

Maryland Historical Trust
Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form
Intercounty Connector Project

DOE ___yes ___no

1. Name: (indicate preferred name)

historic Zook Park

and/or common

2. Location:

street & number Myrtle Avenue and Briggs Chaney Road ___ not for publication

city, town Calverton vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Prince George's

3. Classification:

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

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

name Multiple

street & number telephone no.:

city,town state and zip code MD

5. Location of Legal Description

Land Records Office of Prince George's County liber

street & number Prince George's County Judicial Center folio

city,town Upper Marlboro state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records

ty,town state

7. Description

Survey No. PG:61-30(PACS E5.10)

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

Resource Count: 17

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

Zook Park, developed in 1940 and from 1946 to 1955, is a subdivision characterized by 1½-story, 3-bay front- and side-gable cottages. The subdivision is located in the 4200 and 4300 block of Briggs Chaney Road, and the 12000 block of Myrtle Avenue.

The properties on Briggs Chaney Road consist of six front-gable cottages constructed in 1940. One additional cottage, which was constructed circa 1920, was altered by the developer in 1940. The cottages generally have a front entry and a paired window on the front elevation, and a paired window in the gable end. The cottages have a variety of siding types, including asbestos shingles, vinyl siding, and aluminum siding. Two of the cottages on the 4200 block have been altered by large additions; the other four cottages remain as originally built.

The properties on Myrtle Avenue, constructed from 1946 to 1955, consist of ten identical 1½-story, 3-bay side-gable cottages. The cottages have a front entry with a small gable entry porch and two windows on the front elevation. All cottages have an interior brick chimney located near the center of the building, and a small projecting side bay with a side entry. Two of the cottages have been altered by the addition of a full second story, while the other eight cottages remain as originally designed. The cottages have a variety of siding types, including asbestos shingle, vinyl, and aluminum.

Zook Park is located on the north side of Briggs Chaney Road and on either side of Myrtle Avenue. Myrtle Avenue is a one-block long, gravel road ending at woods north of the development. The site is generally level, with 1950s and 1960s residences to the west and east, and undeveloped woodland to the north. Briggs Chaney Road is a residential street which has become a major traffic route.

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STATE HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY FORM
RESOURCE NAME: Zook Park

SURVEY NO.: PG: 61-30 (PACS E5.10)

ADDRESS: Myrtle Ave. & Briggs Chaney Rd., Calverton vicinity, Prince George's County, Maryland

8. Significance (Continued)

developed in the early to mid-twentieth century. Front gable and hipped roof cottages are one to two stories tall, 3 bays wide and several rooms deep. Side-gable and cross-gable structures are usually two to two-and-a-half-stories tall (although the Zook Park cottages are all custom built 1½-story buildings), are typically two to three bays in width and vary from one to three rooms deep (Gottfried and Jennings 1988, viii-xv). Zook Park was constructed by the developer and his family, and represents one builder's interpretation of this common building type.

NATIONAL REGISTER EVALUATION:

Zook Park, constructed in 1940 and from 1946 to 1955, is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The property is not eligible under Criterion A, as research conducted indicates no association with any historic events or trends significant in the development of national, state or local history. Zook Park does not represent a significant trend in the suburban development of the Washington, D.C. area and does not have a distinctive plan or architectural features which indicate an organized design. Historic research indicates that the property has no association with persons who have made specific contributions to history, and therefore, it does not meet Criterion B. It is not eligible under Criterion C; the cottages present an undistinctive example of a common, unornamented, utilitarian architectural style, constructed by a developer intending to provide low-cost housing during the period of post-war expansion. Finally, the property has no known potential to yield important information, and therefore, does not meet Criterion D.

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Eligibility recommended _____ Eligibility Not Recommended X

Comments: _____

Reviewer, OPS: Andrew Levin Date: 11/6/01

Reviewer, NR Program: Prinity Date: 11/9/01

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9. Major Bibliographical References Survey No. PG:61-30(PACS E5.10)

See Continuation Sheet

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____
Quadrangle name Beltsville, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

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

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

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city or town Baltimore

state Maryland

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 Trust
DHCP/DHCD
100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
(410) 514-7600

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Maryland Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan Data Sheet

Historic Context:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization:

Western Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period Theme (s):

Modern Period

A.D. 1930-present

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):

Architecture

RESOURCE TYPE:

Category (see Section 3 of survey form):

Building

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

Suburban

Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

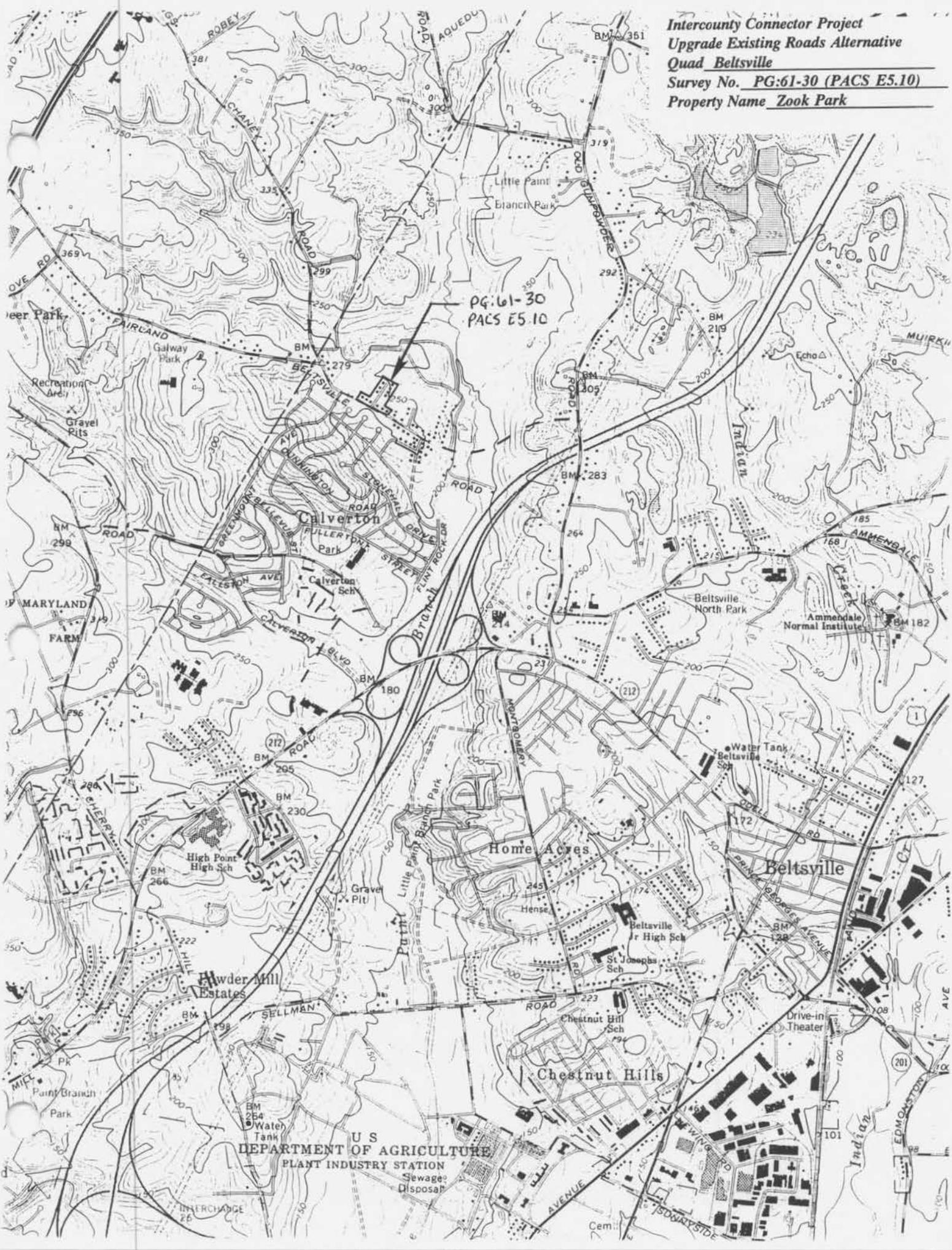
Private Residences

Known Design Source (write none if unknown):

None

Preparer:
P.A.C. Spero & Company
December 1996

**Intercounty Connector Project
Upgrade Existing Roads Alternative
Quad Beltsville**
Survey No. PG:61-30 (PACS E5.10)
Property Name Zook Park





1. PG: 601-30

2. Zoo Park

3. Prince George's

4. Ryan McKay

5. July 1996

6. P.A.C. Sporo & Company, 40 W. Chesapeake
Ave, Suite 412, Towson MD 21204

7. Myrtle Ave and Briggs Charey Road,
4312 Briggs Charey Road
North elevation

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7. Myrtle Ave & Briggs Charey Road, 4310
Briggs Charey Road
North elevation
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7. Myrtle Ave & Briggs Charey Road, 4300
Block of Briggs Charey Road
North West View

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block of Briggs Charey Road

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North west View



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Block of Briggs Charey Road
North West View
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7. Myrtle Ave & Briggs Charey Road, 4200 Block of Briggs Charey Road North west view

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6. P. A. C. Spero & Company, 40 W. Chesapeake Ave, Suite 412, Towson MD 21204
7. Myrtle Ave & Briggs Clarys Road, 12000
Block of Myrtle Ave, east side
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3. Prince Georges
4. Ryan McKay
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6. P.A.C. Spered Company, 40 W. Chesapeake Ave, Suite 412, Towson MD 21204
7. Myrtle Ave & Briggs Chaney Road,
12000 block of Myrtle Ave, West side
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7. Myrtle Ave & Briggs Charey Road, 12208
Myrtle Ave Front
Elevation
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7. Myrtle Ave & Biggs Charey Road, 4300 Block of Biggs Charey Road North East View
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Block Briggs Charey Road
North West View
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