

GEOGRAPHIC AND LANDSCAPE FEATURES

The Kensington Historic District is delineated by two important transportation features: Connecticut Avenue and the railroad. The historic district is bisected by Connecticut Avenue as it extends on a northern course through Montgomery County. A major, four-lane, commuter corridor, this over-trafficked thoroughfare is a strong visual intrusion into the district. The railroad runs parallel to Howard Avenue along the northern edge of the district. The presence of the railroad is historically significant to the town of Kensington. The earliest development in Kensington clustered around the railroad, including the first railroad station, bank and City Hall. Today, this area remains the heart of the commercial district in Kensington.

The houses to the east and west of Connecticut Avenue sited along the curvilinear streets comprise the district's most historic structures. Many of these structures are placed in the middle of two lots, with large open-space to either side of the structures. These settings are picturesque with landscaped gardens composed of shrubs and flowers. Mature trees dot the environment. The gardens encompass the historic resource and characterize the residential evolution in this section of the district, and consequently have become intrinsic character defining features. Other residential development in the district, featuring houses sited centrally on a single lot, have similar front yards to earlier resources, but smaller side yards. Landscaping is on a smaller scale, with modest parcels devoted to plantings and gardens.

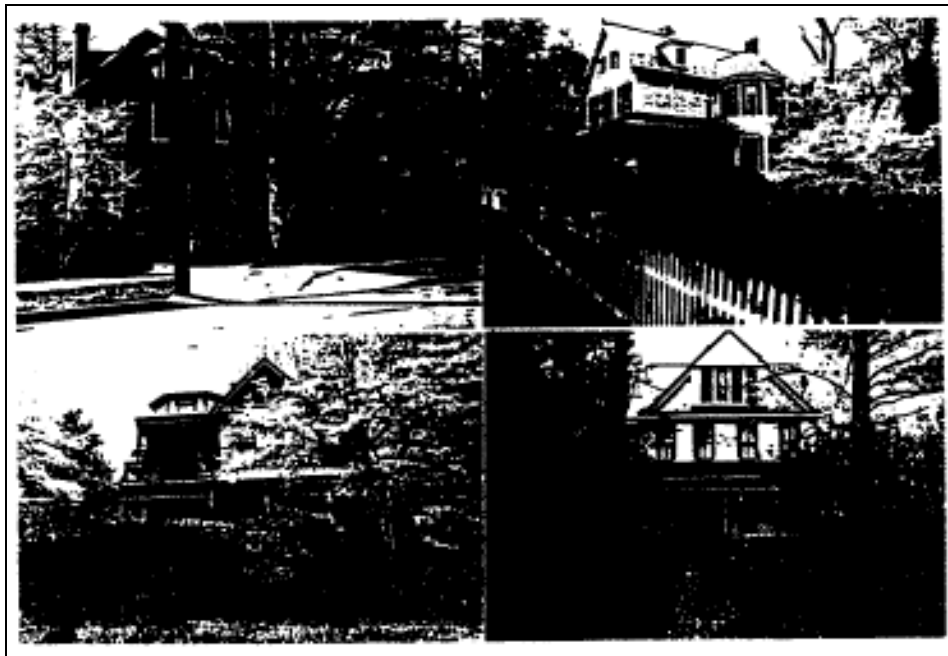


Figure 9: Landscaped gardens and mature trees in Kensington.

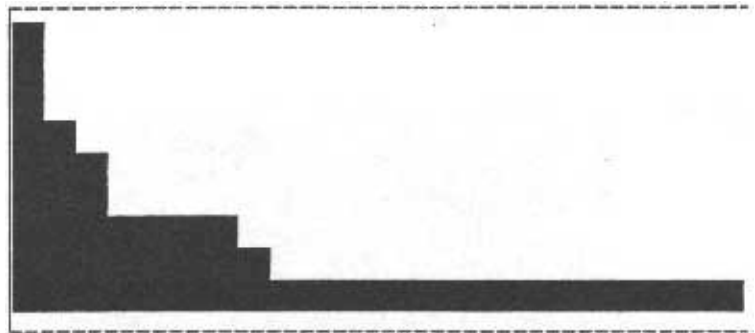
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FREQUENCY REPORT FOR THE FIELD Geographic Features [MAIN->GEOFEATURE]

# Uses	Code	Text
1	CHURCH	Church
1	MONUMENT	Monument
1	POOL	Pool
2	CIRCLE	Circle
3	ELEVATED	Elevated Site
3	PARK	St. Paul Park
7	CORNER	Corner Site
5	HIGHWAY	Highway Site
22	RAILROAD	Railroad

9 DIFFERENT CODES ARE USED 48 TIMES
FOR 187 MARKED RECORDS

Church	1
Monument	1
Pool	1
Circle	2
Elevated Site	3
St. Paul Park	3
Corner Site	7
Highway	5
Railroad	22



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FREQUENCY REPORT FOR THE FIELD Relationship of Landscaping [MAIN- >RELATELNDS]

Uses Text

1 Overgrown
3 Open Yard
3 Park
7 Mature Greenery
12 Parking Lot
15 None
53 Mature Trees
93 Landscaped Yard

8 DIFFERENT CODES ARE USED 187 TIMES
FOR 187 MARKED RECORDS

Overgrown	1
Open Yard	3
Park	3
Mature Greenery	7
Parking Lot	12
None	15
Mature Trees	53
Landscaped Yard	93



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FREQUENCY REPORT FOR THE FIELD Ground Cover [MAIN->GROUNDCOVR]

Uses Text

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 3 Grass/Asphalt
 6 Asphalt
 19 None
 159 Grass/Plantings
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FOR 187 MARKED RECORDS

Grass/Asphalt	3
Asphalt	6
None	19
Grass/Plantings	159

