

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
SITTING AS THE DISTRICT COUNCIL
2025 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-122-2025

Proposed by The Chair – (By request – Planning Board)

Introduced by Council Members Olson, Watson, Blegay, Oriadha, Fisher, Dernoga,
Harrison and Ivey

Date of Introduction October 7, 2025

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 Designation of the Maerlender-Hughes House and the Clarence and Edith Pearce House as Prince
3 George’s County Historic Sites

4 For the purpose of approving the designation of the Maerlender-Hughes House (Documented
5 Property 66-037-51) and the Clarence and Edith Pearce House (Documented Property 66-029-10)
6 as Historic Sites in Prince George’s County, Maryland.

7 WHEREAS, Section 29-120.01 of the Prince George’s County Code provides a process for
8 the owner(s) of an historic property to petition the Prince George’s County Historic Preservation
9 Commission for Historic Site designation; and

10 WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of Sec. 29-120.01 of the Prince George’s
11 County Code, the respective owners filed petitions with the Historic Preservation Commission for
12 designation of the two properties described below; and

13 WHEREAS, after proper posting and notice was given as required by law, the Prince
14 George’s County Historic Preservation Commission held a public hearing on April 15, 2025, on
15 the two (2) subject petitions; and

16 WHEREAS, the Maerlender-Hughes House, located at 4615 Clemson Road, College Park,
17 was built circa 1946 and is significant as a substantially intact example of simplified Colonial
18 Revival style domestic architecture in the Calvert Hills National Register Historic District; and

19 WHEREAS, the Maerlender-Hughes House embodies the heritage theme of streetcar suburb
20 development in Prince George’s County in the early twentieth century and was the home of
21 Maerlender and Hughes families for over 50 years, from 1947 to 1980; and

1 WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission recommended that the Maerlender-
2 Hughes House (Documented Property 66-037-51), and its 0.148-acre Environmental Setting, (The
3 east 30 feet of Lot 76 and the west 50 feet of Lots 77 and 78 in Block E, Section A, “College
4 Park”), be designated as a historic site on the basis of certain historic site designation criteria stated
5 in County Code Section 29-104(a), namely, criteria (1)(A)(iv), (2)(A)(i), and (2)(A)(v).

6 WHEREAS, the Clarence and Edith Pearce House, located at 6605 44th Avenue, University
7 Park, was built circa 1935 and is significant as intact example of Dutch Colonial Revival domestic
8 architecture in the University Park National Register Historic District; and

9 WHEREAS, the Clarence and Edith Pearce House embodies the early to mid-twentieth
10 century growth of automobile-oriented suburban development in Prince George’s County, and was
11 the home of the Pearce family from 1935 to 1952; and

12 WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission recommended that the Clarence and Edith
13 Pearce House (Documented Property 66-029-10), and its 0.206-acre Environmental Setting, (Lot 7
14 and the north 15 feet of Lot 8 in Block 13 of “Section Three, University Park,”), be designated as
15 a historic site on the basis of certain historic site designation criteria stated in County Code Section
16 29-104(a), namely, criteria (1)(A)(iv), (2)(A)(i), and (2)(A)(v); and

17 WHEREAS, the Prince George’s County Council, sitting as the District Council, held a
18 joint public hearing on the significance of these properties with the Prince George’s County
19 Planning Board on June 16, 2025; and

20 WHEREAS, the record of the hearing was left open until 5:00 p.m. on July 1, 2025, and no
21 additional testimony was received; and

22 WHEREAS, on July 24, 2025, the Prince George’s County Planning Board voted
23 unanimously to recommend that the Maerlender-Hughes House and the Clarence and Edith
24 Pearce House be designated as Prince George’s County Historic Sites,

25 WHEREAS, on September 9, 2025, in accordance with provisions of the Subtitle 29 of the
26 County Code, the District Council convened as the Committee of the Whole to review the
27 transcript analysis and Planning Board recommendation as to the proposed designations and
28 favorably voted to direct the staff to prepare a Resolution of Approval as to the proposed Historic
29 Site Designations.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's
31 County, Maryland, sitting as the District Council for that part of the Maryland-Washington

1 Regional District in Prince George's County, Maryland, that the Maerlender-Hughes House
2 (Documented Property 66-037-51) and its 0.148-acre Environmental Setting (The east 30 feet of
3 Lot 76 and the west 50 feet of Lots 77 and 78 in Block E, Section A, "College Park") and the
4 Clarence and Edith Pearce House (Documented Property 66-029-10) and its 0.206-acre
5 Environmental Setting, (Lot 7 and the north 15 feet of Lot 8 in Block 13 of "Section Three,
6 University Park,") are hereby designated as Historic Sites in Prince George's County, Maryland.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Council be directed to mail copies of
8 this Resolution to the Prince George's County Historic Preservation Commission, the Prince
9 George's County Planning Board, and to the respective property owners.

Adopted this 7th day of October, 2025.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S
COUNTY, MARYLAND, SITTING AS THE
DISTRICT COUNCIL FOR THAT PART OF
THE MARYLAND-WASHINGTON REGIONAL
DISTRICT IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY,
MARYLAND

BY: _____
Edward P. Burrough III
Chair

ATTEST:

Donna J. Brown
Clerk of the Council