

CAPSULE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey No.: PG:LAU-19 (PACS 1.24) Construction Date: circa 1925

Name: Fisher Building

Location: 150 Washington Boulevard, Laurel, Prince George's County

Private/Commercial/Occupied/Good/Restricted

Description:

The Fisher Building is a 2½-story, 5-bay commercial building on the east side of Washington Boulevard in Laurel, Prince George's County. Constructed circa 1925, the building is a massed plan with a 1-story gable-roof addition and a rear frame addition. The structure has a front-gable roof covered in asphalt shingles with a rear interior-end brick chimney. It is of wood-frame construction with a Flemish-bond brick veneer-facade and weatherboard and German-siding, and it has a parged foundation. The windows are double-hung wood sash.

Significance:

The Fisher Building was constructed circa 1925 on a .33 hectare (.83 acre) parcel on the east side of Washington Boulevard which was purchased by Bernice and Elwood Fisher from George and Margaret McCeney. Effie Morrison received the property from the will of Bernice Fisher in 1931, and sold the building with 570 square meters (6133 square feet) to C. Philip and Hilda Lee Nicholson in 1946. The property was purchased by the Laurel Realty Company, Incorporated in 1965.

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 Fisher Building (preferred)

and/or common Laurel Realty Company, Incorporated

2. Location:

street & number 150 Washington Boulevard n/a not for publication

city, town Laurel ___ 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input 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"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> private
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	residence
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input 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 Laurel Realty Company, Incorporated

street & number 150 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 3118

street & number Prince George's County Judicial Center folio 336

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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<u>Condition</u>		<u>Check one</u>	<u>Check one</u>	
<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			

Resource Count: 1

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

The Fisher Building is a 2½-story, 5-bay commercial building on the east side of Washington Boulevard in Laurel, Prince George's County. Constructed circa 1925, the building is a massed plan with a 1-story gable-roof addition and a rear frame addition. The structure has a front-gable roof covered in asphalt shingles with a rear interior-end brick chimney. It is of wood-frame construction with a Flemish-bond brick-veneer facade and weatherboard and German-siding, and it has a parged foundation. The windows are double-hung wood sash.

The west, or front elevation has been altered with a 1-story side-gable addition. There are two entrances on the first floor. The first is centered in the second bay of the main block. It has a broken-pediment surround with engaged fluted-pilasters. The second entrance is in the fifth bay, in the 1-story, side-gable addition and has an engaged-pilaster door surround. The fenestration pattern is symmetrical. The door on the main block is flanked by two bowed windows. The windows have center 8/8 double-hung windows with side 4/4 double-hung windows. The window in the fourth bay is a 20-light fixed window. The second story has two 8/8 double-hung windows flanking a smaller 6/6 double-hung window, all with fixed shutters. The gable is sheathed in weatherboards, and has paired 6/1 double-hung windows.

The south elevation is composed of the gable-end of the side addition, the main block, and the 1-story flat-roof rear addition. The wall of the side addition is covered in brick veneer, and there is a 1/1 double-hung window in the gable end and an interior-end brick chimney. The first story of the main block is covered in German-siding and has three 1/1 double-hung windows. The second story has paired 6/1 double-hung windows and a single 6/1 double-hung window. The rear addition has a concrete foundation and two 12-light windows with end casements.

The east or rear addition has been altered with the side-gable addition and the rear addition, which obscures the first floor of the main block. The side addition is covered in asbestos shingles on this elevation, and has a 1/1 double-hung window. The rear addition has a concrete foundation, is covered in weatherboard and is five bays wide. The entrance is centered. The fenestration on the addition is symmetrical, and there are three 12-light windows with end casements and a 6-light casement window. The rear of the main block is sheathed in German-siding. There is a door in the first bay of the second story, paired 1/1 double-hung windows, a 6/6 double-hung window, and a 2/2 double-hung window. There is a 6/6 double-hung window in the gable.

The north elevation is composed of the main block and the rear addition. There are three 6/1 double-hung windows on each story of the main block, located towards the front of the building. The rear addition has a 12-light window with end casements.

There are no outbuildings associated with this property.

The Fisher Building is located on the east side of Washington Boulevard, and is surrounded by commercial properties to the north and east, by a used-car dealership to the south, and by Washington Boulevard to the west. The setting is currently commercial, and remains relatively unchanged from the historic setting.

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8. Significance (Continued)

The two-part commercial block is the common type of commercial structures. The buildings are two to four stories tall and are horizontally divided into functions. The first floor services the general public as merchandise space or lobby space for a bank or hotel. The upper floors provide space for private offices, hotel rooms or residential units (Longstreth 1987, 24).

National Register Evaluation:

Constructed circa 1925, the Fisher Building 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 undistinguished example of a two-part commercial block which has been highly altered. The building has been altered with a pseudo-Colonial facade with Flemish-bond brick veneer, a pedimented door surround, and new 8/8 double-hung windows. There have been additions to the side and rear, and the fenestration pattern has been altered. The building no longer retains integrity of materials, design, workmanship, or feeling. 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>9/2/99</u>
Reviewer, NR Program: <u>[Signature]</u>	Date: <u>9/7/99</u>

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9. Major Bibliographical References Survey No. PG:LAU-19(PACS 1.24)

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

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date May 1998

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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.

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Historic Context:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period Theme (s): Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s): Commerce

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

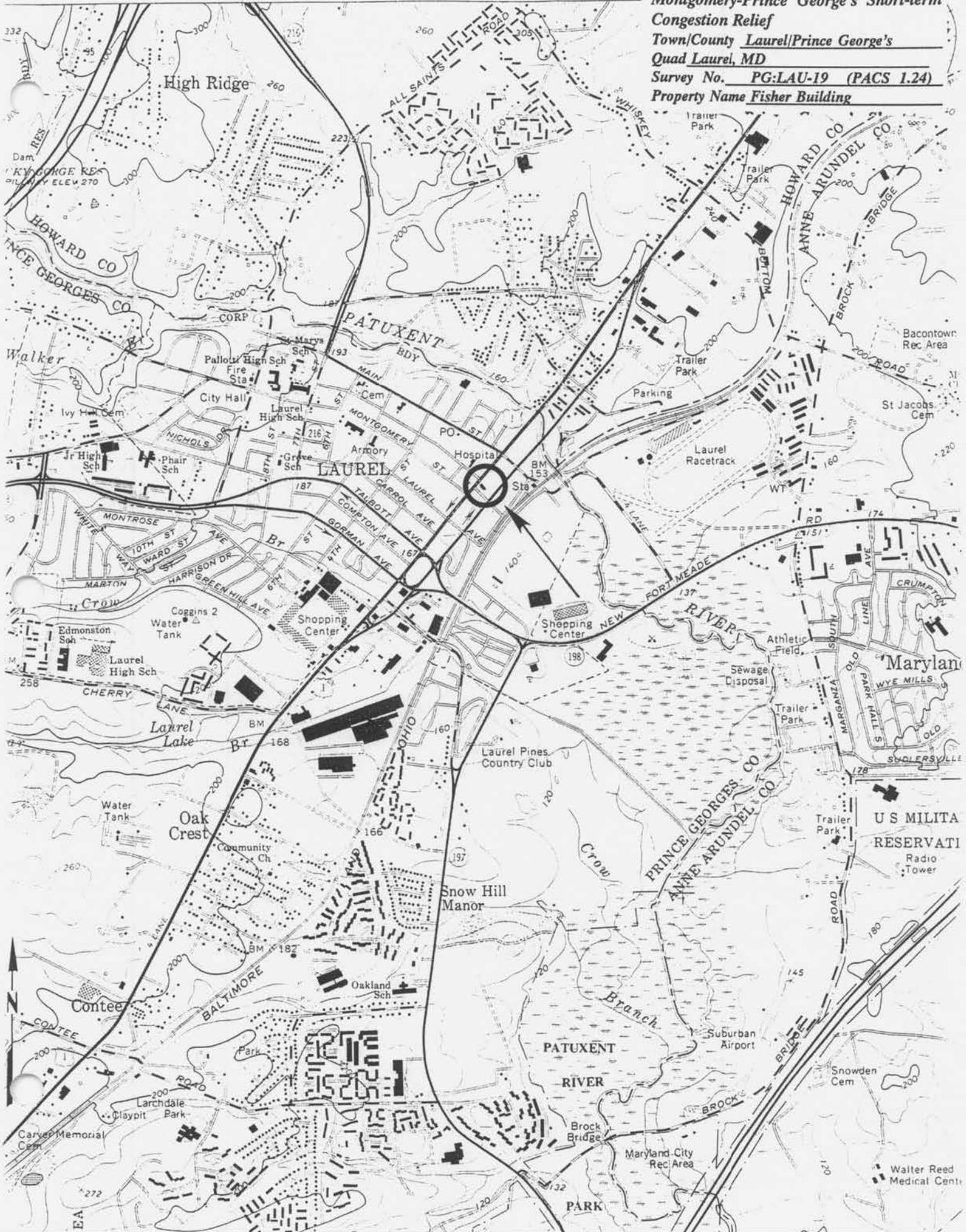
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May 1998

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 Town/County Laurel/Prince George's
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