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Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Hyattsville Bowling Center

and/or common Field's Buick-Opel Automobile Dealership

2. Location

street & number 5503 Baltimore Boulevard ___ not for publication

city, town Hyattsville ___ vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Prince George's

3. Classification

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

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

name Mr. Field

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. liber

street & number folio

city, town state

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title N/A

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. HR-2 PG.68-91-34

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

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

This building is two stories high, seven bays wide, and has a 6,7 course common brick bond which is painted white. Decorative brickwork in the frieze is in a mousetooth configuration. A datestone(1940) is prominently displayed in the center of the facade, above the frieze and below the metal copings. Most of the windows on the facade are 8 over 8 lights with double hung sashes. A large semi-circular window is in the second story above the central doorway. Two small round windows flank the semi-circular one. A large capped chimney made of brick is located on the southwest corner. The first story facade corners have a quoin-like effect made by alternating and protruding brick courses. The big showroom windows on the first floor have steel frames and are four bays wide, they were most likely added in the 1950s. The north elevation has a large cement ramp leading to second story overhead garage door. Also, a small one story addition made of concrete block is adjacent to the ramp. Another addition at the rear elevation is one and a half stories, six bays wide, has a flat roof and is constructed with concrete blocks. It has metal frame windows and a corrugated metal overhead door.

8. Significance

Survey No. HR-2 PC: 68-41-34

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/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1940 **Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
and/or
Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G

Level of Significance: national state local

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

This building was constructed in 1940 by the owner, Oscar K. Hiser. It was a bowling alley consisting of 24 lanes and a soda fountain was located near the entrance. People from far and wide made the trek to Hyattsville to partake in the recreative and social atmosphere. Eventually the owner, Hiser, went bankrupt and Mr. Field and his Buick dealership moved into the space in the early 1950s. Consequently the entire interior and partial exterior alterations have occurred thus accomodating the service and repairs of patrons automobiles i.e., large one and a half story addition at the rear elevation and the large facade show windows for optimum views of the auto display floor.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. HR-2

Prince George's Post October 3, 1940

PG: 68-41-34

Sanborn Fire Insurance Map 1959

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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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 state

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