

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

M: 35-14-1

National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Montgomery County Farm Women's Cooperative

other names/site number Bethesda Women's Market #35/14-1

2. Location

street & number 7155 Wisconsin Avenue  not for publication

city or town Bethesda  vicinity

state Maryland code \_\_\_\_\_ county Montgomery code \_\_\_\_\_ zip code 20850

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this  nomination  request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant  nationally  statewide  locally. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
State of Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:	Signature of the Keeper	Date of Action
<input type="checkbox"/> entered in the National Register. <input type="checkbox"/> See continuation sheet.	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> determined eligible for the National Register <input type="checkbox"/> See continuation sheet.	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> determined not eligible for the National Register.	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> removed from the National Register.	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> other, (explain:)	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

5. Classification

Ownership of Property  
(Check as many boxes as 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  
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
_____	_____	buildings
_____	_____	sites
_____	_____	structures
_____	_____	objects
_____	_____	Total

Name of related multiple property listing  
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Number of contributing resources previously listed  
in the National Register

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions  
(Enter categories from instructions)

Business  
Specialty Store

Current Functions  
(Enter categories from instructions)

Business  
Specialty Store

7. Description

Architectural Classification  
(Enter categories from instructions)

Commercial Style - Depression  
Era Socialism

Materials  
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Poured concrete ashlar block  
walls Frame structure  
Shiplap/German siding  
roof Frame - Shingles  
other

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

See Continuation Sheet #1

**8. Statement of Significance**

**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.)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or 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.

**Narrative Statement of Significance**

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

**Bibliography**

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

**Previous documentation on file (NPS):**

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

**Areas of Significance**

(Enter categories from instructions)

Commerce

Social History

**Period of Significance**

1934 - 1940

**Significant Dates**

1935

**Significant Person**

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

**Cultural Affiliation**

**Architect/Builder**

**Primary location of additional data:**

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

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Farm Women's Cooperative  
Name of Property

Montgomery Maryland  
County and State

**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of Property 29,967 Sq. Feet

**UTM References**

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	Zone	Easting	Northing
2	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

3	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	Zone	Easting	Northing
4	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

See continuation sheet

**Verbal Boundary Description**

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

**Boundary Justification**

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

**11. Form Prepared By**

name/title Anthony Michael Arcaro Student: Catholic University

organization \_\_\_\_\_ date April 30, 1992

street & number 11425 Catalina Terr. telephone \_\_\_\_\_

city or town Silver Spring state MD zip code 20902

**Additional Documentation**

Submit the following items with the completed form:

**Continuation Sheets**

**Maps**

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

**Photographs**

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

**Additional items**

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

**Property Owner**

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name \_\_\_\_\_

street & number \_\_\_\_\_ telephone \_\_\_\_\_

city or town \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_ zip code \_\_\_\_\_

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### 7. NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION:

The Farm Women's Market is a simple one story, framed rectangular building which is in good condition. The building is centered on the property facing west on Wisconsin Avenue. To the north, south and east is a parking lot. In front of the market are two large deciduous trees which extend from the front sidewalk which borders Wisconsin Avenue, to the front of the building creating an overhead blanket during the summer months when goods are sold outdoors.

The market is eleven bays long and five bays wide and was built on a poured concrete ashlar block foundation. The frame structure is covered with wooden shiplap or german siding. On the east (rear) and west (front) elevations there are double doors which lead into the market. On the west elevation there is a central three bay pavilion. The west door is set into a recessed round-headed arch opening and flanked on each side by a single window. This pavilion is covered by a gable roof which is perpendicular to the main roof of the market. Centered in the pavilion gable is a small round window divided into quarters. Directly below the window is a white sign with green letters which reads, "Montgomery Farm Women's Cooperative Market." The rear elevation is covered with a wooden pent roofed hood. At the north and south ends there are simple doors with wooden overhangs. Both the single and double doors have glass panes above and wooden panels below. Throughout the market there are twenty four rectangular four over four light double hung sash windows. The frames, sashes, heads and jams are all made of wood and painted green. All windows are covered with modern green and white aluminum awnings. On the west elevation of the building at the north end there is an exterior stove chimney. The market has a hipped roof which has recently been covered with new asbestos roof shingles.

The interior of the market is one large rectangular room. Upon entering the building from the west (front) side, there is a central interior projection on which spans a door and two flanking windows on each side. This interior space which houses a closet and two bathrooms, is sheathed by vertical tongue and groove siding. In the north corner of the west wall, a second room has been constructed out of plasterboard and has two doors which lead into the boxed off room. The walls of the market have been painted white and appear to be made of plaster overlath. Along the four exterior walls, golden oak and glass slant top display cases are arranged accordingly in order to create a central core. There are two-tiered steps and tables, also constructed of golden oak, which are used to display produce.

There are four metal braces on the east and west walls. The ceiling has been dropped so it is not possible to see how the angle braces are used or if they aid in supporting the roof. The interior is lit by fluorescent lights which are equally spaced along the ceiling.

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### 8. NARRATIVE STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

The Farm Women's Market, a wonderful surviving example of Depression Era Socialism, is located in Bethesda on Wisconsin Avenue. The Bethesda commercial district is an urban business area located in southeastern Montgomery County, not far from the Washington, D.C. line. The district began as a small crossroads in 1900 providing a few limited services to the farming community that surrounded it. The district is significant for its examples of early to mid twentieth century commercial buildings. Significant buildings, including the Women's Market, have established themselves as familiar visual features which represent the district's early development and have survived the waves of new construction and revitalization which have taken place over the past forty years. The varying styles in twentieth century architecture and the remains of a few original buildings in the commercial district are responsible for creating the present unusual, lively and richly textured streetscape.

The Farm Women's Cooperative is important as a highly successful community institution and landmark, housed in a low-scale building which provides visual relief from the highrise growth around it. The idea of the cooperative came during the Depression in the 1930's. During the Depression, the rural areas were hit sharply. With the decline of farm prices, the farmers looked both to government and themselves for solutions. The market was started in 1934 as a self-help project proposed by Blanche A. Corwin, a home demonstration agent for Montgomery County. She thought of it as a way to help the farmers out of the Depression. The women involved with the market were all members of the "Home Demonstration Clubs" which were groups set up by the agent to demonstrate a multitude of domestic procedures.

Although the market was to be run only by and for women, their husbands worked very hard with Miss Corwin to get it started. It was incorporated and organized with a Board of Directors of nine women serving for different periods of time. As far as can be ascertained, this was a unique undertaking at that time in Maryland. The Market became well known in the area and was recognized for fresh garden products, home made baked goods and very fresh dairy products. One of the rules which was written into the by-laws was that everything sold had to come fresh off the farm or out of the house. The Bethesda Market has operated continuously at the present site for fifty eight years with a nostalgic position within the Bethesda business community with a vigorous, affectionate clientele.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES:

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10. VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

The market faces west on Wisconsin Avenue. To the north, south and east is a parking lot. On the west (front) side, the market house is separated from the road by a gravel yard, a fence, and two large deciduous oak trees.

## ACHS SUMMARY FORM

1. Name Montgomery County Farm Women's Cooperative
2. Planning Area/Site Number 35/14
3. MNCPPC Atlas Reference  
Map 21  
D-11
4. Address 7155 Wisconsin Avenue  
Bethesda, MD
5. Classification Summary  
Category building  
Ownership private corporation  
Public Acquisition no  
Status occupied  
Accessible yes, restricted  
Present use commercial  
Previous Survey Recording M-NCPCC Federal    State    County x Local     
(Title and date: Inventory of Historical Sites - 1976 )

6. Date 1935
7. Original Owner  
Montgomery County Farm Women's Cooperative
8. Apparent Condition  
a. good  
b. altered  
c. original site

## 9. Description

This eleven bay by five bay one and a half story frame building **has** served as a center for the display and sale of Montgomery County Farm Women's produce. It faces west, its walls are white novelty siding, it has green trim and a hipped roof. Double doors on the west pavillion open into a large rectangular room where golden oak display cases and two-tier racks are arranged about the exterior walls and a central island.

## 10. Significance

The Farm Women's Cooperative is important as a highly successful community institution and **landmark**, housed in a classical low-scale building that provides visual relief from highrise growth around it. It represents the hard work and independent spirit of Montgomery County farmers. The Montgomery County Farm Women's Cooperative was started in 1934 as a self-help project, an idea of Blanche A. Corwin, a home demonstration agent for Montgomery County. It was the first such undertaking in Maryland. Incorporated and organized with a nine member Board of Directors, the cooperative obtained the present site in 1935 where they sold under a tent. The Cooperative is famous for its fresh farm produce, home baked goods and dairy products.

11. Date researched and researcher  
Gloria Billick 6/78 Candy Reed - Architectural Description
12. Compiler  
Gail Rothrock
13. Date Compiled  
2/79
14. Designation  
Approval
15. Acreage  
29,967 sq. feet

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC **Montgomery County Farm Women's Cooperative**

AND/OR COMMON **Bethesda Women's Market**

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER **7155 Wisconsin Avenue**

**8**

CITY, TOWN **Bethesda**

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

**Montgomery**

STATE **Maryland**

COUNTY

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE <b>Corporation</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME **Montgomery County Farm Women's Cooperative Market, Inc.** Telephone #: **01.2-2291**

STREET & NUMBER **7155 Wisconsin Avenue**

CITY, TOWN **Bethesda**

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**Maryland**

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. **Montgomery County Court House**

Liber #: **612**  
Folio #: **360**

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

**Rockville**

STATE

**Maryland 20850**

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE **M-NCPPC Inventory of Historical Sites**

DATE **1976**

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS **Park Historians Office**

CITY, TOWN **Rockville**

STATE

**Maryland**

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE.**

This simple rectangular building is in good condition. It has served as a center of marketing activity for many years.

The market is eleven bays long and five bays wide and is one story high. Built on poured concrete ashlar block foundations, this frame structure has novelty siding. On the east (rear) and west (front) elevations there are double doors which lead into the market. On the west elevation there is a central three bay pavilion. The west (front) door is located at the center of this pavilion, set into a recessed round-headed arch opening and flanked on each side by a single window. This pavilion has a gable roof perpendicular to the main roof of the market. At the pavilion gable there is a small round window divided into quarters. Above the door and beneath the roundel is a large white sign with green lettering which reads: Montgomery Farm Women's Cooperative Market. On the east (rear) elevation the central double doors have a wooden pent roofed hood. At the north and south ends there are simple doors with no porches. Whether single or double, the doors have glass panes above and wooden panels below. There are twelve light windows throughout the market; each is covered on the exterior by modern green and white aluminum awnings. On the west elevation of the building at the north end there is an exterior stove chimney. The market has a hipped roof which has been covered by asbestos shingles.

The interior of the market is one large rectangular room. On the west side there is a central interior projection which spans the door and two flanking windows on each side. The "room" thus created at the entry is sheathed by vertical tongue and groove siding. A second room, constructed apparently of plasterboard, has been created on the west wall at the north corner; two doors lead into this addition. The walls of the market appear to be plaster overlath and have been painted white. There is a central core about which golden oak and glass slant-top display cases are arranged along the four exterior walls. There are two-tiered steps for displaying produce and tables as well, all constructed of the same golden oak.

There are four metal angle braces on the east and west walls. The ceiling has been dropped so it is not possible to see how the angle braces are used in support of the roof. A single square post is located near the center of the south end. There are fluorescent lights hanging from the ceiling.

The market faces west on Wisconsin Avenue. To the north, south, and east is a parking lot. On the west side between the market house and the sidewalk there is a fence and the ground is covered by gravel. During the summer displays are made outside.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900.	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES Dec. 10, 1935 - Present  
 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Montgomery County Farm Women's Cooperative was an idea whose time came during the depression days of the 1930s.

As the depression was felt most sharply in the rural areas owing to the decline in farm prices, the farmers looked both to government and self-help solutions. The market was started in 1934 as a self-help project proposed by a home demonstration agent for Montgomery County, Blanche A. Corwin, who thought of it as a way to help the farmers out of the depression. The women involved came from different sections of the County, but all were members of the Home Demonstration Clubs which were groups set up by the agent to show all kinds of domestic procedures. Mrs. Mollie Gladhill was one of the founders of the market.

Although the market was to be run just by and for women, their husbands worked very hard with Miss Corwin to get it started, and once established it became a family affair for many. It was incorporated and organized with a Board of Directors of 9 women serving for different periods of time. Later a manager was appointed to confer with the board and to set prices.

Choosing a location proved to be a very real problem. Originally the group planned to use a site at Edgemoor, a suburban Bethesda residential location, but the residents objected. The farm women, after a demonstration, were checked in their attempt to secure the Edgemoor location; Miss Corwin was reprimanded for her stand and threatened that if agitation continued on her part her pay would be withheld. In fact, she did lose her job, and the group lost the site. However, the group incorporated in 1934<sup>1</sup> and worked at several temporary locations until the present site was obtained in 1935<sup>2</sup> where they first sold under a tent. Bethesda was chosen as there were few similar local markets, and Miss Corwin felt people needed the good fresh farm products. The market became well known in the area. Mrs. Gladhill claims even the White House came to buy. The group was known for fresh garden products, home made baked goods and very fresh dairy products. One of the rules, written into the by-laws, was that everything sold had to come off the farm or out of the home and be strictly fresh.

As far as can be ascertained this was a unique undertaking at that time in Maryland. Another market was started later in Frederick. The Bethesda Market has operated continuously at the present site. However, now it is a much more commercial operation with a nostalgic position within the Bethesda business community and a vigorous, affectionate clientele.

1. Montgomery County corporation records, CKW 1/92, Dec. 1, 1934

2. Montgomery County land records, 612/360 (December 1935).

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Historical Society, Rockville, Md., 1976.

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and Eileen McGuckian, June 27, 1974, transcript in  
Rockville Library  
(3) Montgomery County Sentinel, August 19, 1932

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY (4) Montgomery County Corporation  
Records

## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 29,967 Square Feet

### VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

Candy Reed - Architectural Description

STATE

COUNTY

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Gloria Billick

Candy Reed - Architectural Description

ORGANIZATION

Sugarloaf Regional Trails

6/14/78

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

Box 87

926-4510

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Dickerson

STATE

Maryland 20753

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: ~~Maryland Historical Society  
The State House, State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438~~

SUGARLOAF REGIONAL TRAILS  
Box 87, Stronghold  
Dickerson, Md. 20753  
(301) 926-4510

7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	(Check One)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The market is a one story, frame building with a hipped-roof. The entrance is marked by a gable-roofed porch with an archway and flanking windows. The facade has 6/6 double hung sash windows. The siding is tongue-and-groove, painted white with green trim.

The other older commercial buildings are two-story, brick buildings, with remodelled facades. One has a hipped roof with plain eaves; the others have a parapet with projecting cornice or plain parapet.

"The Madonna of the Trail" is a statue dedicated to pioneer mothers of covered wagon days.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

**8. SIGNIFICANCE**

**PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

- Pre-Columbian                       16th Century                       18th Century                       20th Century
- 15th Century                       17th Century                       19th Century

**SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)**

**AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

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**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:  
Christopher Owens, Park Historian

ORGANIZATION: M-NCPPC

DATE: 10 Sept 74

STREET AND NUMBER:  
8787 Georgia Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring

STATE: Maryland

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

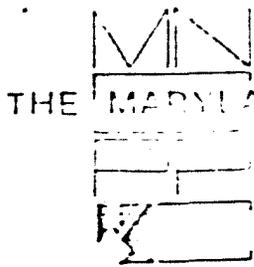
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National  State  Local

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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

See correspondence dated August 23, 1985

ACTION TAKEN

PRELIMINARY DRAFT AMENDMENT TO  
THE MASTER PLAN FOR  
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BETHESDA CBD/MULTIPLE RESOURCE/  
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THURSDAY, September 26, 1985

at  
7:30 P.M.

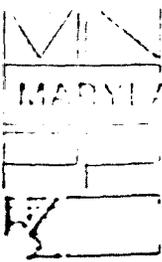
in the  
Montgomery Regional Office Auditorium  
8787 Georgia Avenue  
Silver Spring, Maryland

The following resource which is also considered part of the district has already been designated on the Master Plan:

The Farm Women's Market #35/14-1  
7155 Wisconsin Avenue (designated 9/79)

to take testimony on whether or not the following historic resource presently listed in the Locational Atlas and Index of Historic Sites in Montgomery County should be included in the Master Plan for Historic Preservation: Bethesda CBD Multiple Resource/Thematic Historic District #35/14 including:

1. Little Tavern #35/14-3  
8100 Wisconsin Avenue
2. Bethesda Theater Complex #35/14-4  
(Cinema 'n Draft House)  
7715-7723 Wisconsin Avenue
3. Bethesda Post Office #35/14-5  
7400 Wisconsin Avenue
4. Brooks Photographers #35/14-6  
7349 Wisconsin Avenue
5. Community Paint & Hardware Store #35/14-7  
7250 Wisconsin Avenue
6. Tudor Style Shopping Complex #35/14-8  
7003-7029 Wisconsin Avenue
7. C&P Telephone Company Building #35/14-9  
6925 Wisconsin Avenue



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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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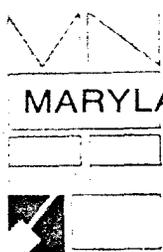
ACTION TAKEN

Final Draft Amendment.....to designate the following sites,  
located within the Bethesda Central Business District, on the  
Master Plan

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Montgomery County Farm Women's Cooperative  
Madonna of the Trails  
Bethesda Theater Complex  
Bethesda Post Office  
Wilson's Store & Post Office  
(Community Paint and Hardware)

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THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

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MEMORANDUM

December 9, 1985

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

TO: Richard Ferrara, Director  
 Department of Housing and Community Development  
 John L. Menke, Director  
 Department of Environmental Protection  
 ✓ J. Rodney Little, Director  
 State Historic Preservation Office  
 Priscilla Schwab, Chairperson  
 Historic Preservation Commission

FROM: Melissa C. Banach, Coordinator *MCB*  
 Community Planning North

SUBJECT: Final Draft Amendment to the Master Plan for  
 Historic Preservation: Bethesda CBD Historic Sites

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 I am pleased to transmit to you this Final Draft Amendment to the Master Plan for Historic Preservation.

This document contains the recommendation of the Montgomery County Planning Board on the designation of individual sites in the Bethesda CBD.

Should you have any questions concerning this amendment, please do not hesitate to contact Marty Reinhart at 495-4565.

MCB:MR:dws  
 Attachment

Once designated on the Master Plan for Historic Preservation, any substantial changes to the exterior of a resource or its environmental setting must be reviewed by the Historic Preservation Commission and a historic area work permit issued. The Ordinance also empowers the County's Department of Environmental Protection and the Historic Preservation Commission to prevent the demolition of historic buildings through neglect.

It is the intent of the Master Plan and Ordinance to provide a rational system for evaluating, protecting and enhancing Montgomery County's heritage for the benefit of present and future residents. The accompanying challenge is to weave protection of this heritage into the County's planning program so as to maximize community support for preservation and minimize infringement on private property rights.

FINAL DRAFT AMENDMENT  
TO  
THE MASTER PLAN FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION:  
BETHESDA CBD INDIVIDUAL HISTORIC SITES

The purpose of this amendment is to designate the following sites, located within the Bethesda Central Business District, on the Master Plan for Historic Preservation thereby extending to them the protection of the Historic Preservation Ordinance, Chapter 24A of the Montgomery County Code.

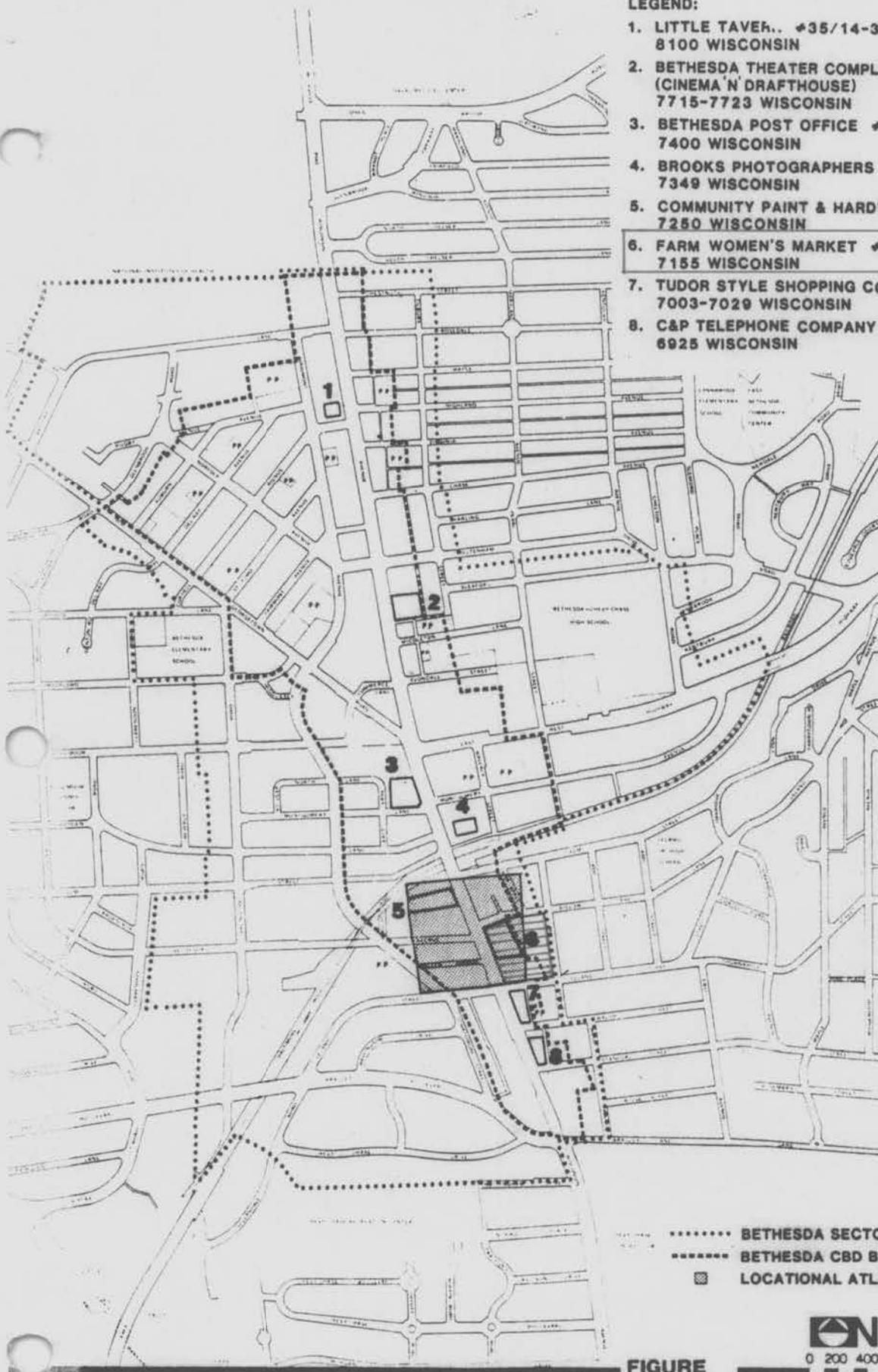
<u>Site</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Associated Acreage</u>
35/14-1	Montgomery County Farm Women's Cooperative (Bethesda Farm Women's Market)	7155 Wisconsin Avenue	29,967 sq.ft.

- 1935--long narrow 1-1/2 story frame building with hip roof. A surviving example of a Depression Era Cooperative, both the site and building have been in continuous operation since 1934 when the market was started as a self-help project by County farm families.
- Already designated as a Historic Site as part of the original comprehensive Master Plan for Historic Preservation in 1979, the significance of the Farm Women's Market is being restated in the context of this amendment to emphasis the importance of the market building, the associated open space and the historical farm market operation to the character and vitality of the Bethesda Central Business District.

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LEGEND:

- 1. LITTLE TAVERN #35/14-3  
8100 WISCONSIN
- 2. BETHESDA THEATER COMPLEX 35/14-4  
(CINEMA 'N' DRAFTHOUSE)  
7715-7723 WISCONSIN
- 3. BETHESDA POST OFFICE #35/14-5  
7400 WISCONSIN
- 4. BROOKS PHOTOGRAPHERS #35/14-6  
7349 WISCONSIN
- 5. COMMUNITY PAINT & HARDWARE STORE #35/14-7  
7250 WISCONSIN
- 6. FARM WOMEN'S MARKET #35/14-1  
7155 WISCONSIN
- 7. TUDOR STYLE SHOPPING COMPLEX #35/14-8  
7003-7029 WISCONSIN
- 8. C&P TELEPHONE COMPANY BUILDING 35/14-9  
6925 WISCONSIN



# BETHESDA CBD



MONTGOMERY FARM WOMAN'S COOPERATIVE  
MARKET

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