Resolution No.: 17-327
Introduced: October 18, 2011
Adopted: December 13, 2011

**COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND SITTING AS THE DISTRICT COUNCIL FOR THAT PORTION OF THE MARYLAND-WASHINGTON REGIONAL DISTRICT WITHIN MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

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By: Councilmember Rice

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**SUBJECT:** Amendment to the Master Plan for Historic Preservation: Damascus-Goshen Historic Resources by vacating the designation of 23825 Woodfield Road #14/16-5 as an individual historic resource

## Background

1. On February 25, 2008, the Montgomery County Planning Board transmitted the Planning Board Draft Amendment to the Master Plan for Historic Preservation: Damascus-Goshen Historic Resources (hereafter referred to as the Amendment) to the Council.

2. The Amendment recommended by the Planning Board would have included 23825 Woodfield Road in the Woodfield Historic District. The Planning Board did not recommend approval for designation as an individual historic resource.

3. On November 25, 2008 and January 27, 2009, the County Council reviewed the Amendment and the recommendations of the Planning, Housing, and Economic Development Committee, and adopted it with amendments on January 27, 2009 by approving Resolution 16-828.

4. The Council's action on January 27, 2009 removed 23825 Woodfield Road from the Woodfield Historic District and designated 23825 Woodfield Road as an individual resource, #14/16-5.

5. On November 30, 2010, the Council approved Historic Preservation Amendment 10-1. That amendment to Chapter 24A allows the Council to vacate the District Council's previous action, designate the resource as an individual site, include the resource within the boundary of the historic district, or affirm the District Council's previous action under the circumstances surrounding the designation of 23825 Woodfield Road.

6. The Council introduced this resolution on October 18, 2011 and held a public hearing on November 29, 2011. The resolution was referred to the Planning, Housing, and Economic Development Committee.

7. On December 5, 2011, the Committee recommended approval of the resolution as introduced.

8. On December 13, 2011, the County Council reviewed the Amendment and the recommendations of the Planning, Housing, and Economic Development Committee and agreed to its approval.

**Action**

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland, sitting as the District Council for that portion of the Maryland-Washington Regional District in Montgomery County, Maryland, approves the following resolution:

The Approved Amendment to the Master Plan for Historic Preservation: Damascus-Goshen Historic Resources is revised to vacate the designation of 23825 Woodfield Road #14/16-5 as an individual historic resource. Council's revisions to the Approved Amendment to the Master Plan for Historic Preservation: Damascus-Goshen Historic Resources are identified below. Deletions to the text of the Plan are indicated by [brackets], additions by underscoring.

Abstract Page, second sentence:

The amendment designates [18] 17 individual historic sites and one historic district on the *Master Plan for Historic Preservation*, retains four historic resources on the Locational Atlas, removes 34 individual historic resources and one historic district from the *Locational Atlas and Index of Historic Sites*, and recommends that the Planning Board place one resource on the Locational Atlas.

Page 17, first paragraph:

The purpose of this amendment is to designate historic resources in the Damascus-Goshen Area. The amendment designates [18] 17 individual historic sites and one historic district on the *Master Plan for Historic Preservation*...

Page 17, Summary Table:

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Woodfield Individual Sites

[14/16-5 Millard and Julia Thompson House, 23825 Woodfield Road 14/16-5 Millard & Julia Thompson House (c1907).

This Colonial Revival house, built about 1907, features a full-width porch and side polygonal bay. The hipped roof is covered with standing seam metal and has a hipped dormer window above the front façade. The house has pebble dash siding and vinyl soffits. most windows are 3/1, with a 5/1 picture window next to the front door. The door has no sidelights and has a transom frame that has been enclosed. A replacement porch has fluted columns. A hipped roof garage/carriage house has new windows and double rolling doors. A concrete block structure is located near the garage. The property includes several mature maple trees and a gravel driveway leading to the garage.

Millard and Julia Thompson acquired the 105-acre property in 1900. In 1907 they took out a mortgage for $1600. Julia A Thompson (1863-1940) was the daughter of James E and Alice E Penn Duvall. In 1879, she married Millard F Thompson (1856-1930), the son of Evan C and Sarah A Thompson, and they had five children. The Thompsons were buried at Upper Seneca Baptist Church in Cedar Grove. Before the property was subdivided, it included a concrete block dairy barn and milk house, timberframe one-level barn, and corn crib. The farm had an older house set closer to Great Seneca Creek, as evidenced by the 1906 USGS map. It was the property of William Burns from 1879.]

**General**

All pictures and maps included in the Plan are to be revised, where appropriate, to reflect the District Council's action to vacate the designation of 23825 Woodfield Road #14/16-5 as an individual historic resource. All identifying references pertain to the Approved Master Plan for Historic Preservation: Damascus-Goshen Resources.

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Linda M. Lauer

Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council