

County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2022 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 14

Resolution No. 187 -2022

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION supplementing the Historic Sites Inventory for Howard County by adding the Linden Lawn-Maplehurst-Blarney Farm, 15475 Old Frederick Road, Woodbine, Howard County to the Inventory.

Introduced and read first time Oct 3, 2022.

By order Michelle Harrod
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Read for a second time at a public hearing on Oct 17, 2022.

By order Michelle Harrod
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted , Adopted with amendments___, Failed___, Withdrawn___, by the County Council on Oct 31, 2022.

Certified By Michelle Harrod
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing law; TEXT IN SMALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing law; ~~Strike-out~~ indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment

1 **WHEREAS**, Howard County has many historic structures and sites which, if properly
2 preserved, can provide the County’s neighborhoods with local landmarks and a strengthened
3 sense of identity; and
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5 **WHEREAS**, the County has taken many steps to protect historic resources, including
6 creating historic districts, granting tax credits for the restoration and rehabilitation of historic
7 structures, and entering into certain cooperative agreements; and
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9 **WHEREAS**, the grant of certain tax credits is expressly conditioned on the subject
10 property being included on the list of historic sites in the County; and
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12 **WHEREAS**, certain Conditional Uses in the Howard County Zoning Regulations require
13 designation as a Historic Structure; and
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15 **WHEREAS**, the Zoning Regulations define “Historic Structure” as one that is designated
16 by Resolution of the County Council as having significant historical or architectural value; and
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18 **WHEREAS**, previous versions of the Historic Sites Inventory (the “Inventory”) have
19 been adopted by the Council by reference in the 1982, 1990, and 2000 General Plans, and by
20 Resolution in 2000; and
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22 **WHEREAS**, in 2004, the Council adopted Council Resolution No. 98-2004 wherein they
23 adopted the most recent Inventory; and
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25 **WHEREAS**, the Council has supplemented the Inventory by the passage of Council
26 Resolution No. 117-2007, Council Resolution No. 98-2008, Council Resolution No. 44-2011;
27 Council Resolution No. 34-2019; Council Resolution No. 39-2020; and Council Resolution No.
28 155-2021; and
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1 **WHEREAS**, the Department of Planning and Zoning wishes to add the Linden Lawn-
2 Maplehurst-Blarney Farm, 15475 Old Frederick Road, Woodbine, Howard County, as shown
3 and described in the attached Exhibit A, to the Inventory; and
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5 **WHEREAS**, the owners of property proposed to be added to the Inventory have been
6 notified of the property's inclusion.
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8 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the County Council of Howard County,
9 Maryland this 31 day of October, 2022 that it supplements the Howard County
10 Historic Sites Inventory, as adopted in Council Resolution No. 98-2004 and as supplemented by
11 Resolution No. 117-2007, Council Resolution No. 98-2008, Council Resolution No. 44-2011;
12 Council Resolution No. 34-2019; Council Resolution No. 39-2020; and Council Resolution No.
13 155-2021 with the Linden Lawn-Maplehurst-Blarney Farm, 15475 Old Frederick Road,
14 Woodbine, as shown and described in the attached Exhibit A.
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16 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the County Council of Howard County,
17 Maryland, that the entire Historic Sites Inventory may be amended and supplemented by
18 subsequent Resolution of the County Council.

Historic Sites Inventory Exhibit A

HO-1178 Linden Lawn-Maplehurst-Blarney
15475 Old Frederick Rd
Woodbine, MD





Linden Lawn/Maplehurst/Blarney Farm was the 100-acre home farm of Reuben and Achsah Warfield, apparently for decades. In 1866, Achsah purchased two lots in Lisbon, presumably intended to be a place of retirement, but it was not until 1875 that they finally sold their farm to Henry Danner for \$2,250. The Danners, in turn, sold this farm in 1884 to Lawson Summers. The sale price of \$5,200, just under \$3,000 more than what they paid for it, suggests that there were major improvements made to the property; it is most likely that the Danners replaced the Warfield's house, probably as early as c. 1875-76. Summers sold the farm in 1889, for the exact same price that he had paid, to his second-oldest son, Clayton. In 1898, Clayton was assessed for "Improvements to Dwelling new" valued at \$1,100, but a year later was given a release of \$700 on the old dwelling. This suggests that the new house was worth only \$400 more than the old house, which it replaced; however, an examination of the building suggests that it was additions and alterations that made the house appear new from the exterior. With an enlarged and improved house, Clayton advertised its desirability to summer boarders in June 1898. In 1903, the Summers sold Linden Lawn to Christopher D. Thiernau. The Thiernaus owned a farm of 230 acres south of Poplar Spring which they sold in 1903 in order to purchase Linden Lawn. In March 1905, Thiernau was assessed for a new barn valued at \$1,000 which is almost certainly the existing barn on the farm. In 1940, the farm was sold to Rigan McKinney, who was a premier amateur steeplechase rider later inducted into the Racing Hall of Fame. McKinney seems to have quickly settled in to training horses on his farm. The old barn was renovated on the lower story for modern stables, several block stables were added nearby, and a racetrack was built to the south of the house for this operation. In 1962, the McKinneys moved their horse farm to Lexington, Kentucky.



Howard County

Internal Memorandum

Subject: Council Resolution -2022
Historic Sites Inventory Update

To: Lonnie R. Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer

Through: Amy Gowan, Director, Department of Planning and Zoning

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From: Beth Burgess, Chief, Resource Conservation Division

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Date: September 21, 2022

The Department of Planning and Zoning (DPZ) supports Council Resolution -2022 that adopts the Howard County Historic Sites Inventory by adding one resource to the County's list, allowing the property to be eligible for historic tax credit per Sec.20.112 of the Howard County Code. DPZ has reviewed the newly inventoried parcel with its structures and has determined the property meets the criteria exhibiting historic significance by its age, architecture, unique features and/or history and should be eligible for the historic property tax credit.

Since the 1970s, the County has made extensive efforts to document historic properties, buildings and resources. The County's Historic Sites Inventory contains more than a thousand sites comprised of historic homes, outbuildings, bridges, cemeteries and land.

The Historic Sites Inventory was last updated in 2021. Council has also adopted inventories in 1982, 1990, 2000, 2004, 2007, 2008, 2011, 2019 and 2020. The owner of the property that will be added by this Resolution has been notified that their property is proposed for inclusion per their request. Properties included in this inventory are eligible for the County's historic tax credit to repair and restore historic structures, and, as applicable under Howard County Code, are considered during the subdivision and land development process. These properties, if in certain zoning districts, can also be considered for certain conditional uses, such as Historic Building and Limited Outdoors Social Assembly Uses, as listed in the Howard County Zoning Regulations.

This Resolution will have minimal fiscal impact on the County. While it expands the number of properties eligible for historic tax credits, the fiscal impacts depend on whether the property owner seeks the credit and the amount of investment in the historic resource.