

INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT  
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: Old Bladensburg Elementary Sch. Survey Number: PG: 69-32  
Project: School for Disruptive Youth Agency: MD Dept. of Education

Site visit by MHT Staff:  no  yes Name Bowlin/Andrews Date 5/94

Eligibility recommended  Eligibility not recommended

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

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)  
Located at 5150 Annapolis Road, Bladensburg Elementary School was constructed in 1939 from a design of Upman and Adams, a Washington D.C. architectural firm. The two-story brick building reflects subtle Art Deco features in its fenestration, string courses, parapet, glass block and vertical/horizontal lines. The linear building served as the community's principal elementary school from its opening till its closure in the late 1980s. In 1967, a large brick addition was constructed which destroyed the original entrance to the building, removed the glass block and doubled the size of the building. The addition includes a two-story wing on the north elevation and a one-story wing on the east elevation. The historic configuration of the school is no longer conveyed by its appearance. Plus the surrounding neighborhood is a mixture of strip development, 1950s public housing, and old and new dwellings. A new elementary school was built across the street from the historic building. The proposed project will include limited rehabilitation of the building to accommodate the new educational program.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: compliance file, "Bladensburg Elem."

Prepared by: Public School Construction Program

L. L. Bowlin 20 June 1994  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence:  yes  no  not applicable  
R. Andrews 6.31.94  
Reviewer, NR program Date

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MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

- Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
- Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
- Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
- Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

- Paleo-Indian 10000-7500 B.C.
- Early Archaic 7500-6000 B.C.
- Middle Archaic 6000-4000 B.C.
- Late Archaic 4000-2000 B.C.
- Early Woodland 2000-500 B.C.
- Middle Woodland 500 B.C. - A.D. 900
- Late Woodland/Archaic A.D. 900-1600
- Contact and Settlement A.D. 1570-1750
- Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815
- Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870
- Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930
- Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present
- Unknown Period (  prehistoric  historic)

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

- Subsistence
- Settlement
- Political
- Demographic
- Religion
- Technology
- Environmental Adaption

IV. Historic Period Themes:

- Agriculture
- Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
- Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
- Government/Law
- Military
- Religion
- Social/Educational/Cultural
- Transportation

V. Resource Type:

Category: building

Historic Environment: suburban

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): education, elementary school

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Known Design Source: Upman and Adams, Washington, D.C.



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Old Bladensburg Elementary School  
5150 Annapolis Road (MD 450)  
Washington East quadrangle

