EXPEDITED MONTGOMERY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

Address: 15021 Dufeif Mill Road, Gaithersburg **Meeting Date:** 4/22/2020

Resource: Individually Listed Master Plan Site **Report Date:** 4/15/2020

Maple Spring Barns

Applicant: SIMCHA Public Notice: 4/8/2020

Review: HAWP Tax Credit: No

Case Number: 25/2-20A Staff: Dan Bruechert

PROPOSAL: Sign Installation

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:



Approve with conditions

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

SIGNIFICANCE: Individually Listed Master Plan Site (*Maple Spring Barns #25/2*)

STYLE: Agricultural

DATE: 1942



Fig. 1: 10521 Dufeif Mill Rd., at the intersection of Dufeif Mill Rd. and Darnestown Rd. The proposed sign location is circled in red.

From *Places From the Past:*

"A prime example of an early 20th century, state of the art agricultural facility, Maple Spring Farm was once one of the leading dairy operations in the State of Maryland. The primary structure is the 19 bay long dairy barn (1942), with a gambrel roof punctuated by four metal ventilators. The barn is highly visible on this section of well-traveled Darnestown Road in the densely populated Gaithersburg-Rockville area. The collection of outbuildings, built between 1918 and 1942, date from the heyday of specialized large-scale dairy farming.

Maple Spring Farm was recognized in the metropolitan region as a model dairy operation with its mechanized milking parlor, sanitary concrete interiors, and above average milk production. The 355-acre, 110 cow farm was owned and operated by Thomas Moore Garrett, a statewide agricultural leader who served as a director of the Farm Bureau, the Soil Conservation Board, and the Southern States Cooperative, and was a charter member of the Maryland-Virginia Milk Producers Association, established in 1920.

Other important agricultural structures include two terra cotta silos, a concrete block milk house, a two-story horse barn, a one-story wagon house/granary, and an equipment building. Still standing on an adjacent lot is the associated residence, located at the heart of a medical facility at 10810 Darnestown Rd."

PROPOSAL

The applicant proposes to install a ground-mounted sign in the northwest corner of the lot.

The sign will be an aluminum panel supported by square metal posts. Staff finds that this will not have a significant impact on the character of the Master Plan Site.

APPLICABLE GUIDELINES:

Policy On Use of Expedited Staff Reports for Simple HAWP Cases

IV. The Expedited Staff Report format may be used on the following type of cases:

- 2. Modifications to a property, which do not significantly alter its visual character.
- 6. Signs that are in conformance with all other County sign regulations.

Montgomery County Code; Chapter 24A-8

- (b) The commission shall instruct the director to issue a permit, or issue a permit subject to such conditions as are found to be necessary to ensure conformity with the purposes and requirements of this chapter, if it finds that:
 - (1) The proposal will not substantially alter the exterior features of an historic site or historic resource within an historic district; or
 - (2) The proposal is compatible in character and nature with the historical, archeological, architectural or cultural features of the historic site or the historic district in which an historic resource is located and would not be detrimental thereto or to the achievement of the purposes of this chapter; or
- (d) In the case of an application for work on an historic resource located within an historic district, the commission shall be lenient in its judgment of plans for structures of little historical or design significance or for plans involving new construction, unless such plans would seriously impair the historic or architectural value of surrounding historic resources or would impair the character of the historic district. (*Ord No. 94, § 1; Ord. No. 11-59.*)

Secretary of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation

The Secretary of the Interior defines rehabilitation as "the act or process of making possible a compatible use for a property through repair, alterations, and additions while preserving those portions or features, which convey its historical, cultural, or architectural values." The relevant *Standards* are as follows:

- 2. The historic character of a property shall be retained and preserved. The removal of historic materials or alteration of features and spaces that characterize a property shall be avoided.
- 9. New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction shall not destroy historic materials that characterize the property. The new work shall be differentiated from the old and shall be compatible with the massing, size, scale, and architectural features to protect the historic integrity of the property and its environment.
- 10. New additions and adjacent or related new construction will be undertaken in such a manner that, if removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the historic property and its environment would be unimpaired.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Commission <u>approve</u> the HAWP application under the Criteria for Issuance in Chapter 24A-8(b), (1) and (2) having found that the proposal will not substantially alter the exterior features of the historic resource and is compatible in character purposes of Chapter 24A;

and with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation #2, 9, and 10;

and with the general condition that the applicant shall present the **3 permit sets of drawings**, **if applicable**, **to Historic Preservation Commission** (**HPC**) **staff for review and stamping** prior to submission for the Montgomery County Department of Permitting Services (DPS) building permits;

and with the general condition that final project design details, not specifically delineated by the Commission, shall be approved by HPC staff or brought back to the Commission as a revised HAWP application at staff's discretion;

and with the general condition that the applicant shall notify the Historic Preservation Staff if they propose to make **any alterations** to the approved plans. Once the work is completed the applicant will <u>contact the staff person</u> assigned to this application at 301-563-3400 or <u>dan.bruechert@montgomeryplanning.org</u> to schedule a follow-up site visit.





APPLICATION FOR HISTORIC AREA WORK PERMIT HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION 301.563.3400

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Page 4 to verify that all supporting Items cation. Incomplete Applications will not Shed/Garage/Accessory Structure Solar Tree removal/planting dscape Window/Door V Other: Sig n eforegoing application, that the application is correct with plans reviewed and approved by all necessary to be a condition for the issuance of this permit.

Description of Property: Please describe the building and surrounding environment. Include information on significant structures, landscape features, or other significant features of the property:
Description of Work Proposed: Please give an overview of the work to be undertaken:
one non-illuminated monument sign at the entrance to the property for the educational center

Work Item 1:	
Description of Current Condition:	Proposed Work:
Work Item 2:	
Description of Current Condition:	Proposed Work:
Work Item 3:	
Description of Current Condition:	Proposed Work:

HISTORIC AREA WORK PERMIT CHECKLIST OF APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

	Required Attachments						
Proposed Work	I. Written Description	2. Site Plan	3. Plans/ Elevations	4. Material Specifications	5. Photographs	6. Tree Survey	7. Property Owner Addresses
New Construction	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Additions/ Alterations	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Demolition	*	*	*		*		*
Deck/Porch	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Fence/Wall	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Driveway/ Parking Area	*	*		*	*	*	*
Grading/Exc avation/Land scaing	*	*		*	*	*	*
Tree Removal	*	*		*	*	*	*
Siding/Roof Changes	*	*	*	*	*		*
Window/ Door Changes	*	*	*	*	*		*
Masonry Repair/ Repoint	*	*	*	*	*		*
Signs	*	*	*	*	*		*



