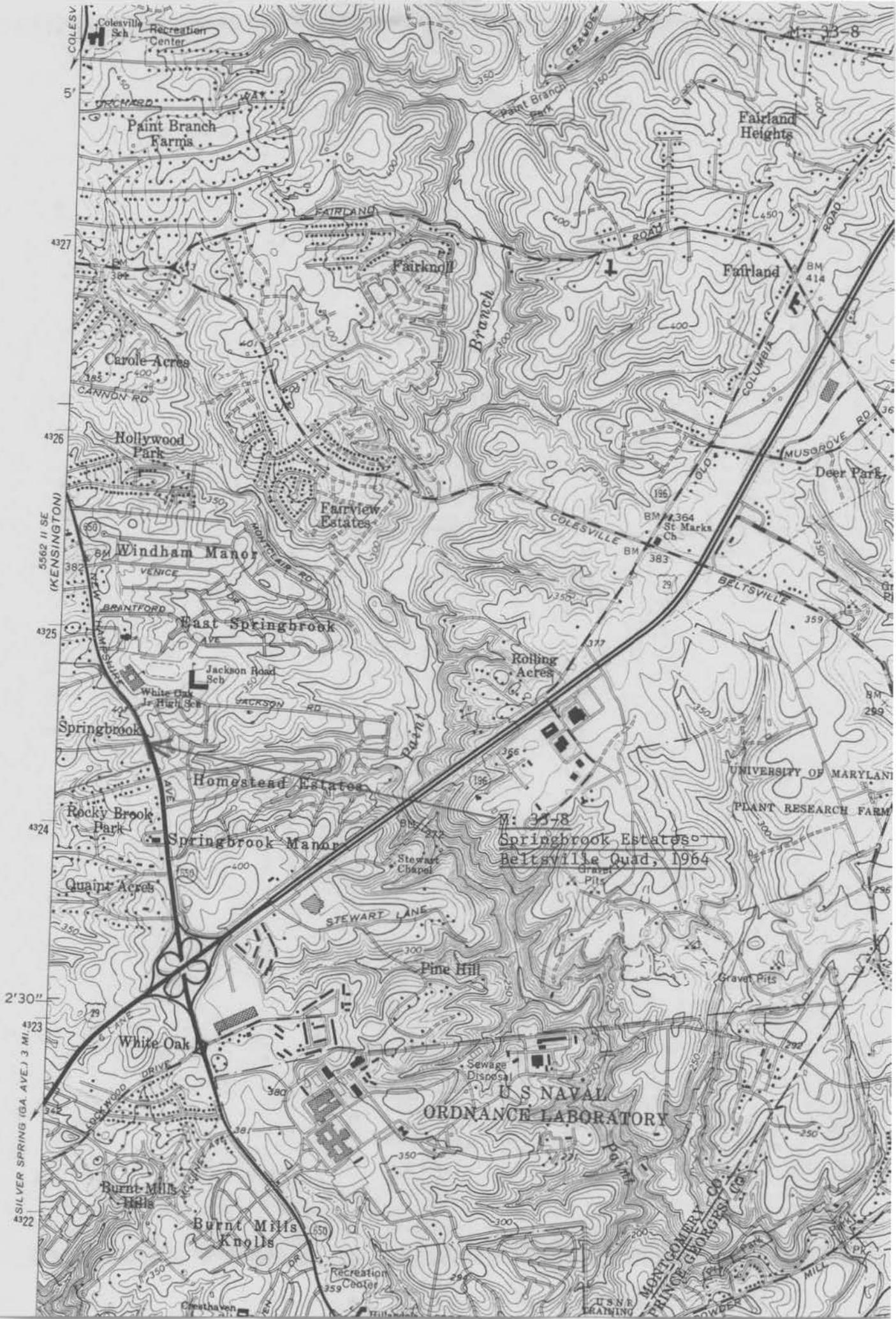
There are no sales of other property included in this plan.
 Date: Jan. 22, 1950

Attest



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 Springbrook Estates
 Kensington Quad, 1956

(BELTSVILLE)
 2.6 MI.
 2'30"



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Springbrook Estates
Beltsville Quad, 1964

2'30"
4323
4322
SILVER SPRING (GA. AVE.) 3 MI.

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