



FREDERICK COUNTY GOVERNMENT

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Historic Preservation Commission
FROM: Amanda Whitmore, Historic Preservation Planner
DATE: November 17, 2023
RE: Update of Administrative Approvals

Issue:

Staff has reviewed and determined the National Register eligible property, Stem-Haines-Saylor Farm (F-8-157), eligible for County Register designation.

Background and Discussion:

The Historic Preservation Commission approved at the November 2021 meeting ([Attachment 1](#)) changes to how determination of eligibility can be made for properties on the National Register of Historic Places. The Commission gave Staff the ability to administratively determine a National Register property eligible for County Register listing. However, if Staff is uncertain regarding the eligibility of the Nationally designated property, the determination will be made by the Commission at their next meeting.

Staff received a nomination for the Stem-Haines-Saylor Farm (F-8-157) which was determined eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places in 2013 ([Attachment 2](#)). The determination of eligibility form included the entire parcel of 93.75 acres and the stone house, spring house, blacksmith shop, and Switzer barn as contributing resources. The property is included in the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation (MALPF) agricultural easement program. MALPF will allow up to one-acre areas around historic structures. The property owner has included areas around all the contributing structures in their determination of eligibility application ([Attachment 3](#)). The Frederick County Agriculture Preservation Office is forwarding the recommendation to the Agricultural Preservation Board and MALPF for their approvals. The property owner plans to submit a Rural Historic Preservation Grant Program application for the property, and if awarded funding, will designate the property to the County Register. Staff reviewed the 2013 National Register form ([Attachment 4](#)) and conducted a site visit to the property to determine its eligibility.

Based on the information contained in the National Register form, and that very few changes have occurred at the property since the National Register eligibility determination, Staff has determined the property eligible for County Register listing based on criteria 6B(1A), 6B(1D), and 6B(2A) in Chapter 1-23-6 of the Frederick County Code.

Attachments:

Attachment 1: November 2021 HPC Meeting Minutes

Attachment 2: Stem-Haines-Saylor Farm County Register Nomination Form

Attachment 3: Stem-Haines-Saylor Farm Proposed County Register Map

Attachment 4: Stem-Haines-Saylor Farm National Register of Historic Places Eligibility Form