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Montgomery County Civic Federation Resolution Supporting Inclusion of Greenwich Forest, the Animal Industry Building, and Higgins Cemetery in the Master Plan for Historic Preservation

Whereas the Greenwich Forest neighborhood near Bethesda has a noteworthy development history, homes that exhibit a unique and high-quality style of architecture, and an overall layout that displays a respect for the natural environment, which factors together make it emblematic of the best of suburban residential subdivision design of the 1920s and 1930s in the County and the State and worthy of preservation through the imposition of historic district status; and,

Whereas the 1909 Bureau of Animal Industry Building in Norwood Park near Chevy Chase is the sole surviving structure from the Federal Government's foremost agricultural experiment farm begun in the late 19th century, and the Renaissance Revival building remains relatively unaltered and located on parkland that preserves the character of its historical bucolic setting; and,

Whereas Higgins Family Cemetery in Rockville is associated with a prominent local family, and includes the graves of Revolutionary War soldier James Higgins and two members of the family who founded Knowles Station which became the Town of Kensington;

Therefore, the Montgomery County Civic Federation supports the recommendation of the Historic Preservation Commission and the Planning Board that all three sites, which have been grouped together in a single nomination package, be included in the Master Plan for Historic Preservation, and urges the County Council to approve the designation.