CH-581

Midway RV Supply

Architectural Survey File

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CAPSULE SUMMARY
2395 Old Washington Road (CH: 581)
Charles County, Maryland

Built in the 1920s, Midway RV Supply originally served as a service station. The Hintze family owned the commercial establishment for over sixty years, from 1932 until 1996. Deed research indicates that, from the early 1930s, the Hintze family also owned the modest Craftsman style bungalow at nearby 2380 Old Washington Road. Vernacular in style, the service station reflects the influence of the automobile on American roadside architecture during the early 20th century. The building has a one-part commercial block plan.

Set on a level lot surrounded by a gravel parking lot, the former service station is one-story in height and three bays in width. Rectangular in plan, the building is set on a concrete block foundation and constructed of smooth-faced concrete blocks that are clad with stucco on the facade. A one-story, three-bay wide porch extends across the façade. A front gable roof with a stepped parapet covers the building and an interior brick chimney rises from the southwest roof slope.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST Inventory No. CH:581
MD INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

1. Name of Property

historic name _____
common/other name Midway RV Supply

2. Location

street & number 2395 Old Washington Road not for publication ____
city or town Waldorf vicinity __ state Maryland code MD
county Charles County code 17 zip code 20601

3. State/Federal Agency Certification N/A

4. National Park Service Certification N/A

5. Classification

Ownership of Property (Check all that apply)

- X private
- ____ public-local
- ____ public-State
- ____ public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

- X building(s)
- ____ district
- ____ site
- ____ structure
- ____ object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	1	buildings
0	0	sites
0	0	structures
0	0	objects
1	1	Total

Is this property listed in the National Register?

Yes ____ Name of Listing _____
No X

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: COMMERCE/TRADE Sub: Specialty Store

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: COMMERCE/TRADE Sub: Specialty Store

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Vernacular

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

Foundation Solid: Concrete Block
Roof Front Gable: Asphalt Sheets
Walls Masonry: Concrete Stucco
other

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property.)

See Continuation Sheet No. 7-1

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

____ A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.

____ B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.

_X_ C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.

____ D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

____ A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.

____ B removed from its original location.

____ C a birthplace or a grave.

____ D a cemetery.

____ E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.

____ F a commemorative property.

____ G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

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Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)
Architecture

Period of Significance 1920-1950

Significant Dates c. 1920
1932
1996

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Cultural Affiliation Undefined

Architect/Builder Unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property.)

See Continuation Sheet No. 8-1

9. Major Bibliographical References

(Cite the books, articles, legal records, and other sources used in preparing this form.)

Charles County Land and Will Records. Charles County Courthouse and the Maryland State Archives, Annapolis, Maryland.

Rivoire, J. Richard. *Homeplaces: Traditional Domestic Architecture of Charles County, Maryland*. Crownsville, MD: Maryland Historical Trust, 1990.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 3.756 acres

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

The property at 2395 Old Washington Road is designated as Parcel 661, Grid 11 as indicated on Map 8.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The property at 2395 Old Washington Road has historically been associated with Parcel 661 since its construction circa 1920.

11. Form Prepared By

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city or town Chevy Chase state MD zip code 20815

12. Property Owner

name Car Life Investment LTD Liability Company
street & number 105 Quailwood Parkway telephone
city or town La Plata state MD zip code 20646

Located at 2395 Old Washington Road, the former service station is set on a level lot surrounded by a gravel parking lot. Constructed in the 1920s, the service station is one-story in height and three bays in width. Rectangular in plan, the building is set on a concrete block foundation and constructed of smooth-faced concrete blocks that are clad with stucco on the facade. A one-story, three-bay wide porch extends across the façade. A front gable roof with a stepped parapet covers the building and an interior brick chimney rises from the southwest roof slope.

EXTERIOR DESCRIPTION:

The façade, or southeast elevation of the building, is three bays wide. Paired and triple fixed, one-light windows with rowlock sills flank the centered entry. The single leaf, wood door is six-paneled. The stepped gable parapet roof rises above the roofline, with a rowlock brick cap. The one-story, three-bay wide porch has a shed roof. It is supported by turned wood posts and turned wood brackets. The porch supports are set in poured concrete footers.

The concrete block walls of the northeast elevation are not clad in stucco, like the façade. Two multi-light metal casement windows with rowlock sills flank the garage door. The roll-up garage door features forty wood panels and a sagging wood lintel. The roof, which is partially reclad with asphalt shingles, has exposed rafter tails.

The rear or northwest elevation features concrete block construction and wide eaves. Two multi-light metal casement windows flank the centered entry, which is wood paneled with one light. The light in the entry has been boarded shut. The gable end has been painted with the words MIDWAY RV ▒ PARTS & SERVICE.▒

The southwest elevation, featuring concrete block construction, is pierced by three multi-light metal casement windows with rowlock sills. These windows have been boarded shut. The forty-paneled wood roll-up garage door has a wood lintel. Exposed rafter tails adorn the roof and an interior brick chimney with a corbeled cap rises from the roof slope.

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SUPPORTING BUILDINGS:

On the southwest side of the building, there is a one-story, two-bay wide shed. The large building is clad in corrugated metal and has a front gable roof covered in asphalt sheeting.

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The emergence of gas stations to serve the needs of millions of drivers formed a large part of this new development. During the 1920s, instead of purchasing cans of gasoline or pulling up to a curbside dispenser, the owner drove the car off the road and under a canopy where gas was pumped. At this time, service stations sought to gain new customers by offering an ever-wider range of services such as oil checks, window cleaning, and car repairs. Early service stations often resemble small cottages with front gable roofs and an extension or canopy leading towards the gasoline pumps. Like these other service stations built in the first quarter of the 20th century, this building features a gable roof with a stepped parapet and a front porch that nearly covers the width of the façade.

Automobiles and the expanding road and highway systems contributed to widespread suburbanization well beyond rail corridors during the Modern Period. As development and population density increased in Prince George's and Charles County, new road networks were erected to ease the movement of goods and people. From the 1930s to present day, Crain Highway, and its successor U.S. 301, brought increased traffic through Prince George's and Charles Counties, which in turn encouraged commercial development along its length. The commercial development along the routes often took the form of entertainment establishments and travel-related services. The extension of Crain Highway to the Potomac and the completion of the Governor Harry W. Nice Memorial Bridge spanning the Potomac River near Pope's Creek in 1940 served to link Charles and Prince George's Counties with transportation networks from Florida to New York.

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National Register Evaluation:

The service station at 2395 Old Washington Road is not eligible due to the fact that it does not meet National Register Criteria A, B, C, or D. Preliminary research has not revealed any association between the building and events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history (Criterion A) or the lives of persons significant in our past (Criterion B). Although the building provides an example of vernacular rural architecture, it is neither unusual nor distinguished; it does not represent the work of a master or display high artistic merit (Criterion C). There is no evidence that the property is likely to yield information important in history or prehistory (Criterion D). Thus, the property is not National Register-eligible.

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Eligibility recommended _____ Not Recommended X

Comments:

Review, OPS: _____ Date: 11/3/95

Reviewer, NR Program: _____ Date: _____

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Development Period (s):

Industrial/Urban Dominance (1870-1930)
Modern Period (1930-present)

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme (s):

Architecture, Landscape, and
Community Planning
Economic

RESOURCE TYPE(S)

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function (s): COMMERCE/TRADE/Specialty Store

Known Design Source: Unknown

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Chain of Title:

Parcels 1 and 2

September 29, 1869: George L. Moore to Martha Anne E. Moore (Later known as Martha A.E. Acton)
Will Records of Charles County
Liber MT 18 Folio 140

Parcel 1

July 25, 1924: Martha A. E. Acton and husband John S. Acton to Mary E. Brown and Ida M. Booth, joint tenants
Land Records of Charles County
Liber 42 Folio 367

December 29, 1928: Ida M. Booth and husband McLain Booth to James Craik Mitchell
Land Records of Charles County
Liber 49 Folio 509

December 29, 1928: James Craik Mitchell to Ida M. Booth and husband McLain Booth
Land Records of Charles County
Liber 49 Folio 511

February 4, 1953: Ida M. Booth Pinkney and husband Clarence Pinkney to Eric J. Hintze and wife Beatrice Hintze
Land Records of Charles County
Liber 105 Folio 281

Parcel 2

July 18, 1927: Martha A. E. Acton and husband John Acton to Craig and Florence V. Catterson
Land Records of Charles County
Liber 47 Folio 289

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January 15, 1932: Craig and Florence V. Catterson to Erich J. and Beatrice Hintze
Land Records of Charles County
Liber 55 Folio 377

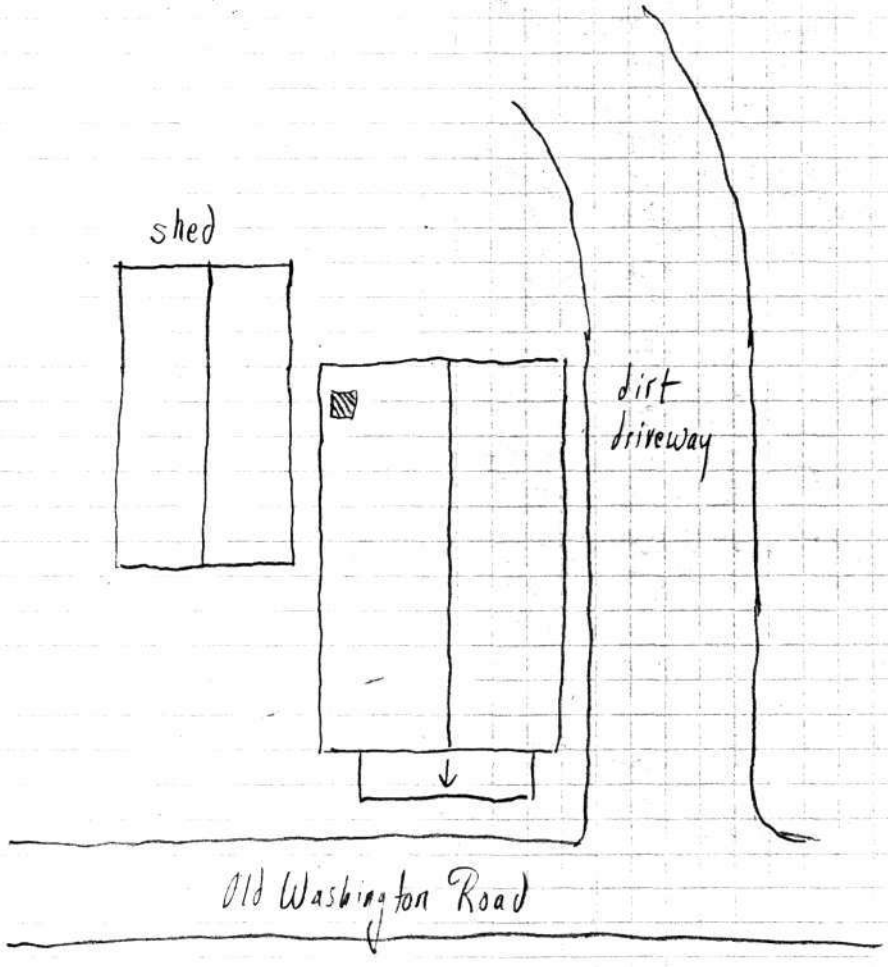
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May 31, 1973: Erich J. Hintze to Adolph L. and Patricia Ann Hintze and Erich J. and Rebecca Ann Hintze, Jr.
Land Records of Charles County
Liber 295 Folio 296

May 28, 1981: Adolph L. and Patricia Ann Hintze to Erich J. and Rebecca Ann Hintze
Land Records of Charles County
Liber 783 Folio 126

May 28, 1996: Erich J. Hintze, Jr. to Car-Life Investment Limited Liability Company
Land Records of Charles County
Liber 2209 Folio 164

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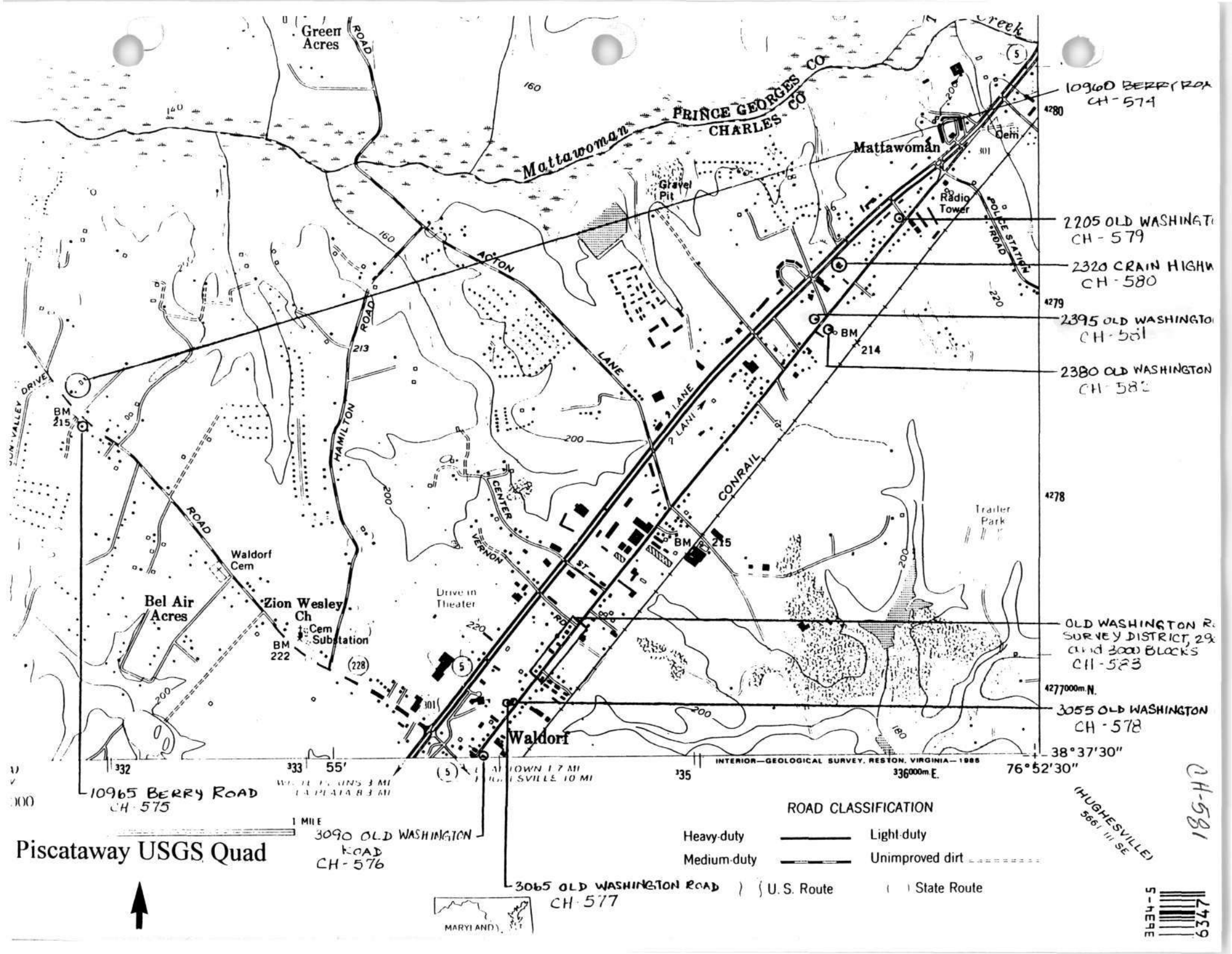


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Resource Sketch Map 1999
Not Drawn to Scale



Piscataway USGS Quad

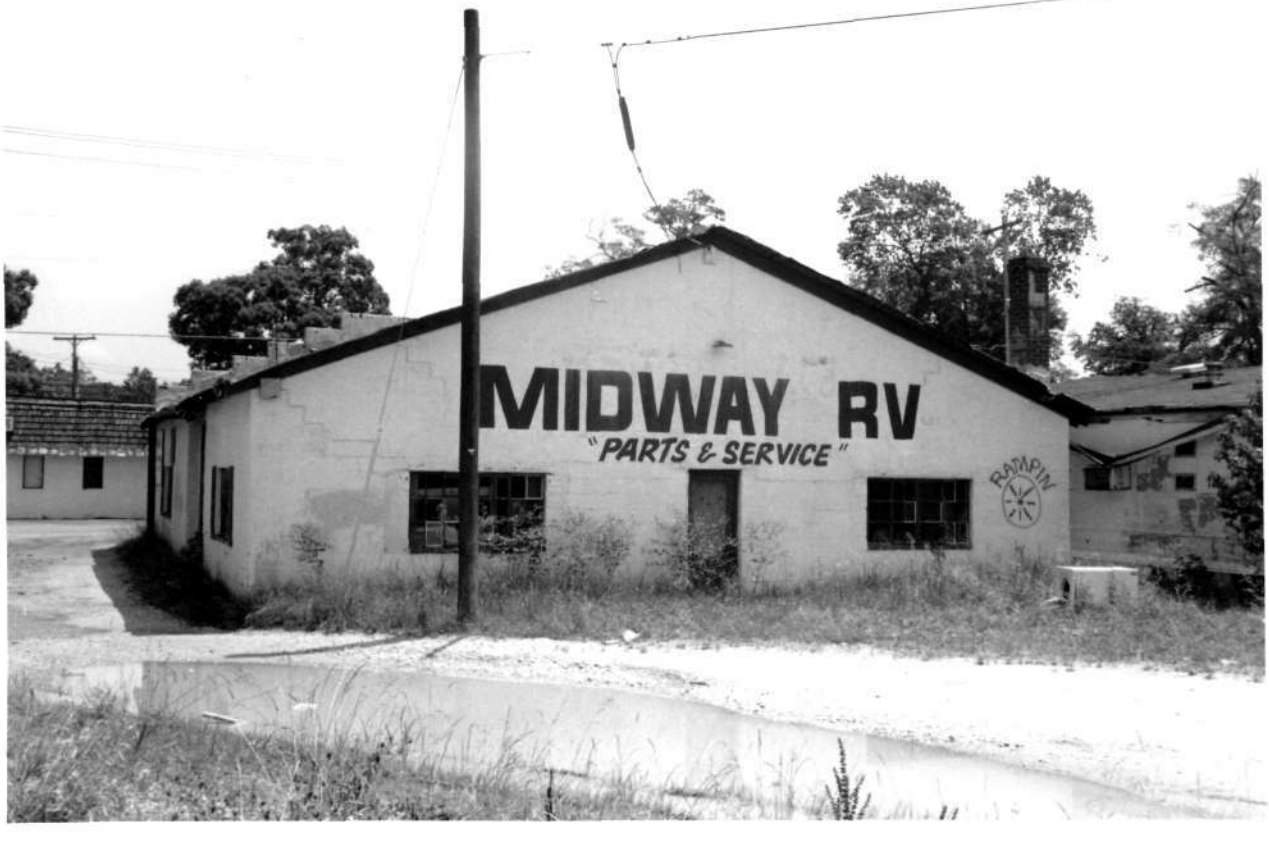

2395
Midway "RV" Supply, Inc.
Sales
Service
843-1111

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Charles County, MD
Traceries
June 1999
MD SHPO
Southeast elevation, looking northwest
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Midway
Country Campers
RV PARTS & SERVICE
LP GAS

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Charles County, MD
Traceries
June 1999
MD SHPO
Northeast elevation, looking southwest
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MIDWAY RV
"PARTS & SERVICE"
RAMPIN

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Charles County, MD
Traceries
June 1999
MD SHPO
Northwest elevation, looking southeast
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Midway
Country Campers
Waldorf, Md 843-1111

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Southwest elevation, looking north
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Midway
Country Campers

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Shed, looking north
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