

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

Property Name: Prince George's Country Club Building Inventory Number: PG:72-22  
 Address: 2411 Pinebrook Avenue Historic district: yes  no  
 City: Landover Zip Code: 20785 County: Prince Georges  
 USGS Quadrangle(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Property Owner: Prince George's County Tax Account ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tax Map Parcel Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Tax Map Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Project: Kentland Community Center Rehab Agency: HUD \ CDBG  
 Agency Prepared By: Maryland Historical Trust  
 Preparer's Name: Jonathan Sager Date Prepared: 10/11/2005  
 Documentation is presented in: MIHP number PG:72-22  
 Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: \_\_\_\_\_ Eligibility recommended  Eligibility not recommended  
 Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G  
*Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:*  
 Name of the District/Property: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Inventory Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Eligible: yes Listed: yes  
 Site visit by MHT Staf yes no Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

The Prince George's Country Club Building, also known as the Prince George's Ballroom, was built in the early 1950s as a clubhouse for the Prince George's County Club, a private club established in 1920s. The property was conveyed to the county in 1979. In consultation with the Historic Preservation Division of Prince George's County \ Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, it has been determined that the building does not meet the criteria for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

While the history of the surrounding golf course is associated with the development of the town of Cheverly and suburban Washington during the early twentieth century, the mid-century Club Building is not associated with any significant historical themes or events. The building is not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A. The building is not known to have a unique or close association with any individuals whose significant contributions to history have been identified and documented. It is not eligible for listing under Criterion B. The building is an undistinguished example of mid-century Colonial Revival architecture. These are common, and there are more elaborate, typical, and illustrative examples in the area. The building is not eligible for listing under Criterion C.

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW**

Eligibility recommended \_\_\_\_\_ Eligibility not recommended   
 Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G

MHT Comments:

Andrew Lewis 10/12/05  
 Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date  
John Elmsley 10/11/05  
 Reviewer, National Register Program Date

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PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY  
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey: PG#72-22 Building Date: 1950s

Building Name: Prince George's Country Club Building

Location: 2411 Pinebrook Avenue, Landover, Maryland

Public/Ballroom/Occupied/Excellent/Accessible

Description:

The Prince George's Ballroom is a large brick Club House, built of brick and facing roughly north(east). The main block is one and one-half stories high, and is seven bays long with hipped roof. There are five gable dormers in each of the north and south planes of the roof. A tall brick chimney rises from the hipped plane at each end, and at each end is a lower wing. The east wing is two bays wide and one story high with a nearly flat roof; there is an entrance in the second bay. The west wing is also one story high with hip roof, and only one bay wide. There is a multi-section projecting lobby centered in the north facade of the main block taking up the central three bays. This central projecting structure, also of brick, is one story high with flat roof. Entrance is through a large double door in the central bay, sheltered by a flat-roof porte-cochere with plain posts. There are several low shed-roof frame additions on the west end of the building.

Significance:

The Prince George's Ballroom was built in the early 1950s to serve as a golf course Club House for the Prince George's Country Club. The Country Club idea was developed in the early 1920s at the time of the development of the Cheverly community. Approximately 200 acres of farmland was purchased in 1921, and an existing dairy barn was converted into use as a Club House. This earlier Club House was significantly larger than the present building: a full two stories high, with gable roof pierced by eight dormers and a silo, preserved from the barn's original use. The golf course was developed in conjunction with the development of the town of Cheverly, a selling point for potential buyers of homes in that community. It opened with nine holes in 1923 and was enlarged by the late 1920s to 18 holes. The 1923 converted barn Club House was destroyed by fire, and replaced in the early 1950s by the present building. In 1979 the Prince George's Country Club, Inc., conveyed the Club House and 110 acres of land to The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission for use as a ballroom/meeting place/rental facility.

Acreage: 110.49 acres

Prince George's Ballroom

PG#72-22

HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Development Periods:

Modern Period - AD 1930-Present

Historic Period Themes:

Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Community Planning  
Social/Education/Cultural

Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Suburban

Historic Functions and Uses: Meeting Hall, Clubhouse

Design Source: unknown

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. PG#72-22

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Prince George's Country Club building

and/or common Prince George's Ballroom

## 2. Location

street & number 2411 Pinebrook Avenue  not for publication

city, town Landover  vicinity of congressional district 4

state Maryland county Prince George's

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input 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"/> educational <input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input checked="" 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 Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission

street & number 6600 Kenilworth Ave. telephone no.:

city, town Riverdale state and zip code MD 20737

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. P.G. County Courthouse liber 5050

street & number 14735 Main Street folio 288

city, town Upper Marlboro state MD

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title None

date  federal  state  county  local

pository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

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### Condition

excellent  
 good  
 fair

deteriorated  
 ruins  
 unexposed

### Check one

unaltered  
 altered

### Check one

original site  
 moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

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

The Prince George's Ballroom is a large brick Club House building which serves now as a rental facility for social functions. It was built in the early 1950s to replace an earlier club house which had been destroyed by fire.

The building is built of brick and faces roughly north(east). The main block is one and one-half stories high, and is seven bays long with hipped roof. There are five gable dormers in each of the north and south planes of the roof. A tall brick chimney rises from the hipped plane at each end, and also at each end is a lower wing. These flanking wings are not symmetrical. That at the east end is two bays wide and one story high with a nearly flat roof; there is an entrance in the second bay. The end wing on the west is also one story high with hip roof, and only one bay wide.

There is a multi-section projecting lobby centered in the north facade of the main block; it takes up the central three bays. This central projecting structure, also of brick, is one story high with flat roof. Entrance is through a large double door in the central bay of this three-bay projection; it is sheltered by a flat-roof portecochere which is supported by plain posts and which spans the circular driveway which constitutes the approach to the building. Windows are 8/8 and 6/6 with narrow board surrounds painted white; there are no shutters. There is a secondary north entrance in the sixth bay of the north facade.

There are several low shed-roof frame additions on the west end of the building. To the rear (south) at a lower level is a low rear wing, with flat roof, which projects to the south. Two banks of four 8/8 windows flank a central projecting bay which consists of six large 20-pane windows.

The building overlooks rolling grounds to the south and west, formerly a golf course. It is approached by a boulevard which leads southwest from Maryland Route 202. There is a parking lot northwest of the building.

# 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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	<input type="checkbox"/> 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 type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates: 1950s 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.

The Prince George's Ballroom was built in the early 1950s to serve as a golf course Club House for the Prince George's Country Club. It was built to replace an earlier club house which had been destroyed by fire.

The Country Club idea was developed in the early 1920s at the time of the development of the Cheverly community. Approximately 200 acres of farmland was purchased in 1921 out of the Thompson family farm. A dairy barn which stood on this land was converted into use as a Club House.<sup>1</sup> This earlier Club House was significantly larger than the present building; it was a full two stories high, with gable roof pierced by eight dormers. At the west end was a silo, preserved from the barn's original use.

The golf course was developed in conjunction with the development of the town of Cheverly. It was considered a selling point for potential buyers of homes in that community. The golf course opened with nine holes in 1923 and was enlarged by the late 1920s to 18 holes.

The 1923 converted barn Club House was destroyed by fire. It was replaced in the early 1950s by the present building. In 1979 the Prince George's Country Club, Inc., conveyed the Club

<sup>1</sup> Hopkins, G. M., Map of the Vicinity of Washington D. C., 1894; interview with Ray Bellamy, Jr., Cheverly Town Historian.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

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See notes, Item #8

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 110.49 acres

Quadrangle name Washington East

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A          
 Zone Easting Northing

B          
 Zone Easting Northing

C

D

E

F

G

H

### Verbal boundary description and justification

Tax map 59, parcel 47

### 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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organization Historic Preservation Commission date June 1993

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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.

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STATE HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY FORM  
Statement of Significance (continued)

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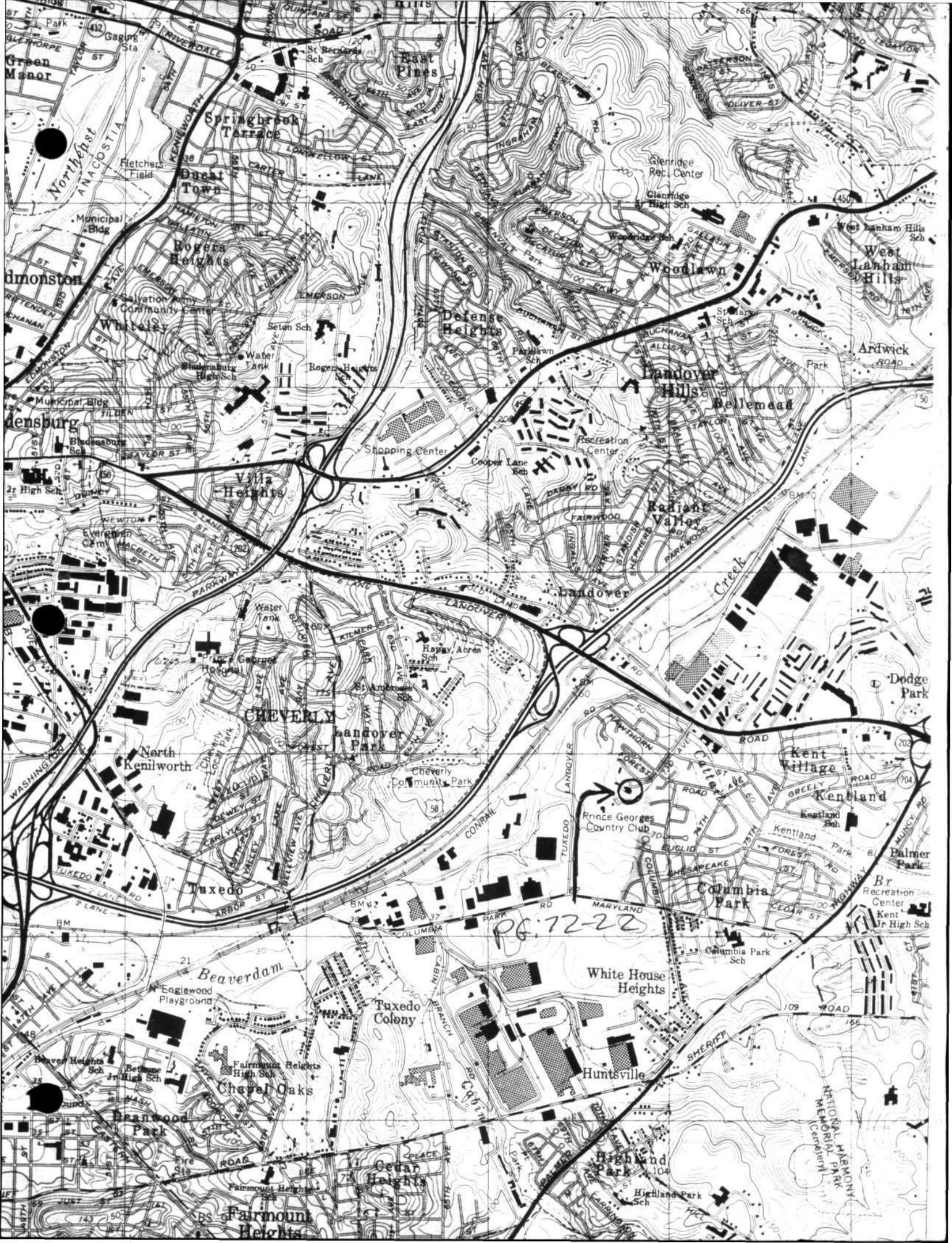
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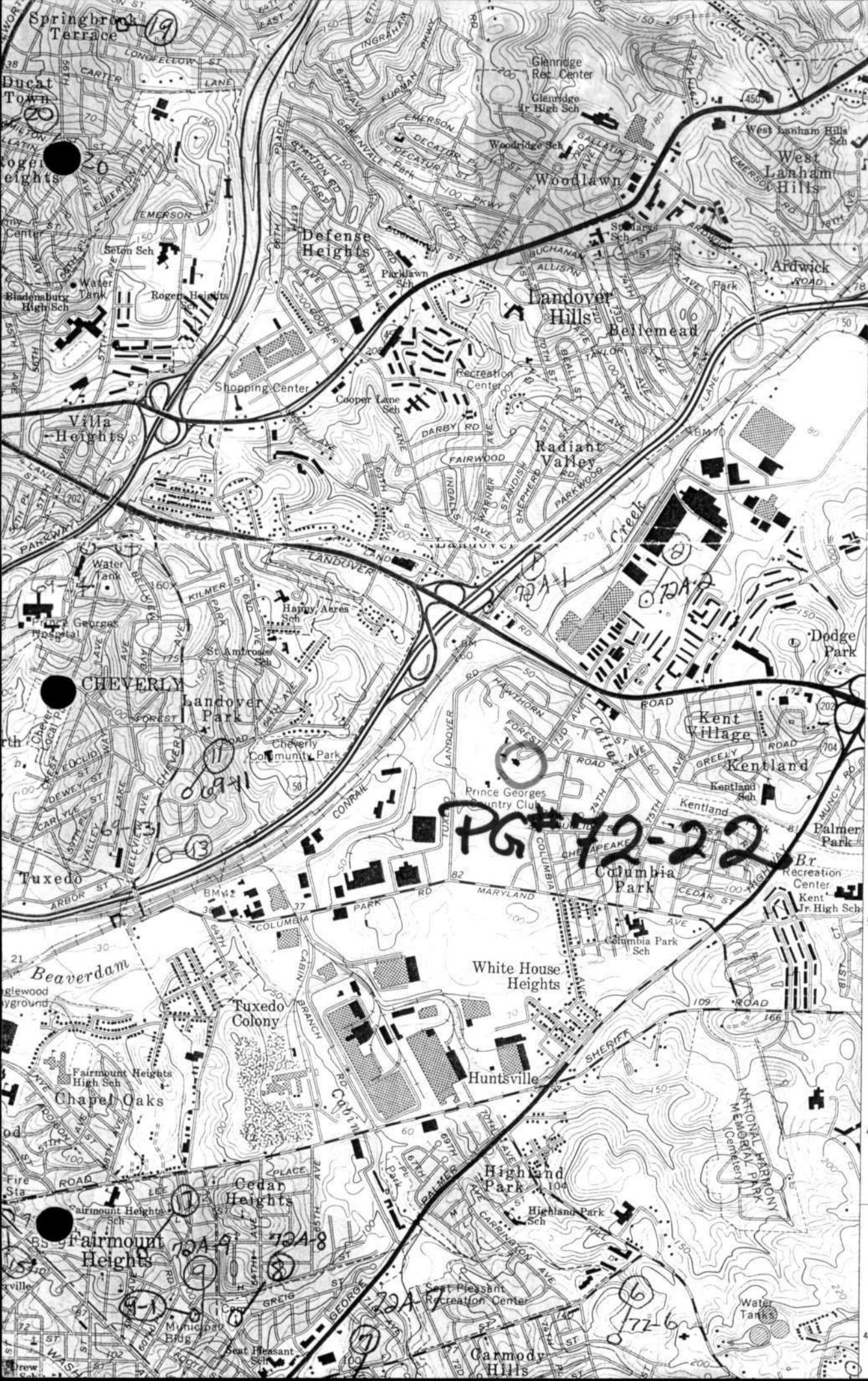
House and 110 acres of land to The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission for use as a ballroom/meeting place/rental facility, and built a new Country Club facility and golf course in the Woodmore community.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> Prince George's County Deeds #5050:288.







4313  
0.8 MI. TO INTERSTATE 95  
ANNAPOLIS 21 MI.  
4312  
(LANHAM)  
5661 IV NE  
4311  
4310  
UPPER MARLBORO 11 MI.  
55'  
4308  
4307

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Springbrook Terrace (19)

Ducat Town (20)  
Rogpi eights (20)

Villa Heights

CHEVERLY

Tuxedo

Beaverdam

Chapel Oaks

Fairmount Heights

Fairmount Heights

Glenridge Rec. Center  
Glenridge Jr High Sch

Woodlawn

Landover Hills

Radiant Valley

Landover Park

White House Heights

Huntsville

Highland Park

Carmody Hills

West Lanham Hills

Ardwick

Dodge Park

Kent Village

Kentland

Palmer Park

Br Recreation Center

Kent Jr High Sch

Columbia Park

Columbia Park Sch

Water Tanks



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Prince George's Country Club

Prince George's Co. MD

Susan L. Pearl

February 1993

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North facade for NW

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Prince George's Country Club

Prince George's Co. MD.

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Sketch elevation from SW

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