

EXPEDITED
MONTGOMERY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
STAFF REPORT

Addresses:	10701 Colesville Road, Silver Spring 16501 Norwood Road, Sandy Spring 18400 Muncaster Road, Derwood 20101 Wasche Road, Dickerson	Meeting Date:	6/9/2021
		Report Date:	6/2/2021
Resources:	<i>Master Plan Site 33/022-000A, Robert Morse Complex/WSSC</i> <i>Master Plan Site #28/014-000A, Woodlawn</i> <i>Master Plan Site # 22/007-000A, Bussard Farm</i> <i>Master Plan Site # 12/40, Seneca Stone Barn</i>		
Applicant:	Montgomery County Dept. Parks (Julie Mueller, Agent)	Public Notice:	5/26/2021
		Tax Credit:	N/A
Review:	HAWP	Staff:	Michael Kyne
Permit Number: 953180, 953172, 953163, 953187			
Proposal: Selfie stand installation at each of the four (4) Master Plan Historic Sites			

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

- Approve
- Approve with conditions

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTIONS:

ADDRESS: 10701 Colesville Road, Silver Spring (HAWP #953180)
SIGNIFICANCE: Master Plan Site 33/022-000A, *Robert Morse Complex/WSSC*
STYLE: Georgian Revival
DATE: c. 1929-36

ADDRESS: 16501 Norwood Road, Sandy Spring (HAWP #953172)
SIGNIFICANCE: Master Plan Site 28/014-000A, *Woodlawn*
STYLE: Federal
DATE: c. 1800-25

ADDRESS: 18400 Muncaster Road, Derwood (HAWP #953163)
SIGNIFICANCE: Master Plan Site 22/007-000A, *Bussard Farm*
STYLE: Farmstead
DATE: House, 1908; Bank Barn, 1898

ADDRESS: 20101 Wasche Road, Dickerson (HAWP #953187)
SIGNIFICANCE: Master Plan Site 12/40, *Seneca Stone Barn*
STYLE: Stone Barn
DATE: Late 18th-Early 19th Century

PROPOSAL:

The applicant proposes to install one 5' high semi-permanent (to be in place for approximately two years) selfie stand/sign at each of the four Master Plan Sites listed above.

APPLICABLE GUIDELINES:

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 insure 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
 - (3) The proposal would enhance or aid in the protection, preservation and public or private utilization of the historic site or historic resource located within an historic district in a manner compatible with the historical, archeological, architectural or cultural value of the historic site or historic district in which an historic resource is located; or
 - (4) The proposal is necessary in order that unsafe conditions or health hazards be remedied; or
 - (5) The proposal is necessary in order that the owner of the subject property not be deprived of reasonable use of the property or suffer undue hardship; or
 - (6) In balancing the interests of the public in preserving the historic site or historic resource located within an historic district, with the interests of the public from the use and benefit of the alternative proposal, the general public welfare is better served by granting the permit.
- (c) It is not the intent of this chapter to limit new construction, alteration or repairs to any 1 period or architectural style.

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 applicable *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 will not destroy historic materials, features, and spatial relationships that characterize the property. The new work shall be differentiated from the old and will be compatible with the historic materials, features, size, scale and proportion, and massing to protect the integrity of the property and its environment.

10. New additions and adjacent or related new construction shall 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 **approve** the HAWP applications 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 resources and is compatible with the 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 an electronic set 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 contact the staff person assigned to this application at 301-563-3400 or michael.kyne@montgomeryplanning.org to schedule a follow-up site visit.



**APPLICATION FOR
HISTORIC AREA WORK PERMIT**
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
301.563.3400

FOR STAFF ONLY:
HAWP# _____
DATE ASSIGNED _____

APPLICANT:

Name: Julie Mueller
Address: 2425 Reddie Dr.
Daytime Phone: 301-650-4390

E-mail: julie.mueller@montgomeryparks.org
City: Wheaton Zip: 20902
Tax Account No.: _____

AGENT/CONTACT (if applicable):

Name: _____
Address: _____
Daytime Phone: _____

E-mail: _____
City: _____ Zip: _____
Contractor Registration No.: _____

LOCATION OF BUILDING/PREMISE: MIHP # of Historic Property M:12-40

Is the Property Located within an Historic District? Yes/District Name _____
No/Individual Site Name Seneca Stone Barn

Is there an Historic Preservation/Land Trust/Environmental Easement on the Property? If YES, include a map of the easement, and documentation from the Easement Holder supporting this application.

Are other Planning and/or Hearing Examiner Approvals /Reviews Required as part of this Application? (Conditional Use, Variance, Record Plat, etc.?) If YES, include information on these reviews as supplemental information.

Building Number: 20101 Street: Wasche Road
Town/City: Dickerson Nearest Cross Street: Farm Road Trail
Lot: _____ Block: _____ Subdivision: _____ Parcel: _____

TYPE OF WORK PROPOSED: See the checklist on Page 4 to verify that all supporting items for proposed work are submitted with this application. Incomplete Applications will not be accepted for review. Check all that apply:

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|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> New Construction | <input type="checkbox"/> Deck/Porch | <input type="checkbox"/> Shed/Garage/Accessory Structure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Addition | <input type="checkbox"/> Fence | <input type="checkbox"/> Solar |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Demolition | <input type="checkbox"/> Hardscape/Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Tree removal/planting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grading/Excavation | <input type="checkbox"/> Roof | <input type="checkbox"/> Window/Door |
| | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>sign</u> |

I hereby certify that I have the authority to make the foregoing application, that the application is correct and accurate and that the construction will comply with plans reviewed and approved by all necessary agencies and hereby acknowledge and accept this to be a condition for the issuance of this permit.

Julie Mueller

May 17, 2021

Signature of owner or authorized agent

Date

Description of Property: Please describe the building and surrounding environment. Include information on significant structures, landscape features, or other significant features of the property:

The Seneca Stone Barn, located east of Wasche Road between West Hunter and Martinsburg Roads, is a one-and-one-half story stone structure measuring 22' 4" x 40' 8", set in a large open field. The building material is locally-quarried red Seneca sandstone laid in a coursed-rubble pattern. The barn is a rare survivor of its form and a unique cultural resource. It probably dates from the first half of the 19th century, built around the same time as a stone farmhouse nearby (now ruined) whose first quarter of the 19th century construction date is based on analysis of the existing foundations and archaeological finds. In the context of Montgomery County, such a substantial, well-built agricultural building was uncommon. Due to cost and convenience, the vast majority of all agricultural buildings were of wooden construction. The Seneca sandstone of which the structure is built was from the nearby quarry on the Potomac River. The stone was readily available, but it still would have been a costly alternative to wood construction. Such an elaborate structure suggests that it may have held something very valuable to its owners.

Description of Work Proposed: Please give an overview of the work to be undertaken:

A small wooden sign is proposed to be located adjacent to an existing interpretive panel near the barn. The sign has a small ledge onto which a phone may be placed such that the owner can have a selfie taken of themselves with the historic barn in the background. The dimensions of the sign have been emailed to the HPO. The sign is semi-permanent with the expectation that it will remain in place for about two years.

Work Item 1: <u>install sign</u>	
Description of Current Condition: open field with historic stone barn and one interpretive panel	Proposed Work: install small wood sign next to panel.

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	*	*	*	*	*		*

Parks Selfie HAWPs narrative

Good morning, Kevin. Montgomery Parks wishes to install selfie stands at locations throughout the park system. Four of these are proposed at designated historic sites:

- Bussard Farmhouse (M:22-7) at the Agricultural History Farm Park (18400 Muncaster Road, Derwood 20855)
 - Photo labeled Ag History Farm shows view from proposed selfie stand.
 - Photo labeled Bussard Selfie Sign Location
- Woodlawn Visitors Center (M: 28-14; 16501 Norwood Road, Sandy Spring 20860)
 - Photo labeled Woodlawn Selfie Stand
 - Plan labeled Woodlawn Selfie Stand Location
- Seneca Stone Barn (M:12-40) at Woodstock Equestrian Special Park (20101 Wasche Road, Dickerson 20842)
 - Proposed location of stand is adjacent to the interpretive sign shown in photo labeled Woodstock Equestrian Park and in aerial view)
- Burnt Mills West/Robert Morse Water Treatment Plant (M: 33-22; 10701 Columbia Pike, Silver Spring 20901)
 - Plan labeled Robert Morse Selfie Stand

I spoke with Rebecca earlier about how to go about the HAWP process. She asked me to submit separate HAWPS for each address but to then send a single email to the HPO summarizing the project (thus this email). I will be completing the DPS online paperwork today.

The selfie stand mock-up is attached as well as a photo of approximately what the sign will look like. The exact proposed location of each of the signs is also attached in an aerial and/or site plan (I can provide co-ordinates if requested). We have confirmed none of the four locations affects archaeological resources. The signs are semi-permanent in that we expect them to be in place about two years.

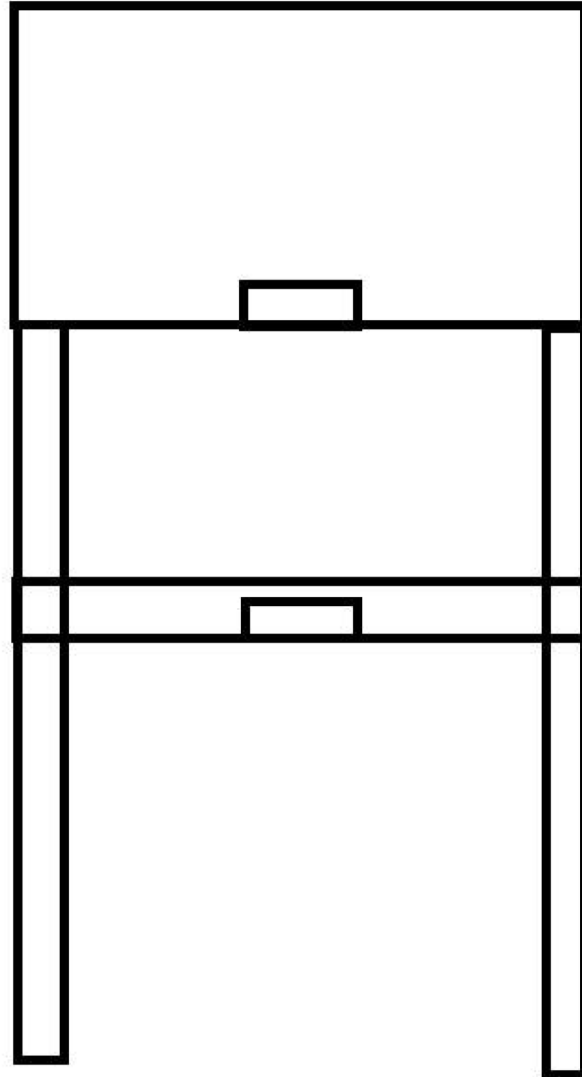
Abigail Landis from our PACP Division is in charge of this project. She is cc-ed.

Please let me know if you need anything else. Please let us know if you can place us on the next HPC agenda.

Thank you for your assistance.

Julie

Cultural Resources Stewardship Section
Montgomery Parks
2425 Reddie Drive, 12th Floor
Wheaton, MD 20902
o. 301-650-4390
c. 202-329-4945



- Sign Size: 18x14inches
- Lower Ledge: 18 inches below first ledge
- Total Height out of the ground: around 5 feet
- Total amount in the ground: between 2 and 3 feet.

MONTGOMERY PARKS

Show Off Your Selfie Skills Muestra tus Habilidades Para Selfies



1

Open the camera app on your phone.
Abra la aplicación de la cámara en su teléfono.

2

Set your camera timer.
Ajusta el cronómetro de su cámara.

3

Set your phone on the ledge below.
Coloca su teléfono en la cornisa de abajo.

4

Get to your spot and smile!
¡Llegue a su lugar y sonríe!

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Share your pictures on social media and tag us @MontgomeryParks.
Comparta sus fotos en las redes sociales y etiquetanos @MontgomeryParks.

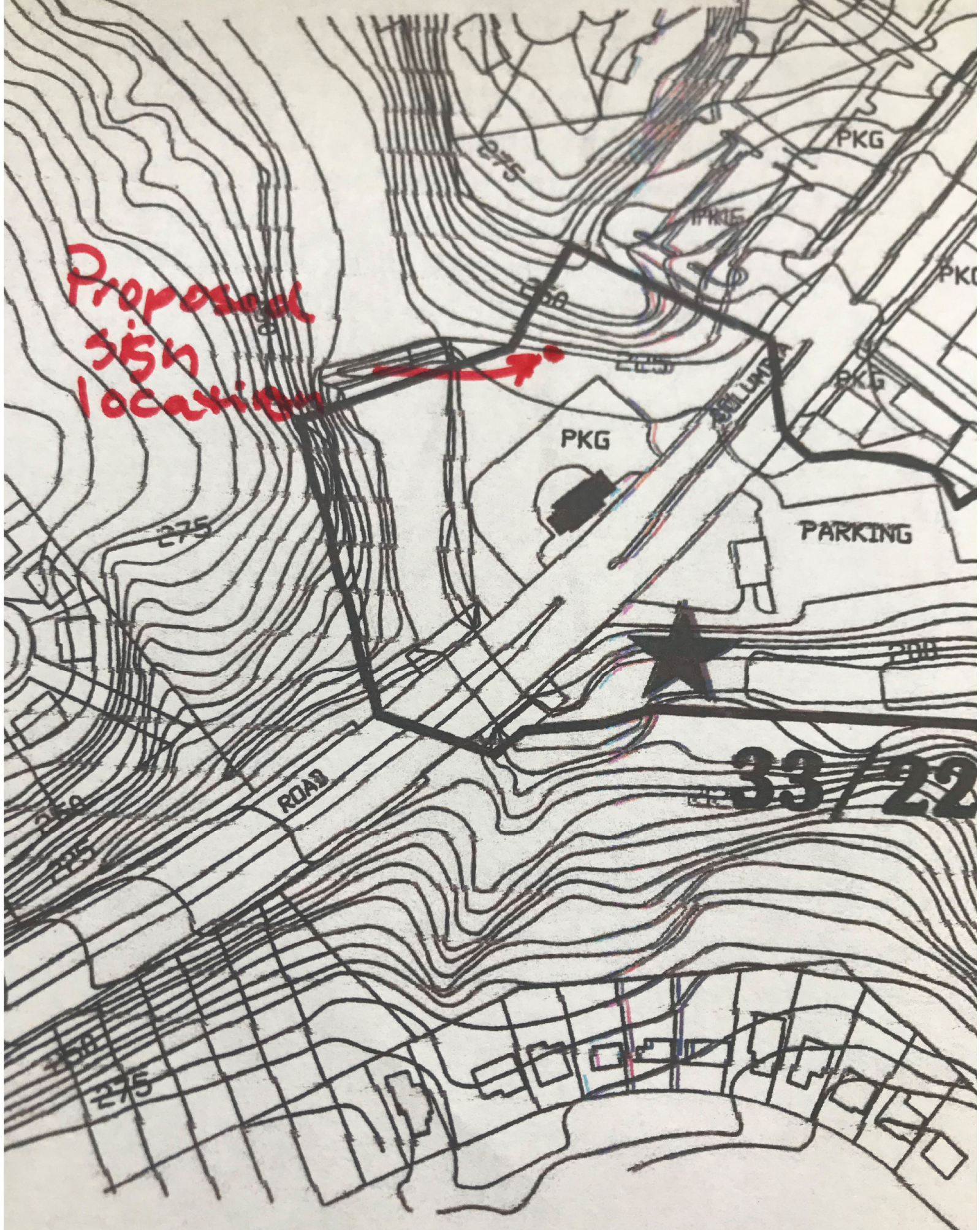
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Scan the QR code for more locations and to upload your selfie to MontgomeryParks.org.
Escanea el código QR para descubrir más lugares y para subir su selfie a MontgomeryParks.org.

MontgomeryParks.org



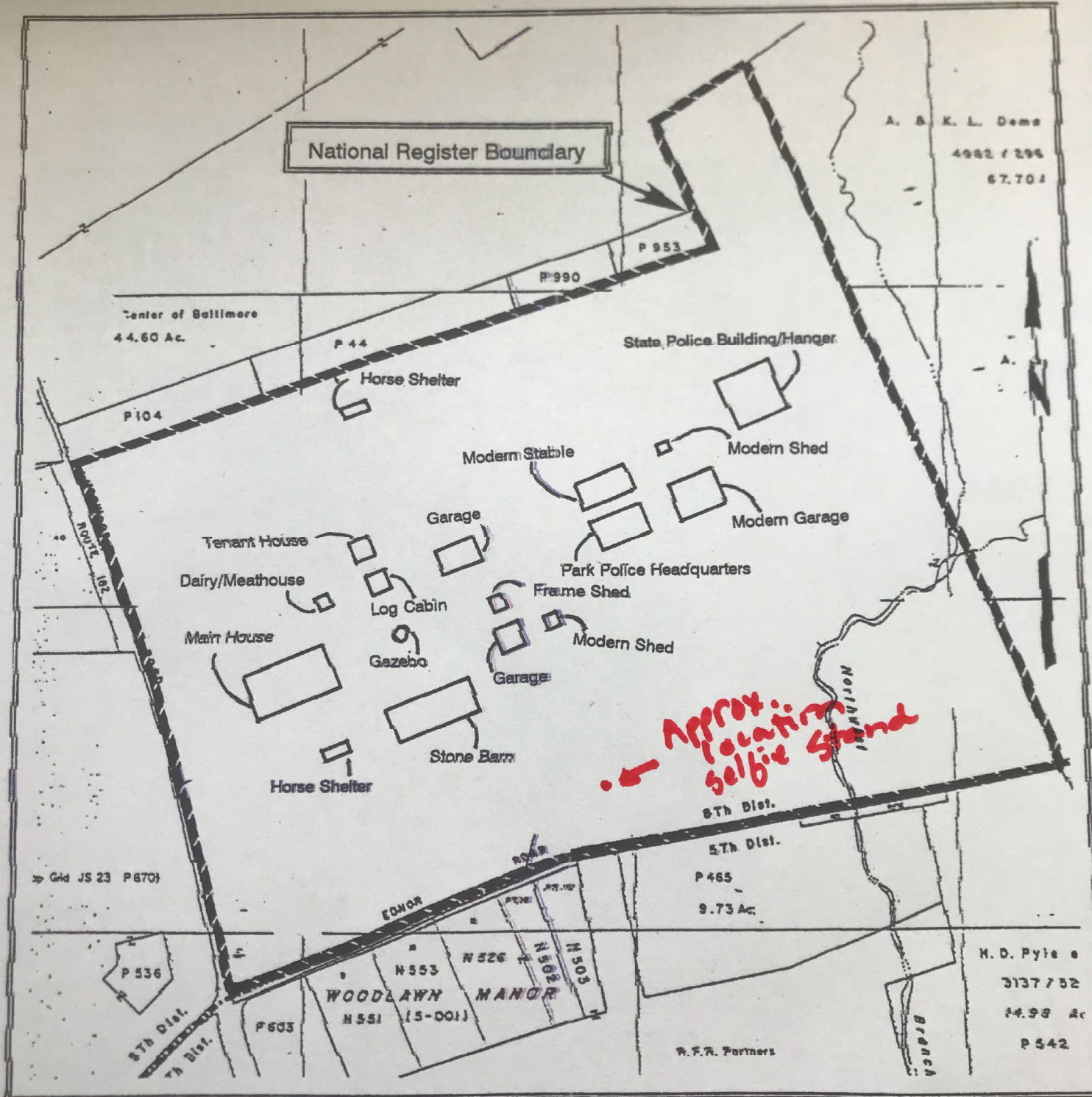
Proposed
sign
location

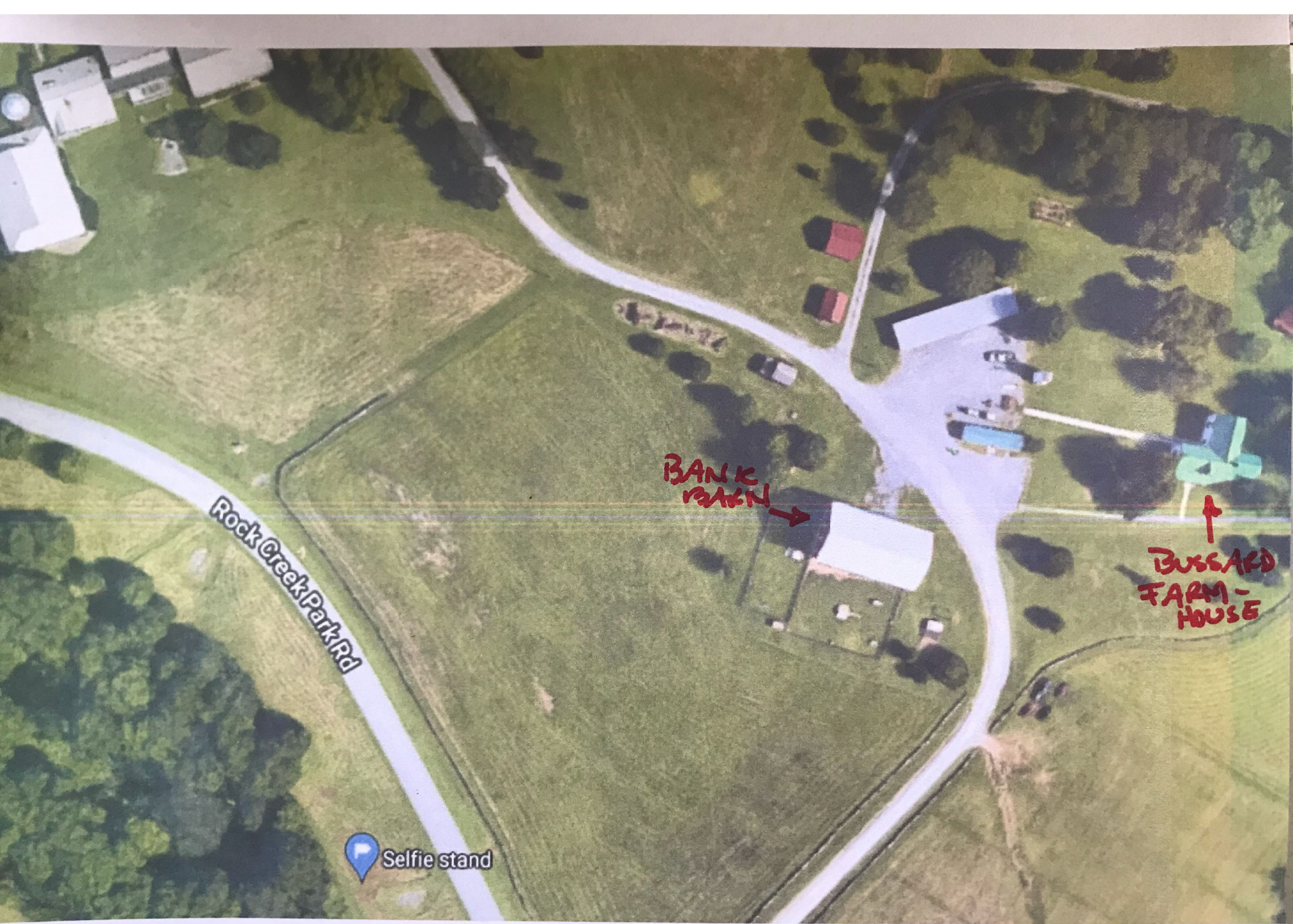


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Property Address 16501 Norwood Road, Norwood, Montgomery County
 Owner Name/Address Montgomery County Department of Parks, County Office Building, Rockville, Maryland 20850
 Year Built circa 1800

Resource Sketch Map and National Register Boundary Map:





Rock Creek Park Rd

Selfie stand

BANK MATCH →

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BUSGARD FARM-HOUSE





