

CAPSULE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey No.: PG:LAU-1-16 (PACS 1.20) Construction Date: 1951

Name: Tastee Diner Property

Location: 118 Washington Boulevard, Laurel, Prince George's County

Private/Commercial/Occupied/Good/Unrestricted

Description:

The Tastee Diner Property is a 1-story, 3-bay commercial building on the east side of Washington Boulevard in Laurel, Prince George's County. Constructed in 1951, the building is a streamlined stainless steel rectangle attached to a 1-story yellow brick kitchen and service wing. The structure has a flat roof, and metal awnings over the windows. It is of stainless steel and brick construction and it has a brick foundation. The windows are fixed plate glass. The building has a centered projecting entrance bay with brick steps leading up to the doors.

Significance:

The Tastee Diner was brought to Laurel from Vineland, New Jersey by truck in 1951. The diner was located on lots 7, 8, and 9 in Block 56, which were owned by Walter Susini, Harry Susini, and Frank Tuozzo as the S & T Realty Company. The trustee for the S & T Realty Company Partnership sold the property in 1982 to M & W Tastee Foods of Beltsville, Incorporated. There is a second Tastee Diner in Silver Spring, Maryland.

Maryland Historical Trust
Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form
Montgomery-Prince George's Short-term Congestion Relief

DOE ___yes ___no

1. Name: (indicate preferred name)

historic Tastee Diner Property (preferred)

and/or common Tastee Foods Property I

2. Location:

street & number 118 Washington Boulevard

n/a not for publication

city, town Laurel

___ vicinity of

congressional district

state

Maryland

county

Prince George's

3. Classification:**Category**

___ district

 building(s)

___ structure

___ site

___ object

Ownership

___ public

 private

___ both

Public Acquisition

___ in process

___ being considered

 not applicable**Status** occupied

___ unoccupied

___ work in progress

Accessible

___ yes: restricted

 yes: unrestricted

___ no

Present Use

___ agriculture

 commercial

___ education

___ entertainment

___ government

___ industrial

___ military

___ transportation

___ museum

___ park

___ private

residence

___ religious

___ scientific

___ other:

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

name M & W Tastee Foods of Beltsville, Incorporated

street & number 118 Washington Boulevard

telephone no.:

city, town Laurel

state and zip code

Maryland 20707

5. Location of Legal Description

Land Records of Prince George's County

liber 5550

street & number Prince George's County Judicial Center

folio 726

city, town Upper Marlboro

state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date

___ federal

___ state

___ county

___ local

depository for survey records

city, town

state

7. Description

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

Resource Count: 1

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

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The south, or front elevation is the principal facade of the diner. It faces onto an alley that connects Washington Boulevard with Second Street. The lower walls are molded stainless steel, and the upper walls have plate-glass windows. There are eight windows on either side of a centered projecting entrance bay. The doors are located on the east and west sides of the entrance bay. The yellow-brick service ell is barely visible behind the streamlined diner facade.

The east elevation is composed of the end of the diner and the end of the brick service wing. There are five windows on the diner. The service wing has three windows, and the last one is boarded. The windows are 27-light, metal frame with brick sills.

The north elevation is the rear of the brick service building. There are three boarded windows in the basement level. There are four window openings on the first story. All are blocked with concrete block, and two aluminum vents extend from the wall to the roof.

The west elevation consists of the formstone covered brick service wing and the west end of the diner. There is a bar in the brick building, and two doors flank a fixed-light window. There are five windows on the diner end.

The diner retains its neon signs on Second Street and Washington Boulevard. A silhouette of a cook carrying a plate of food is located in a lunette above the words "Tastee Diner."

There are no outbuildings associated with this property.

The Tastee Diner Property is located on the east side of Washington Boulevard, and is surrounded by commercial properties to the north, west, and south, and converted residential properties to the east. The setting is relatively unchanged from the historic setting.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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8. Significance (Continued)

of stools and eventually became wider to accommodate window booths in addition to the lunch-counter stools. Diners began to lose their mobile image in the 1950s, as picture windows began to dominate the facades, diners were placed on permanent foundations, and kitchen facilities were moved into adjacent service wings (Maddex 1985:58-59).

National Register Evaluation:

Constructed in 1951, the Tastee Diner Property 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. 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, as it is an example of a diner built in 1951. Diners are a common building type, and while this is a good example of a diner dating from the 1950s, it does not have exceptional design qualities or integrity. It does not meet Criteria Consideration G for properties which have achieved significance during the last 50 years, because it does not have exceptional importance within the local context of development, nor is it a unique example of diner architecture. Finally, the structure has no known potential to yield important information, and therefore, is not eligible under Criterion D.

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Eligibility recommended _____	Eligibility Not Recommended <u>XX</u>
Comments _____	

Reviewer, OPS: <u>[Signature]</u>	Date: <u>9/2/98</u>
Reviewer, NR Program: <u>[Signature]</u>	Date: <u>9/3/98</u>

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9. Major Bibliographical References Survey No PG:LAU-1-16(PACS 1.20)

See Attached

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____
Quadrangle name Laurel, 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

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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 purposed only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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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, Transportation

RESOURCE TYPE:

Category (see Section 3 of survey form): Building

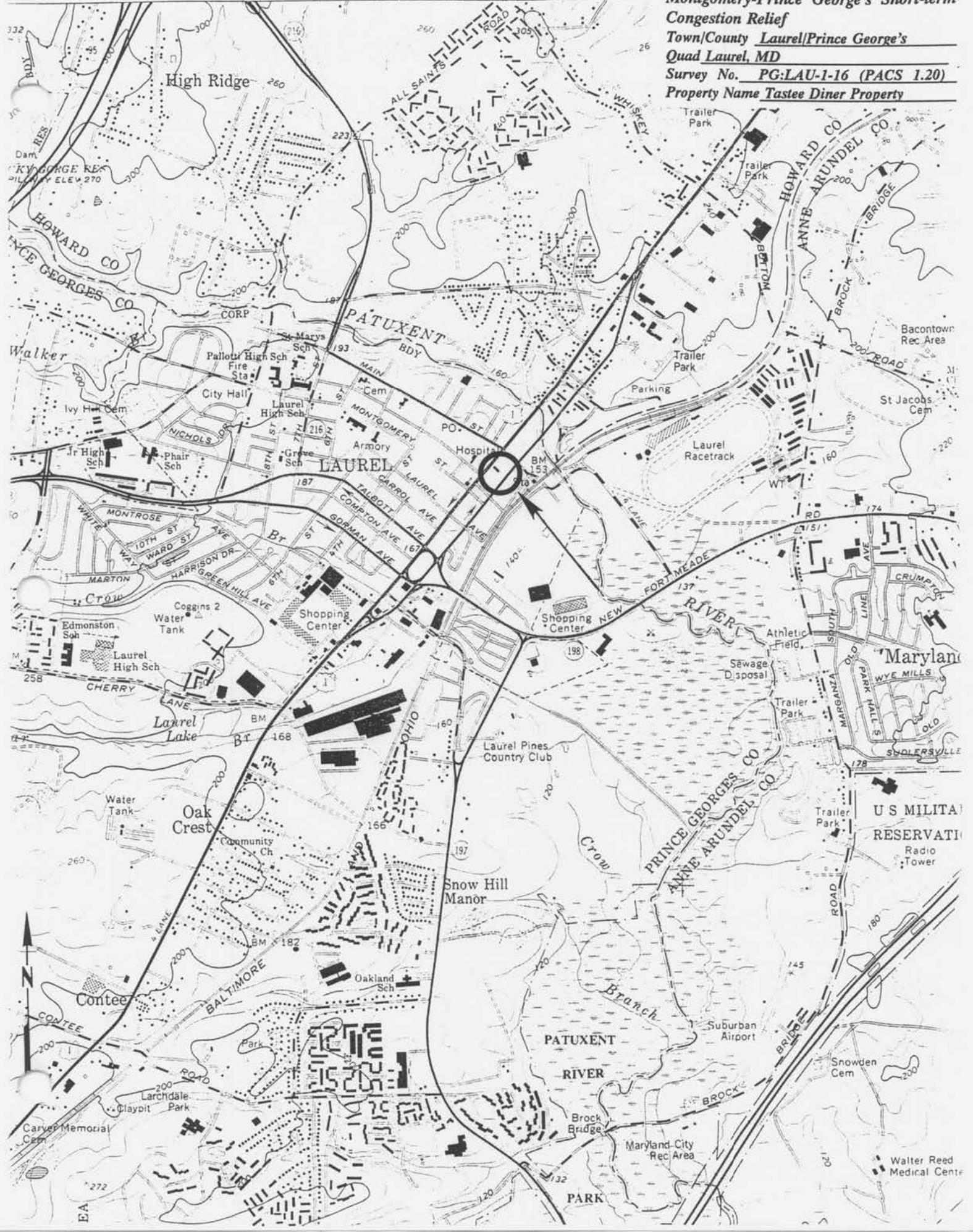
Historic Environment (urban, suburban, village, or rural): Urban

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Commercial

Known Design Source (write none if unknown): None

50' 347' BALTIMORE 18 M. SAVAGE 1 MI

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 Quad Laurel, MD
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- 3 Prince Georges Co, Md
- 4 Anna Taylor
- 5 5/98
- 6 WASHPO
- 7 S. elevation
- 8 1 of 9



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- 2 Justice Dinner Prosperity
- 3 Prince Georges Co, Md
- 4 Susan Taylor
- 5 5/98
- 6 Md 5473
- 7 SE corner
- 8 2 of 9

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- 1 PG; Lau 1-16
- 2 Justice Diner Property
- 3 Prince Georges Co, Md
- 4 Susan Taylor
- 5 9/97
- 6 MD SHPO
- 7 E elevations
- 8 2 of 9

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- 1 PG: Law-1-16
- 2 Justice Dinner Property
- 3 Prince George's bid
- 4 Susan Taylor
- 5 5/98
- 6 MA 540
- 7 Dinner, NE corner
- 8 4 of 7

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- 3 Prince Georges Co, Md
- 4 Susan Taylor
- 5 5/98
- 6 Md SHR
- 7 Diner, N elevated
- 8 5 of 9



- 1 Postcard 1-12
- 2 Easter Dinner Property
- 3 Prince Georges Co. Md
- 4 Susan Taylor
- 5 1/2
- 6 MASHPO
- 7 NW corner
- 8 6 of 9



- 1 PG: Law 1-16
- 2 Law by Dixie Property
- 3 Prince Georges Co. 22
- 4 Justice Taylor
- 5 5198
- 6 MID SHPO
- 7 W elevation
- 8 7 51 9

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- 4 Susan Taylor
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- 6 Md SHPS
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