

Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church  
SM-699  
West side Three Notch Road (MD 235) north of Pegg Road  
Lexington Park vicinity  
1947  
Private

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church was opened in November 1947 and served the Catholic community in Lexington Park until 1961 when a new church was built on a lot behind the old building. The Lexington Park community was formed after the establishment of the Patuxent Naval Air Station (NAS) in the early 1940s and quickly grew to be the most populous area in the county. As the population increased, housing, commercial and religious facilities were constructed to meet the needs of the community.

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# Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. SM-699

## 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

other Presently used as a Knights of Columbus Hall

## 2. Location

street & number West side of Three Notch Road (MD 235) N. of Pegg Road      not for publication

city, town Lexington Park   X   vicinity

county St. Mary's

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

name Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

street & number W. Side of Three Notch Road telephone     

city, town Lexington Park state and zip code MD 20653

## 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse tax map and parcel 43/47

city, town Leonardtown liber and folio 114/422

## 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District  
 Contributing Resource in Local Historic District  
 Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
 Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
 Recorded by HABS/HAER  
 Historic Structure Report or Research report at MHT  
 Other:

## 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function		Resource Count		
				Contributing	Noncontributing	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	<u>  2  </u>	<u>  0  </u>	buildings
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/ culture	<u>  0  </u>	<u>  0  </u>	sites
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	<u>  0  </u>	<u>  0  </u>	structures
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> social	<u>  0  </u>	<u>  0  </u>	objects
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	<u>  2  </u>	<u>  0  </u>	Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress			
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown			
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use			
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:			
				<b>Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory</b>		
				<u>  0  </u>		

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## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered

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

The Knights of Columbus Hall on the west side of Three Notch Road (MD 235) north of Pegg Road is located directly adjacent to the road in an area characterized by mixed residential and commercial uses. A one-story stucco-covered dwelling is situated north of the building. A paved parking lot and drive is located north of the hall; mature trees are located east and north of the dwelling.

The 1-story rectangular frame hall is clad in asbestos shingles and has an asphalt shingle gable roof. The building is supported by a concrete block foundation with five two-light hopper windows in each of the north and south sides of the building. A shallow one-story gable-roof addition extends from the west end of the building and similar small shed-roof additions are located at the southwest and northwest corners of the main block. The central front (east) entrance is enclosed by a shallow gable-roof wing covered with composition board siding. An exterior brick chimney rises along the center of the west side of the building between the main block and the gable-roof addition. Windows throughout the main block consist of a mixture of original nine-over-nine double-hung wood sash with decorative pediment lintels and surrounds and modern one-over-one double-hung sash (with plastic muntins) in simple wood surrounds. Windows in the gable-roof addition are six-over-six double-hung wood sash.

The east, or main, elevation of the hall includes the projecting central entry with single doors in the north and south sides and double doors in the east side. The entry is flanked on either side by a nine-over-nine double-hung wood sash window. A circular window is located in the gable. The north and south elevations are identical and contain five bays in the main block: a closed in window in the central bay is flanked by two nine-over-nine windows in the east end and two one-over-one windows in the west end. The shed-roof additions on the northwest and southwest corners each include a central entry flanked by one-over-one windows. The west elevation of the gable-roof ell contains three six-over-six windows and a door in the southwest corner.

The tee-shaped dwelling is covered with stucco and has an asphalt shingle gable roof. An interior brick chimney rises through the west slope of the roof. A gable-roof ell extends from the west end of the main block; two garages and a large shed are attached to the west end of the ell (the western garage and shed are of modern construction). The gable ends of the main block and the ell are covered with siding. Windows consist of paired and single one-over-one double-hung sash set into wood frames with concrete sills; some have been covered with plywood. A metal shed-roof porch extends along the south elevation of the ell. The east, or main, elevation of the dwelling contains five bays: a door flanked on either side by a set of paired windows in the south end, and two single windows in the north end. Two windows (one covered with plywood) are located in both the south and west elevations of the main block. A door and two windows are located under the porch in the south elevation of the ell.

# 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**Specific dates** 1947 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Evaluation for:

National Register  Maryland Register  not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual).

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church was opened in November 1947 and served the Catholic community in Lexington Park until 1961 when the new "Church in the Round" was built on a lot behind the old building (Hammett 1991:492). The Lexington Park community was formed after the establishment of the Patuxent Naval Air Station (NAS) in the early 1940s and quickly grew to be the most populous area in the county. As the population increased, housing, commercial and religious facilities were constructed to meet the needs of the community (Hammett 1991:491). Early development was concentrated near the NAS but has spread northward along the Three Notch Road (MD 235) corridor.

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Historical documentation does not indicate that this resource is associated with Criterion A, broad patterns of history or a significant event or Criterion B, an important person who contributed to local or state history. The property does not embody distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction nor does it represent the work of a master or possess high artistic value; therefore, Criterion C, architecture, does not apply. Lastly, the property is unlikely to yield information which contributes to our understanding of human history. As a result of recent modern development in the immediate area, the property lacks integrity of association, feeling and setting. Further, the former church and rectory building have been subject to physical alterations that have compromised their integrity of design, materials, workmanship and location.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW	
Eligibility recommended <input type="checkbox"/>	Eligibility not recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	Considerations: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G <input type="checkbox"/> None
Comments:	
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services <i>[Signature]</i>	Date 9/20/98
Reviewer, NR program <i>[Signature]</i>	Date 11/6/98

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## HISTORIC CONTEXT:

### **MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA**

Geographic Organization:	Southern Maryland
Chronological/Developmental Period(s):	Modern Period A.D. 1930 - Present
Historic Period Theme(s):	Religion
Resource Type:	
Category:	Building
Historic Environment:	Urban
Historic Function(s) and Use(s):	Church
Known Design Source:	None

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Hammett, Regina Combs. History of St. Mary's County, Maryland, 1634-1990. Ridge, MD (privately published), 1991.  
Hughes, Elizabeth. Final Report - St. Mary's County Historic Sites Survey. Valley Lee, St. George Island, Bay and Patuxent Districts. St. Mary's County Department of Planning and Zoning, 1995.

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of property 76.259 acres  
Acreage surveyed 76.259 acres  
Quadrangle name Solomon's Island, MD Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Parcel 47, Map 43, Grid 9, 10

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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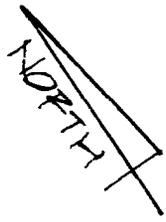
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organization	KCI Technologies, Inc.	date	7-21-98
street & number	10 North Park Drive	telephone	410-316-7857
city or town	Hunt Valley	state and zip code	MD 21030-1888

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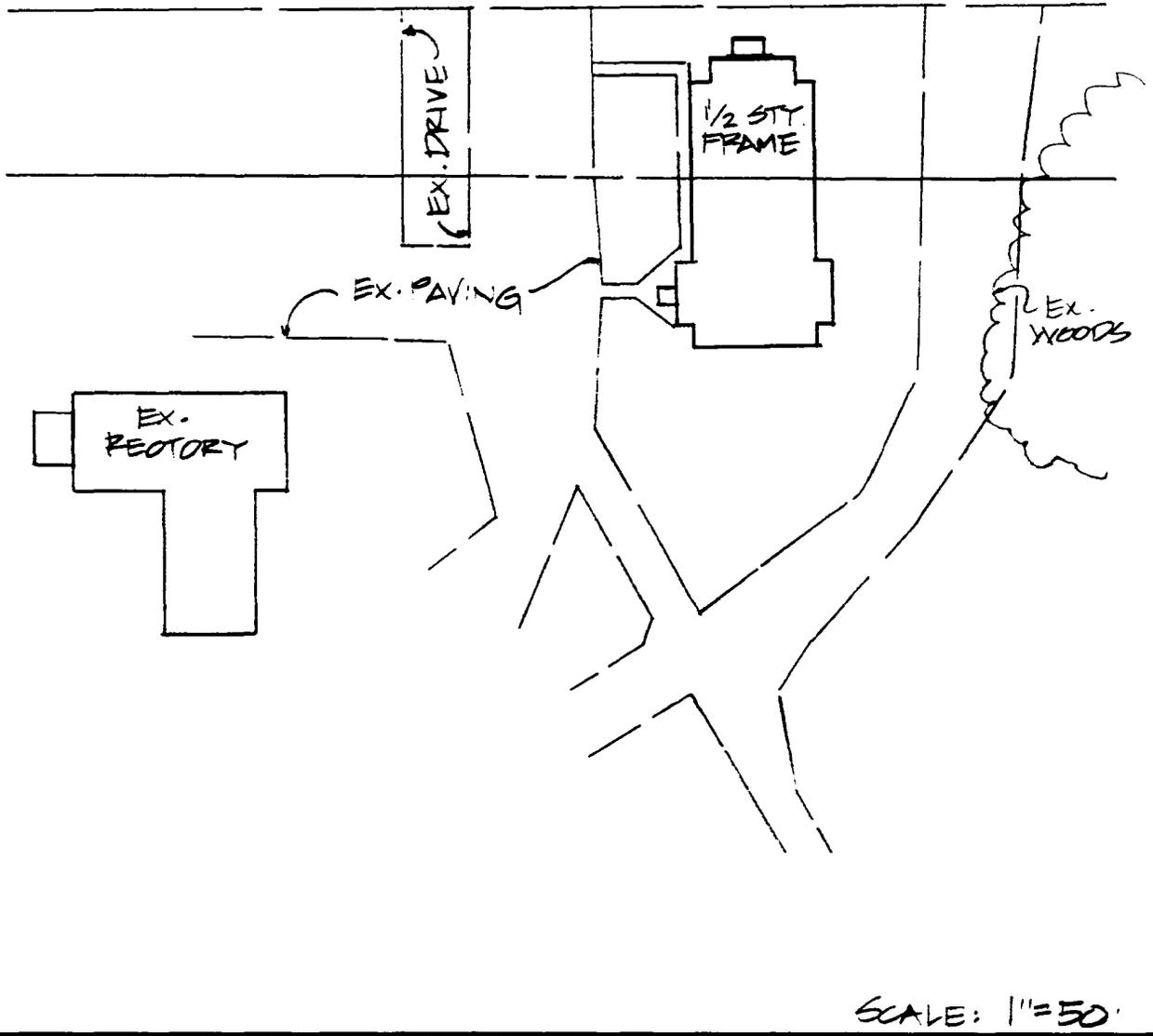
The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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MARYLAND ROUTE 235



SCALE: 1"=50'

**SM- 699**  
Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church,  
W. Side Three Notch Road  
Lexington Park, St. Mary's Co.  
Resource Sketch Map

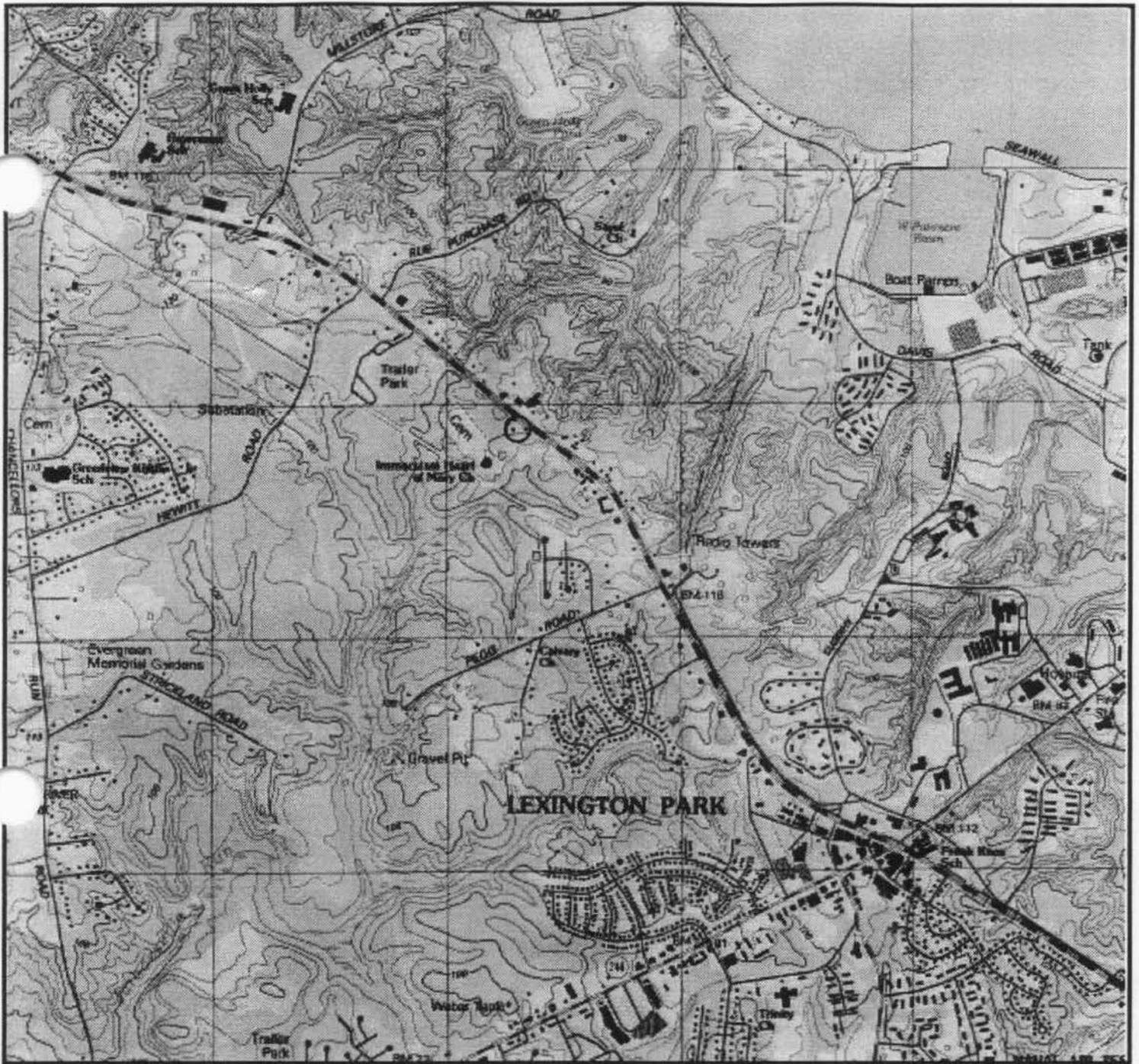


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ADMINISTRATION

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**MD 235: MD 4 to MD 246**  
**St. Mary's County, MD**

**BCS 95-17A**



**SM- 669**  
 Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church,  
 W. Side Three Notch Road  
 Lexington Park, St. Mary's Co.  
 Solomon's Island, MD USGS Quad  
 1987



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Scale: 1"=2,000'



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MIS SHPO

E + N elev. looking SW

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W: S elev. looking NE

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S + E elev. of former rectory looking NW

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W + S elev. of former rectory looking NE

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