

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes  no

Property Name: Columbia Country Club Inventory Number: M: 35-140  
 Address: 7900 Connecticut Avenue (MD 185) Historic district:  yes  no  
 City: Chevy Chase Zip Code: 20815 County: Montgomery  
 USGS Quadrangle(s): Washington West  
 Property Owner: Columbia Country Club Tax Account ID Number: 03580358  
 Tax Map Parcel Number(s): 03580358 Tax Map Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Project: Purple Line Transit Study Agency: Maryland Transit Administration  
 Agency Prepared By: John Milner Associates, Inc.  
 Preparer's Name: Courtney Clark and Sarah Traum Date Prepared: 7/10/2012

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Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation:  Eligibility recommended  Eligibility not recommended  
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*Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:*  
 Name of the District/Property: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Site visit by MHT Staff  yes  no Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

**Architectural Description:**  
 This large, approximately 146-acre property contains the well-known and distinguished Columbia Country Club. The property includes a large, early twentieth-century clubhouse; an expansive, 18-hole golf course with putting greens and a driving range; tennis courts; an early twentieth-century garage; a 1960s cart shop; a 2009 tennis shop and refreshment building; a ca. 1970 maintenance shop; a ca. 2005 maintenance garage; a ca. 1970 snack shop; and pool complex that was renovated in the late 2000s. Several unnamed streams flow through the property, joining up in a manmade pond south of the 17th green, before flowing northeast into Rock Creek.

The Columbia Country Club occupies two irregular parcels of land. These parcels are separated by the Georgetown Branch Trail (formerly the Georgetown Branch of the B&O Railroad). The property is situated between several major roadways: Connecticut Avenue (MD 185) on the west, East-West Highway (MD 410) on the south, and Jones Bridge Road to the north. Most of the country club's boundary is shared with suburban, single-family houses. The clubhouse and most buildings are located in the southeast corner of the property. The property's main entrance is located along the west side of Connecticut Avenue and is

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highlighted by a single, linear drive, flanked by an allee of trees with a circular loop in front of the main building. Asphalt parking lots are located south of the clubhouse. Secondary access is provided to the clubhouse complex by an entrance from East-West Highway. A service entrance off Longfellow Place provides access to the maintenance complex and the northern portion of the golf course. The tennis shop is located southeast of the clubhouse, while the service building is located west of the clubhouse. The early twentieth-century garage is located within the parking lot south of the clubhouse. The maintenance garage, maintenance shop, and snack shop are all located on the northern part of the golf course, between holes 8, 9, and 10.

Both the clubhouse and tennis shop are designed in the Spanish Revival/Mission style, while the remaining buildings are more utilitarian, unornamented structures.

Clubhouse: 1911, 1950s, 2009, Frederic B. Pyle, architect, 1911. Character-defining (historic core). Non-character-defining (2009 additions).

The largest and most prominent of the country club's buildings is the clubhouse. This stucco-covered building has a complex floor plan with multiple additions. The historic core of the clubhouse stands two-and-one-half stories in height and is sheltered by a hipped roof, sheathed in terra-cotta tile. Rooftop features include several stucco covered chimneys that rise from various internal locations and hipped-roof dormers that extend from the façade and side walls. Decorative, paired brackets are also featured under the overhanging roof eaves, as well as exposed rafter ends. A single-story, flat-roofed porte-cochere extends from the center of the façade, sheltering the main entrance. An array of window and door styles and types are featured throughout. A number of the openings appear to be replacements, but a number are original. Visible exterior alterations include enclosures across the façade and multiple additions to the sides and rear. As the programs and membership of the country club have increased, additions, mostly to the rear elevation, have been made to the clubhouse since the early twentieth century. In 2009, a large addition was made to the west of the clubhouse, creating a U-shaped building with the historic core of the clubhouse, surrounding the outdoor swimming pool complex in the center. This new addition has doubled the size of the clubhouse and houses an indoor pool and exercise facilities, among other amenities. This addition mimics the architecture of the historic core, with its stucco exterior, red tile roof, and Spanish Revival/Mission style details. The historic core of the clubhouse was not altered in these most recent clubhouse renovations.

Golf Course: 1911 (Herbert H. Barker and Walter Harban), 1917 (Walter J. Travis). Character-defining.

The golf course at the Columbia Country club is a par-70, 6,600-yard, 18-hole course. The course is situated on gently rolling topography. The Georgetown Branch Trail extends northeast to southwest through the course, with holes 1, 15-18 on the south side of the trail and the remaining holes to the north. Modern tunnels under the trail provide pedestrian and golf cart access to the two sections of the course. A channelized stream runs through the southern portion of the course and holes 1, 15, 16, 17, and 18. Another stream flows through the northern part of the golf course and holes 2, 3, 12-14, and crosses under the Georgetown Branch trail to join the other stream. A small, irregularly shaped pond is located between Holes 15 and 17 and within Hole 16. Asphalt cart paths connect the holes and the clubhouse. The vegetation on the course includes a variety of deciduous and evergreen trees and shrubs, mostly in irregular arrangements, although there is an allee of trees along the maintenance road north of Hole 10.

The Georgetown Branch Trail, formerly the Georgetown Branch of the B&O Railroad, divides the Columbia Country Club into two sections. This trail is a gravel-surfaced hiker-biker trail. It maintains a fairly level grade through the Columbia Country Club resulting in portions that are at grade and others that are elevated on high embankments. Chain link fencing borders both sides of the trail.

Historic Garage: ca. 1925. Character-defining.

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This two-car garage stands at the southern edge of the Columbia Country Club property. It is one-story tall, with a gable-front roof. The exterior is clad with drop siding, and the roof is covered with asphalt shingles. The foundation is poured concrete. Two pairs of cross-buck, vertically-swinging vehicle doors are located on the front, or north, elevation. Fixed six-light windows light the interior of the building. This garage was likely associated with the manager's house which formerly stood nearby. This house was demolished in the mid-1990s to allow for expansion of the parking lot (Columbia Country Club 2000:53).

Tennis Shop and Refreshment Building: 2009. Non-character-defining.

This small, secondary building mimics much of the main building's style, shape, and details, on a smaller scale. This building was built in 2009 and is located south of the clubhouse. It has a rectangular plan, stucco exterior, and stands only one-story tall. Like the clubhouse, it is also sheltered by a hipped roof, sheathed in terra-cotta tile. Rooftop features consist of hipped-roof dormers and exposed rafter ends along the roof's edge. The primary entrance is located at the center of the façade, minimally covered by a semicircular, canvas awning. The interior of the building is naturally lit by a number of side-by-side, multi-light casements and French doors, each grouping topped by an arched, multi-light fanlight.

Tennis Courts: 1911-1970s; Non-character-defining (twelve courts southeast of clubhouse); Non-character-defining (four platform courts west of clubhouse).

Twelve of the Columbia Country Club's tennis courts are located southeast of the clubhouse, while four additional platform courts are located west of the clubhouse. These courts are all surrounded by a high, chain-link fence. Four of the courts southeast of the clubhouse are enclosed in a bubble during winter months to allow for year-round use. While the courts southeast of the clubhouse are in the same location as the original twelve courts at the club's opening, their configuration has changed since they were originally built in the 1910s and the playing surfaces have been replaced.

Cart Shop: ca. 1965. Non-character-defining.

This service building is located west of the clubhouse and is comprised of two sections. The front, brick section is one-story tall with a flat roof. A faux mansard surrounds this portion of the building. This portion of the building is lit with high, awning windows and has metal-slab entry doors. The rear portion of this building is built into a slope, with the basement exposed. This portion of the building has a shed, asphalt-shingle roof and corrugated-metal siding. The exposed basement is built of concrete block. This building was originally built as part of the pool complex.

Maintenance Shop: ca. 1970. Non-character-defining.

The maintenance shop is a one-story, rectangular building. Its side-gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. The exterior is clad with running bond brick. It is five-bays wide and five-bays deep, with irregular fenestration. The pedestrian doors are metal slab, the vehicular doors are metal roll-up doors, and the windows are industrial sash with metal grating and rowlock sills. The foundation is not visible.

Maintenance Garage: ca. 2005. Non-character-defining.

The maintenance garage is a one-story, square building. It has a gable-front, asphalt-shingle roof. The exterior is covered with corrugated metal sheeting. It is four-bays wide, with each bay containing a pair of vertically-hinged access doors.

Snack Shop: ca. 1970. Non-character-defining.

The snack shop includes restrooms and a full cafeteria. It is one-story tall with a hipped, wood-shingle roof. The restrooms are located on the south side of the building, with the snack shop on the north side. The snack shop is open from spring until fall. The north half of the building has walls that are half-screened and half-clapboard.

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Outdoor Swimming Pool: 1925, 2009. Non-character-defining.

The pool is located within a courtyard of the clubhouse. It was renovated in 2009. While this is the location of the original, 1925 Woodward Pool, the area has been much-modified with modern alterations and enclosures, and so does not retain integrity. The current pool layout and configuration is much changed from its original design.

**Historic Context:**

The Columbia Country Club was founded in 1898 as the Columbia Golf Club and was originally located off Georgia Avenue in the District of Columbia. With the encouragement of, and incentives offered by, Chevy Chase Land Company, the organization relocated to its current site in 1910, and renamed itself the Columbia Country Club. A year later, in 1911, the current club house was built. Its golf course was originally designed by Herbert H. Barker and Walter Harban as a par-74, 6,135-yard course (Columbia Country Club 2000:7). The course was redesigned in 1916-1917 under the direction of noted golfer and golf course architect Walter J. Travis into a par-70, 6,380-yard course. Travis's changes were largely a refining of Harban and Tucker's original design, rather than a completely new course (Columbia Country Club 2000:77). In 1921, the club hosted the U.S. Open Golf Championship. Other national and international tournaments held at the Columbia Country Club include the 1955 Canada Cup (now the World Cup) and the 2003 USGA Junior Amateur Tournament. This club has also hosted many local and regional golf and tennis tournaments.

Since its founding, the club has included a number of prominent leaders from the District of Columbia and surrounding area among its members (Slater 2002b). In May 1914 select members of the U.S. House and Senate competed in a golf contest at the club (The Washington Post 1914:8). President Wilson also enjoyed golf here, even playing the course with his fiancée in October 1915 (The Washington Post October 21, 1915:4). Prominent visitors to Washington, including attendees of the 1921 Washington Naval Conference, and members of the Active Military Specials during World War II, were also accorded club privileges.

The Columbia Country Club is located within the Washington, D.C. suburb of Chevy Chase. This suburb was developed in the late nineteenth century by the Chevy Chase Land Company as an exclusive upper and upper-middle class streetcar suburb. To entice the quality home buyers they sought, the Chevy Chase Land Company built Connecticut Avenue, a major thoroughfare, an electric railway, and power stations. Commercial uses were not allowed and civic amenities were provided, including a library, public schools, amusement park, and two full service country clubs. The Chevy Chase Club, located one mile south of the Columbia Country Club, was founded in 1892 as a hunt club, laying out its eighteen-hole golf course, originally designed by Donald Ross, in 1908. The Chevy Chase Land Company provided favorable financing terms to the country clubs to help entice them to locate here. In 1916, The Chevy Chase Land Company advertising stated that "The National Capital is no exception to the rule in every city of America, that the best suburban section is always surrounding or adjacent to the leading suburban clubs" (Williams et al. 1998: section 8, page 94). These two country clubs offered challenging golf, tennis, and other recreational pursuits. Many of their early members were prominent in Washington society and politics. The location of the Columbia Country Club and Chevy Chase Club in this upper class suburb also placed them conveniently near potential members. The Columbia Country Club served as a community hub, hosting many recreational and social events, including regional and state-wide sports tournaments, celebrations, and fundraisers for local charities.

As membership has increased and new amenities are sought by members, the clubhouse has been expanded throughout its history. The original porch was rebuilt in the 1930s and the present porte-cochere added in 1951. The original porches have been enclosed and numerous additions made to the rear elevation.

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The following is a description of the course from 1921, immediately prior to its hosting of the 1921 National Open Tournament. Fred Macleod, winner of the 1908 U.S. Open and Columbia Country Club's first golf professional, provided this description to the Washington Post:

The turf is excellent, being solid and firm throughout the season. Our greens are always in perfect condition.

First Hole – 366 yards, par 4. This is an elbow hole. There is a trap to the left of the green as well as mounds. In front of the green about 75 yards away is a grass trap. One can reach the green here with a good drive and a full iron.

Second Hole – 320 yards, par 4. This is a blind tee shot with the green downhill about 300 yards away. There is a ditch in front of the green and against it. To the right of the tee about 100 yards distant is a trap. The green is set up on a small plateau and can be reached with a good drive and a mashie pitch shot.

Third Hole – 370 yards, par 3. On the right of the fairway 185 yards distant from the tee on this hole there is a trap and about 100 yards beyond there is a tree, which, however causes no interference if one is straight on his drive. The second shot here is a semi-blind full mashie shot. There is a trap to the right of the green and on the left there are some mounds.

Fourth Hole – 335 yards, par 3. This is a one-shot hole. There is a mound on the left of the green and there are mounds on the right of the green. In addition, there are mounds in the fairway about 50 yards from the green to the catch all sliced shots. Also there is a trap 175 yards from the tee.

Fifth Hole – 565 yards, par 5. This fifth is a new hole. Here you drive to the top of a hill, but it takes a fine tee shot to reach the summit. On the left 180 yards from the hole is a mound, and about 175 yards from the tee on the right there is also a mound. A hooked shot will carry you out of bounds on the left. About 285 yards from the tee there are traps and mounds on the fairway and 300 yards from the tee there will be a trap extending clear across the fairway, 85 yards in width. It will take two good shots and a full mashie to reach the green.

Sixth Hole – 472 yards, par 4. On the left all the way down the length of the fairway is out of bounds. Inside the fence is the rough. About 190 yards from the tee and slightly to the left in the fairway there are traps and mounds, and on the right about 175 yards from the tee, there are traps and rough. The second shot is played through a valley and to a slight hill. About 340 yards from the tee in the fairway there is a trap. The green slopes gently, and on the right there are mounds. On the left a little short of the green, there is a trap. This is a good, rolling green. It takes two full shots to get on.

Seventh Hole – 327 yards, par 4. Out of bounds extends all the way down on the left, with rough inside. It takes a good drive and a mashie pitch shot to reach home here. The hole is surrounded by traps, and on the right there is considerable rough.

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Eighth Hole – 194 yards, par 3. The eighth is a one-shot hole. There are traps on the right of the green and right against the green on the left there is a trap as well as mounds.

Ninth Hole – 394 yards, par 4. It takes a good drive and a well-placed iron shot to get to the green here. About 150 yards from the tee in the fairway there is a trap. On the left there are traps 145 yards from the tee and 165 yards distant. There is a trap on the right which is about 175 yards from the tee, and another 200 yards away on the right for a sliced shot. Short of the green on the left there are mounds and a trap short of the green on the right. There is a rough both on the left and right sides of the fairway, extending about 40 yards.

Tenth Hole – 441 yards, par 4. It takes two full shots to reach the green here. About 160 yards from the tee there is a slight hill and it requires a good drive to carry this. Getting over the hill you run into a valley. About 220 yards from the tee and slightly to the right there is a trap and on the face of another hill 240 yards from the tee there are more traps. There is a trap to the left of the green and mounds to the right.

Eleventh Hole – 448 yards, par 4. Another hole requiring two shots. Here you drive off a hill over a ditch which is only 145 yards from the tee. About 175 yards from the tee there is a trap on the left. There is another about 20 yards behind this. On the right there are traps 165 yards and 200 yards from the tee. Beyond there is a slight grade. On the right 50 yards short of the green there is a trap and on the left, 390 yards from the tee there is also a trap. A good par four if you make it.

Twelfth Hole – 487 yards, par 5. This is a blind tee shot and here you must carry a ditch which lies in the fairway about 350 yards distant on your second shot. About 20 yards short of the green there is a trap on the left and against the green on the right there is a trap. In the back of the green there are mounds.

Thirteenth Hole – 157 yards, par 3. This is another one-shot hole. You must carry a swamp from the tee and 135 yards distant straight ahead there is a bunker. To the left of the green there is a trap and on the right just short of the green there is also a small trap.

Fourteenth Hole – 425 yards, par 4. This is a slight dog-leg hole and requires a good drive and full iron shot to get home. There is a ditch 120 yards from the tee, and the fairway here is slightly uphill. About 195 yards from the tee on the right there is a trap and many are sure to get in trouble there, as only a straight drive will get by safely. The second shot is played through a valley, and 40 yards short of the green there is also a trap. The green is on a plateau. If one gets either to the right or left of the green, or over, he is in trouble.

Fifteenth Hole – 368 yards, par 4. This is a dog-leg hole, which calls for a drive and pitch to the green. About 50 yards from the tee there is a ditch. On this hole you drive off one hill into another. About 200 yards from the tee on the left there is a trap. The rough is on the right. The second shot is played through a valley and over a ditch 340 yards from the tee and up to a raised green.

Sixteenth Hole – 138 yards, par 3. This is also a one-shot hole over a ditch which lies in front of the tee. The green, which is raised, lies to the right.

Seventeenth Hole – 265 yards, par 4. Here you drive off a hill and over a ditch, 165 yards away, and onto another hill. If you slice or hook, you are in trouble. To the right of the green there are traps.

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Eighteenth Hole – 410 yards, par 4. A fine hole to finish on. You drive off a hill and play through a valley. Some new traps will probably be put in on this fairway. At present, to the left and just short of the green, there are traps. The hole is slightly uphill on an undulating green (Washington Post March 14, 1921:9).

The major change to the course since this description has been its lengthening from 6,380 yards in 1921 to 6,510 yards by 1955, and its current length of 6,600 yards. This has been largely done by adding new tees. As new tees have been added to the course, lengthening it, the older, original, tees have also been retained. The lengthening of several holes was spurred by changes in golf equipment that allow a modern player to hit much farther than in the early twentieth century. These changes allow the course to meet changes in player abilities and expectations. The new tee on the 1st hole was built over the stream that was filled in as part of the sewer and water line construction through the course in the 1970s.

In order to maintain its status as a challenging course, changes have been made to the course over its long history (see Summary of Golf Course Changes 1921-2012 table). Other changes to the course are the result of outside events. The only changes that affect the routing of the course are the addition of second greens on the 4th and 12th holes in the mid-twentieth century (USGS 1949, USGS 1964, USGS 1983). These greens were added as part of greens renovations, in order to allow the existing greens to rest, while allowing play to continue. These secondary greens are now used as practice greens or alternate greens. Bunkers have been removed and added from all of the holes. As various holes were lengthened, hazards were moved to maintain a similar challenge as the earlier, shorter, configurations. The greatest change regarding hazards has been the reconfiguration of the hazard in the middle of the fairway on the 5th hole. In 1921 this hazard covered 1.5 acres and the full width of the fairway (Columbia Country Club 2000:84). Today there is still a hazard in this location, but it is smaller and has a different bunker and ridge layout. The 1917 course renovation by Walter J. Travis often used tall mounds as hazards. The 5th, 9th, and 18th holes at Columbia all featured this hazard type, which fell out of favor in golf course design by the mid-twentieth century. The tall mounds were gradually removed from the holes at Columbia Country Club (West 1931:M22). As holes have been lengthened and hazards altered, the character of the holes and the challenges of earlier configurations have been maintained.

The stream running through the course has been channelized and dammed. This modification initially occurred in the 1920s. The ponds were reconfigured in the late 1970s as part of the construction of a new sewer line and construction of a new water line through the property by the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission. This work also entailed changes to the 15th and 16th greens and the 1st, 17th and 18th fairways (Columbia Country Club 2000:40). The mid-1990s saw bunkers restored throughout the course and alteration of holes 1, 2, 3, 4, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, and 18 (Columbia Country Club 2000:111). New practice greens were laid out northeast of hole 1, immediately south of the right-of-way, and to an area near the 15th hole in the early 2000s, prior to the club's 2003 hosting of the USGS Junior Amateur Tournament (John LeSeur, personal communication, November 2, 2011).

A metal pedestrian bridge over the ravine at the 13th hole was built in 1963 to replace a timber structure from the 1940s (Columbia Country Club 2000:22, 99). With the arrival of golf carts to the club in 1961, the course's paths were surfaced with gravel and later paved to accommodate them (Columbia Country Club 2000:99). The driving range, northeast of the clubhouse, and the putting green, southeast of the clubhouse, have been in their current locations since the early 1920s.

The Georgetown Branch of the B&O Railroad, now the Georgetown Branch Trail (a hiker-biker trail) did not occupy the full width of its 100-foot-right-of-way, remaining a narrow, single-track line until it closed in 1988. Access between the north and south parts of the golf course was provided by walking across the tracks (John LeSeur, personal communication, November 2, 2011). Play even occurred over the right-of-way when a new back tee for the 15th hole was built on the north side of the right-of-way while the

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15th's near tees, fairway, and greens were on the south side. By the mid-1980s this rail line was no longer economically viable due to a decline in customers (Mariano 1985:WB1).

When the Georgetown Branch Trail was opened, chain link fencing was put up along the trail through the country club, and the back tee of the 15th hole was decommissioned as playing it would present a safety hazard to trail uses. To connect the two parts of the golf course, two underpasses were built under the right-of-way, and new paths were laid out alongside the right-of-way in the late 1990s. Since the rail line occupied only part of the right-of-way, the golf course expanded into the right-of-way and outside its legal boundary. Aerial photographs indicate that by 1949 small portions of the 15th and 18th tees and 17th green had been sited within the right-of-way. Landscaping and cart paths associated with the golf course have been located outside the country club's legal boundary and within the right-of-way since at least the mid-1960s. The encroaching landscaping along the south slope of the right-of-way was expanded in the 1990s.

**Significance Evaluation:**

In September 2002, the Columbia Country Club was formally reviewed and was recommended eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A and C (Slater 2002b). The MHT officially concurred with that recommendation between November 7 and 25 of that same year.

This property was resurveyed to assess its integrity since its last review ten years ago in the fall of 2002. Based on this most recent review of the property, it is recommended that it remain eligible for listing in the Maryland Inventory of Historic Places and the National Register of Historic Places. Changes to the property since it was last surveyed in 2002 have not precluded its eligibility. These changes include: the addition of new practice greens near Holes 1 and 15 (ca.2002-2003); the lengthening of Holes 1, 2, 4, 7-13, 17, and the shortening of Holes 5, 15 (ca.2002-2012); the addition of a small maintenance garage to the property (ca.2005); and the addition of a tennis and refreshment building to the property, a side and rear addition to the main clubhouse, and pool renovations (ca.2009).

The Columbia Country Club is historically significant for the period from its founding in 1911 through 1962, the year of its 50-year age consideration. It is locally significant under Criterion A as an excellent example of a recreational and social complex in the suburban development of the surrounding Chevy Chase area and for its contributions, both directly and indirectly, to development of the Chevy Chase area. This course served as an amenity and enticement for upper and middle-class Washington, D.C. residents to relocate to the Maryland suburbs. The presence of the club, and the nearby Chevy Chase Club, helped to make the suburb of Chevy Chase a highly desirable location.

While numerous notable civic leaders, businessmen, and military officers have been members of the Columbia Country Club or have played on its golf course, the Columbia Country Club is not associated with their productive lives. This property is not significant under Criterion B.

The Columbia Country Club is locally significant under Criterion C for the landscape design of its golf course and the Spanish Revival-style design of its clubhouse. The layout and routing of the course are largely the same as when it was redesigned in 1917 by noted golf course architect Walter J. Travis. The clubhouse and golf course have been modified since originally constructed; however, these modifications have largely served to maintain the functionality of the facilities and do not detract from the integrity of the club as a whole. While changes have been made to the club and its facilities, the original character has been retained.

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW**

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The Columbia Country Club was not evaluated under Criterion D as part of this assessment.

Character-defining features of the clubhouse include its Spanish Revival/Mission style architecture, stucco exterior, terra-cotta tile roof, symmetrical front façade, and decorative eave brackets. While there are numerous additions to this building, most are off the rear of the building and are secondary to the historic core of the building.

The golf course's character-defining features include its layout, routing, greens locations, use of rolling topography, and water features. In order to maintain a championship caliber golf course, changes are regularly needed to reflect changes in golf course play, equipment, and design standards (Keller and Keller 1992:7). Such changes at the Columbia Country Club's course have included changing some of the greens, fairways, holes, and tees. These changes do not detract from the integrity of the course, but instead reflect its adaptation to changes in the sport. The vegetation on the golf course has changed. Vegetation is not stable; it is always changing through growth, pruning, removal, and other forces. "A designed historic landscape need not exist today exactly as it was originally designed or first executed if integrity of location and visual effect have been preserved" (Keller and Keller 1992:7). The Columbia Country Club retains its integrity of location and the design intent of the original golf course designers. When changes have been made to the holes, such as adding back tees, the essential design features have remained unchanged. The challenges of each hole, as laid out by Travis in 1921, remain the same. For example, the 2nd hole still plays as a blind tee, despite extensive lengthening of this hole, and the 13th hole remains a short hole over a steep ravine.

In all the years of its existence, the Columbia Country Club has maintained and preserved the following historic view sheds throughout the property: the main entrance view, from the Connecticut Avenue to the clubhouse, which features a narrow roadway drive flanked by an allee of trees; views from the clubhouse to the course, specifically towards the first, fifteenth, sixteenth, seventeenth and eighteenth holes; and, views from each tee to each hole. Views in each area have been slightly modified with the addition of some low-lying landscaping and the slight modifications to the course design (lengthening and shortening), but overall these areas continue to evoke the feeling and view intended when originally created.

Due to the ephemeral nature of landscapes, National Register documentation of other early twentieth century golf courses provides helpful guidance in assessing the integrity and significance of the Columbia Country Club. The golf course at the Columbia Country Club maintains a similar, if not higher, level of integrity as other golf courses listed on the NRHP.

The Cape Arundel Golf Club (Kennebunkport, Maine, listed on the NRHP in 2009) was established in 1896 and the present 18-hole golf course was designed in 1920 by Walter J. Travis, the designer of the course at Columbia Country Club. The Cape Arundel golf course maintains its original hole configuration, although the order of play for the holes has been altered. This course maintains several typical Travis hazards, including 'chocolate drop' mounds on the 10th hole and the 8th hole's cross bunker (Mitchell 2009). The Columbia Country Club's Travis design originally included these 'chocolate drop' hazards, but these were removed by the mid-twentieth century, as they had fallen out of favor in more competitive golf courses than Cape Arundel. The Columbia Country Club maintains the same order of play as laid out by Travis.

The Norwood Hills Country Club (St. Louis, Missouri, listed on the NRHP in 2005) was constructed in 1922 to a design by noted landscape architect Wayne Stiles. The club includes two 18-hole golf courses, a 1929 Mission Revival-style clubhouse, other recreational facilities, and supporting buildings. On these courses tees have been relocated, several holes have been re-sequenced, greens have been rebuilt, three original holes were replaced with new holes, and water bodies that had silted up were removed. As a result of these changes, the course was lengthened and the par has increased (Baxter et al. 2005: 7:4-6). The Columbia Country Club also has rebuilt greens, but maintains all the original holes, routing, and par rating.

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The Merion Golf Club (Ardmore, Pennsylvania, listed on the NRHP in 1991) was established between 1911 and 1914 to the design of Hugh Wilson. The two 18-hole golf courses of this club have seen minor alterations, including reconfiguration of five holes to accommodate widening of a nearby road on the East Course and alteration of one hole in the West Course. These and other minor changes do not detract from the Merion Golf Club's significance as an example of one of the first American golf courses to be designed as a combination penal and strategic design, for its association with golf course architect Hugh Wilson and greenskeeper Joseph Valentine, and as the site of numerous major tournaments in the early twentieth century (Crothers 1991: 8:1, 7:2). The Columbia Country Club has seen fewer alterations to the hole configuration than the Merion Golf Club. It has also hosted important regional and national tournaments, including the 1921 U.S. Open and 1955 Canada Cup.

The changes to the Columbia Country Club have not unfavorably impacted its overall integrity. The club retains its integrity of location, as it has occupied this site since it relocated here in 1911 from Washington, D.C. There have been minor additions and subtractions of land from the property, but these are all along the periphery. The Columbia Country Club retains its integrity of design. As the club has expanded and changed through the twentieth and twenty-first centuries, it has maintained the original patterns of land use, circulation, and spatial organization. The changes to individual elements of the club, such as the clubhouse additions, do not detract from the integrity of the property as a whole. The Columbia Country Club largely retains its integrity of materials and workmanship. The core of the clubhouse is largely unchanged from the end of the period of significance. While the landscaping has grown and changed, due to its nature as a living entity, the historic landscape intent of the property has been retained. The retention of these aspects of integrity allows the Columbia Country Club to retain its integrity of feeling and association. The club conveys its significance as a part of the historic development of Chevy Chase as a planned suburb and as a fine example of an early, quality golf course and a Spanish Revival clubhouse.

The boundaries of the Columbia Country Club as a National Register-eligible resource are the current legal boundary, modified to accommodate minor encroachments of holes 15, 17, and 18 on the former railroad boundary. These areas of encroachment are included as they were made and began being utilized as part of the grounds during the period of significance for the property. The property consists of two parcels separated by the Georgetown Branch Trail. The use of the legal boundaries for this property follow the National Register guidance to use the legal boundaries "when these boundaries encompass the eligible resource and are consistent with its historic significance and remaining integrity" (Seifert 1997:3). The legal boundaries of this resource do not fully encompass all character-defining elements and thus the National Register boundaries were expanded to fully include character-defining components of holes 15, 17, and 18. The Georgetown Branch Trail, and its predecessor, the Georgetown Branch of the B&O Railroad, do not contribute to the significance of the Columbia Country Club and were developed independently from the club. They are excluded from the National Register boundary.

The line was abandoned in 1988 and converted into a hiker-biker trail, the Georgetown Branch Trail. The National Register eligibility of the Georgetown Branch of the B&O Railroad (M: 35-142) was assessed in an NR-eligibility review form prepared in February 2002. This documentation recommended that the resource was not eligible for the National Register due to its compromised integrity from the removal of all railroad components from the line in the construction of the Georgetown Branch Trail. MHT concurred with this recommendation in April 2002 (Slater 2002a).

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Feature	Character-defining	Explanation (if character-defining)	Non-character-defining
Clubhouse	X (historic core)	Spanish Revival / Mission style architecture, stucco exterior, terra cotta tile roof with decorative eave brackets, symmetrical façade	X (late 2000s additions)
Golf Course	X	Course layout, course routing, rolling topography, narrowness of course, speed of greens, greens locations, water features Hole 1: all tees, fairway, <i>primary</i> and alternate green Hole 2: all tees, fairway, green Hole 3: all tees, fairway, green Hole 4: all tees, fairway, primary green (alternate green added in 1990s is noncontributing) Hole 5: all tees, fairway, green Hole 6: all tees, fairway, green Hole 7: all tees, fairway, green Hole 8: all tees (left and right), fairway, green Hole 9: all tees, fairway, green Hole 10: all tees, fairway, green Hole 11: all tees, fairway, green Hole 12: all tees, fairway, primary and alternate green Hole 13: all tees, fairway, green (bridge across ravine is noncontributing) Hole 14: all tees, fairway, <i>green</i> Hole 15: all tees (on <i>northwest</i> and <b>southeast</b> sides of the right-of-way, <i>fairway</i> , green Hole 16: all tees, fairway, green Hole 17: all tees, fairway, <b>green</b> Hole 18: <b>all tees</b> , fairway, green	
Tennis Courts	X (12 courts southeast of clubhouse)	Location of courts in relationship to clubhouse, arrangement of courts	X (four platform courts west of clubhouse)
Historic Garage	X	Small scale, location in relationship to clubhouse, exterior materials	
Outdoor swimming pool			X
Cart shop			X
Tennis shop			X
Maintenance shop			X
Maintenance garage			X
Snack shop			X
View sheds	X	Main entrance view: from the Connecticut Avenue to the clubhouse Views from the clubhouse to the course: specifically towards the first, fifteenth, sixteenth, seventeenth and eighteenth holes Views from each tee to each hole.	

Note: Items in *italics* are adjacent to the legal boundary  
Items marked in **bold** extend beyond the legal boundary

Columbia Country Club (M:35-140)  
Summary of Golf Course Changes 1921-2012

Hole	1921 yardage (Par) (Washington Post 3/14/1921:9)	1921 yardage (Par) (CCC 2000:83)	changes from 1921 1949 aerial	1955 yardage (Par) (CCC 2000:97)	Changes from 1949-1964 aerial	Changes from 1964 - 1983 aerial	2000 yardage (par) (CCC 2000:58-75)	Changes from 1983 2002 aerial	2012 yardage (par) (CCC Men's Score Card)
1	366 (4)	366 (4)	Added alternate green	371 (4)			370 (4)	removed bunkers along northwest edge of fairway	374 (4)
2	320 (4)	305 (4)	new bunkers along sw edge of fairway	397 (4)		removed bunkers along the se edge of fairway	430 (4)	removed bunkers along s edge of fairway	431 (4)
3	370 (4)	365 (4)		363 (4)	expanded bunkers on s side of green		357 (4)		357 (4)
4	235 (3)	214 (3)		205 (3)	new trees between holes 4 and 12	removed bunkers at sw edge of fairway - possibly added left tee	212-L 201- R (3)		216 (3)
5	565 (5)	560 (5)	made huge hazard a bit smaller; removed some bunkers on se corner of green	565 (5)	modified hazard in middle of fairway	changed hazard in middle of fairway (made it smaller)	541 (5)	modified hazard in middle of fairway (added a bunker back in)	535 (5)
6	472 (4)	460 (4)	removed some bunkers around s edge of green	456 (4)	new bunker on n side of fairway		455 (4)	added bunkers to n edge of fairway and s edge of green	455 (4)
7	327 (4)	332 (4)		333 (4)			321 (4)		326 (4)
8	194 (3)	193 (3)		178 (3)	new trees between holes 8 and 9; added left tee		176-L 188-R (3)		188 (3)
9	394 (4)	440 (4)	removed some bunkers around s edge of green	441 (4)			422 (4)		446 (4)
10	441 (4)	438 (4)	reduced size of bunker cutting across fairway	440 (4)			430 (4)		433 (4)
11	448 (4)	436 (4)	added bunkers on e edge of green	444 (4)			428 (4)		432 (4)
12	487 (5)	502 (5)		525 (5)	reconfigured bunkers around tee; added second green		484-L 518-R (5)	removed bunkers on s edge of s green	518 (5)
13	157 (3)	163 (3)		172 (3)	added bridge across stream		168 (3)		172 (3)
14	425 (4)	408 (4)	new bunker at w edge of green	409 (4)	new bunkers on n and s side of w part of fairway		423 (4)	removed bunkers on sw edge of fairway	423 (4)
15	368 (4)	365 (4)		369 (4)	new bunkers on n side of fairway and around green		396 (4)		378 (4)
16	138 (3)	141 (3)		139 (3)	new bunkers around green	reconfigured the ponds; added left tee	163-L 155-R (3)		163 (3)
17	265 (4)	285 (4)		283 (4)	new bunkers around green		290 (4)	new bunkers around green	320 (4)
18	410 (4)	407 (4)	removed bunkers on e and w sides of fairway	420 (4)	new bunkers on e and w side of n part of fairway		433 (4)		433 (4)
total	approx 6,400 (70)	6380 (70)		6510 (70)			6545 (70)		6600 (70)
other course features			route of creek through course was straightened and walled between 1921 and 1949		introduced golf carts in 1961	late 1970s - sewer line through the course (caused changes to greens on Holes 15 & 16, fairway on Holes 17 & 18) The ponds at holes 16 & 17 were reconfigured			

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Chevy Chase, Montgomery County, MD  
USGS Kensington Quad, 1979  
USGS Washington West Quad, 1983



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 7900 Connecticut Avenue (MD 185)  
 Chevy Chase, Montgomery County, MD  
 Montgomery County Parcels



Columbia Country Club (M: 35-140)  
 7900 Connecticut Avenue (MD 185)

-  Tax parcels
-  Resource boundary
-  Hole number and routing
-  Building/landscape feature Character-defining
-  Building/landscape feature Non-character-defining
-  Pedestrian tunnel under Georgetown Branch Trail

0 500ft  
 0 150m



185

Golf course

Maintenance buildings

Columbia Country Club

Georgetown Branch Trail

Columbia Country Club (M: 35-140)  
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Golf course

Driving range

Clubhouse

Putting green

Tennis shop

Tennis courts

Golf pro shop

Pool

Platform tennis courts

Garage

-  Tax parcels
-  Resource boundary
-  Hole number and routing
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Columbia Country Club, 7900 Connecticut Ave.

Montgomery County, MD

C. Clark

25 May 2011

MD SHPO

Main elevation of clubhouse; view towards west.

photo 1/17

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Columbia Country Club, 7900 Connecticut Ave.

Montgomery County, MD

S. Traum

02 November 2011

MD SHPO

Clubhouse, tennis building, and seasonal tennis enclosure; view toward south.

Photo 2/17

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Columbia Country Club, 7900 Connecticut Ave.  
Montgomery County, MD

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02 November 2011

MD SHPO

West elevation of clubhouse showing pool area;  
view toward east.

Photo 3/17

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Columbia Country Club, 7900 Connecticut Ave,  
Montgomery County, MD

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02 November 2011

MD SHPO

East elevation of clubhouse showing lap pool and  
fitness center addition; view toward southwest.

Photo 4/17

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Columbia Country Club, 7900 Connecticut Ave.  
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South elevation of clubhouse, tennis building, seasonal  
tennis enclosure, and parking lot; view toward  
northeast.

Photo 5/17

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Columbia Country Club, 7900 Connecticut Ave.

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North elevation of modern addition showing the  
golf shop; view toward southwest.

Photo 6/17

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Montgomery County, MD

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MD SHPO

Historic garage south of clubhouse; view toward  
south.

Photo 7/17

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Columbia Country Club, 7900 Connecticut Ave.  
Montgomery County, MD

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MD SHPO

TENNIS courts; view toward southeast.

Photo B/17

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Columbia Country Club, 7900 Connecticut Ave.

Montgomery County, MD

S. Traum

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MD SHPO

Putting green; view toward east.

Photo 9/17

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Columbia Country Club, 7900 Connecticut Ave.  
Montgomery County, MD

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MD SHPO

Driving Range; view toward North.

Photo 10/17

M; 35-140-2011-11-02-10



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Columbia Country Club, 7900 Connecticut Ave.  
Montgomery County, MD

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MD SHPO

15th hole with 16th green in background; view  
toward north.

Photo 16/17

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Columbia Country Club, 7900 Connecticut Ave,  
Montgomery County, MD

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MD SHPO

14th green with 3rd tee in background; view  
toward northwest.

Photo 12/17

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Montgomery County, MD

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MD SHPO

15th tee with clubhouse in background; view  
toward south.

Photo 13/17

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Columbia Country Club, 7900 Connecticut Ave.  
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MD SHPO

18th green from clubhouse; view toward North.

Photo 14/17

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Columbia Country Club, 7900 Connecticut Ave.  
Montgomery County, MD

S. Traum

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MD SHPO

17th green with Georgetown Branch Trail  
underpass in background; view toward  
northwest.

Photo 15/17

M: 35-140-2011-11-02-15



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Columbia Country Club, 7900 Connecticut Ave.

Montgomery County, MD

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MD SHPO

Course path along Georgetown Branch Trail  
right-of-way west of 14th green; view toward  
southwest. This path is within the right-of-way.

Photo 11/17

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Columbia Country Club, 7900 Connecticut Ave.  
Montgomery County, MD  
S. Traum

02 November 2011

MD SHPO

Entrance of smaller tunnel; view toward north,  
Photo 17/17

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COLUMBIA COUNTRY CLUB, 7900 CONNECTICUT AVE.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD

S. TRAUM

NOVEMBER 11, 2011

MD SHPO

HOLE 1, VIEW WESTNORTHWEST FROM TEE TO GREEN

18/21

M; 35-140-2011-11-11-18



M: 35-140  
COLUMBIA COUNTRY CLUB, 7900 CONNECTICUT AVE,  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD

S. TRAUM  
NOVEMBER 11, 2011

MD SHPO  
HOLE 2, VIEW TO NORTHEAST FROM THE TEE TOWARDS THE GREEN

19/21  
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8  
PAR  
3  
ESTABLISHED

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COLUMBIA COUNTRY CLUB, 7900

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD

S. TRAUM

DECEMBER 13, 2011

MD SHPO

HOLE 8, VIEW TOWARD NORTHWEST

20/21

M; 35-140-2011-12-13-20

CONNECTICUT AVE,

FROM TEE TO GREEN



M: 35-140

COLUMBIA COUNTRY CLUB, 7900 CONNECTICUT AVE.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD

S. TRAUM

DECEMBER 13, 2011

MD SHPO

HOLE 13, VIEW TOWARDS WEST SOUTHWEST FROM TEE TO GREEN

21/21

M: 35-140-2011-12-13-21

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes \_\_\_  
no \_\_\_

Property Name: Columbia Country Club Inventory Number: M:35-140  
 Address: 7900 Connecticut Avenue City: Chevy Chase Zip Code: 20815  
 County: Montgomery USGS Topographic Map: Washington West  
 Owner: Columbia Country Club Is the property being evaluated a district? \_\_\_ yes  
 Tax Parcel Number: Multiple Tax Map Number: HN53 Tax Account ID Number: 07-00419647  
 Project: Purple Line, Bethesda to Silver Spring Segment Agency: Maryland Transit Administration  
 Site visit by MHT staff:  no \_\_\_ yes Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Is the property is located within a historic district? \_\_\_ yes  no

*If the property is within a district* District Inventory Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 NR-listed district \_\_\_ yes Eligible district \_\_\_ yes Name of District: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource \_\_\_ yes \_\_\_ no Non-contributing but eligible in another context \_\_\_ yes

*If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district)* Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible  yes \_\_\_ no

Criteria: \_\_\_ A \_\_\_ B \_\_\_ C \_\_\_ D Considerations: \_\_\_ A \_\_\_ B \_\_\_ C \_\_\_ D \_\_\_ E \_\_\_ F \_\_\_ G \_\_\_ None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in:  
 Columbia Country Club, 100 Years of Spirited History, 1989-1998. Columbia Country Club:2000.

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*  
 The Columbia Country Club was founded in 1898 as the 20-member Columbia Golf Club. The clubhouse was located on Georgia Avenue. In 1910, the club was forced to vacate its site and moved to its current site in Chevy Chase, nestled among the developments of the Chevy Chase Land Company. The club was offered a premiere site just north of the land company's latest development. With financing offered by the land company and the benefit of public transportation along the Rock Creek Railway, the club built the current clubhouse on the site in 1911. The Land Company boasted that its new Section 4 subdivision was between the "two leading country clubs of the District of Columbia."

The club's membership included prominent leaders of the District of Columbia and was a true country club, offering tennis and swimming in addition to golf. Its golf course was designed by prominent golfer Walter J. Travis and in 1921, the U.S. Open Golf Championship was held at the club. In 1998, the club celebrated its 100-year anniversary.

The 1911 clubhouse stands at the core of the club property today. Although it has undergone some alterations, the clubhouse still conveys its Spanish Revival/Mission Style architecture through its form and clay tile roof. Alterations include the enclosure of part of the original front portico, and additions on the sides and rear. The interior has also been recently renovated. Its tennis courts, pool and golf course remain in their historic locations, even though all have been modernized.

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW**

Eligibility recommended  Eligibility not recommended \_\_\_

Criteria:  A \_\_\_ B  C \_\_\_ D Considerations: \_\_\_ A \_\_\_ B \_\_\_ C \_\_\_ D \_\_\_ E \_\_\_ F \_\_\_ G \_\_\_ None

MHT Comments

Andrew Lewis Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date 11/07/02  
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Columbia Country Club

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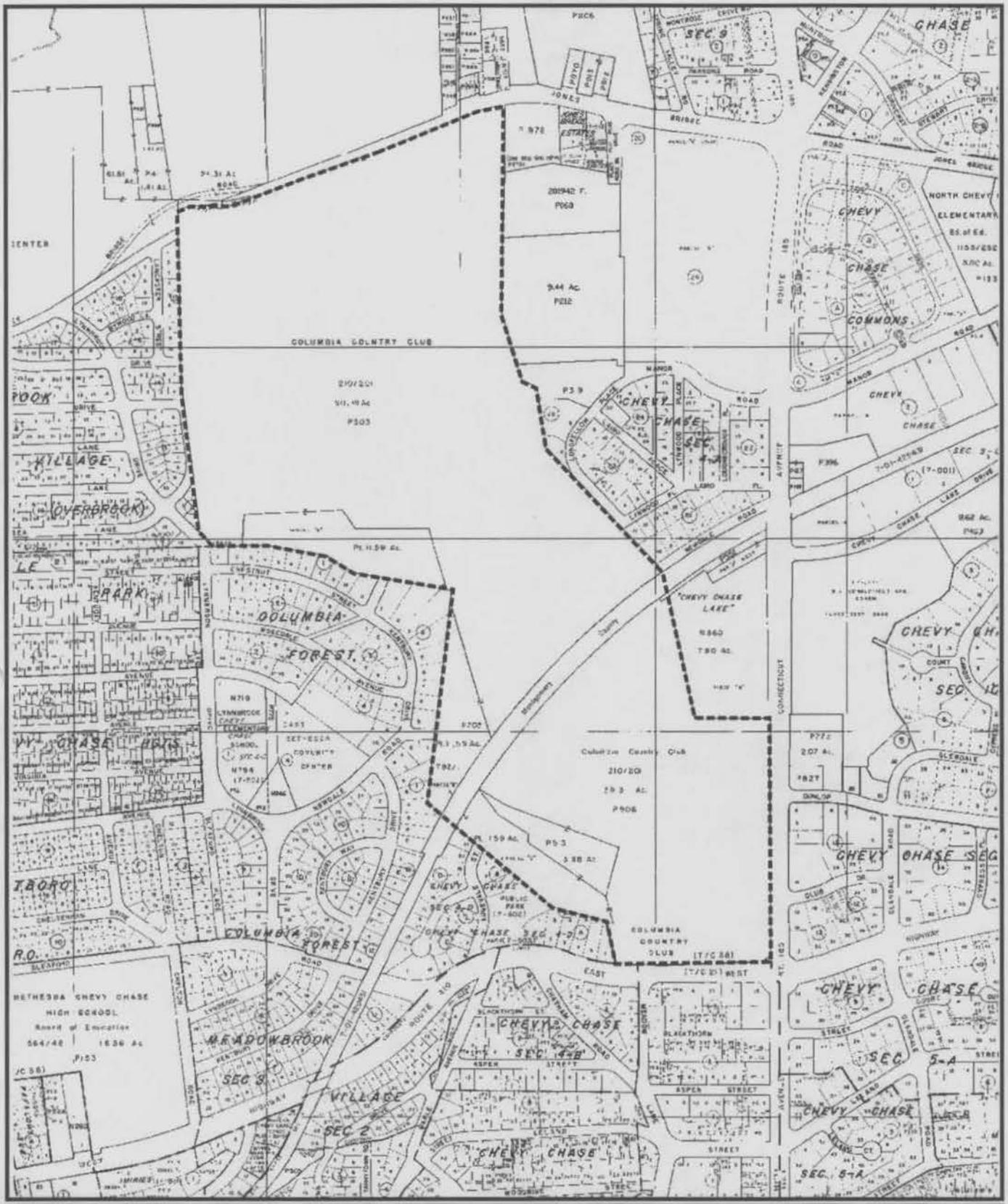
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The Columbia Country Club is historically significant for its association with the marketing and development of Chevy Chase by the Chevy Chase Land Company. Due to alterations to the clubhouse and other features on the property, the resource does not possess architectural significance.

The recommended NRHP boundary is the legal boundary of the property.

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Proposed National Register Boundary  
 Columbia Country Club, M 35-140  
 7900 Connecticut Avenue  
 Chevy Chase, MD

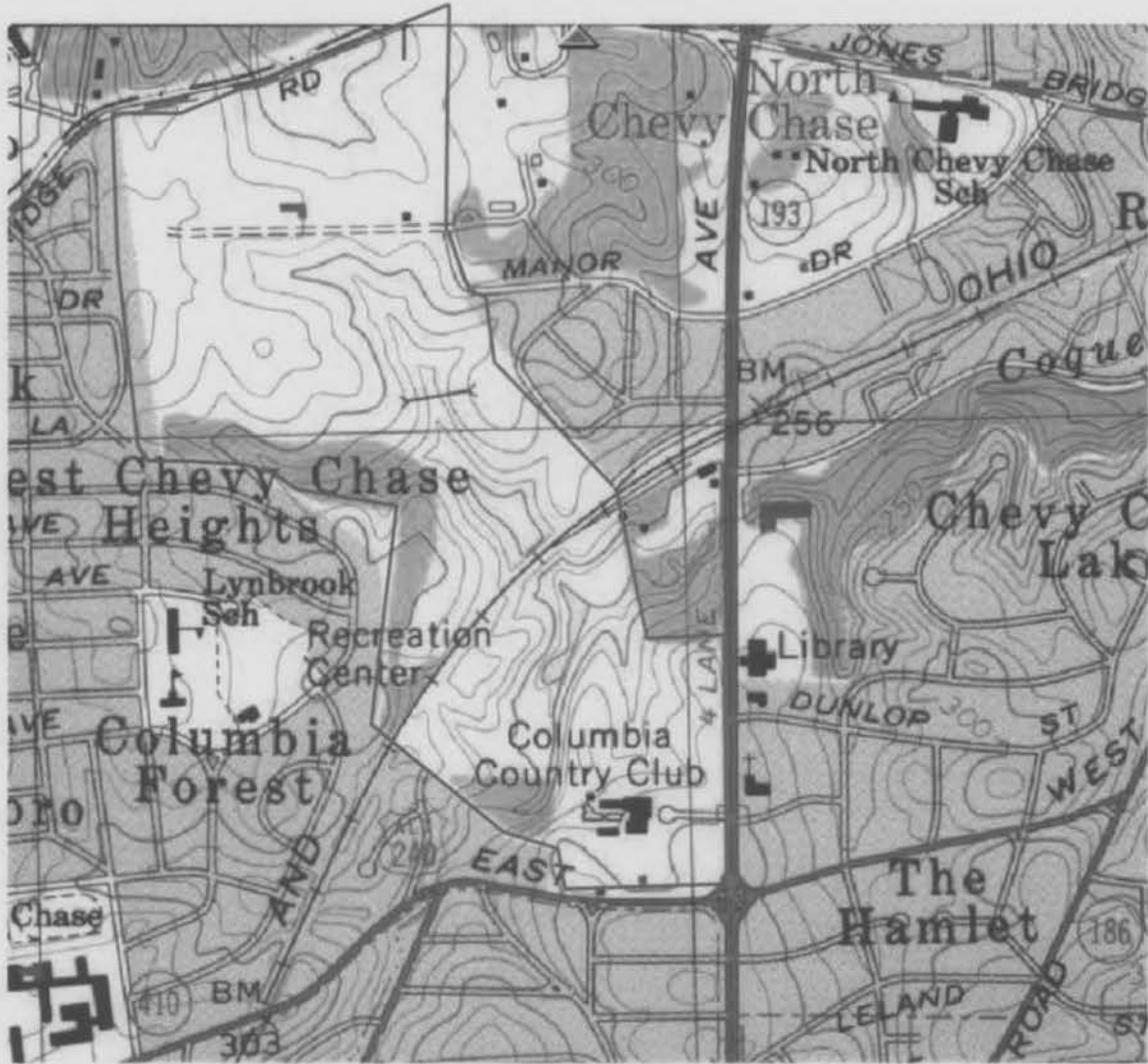
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Columbia Country Club M:35-140  
7900 Connecticut Avenue, Chevy Chase  
Washington West, USGS Quadrangle

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Columbia Country Club  
7900 Connecticut Avenue, Chevy Chase  
Washington West (and Kensington) Quadrangle





M 351140

Columbia County Club

1900 Connecticut, Clary Chase

Montgomery Co. MD

Slater, PBOD

8102

MD 5440

Frost (e) elevation, view W

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m 35:140

Columbia Country Club  
1900 Connecticut, Cherry Chase  
Montgomery Co, MD  
Slater, PBOO

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no SHPO

front portion, view road

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M 35:140

Columbia Country Club  
1900 Connecticut, Cherry Chase  
Montgomery Co, Md

Slater, P.B.D.

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M.D. ST-PO

Front portico, view S.W.

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M 35:140

Columbia County, Ga.

1900 Connecticut Ave., Chevy Chase

Montgomery Co., Md.

Slater, F. B. 28

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M D SHPO

South elevation, View N

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M 35:140

Columbia County Chd  
1900 Connecticut Ave.  
Cherry Chase, Md  
Montgomery Co, MD  
Slater, PBOD

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MD 52PO

West (rear) elevation, View #  
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M 351140

Columbia Country Club

1900 Connecticut Ave

Crofton Chase, Montgomery Co, MD

Slater, PB30

8102

MD SHPO

View NE at rear address

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RR. 35:140

Columbia County Club

1900 Connecticut Ave.

Cherry Chase, Maryland Co., MD

State. FR&D

8102

MD S+PO

Interior, MESS ROOM

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M 35:140

Columbia Country Club

1900 Connecticut Ave

Cherry Chase, Montgomery Co, MD

Slater, PR 30

8102

MD SHPO

Interior, main floor.

Sof :3



M 35 # 140

Columbia County Club

1900 Connecticut

Chem. Club, Matignon Co, MD

5125, CR 50

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Insects, Foyer, Frat. Ent. Soc.

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MS. B. 51. 140

Columbia Country Club:

1900 Connecticut

Cherry Chase, Montgomery Co., MD

Slater PBO

8102

MS SHPS

Interior, Foyes Front outside

to 5610