

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property Name: Delmarva Power Grace Street Substation Inventory Number: T-1109

Address: West end of Grace Street

Owner: John K. Montgomery (building); Delmarva Power and Light Company (transmitters)

Tax Parcel Number: JKM = 1856; Delmarva = 1857 Tax Map Number: 201

Project: St. Michaels Parkway Agency: SHA

Site visit by John Milner Associates, Inc. Staff:  no  yes Name Rachel Mancini

Date July 28, 1998

Eligibility recommended

Eligibility **not** recommended

Criteria:  A  B  C  D

Considerations:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G  None

Is property located within a historic district?  no  yes Name of district \_\_\_\_\_

Is district listed?  no  yes

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: (provide name of Report) Cultural Resources Investigation: MD 33

St. Michaels Bypass, Talbot County, Maryland.

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

This building is a large, two-story, brick masonry structure, constructed in the 1930s or 1940s. It is located at the western end of Grace Street, west of San Domingo Creek. Originally constructed as an electric power plant, the building no longer serves this purpose. However, adjacent to the building is a large transformers substation enclosed within a chain link fence. This high voltage area is still used by Delmarva Power. The building is no longer the property of the power company, but owned by John Montgomery and used by small businesses (Moffet Woodworking, Tote-a-boat).

The building is rectangular in plan and has a one-story brick wing appended to the east elevation. The exterior of the building is characterized by successive bays, separated by wide pilasters. The western-most bay of the facade is slightly larger than the others. Large multi-pane metal windows are located on the second floor of the other bays. These two-story metal windows are also located on the west and north elevations. The main entrance is located in the second bay and is flanked by nine-pane sidelights and a twelve-pane overhead transom. On either side of the entrance are single six-over-six, double-hung windows.

The brick used in construction of the wing is a different color than that of the main block. The front elevation of the wing contains a large garage door accessed by a ramp. Large two-story multi-pane metal windows are located on the east and north elevations. A concrete block addition and a frame addition have been added to the north (rear) elevation, and portions of the windows have been covered over.

The entire building is brick masonry and has a thin cornice of concrete that accents the roof line. Both the main building and wing have flat roofs.

The 1927 Sanborn Fire Insurance Map of St. Michaels shows a small building belonging to the Eastern Shore Power and Electric Co. located in this vicinity. The existing building may have been constructed to replace this smaller predecessor.

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CONTINUATION SHEET

T-1109  
Delmarva Power Grace Street Substation  
Talbot County, Maryland

The Delmarva Power Substation is an example of Industrial Style architecture dating from the Modern period (1930-present). It no longer retains its original form due to the construction of the addition and poor condition. Constructed to replace an earlier facility, it does not appear to be significant for its contributions to the development of the town. The building is no longer owned by Delmarva Power and is in a neglected state. The Delmarva Power Grace Street Substation is recommended not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Place.

Prepared by: Rachel Mancini

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW			
Eligibility recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Eligibility not recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
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Comments: <u>Proximity of NR eligible property</u> <u>limited to footprint of building per JPS.</u>			
<u>[Signature]</u>		<u>4/20/99</u>	
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services		Date	
<u>[Signature]</u>		<u>8/14/00</u>	
Reviewer, NR program		Date	

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Name: Delmarva Power, Grace Street Substation

Construction Date: early-mid twentieth century

Town/Vicinity: St. Michaels

County: Talbot

Access: Private

Summary Description:

This building is a large, two-story, brick masonry structure located at the end of Grace Street. Originally constructed during the 1930s or 1940s as an electric power plant, the building no longer serves this function. However, adjacent to the building is a large transformer substation enclosed within a chain link fence. This high voltage area is still used by Delmarva Power. The building adjacent to the substation is no longer owned by Delmarva Power, but by John Montgomery and occupied by small businesses. The building is rectangular in plan and has a one-story, brick wing appended to the east elevation. The main entrance is located in the second bay of the main building and is flanked by nine-pane sidelights and a twelve-pane overhead transom. Two small shed roof additions have been added to the north elevation.

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MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. T-1109

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Delmarva Power - Grace Street Substation

**2. Location**

street & number Grace Street

not for publication

city, town St. Michaels

vicinity of

congressional district First

state MD

county Talbot

**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

educational

entertainment

government

industrial

military

museum

park

private residence

religious

scientific

transportation

other:  
Electrical power

**4. Owner of Property**

(give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name John K. Montgomery (P.1857) and Delmarva Power and Light Co. of Maryland (P. 1857)

street & number (Delmarva) c/o Tax Acct. 800 King St. P.O. Box 231

telephone no.:

city, town Wilmington

state and zip code DE 19899-0231

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Talbot County Courthouse (Delmarva)

liber 225

street & number Washington Street

folio 142

city, town Easton

state MD 21601

**6. Representation in Existing**

Historical Surveys

title None

date  federal  state  county  local

depository 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.

Contributing Resource Count: 1

This building is a large, two-story, brick masonry structure, constructed in the 1930s or 1940s. It is located at the western end of Grace Street, northwest of San Domingo Creek. Originally constructed as an electric power plant, the building no longer serves this purpose. However, adjacent to the building is a large transformer-substation enclosed within a chain link fence. This high voltage area is still used by Delmarva Power. The building is no longer the property of the power company, but owned by John Montgomery and occupied by small businesses (Moffet Woodworking and Tote-a-boat).

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# 8. Significance

Survey No. T-1109

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

Specific dates \_\_\_\_\_ Builder/Architect \_\_\_\_\_ unknown \_\_\_\_\_

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.

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**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW**

Eligibility recommended \_\_\_\_\_ Eligibility not recommended  \_\_\_\_\_

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

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
 Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Reviewer, NR program Date

## 9. Major Bibliographical Reference

Survey No. T-1109

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 7,200 square feetQuadrangle name St. Michaels, MDQuadrangle scale 1:24,000UTM References **do NOT** complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

see attached description

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

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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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100 COMMUNITY PLACE  
CROWNSVILLE, MD 21032  
(301-514-7600)

# Continuation Sheet

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Grace Street Substation  
County: Talbot

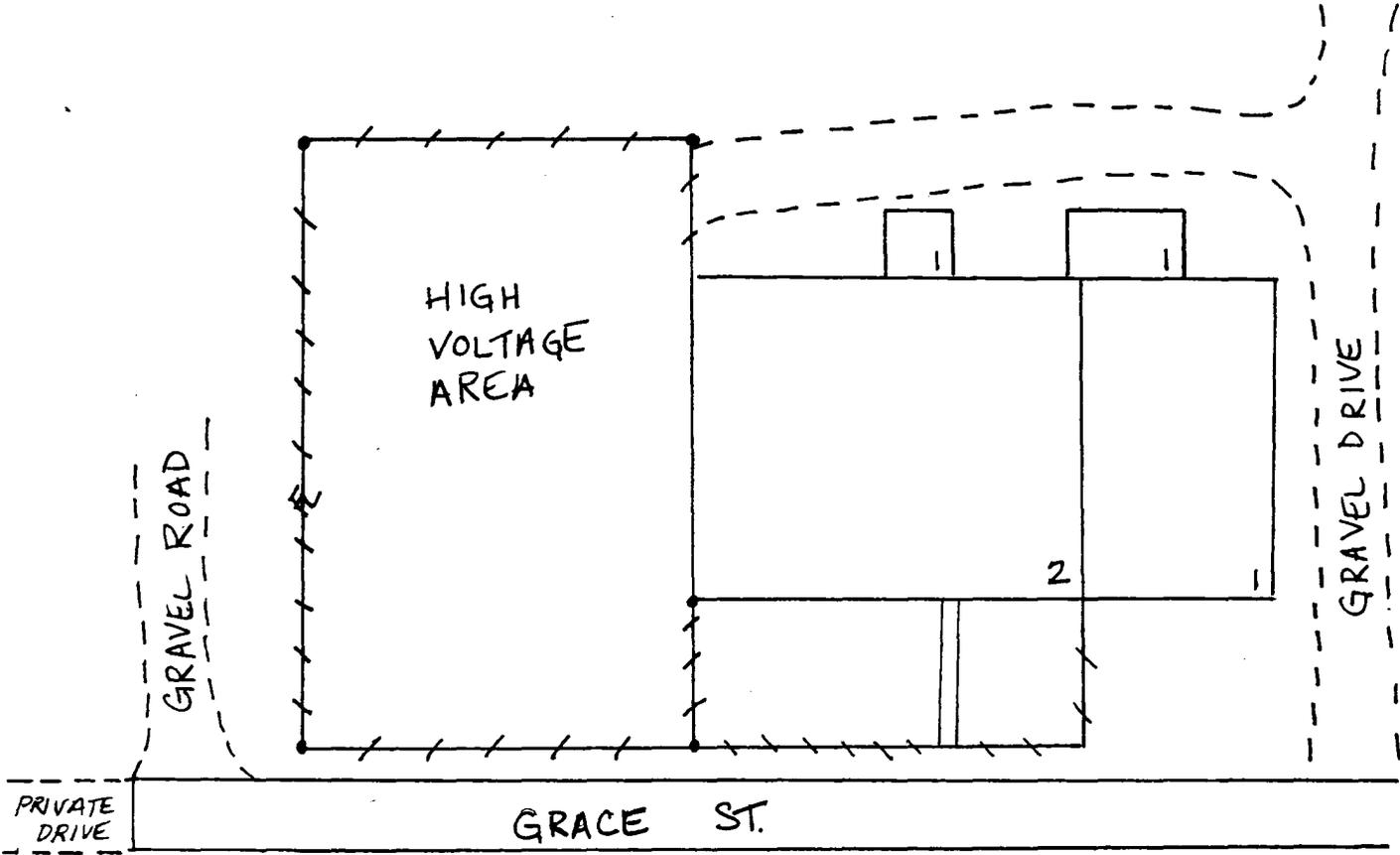
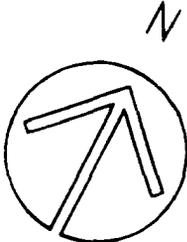
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## 10. Geographical Data

### Verbal boundary description and justification

The parcel of land originally owned by Delmarva Power and Light Company and used for their Grace Street Substation had been subdivided. The brick masonry building adjacent to the fenced substation is no longer owned by Delmarva, but by John K. Montgomery. Therefore the boundary justification includes only the footprint of the building and adjoining substation and not the entire tax parcels owned by Delmarva and Mr. Montgomery.

drawn by: Rachel Mancini  
John Milner Associates, Inc.  
August, 1998



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## MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

### HISTORIC CONTEXT

**Geographic Organization:** Eastern Shore

**Chronological/Development Period(s):** Modern Period A.D. 1930 - Present

**Historic Period Theme(s):** Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning

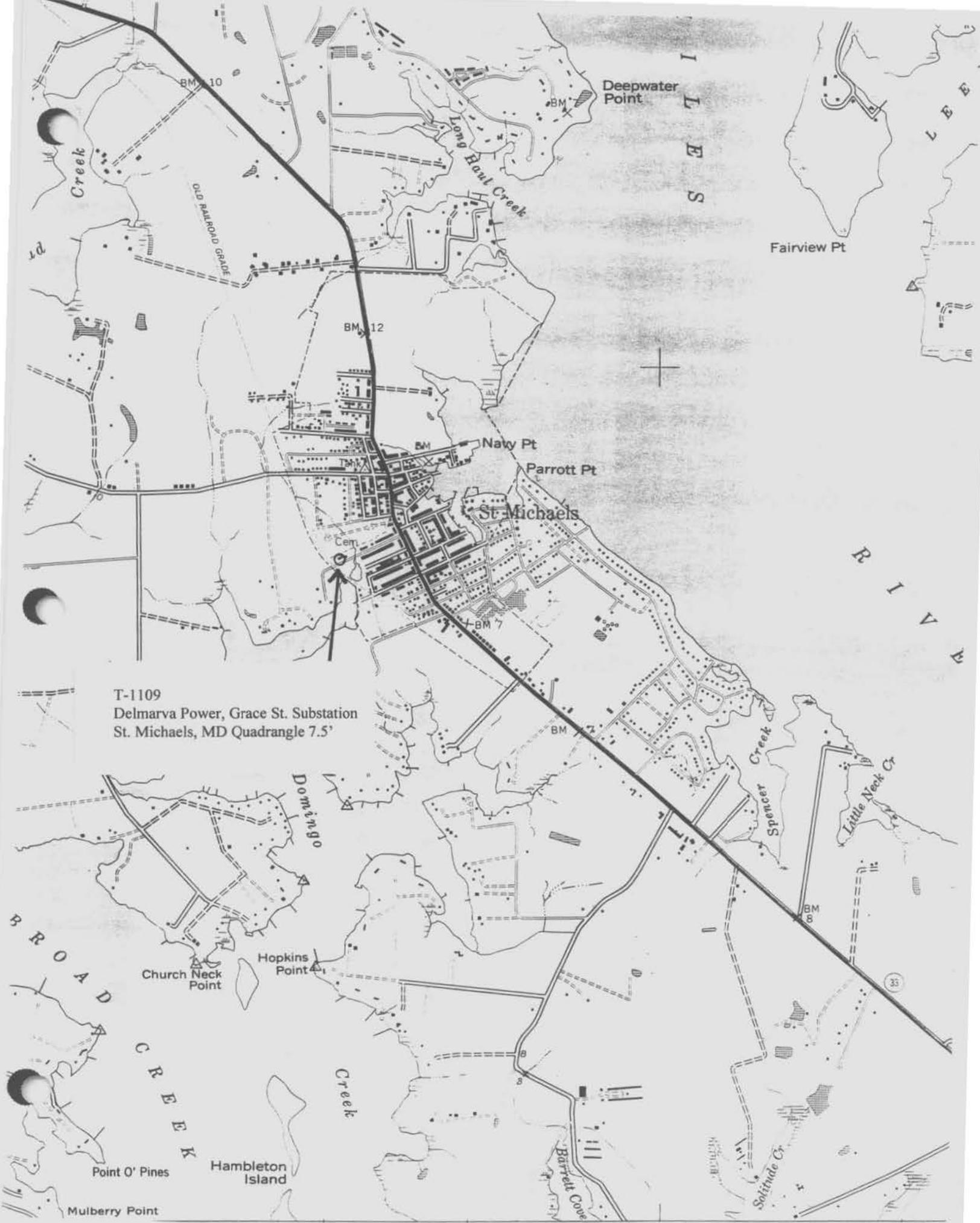
**Resource Type:**

**Category:** Building

**Historic Environment:** Village

**Historic Function(s) and Use(s):** INDUSTRY/PROCESSING/EXTRACTION: energy facility

**Known Design Source:** none



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Delmarva Power, Grace St. Substation  
St. Michaels, MD Quadrangle 7.5'



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Grace St.

St. Michaels, Talbot Co, MD

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Main building, South elevation

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WHEEL  
WHEELS

TOTE-A-BOAT  
©  
TOTE-A-BOAT  
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Closeup of main entrance  
on Grace St - South elevation.

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Main Building, East elevation

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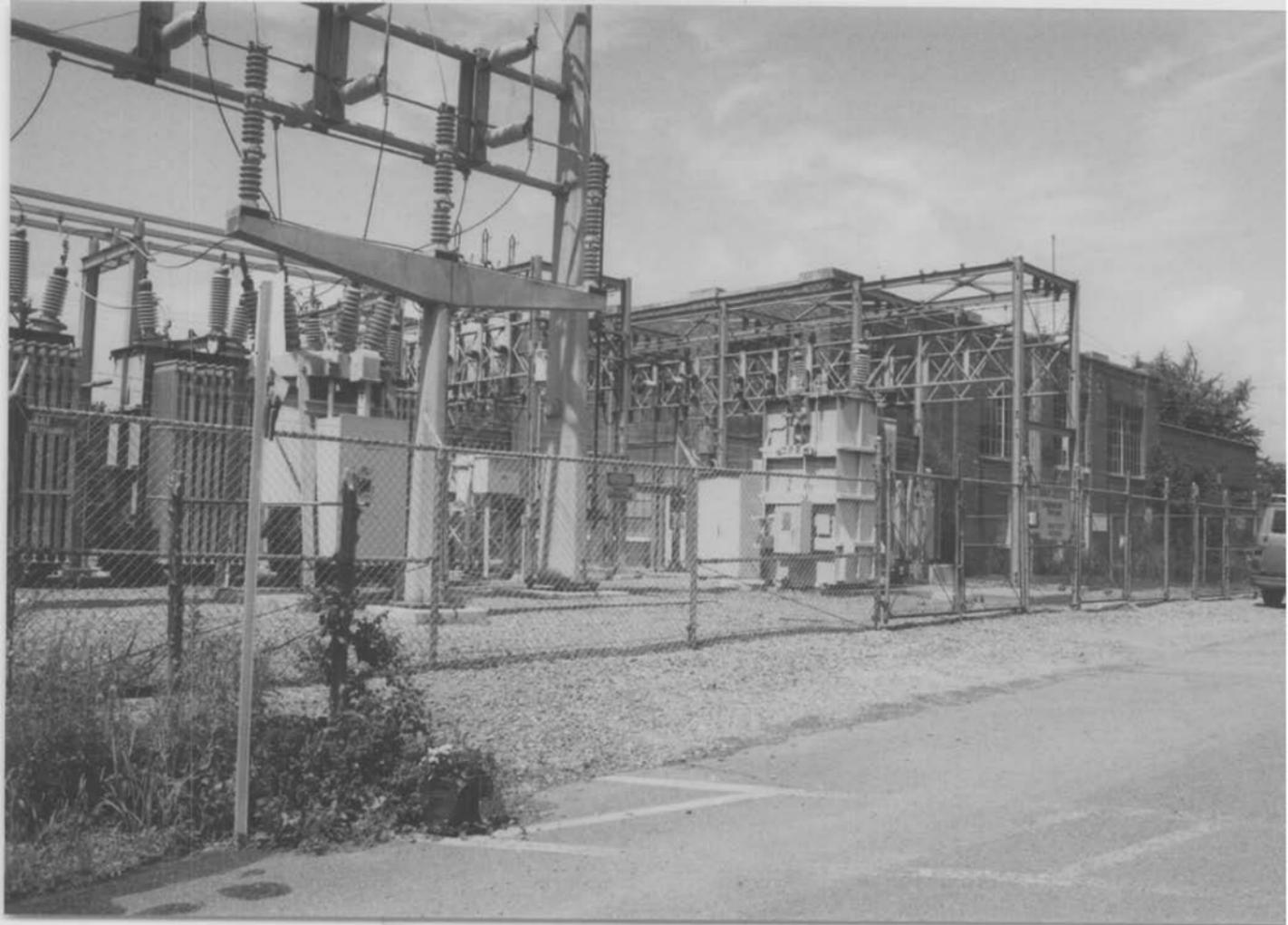
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Main building, North elevation

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High voltage area with  
west elevation in background

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