

INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: Transpeninsular Line Marker Survey Number: WO-479

Project: US 113 from MD 394 to Delaware State Line Agency: SHA

Site visit by MHT Staff: no yes Name _____ Date _____

Eligibility recommended Eligibility **not** recommended

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

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

The Transpeninsular Line Marker is situated along the east side of US Route 113 at the boundary line between the states of Maryland and Delaware and is considered eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Transpeninsular Line Marker represents a significant event in the history of Maryland and its settlement during the 18th century. Boundary disputes, known as the "Great Chancery Case" between the Calverts of Maryland and the Penns of Pennsylvania began in the late 1600s; the Great Chancery Case was resolved in 1750 with an order that would establish an east/west boundary and a middle point to the peninsula. Stones were placed at regular intervals to demarcate the dividing line.

The current boundary between Worcester County, MD and Sussex County, Delaware was begun at the ocean and ran westward. The Transpeninsular Line Marker is a granite stone bearing the seal of Maryland on its south face and the seal of Delaware on its north face. The Transpeninsular Line Marker is eligible for listing on the National Register under Criterion A for its association with the early settlement of the state and the attempt to create independent states during the colonization of the country.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Review and Compliance Files

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Kimberly Prothro Williams March 21, 1996
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence: yes no not applicable
Orlando P. Smith March 27, 1996.
Reviewer, NR program Date

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MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

- Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
- Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
- Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
- Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

- Paleo-Indian 10000-7500 B.C.
- Early Archaic 7500-6000 B.C.
- Middle Archaic 6000-4000 B.C.
- Late Archaic 4000-2000 B.C.
- Early Woodland 2000-500 B.C.
- Middle Woodland 500 B.C. - A.D. 900
- Late Woodland/Archaic A.D. 900-1600
- Contact and Settlement A.D. 1570-1750
- Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815
- Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870
- Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930
- Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present
- Unknown Period (prehistoric historic)

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

- Subsistence
- Settlement
- Political
- Demographic
- Religion
- Technology
- Environmental Adaptation

IV. Historic Period Themes:

- Agriculture
- Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
- Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
- Government/Law
- Military
- Religion
- Social/Educational/Cultural
- Transportation

V. Resource Type:

Category: Object

Historic Environment: Village

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Other/Boundary Marker

Known Design Source: _____

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Historic Context

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization:

Eastern Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period:

Rural Agrarian Intensification (A.D. 1680 - 1815)

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):

Government/Law

Resource Type:

Category:	Object
Historic Environment:	Village
Historic Functions:	Boundary Marker
Known Design Source:	None

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. WO-479

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Transpeninsular Line Marker

2. Location

street & number East Side US 113 at MD/DE State Line not for publication

city, town Selbyville vicinity of congressional district First

state DE county Worcester, MD

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input 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	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: Boundary Marker

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

name Maryland State Road Commission

street & number 647 Salisbury Blvd. telephone no.:

city, town Salisbury state and zip code MD 21801

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Worcester County Courthouse liber

street & number West Market Street folio

city, town Snow Hill state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Maryland History - Roadside Signs

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.

See Continuation Sheet

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input 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 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 type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input 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 c. 1751 **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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CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 1

The Transpeninsular Line Marker is situated along the east side of US 113 at the boundary line between the states of Maryland and Delaware. The stone sits approximately 200 feet east of the highway. A small parking area is located between the monument and the highway; a concrete walk leads from the parking area to the marker. A Maryland History sign, which reads "Transpeninsular Line Marker 1751" stands at the juncture of the sidewalk and the parking area.

The granite stone, which stands approximately two feet high, has a rectangular base which narrows slightly to a rounded top. The south face contains the seal of Maryland, while the north face contains the seal of Delaware. The outer layer of the stone has eroded unevenly and details of both state seals have worn away. A small, round, metal United States Coast and Geodetic Survey bench mark, dated 1932, is embedded into the top of the stone.

The stone currently sits in a small square of pebbles, approximately two feet square, which is surrounded by a larger square of brick (approximately eight feet square). The brick is in turn enclosed by four metal posts connected by a single metal chain. This area is surrounded by a wood curb and gravel. A cedar tree stands at each corner.

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The Transpeninsular Line Marker represents a significant event in the history of state of Maryland and its settlement during the eighteenth century. Boundary disputes, known as the "Great Chancery Case" between the Calverts of Maryland and the Penns of Pennsylvania began in the late 1600s and continued into the middle of the seventeenth century. Land in Sussex County, in present Delaware, was patented by both the Calverts and the Penns (Touart 1994:36). The Great Chancery Case was resolved in 1750 with an order that would establish an east/west boundary and a middle point to the peninsula. The current boundary between Worcester County, Maryland, and Sussex County, Delaware, was begun at the ocean coast and run westward during a survey in 1751 (Touart 1994:36). Similar to the Mason and Dixon survey, which established the final boundaries between Maryland and Pennsylvania during the 1760s, stones were placed at regular intervals to demarcate the dividing line.

The granite stone, which bears the seal of Maryland on its south face and the seal of Delaware on its north face, is a significant reminder of the early settlement of the state and reflects the attempt to create independent states during the colonization of the country. Therefore, the Transpeninsular Line Marker is recommended for inclusion in both the Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties and the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A, association with significant events and broad patterns in history. Recommended National Register boundaries for this resource include the portion of the tax parcel bounded by US 113 on the west, Morris Road to the south, the tax parcel boundary to the east, and a road to the north, encompassing approximately 1.2 acres and including the boundary stone and its setting, the parking area, and the Maryland History sign.

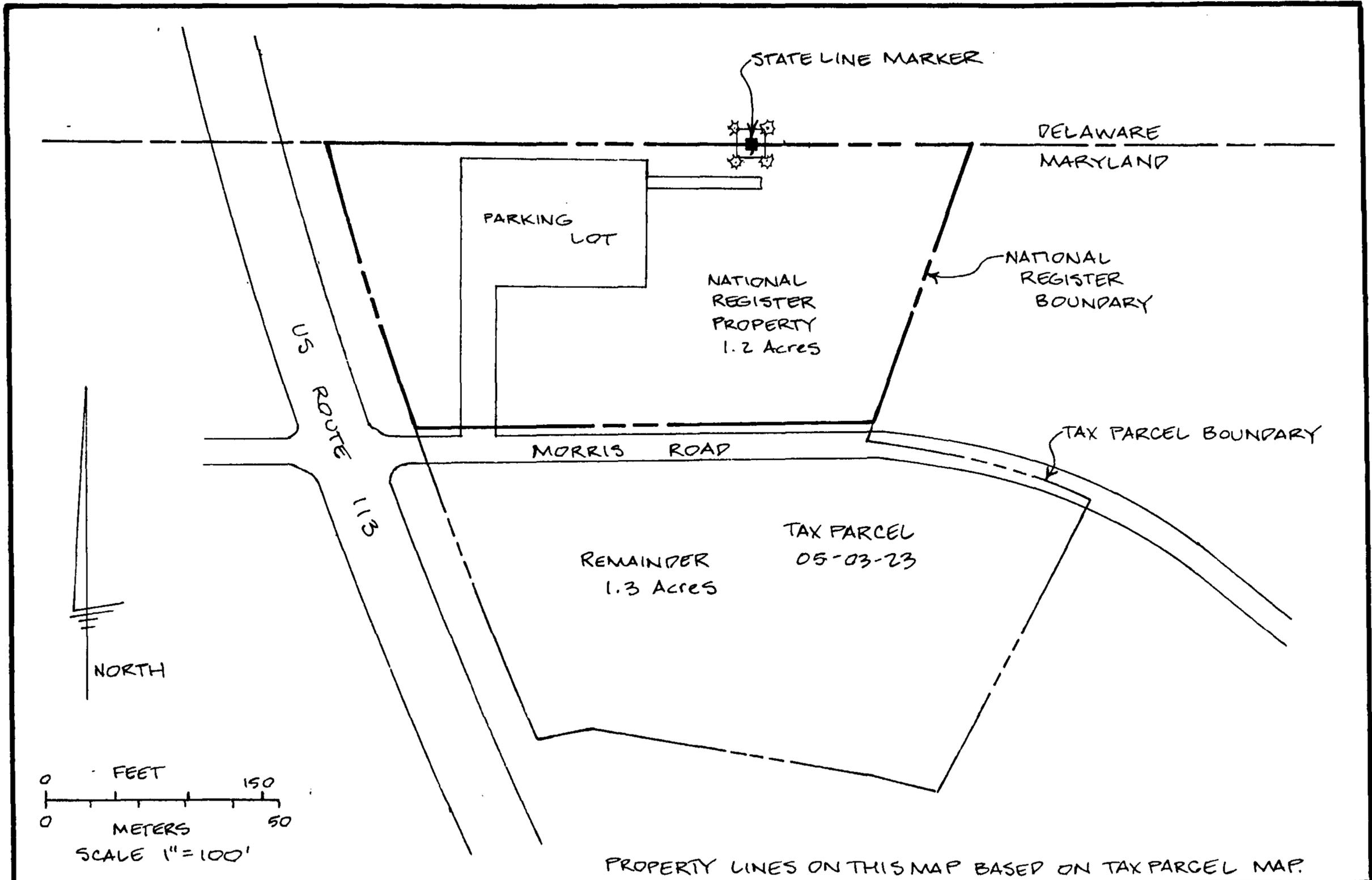
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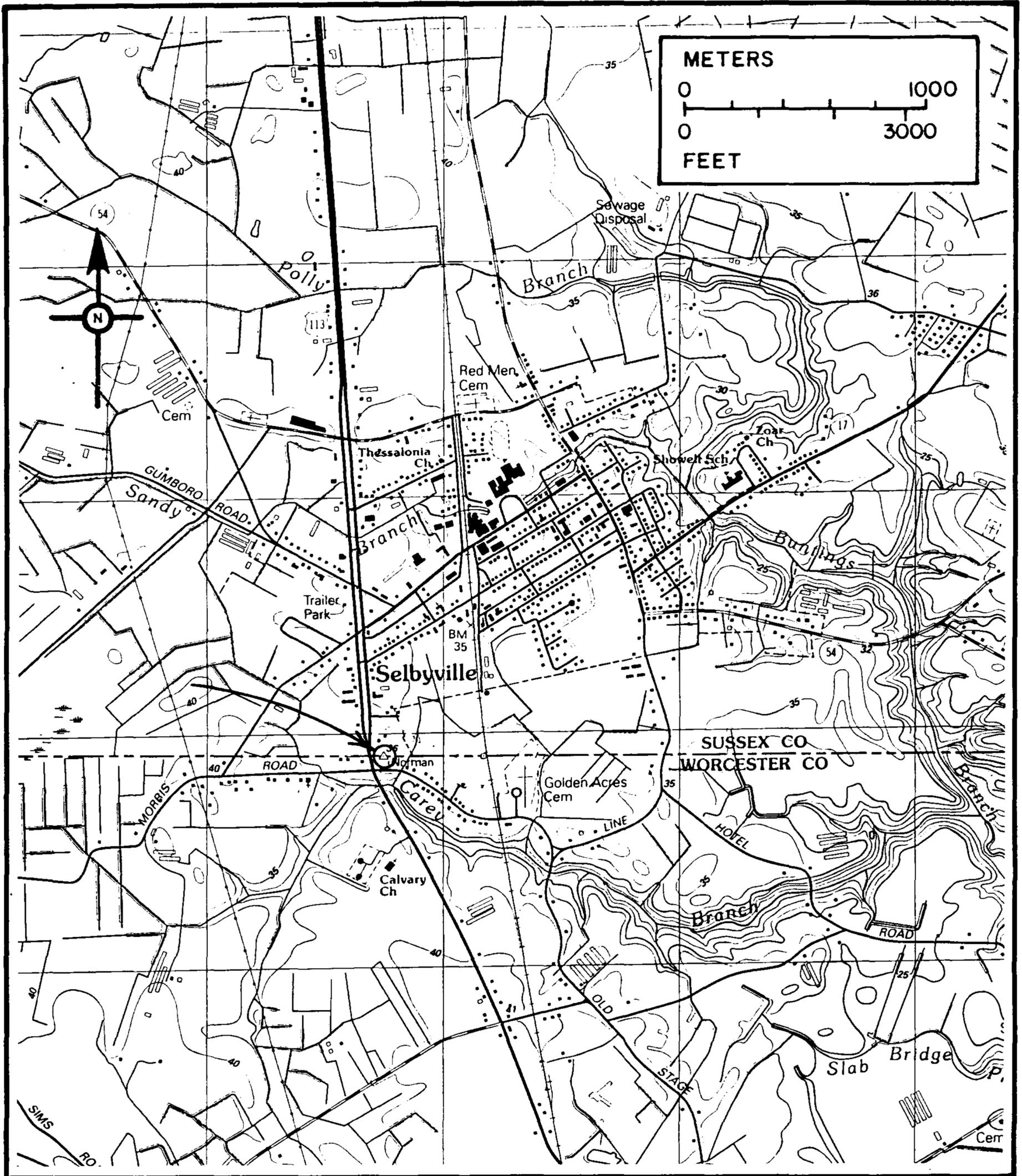
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RESOURCE SKETCH MAP
 Transpenninsular Line Marker (KCI-19)
 South of Selbyville, DE, Worcester County, MD
 Selbyville, DE-MD Quad Map

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LOCATIONAL MAP

Section of the 7.5' Selbyville, DE-MD Quad Map (USGS 1992)
 Showing the Transpenninsular Line Marker (KCI-19),
 South of Selbyville, DE, Worcester County, MD.



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TRANSPENINSULAR LINE MARKER

WORCESTER CO, MD

STUART DIXON

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STATE HIGHWAY ADMIN.

ENVIRONMENTAL VIEW - SOUTHWEST

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STUART DIXON

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TRANS PENINSULAR LINE MARKER

WORCESTER CO, MD

STUART DIXON

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WEST & SOUTH ELEVATIONS

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