



# Montgomery Preservation Inc.

Promoting the Preservation, Protection and Enjoyment of Montgomery County's Rich Architectural Heritage and Historic Landscapes

Montgomery Preservation (MPI) is creating a list of National Register of Historic Places sites in Montgomery County along the MARC Brunswick line and along I-495 and I-270. The goal is to determine the potential damage that could result from adding a third track to the North or East side of the MARC Brunswick Line or by widening I-495 and I-270 to add "managed lanes."

**What we need from you: a list of National Register sites in your community that would be affected if a third track were added to the MARC line or the highways are expanded.** This would help assess the possible damage in Montgomery County and present a united preservation front if necessary. A simple address or site name and locality such as "Thomas Cannery, Gaithersburg" is enough. Please submit your list to [MPI@montgomerypreservation.org](mailto:MPI@montgomerypreservation.org).

Protection for National Register sites affected by Federal projects comes from Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. Federal involvement results when its funding, licensing, or permits, etc. are required. MPI is also exploring finding or creating a Section 106 ZOOM program to describe the process, outcome, and user experience. Some local communities are depending on Section 106 as a last resort, so knowledge can be powerful.

Section 106 staff of the Maryland Historical Trust considers the MARC Brunswick Line widening "conceptual" as there are no impact studies or options. However, the 2020 Montgomery County *Shady Grove Sector Minor Master Plan Amendment* recommends a 25-foot easement be obtained on the line for possible future expansion. This adds weight to possible widening.

If the line is expanded to three tracks in Silver Spring, a 25-foot track area will remove part of the rear platform and the canopy of the B&O Station. Passing trains would be very close to the building as seen at right. Gaithersburg and Washington Grove would also be affected. MPI needs local input to identify other properties with similar issues.



National Park Seminary in Forest Glen is threatened by the I-495-270 project as is Moses Morningstar Cemetery in Cabin John. This highway project is well under way with the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in preparation, initial designs drawn up, and contractor selection next. The EIS is to be completed this fall and will include the Section 106 report due in August. **This is why your National Register list is needed now.**

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