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FREDERICK COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

Request: Certified Local Government Evaluation of Boundary Increase to the Emmitsburg National Register District

Addresses: Various

Meeting Date: September 14, 2023

Report Date: August 31, 2023

A boundary increase to the Emmitsburg National Register District is being proposed to expand the district's significance to include Ethnic Heritage, Black history, eligible under National Register Criterion A. Criterion A concerns properties associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.

This nomination was previously heard at the Commission's August 9, 2023 meeting. The preparers of the nomination contacted Staff following the meeting to inform us that the draft nomination received through the State incorrectly identified two houses as non-contributing. Additionally, they are expanding the boundary to include a portion of the lot east of 413 West Lincoln Avenue. A revised draft nomination has been submitted for review and consideration by the Commission.

The change to the nomination to include all houses as contributing further supports the significance and justification for the boundary expansion. The approximately 1.5 acres of the proposed boundary increase represents the African American community of Emmitsburg that started to be established in the early 1860s and continued through the late 1950s along the 400 block of West Lincoln Avenue.

The information contained within the National Register form is enough to convey the proposed area's significance to Emmitsburg.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Historic Preservation Commission recommend the boundary increase to the Emmitsburg National Register District to the County Executive and the State Historic Preservation Officer.