



**PENNSYLVANIA HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM — DATA SHEET**  
 Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, Bureau for Historic Preservation

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**IDENTIFICATION AND LOCATION**

Survey Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Tax Parcel/Other No.: GAI Resource #44  
 County: 1. Erie 0 4 9 2. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Municipality: 1. Borough of Wesleyville 2. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: Water, Riverside, North, and Buffalo Roads--see continuation sheet  
 Historic Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other Name: Wesleyville District  
 Owner Name/Address: Multiple  
 Owner Category:  Private  Public-local  Public-state  Public-federal  
 Resource Category:  Building  District  Site  Structure  Object  
 Number/Approximate Number of Resources Covered by This Form: 118  
 USGS Quad: 1. Erie North 2. \_\_\_\_\_  
 UTM A. see continuation sheet C. \_\_\_\_\_  
 References: B. \_\_\_\_\_ D. \_\_\_\_\_

**HISTORIC AND CURRENT FUNCTIONS**

Historic Function Category:	Subcategory:	Code:
A. <u>Domestic</u>	<u>Single dwelling</u>	<u>0 1 A</u>
B. <u>Commerce/trade</u>	<u>Business</u>	<u>0 2 A</u>
C. _____	_____	_____
D. _____	_____	_____

Particular Type: A. \_\_\_\_\_  
 B. \_\_\_\_\_  
 C. \_\_\_\_\_  
 D. \_\_\_\_\_

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D. _____	_____	_____

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION**

Architectural Classification: A. <u>Bungalow/Craftsman</u>	<u>6 5</u>
B. <u>Modern Movement</u> <u>7 0</u>	C. <u>Queen Anne</u> <u>4 5</u>
D. <u>Late 19th and Early 20th</u> <u>6 0</u>	Other: <u>Vernacular</u> <u>8 0</u>
Exterior Materials: Foundation <u>concrete</u> <u>6 5</u>	Roof <u>asphalt</u> <u>6 3</u>
Walls <u>wood</u> <u>2 0</u>	Walls <u>brick</u> <u>3 0</u>
Other _____	Other _____
Structural System: 1. <u>wood</u> <u>1 0</u>	2. <u>brick</u> <u>3 0</u>
Wid: <u>3 bays</u> C Depth: <u>2 rooms</u>	B Stories/Height: <u>2-2 1/2</u> B

### HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Year Built:  C. 1870 to  C. 1970 Additions/Alterations Dates: \_\_\_ C. \_\_\_\_; \_\_\_ C. \_\_\_\_

Basis for Dating:  Documentary  Physical

Explain:

Architectural styles and details  
1899 USGS map

Cultural/Ethnic Affiliation: 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_  
Associated Individuals: 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_  
Associated Events: 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_  
Architects/Engineers: 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_  
Builders: 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

### MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Historical Sketch of Wesleyville, Pennsylvania. Wesleyville Bicentennial Committee, 1976.

United States Geological Survey of Erie, Erie Quandgrangle, 1899.

### PREVIOUS SURVEY, DETERMINATIONS

None

### EVALUATION (Survey Director/Consultants Only)

Individual NR Potential: \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No Context(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Contributes to Potential District \_\_\_ Yes  No District Name/Status: \_\_\_\_\_

Explain: This district meets none of the National Register Criteria for eligibility. Although many of the buildings are at least 50 years old, they lack sufficient integrity to be considered for the National Register.

### THREATS

Threats: 2 1. None 2. Public Development 3. Private Development 4. Neglect 5. Other

Explain: This district is located along a construction alternative under consideration for the Erie East Side Access proposed highway project.

### SURVEYOR INFORMATION

Surveyor Name/Title: Steven Chaitow/Clinton Piper Date: January 1995

Project Name: Erie East Side Access Study

Organization: GAI Consultants, Inc.

Telephone: 412-856-6400

Street and No.: 570 Beatty Road

City, State: Monroeville, PA

Zip Code: 15146

Additional Survey Documentation: \_\_\_\_\_

Associated Survey Codes: \_\_\_\_\_

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**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:**

The Wesleyville District in the Borough of Wesleyville is one-fifth of a mile by one-tenth of a mile and includes 118 buildings (1804-2218, west side Water Road and 2019-2215 east side Water Road; 2008-2054 west side Riverside and 2011-2059 east side Riverside; 3509-3522 North Street; 3610-3630 north side South Street and 3515-3627 south side South Street; 3610-3628 north side Freemont; 3520 north side Edison; 3515-3523 south side Edison; 3516 north side Idlewood and 3509-3523 south side Idlewood; and 1605-1921 Market). This is a densely populated area, primarily residential with 106 houses on small lots. There are also 11 commercial buildings in the district.

The most common house style in the Wesleyville District is the bungalow. Some examples are found along Riverside Drive at 2015, 2019, and 2031. Others are located at Water Road numbers 2012, 2031, and 2056; 3623-3629 on Freemont Street are also bungalows. Most of these bungalows have retained very little original detailing. While a well-preserved bungalow is situated at 1901 Market, and has retained a number of original details, it is not architecturally significant. Among the five Queen Anne style houses, the one at 3528 Buffalo Road has retained some details in spite of being heavily altered and converted to a commercial structure. The other prominent house style is a 1 1/2 story, ca. 1920, like those located at 2048 and 2111 Water Road and 2027 Riverside Drive. None of these resources are significant architecturally. Other houses in the district include Cape Cods and vernacular dwellings from the 1920s. Few of the remaining houses have retained a high degree of integrity.

Of the 11 commercial buildings in the district, five are modern and three are older than fifty years, with little integrity retained. One commercial building is concrete block clad in metal tiles.

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**HISTORICAL NARRATIVE**

The Wesleyville District does not meet any of the criterion for the National Register eligibility. In 1825, Almond and Polly Fuller were deeded 193 acres in what is now Wesleyville. The town was not laid out until 1828 when a Methodist Church was constructed. In 1912, Wesleyville became a borough. This particular district was developed after the town became a borough. Wesleyville historically was a small town outside of Erie. It grew around some older farms and vernacular house forms which still exist in the district. According to the USGS map of 1899 Wesleyville was thinly settled with approximately six structures. One of these buildings survives at 2118 Water road. This area like many surrounding areas of Erie county was used primarily for farming. After the town was established it grew and newer houses appeared. The 1920s were a time of expansion and evidence of this are the 65 bungalow.

This district is characterized by tightly placed houses on level city lots. Most of the houses are frame and exhibit simple vernacular details. Few of the houses in the district are modern. The commercial development is focused around Buffalo Road where there are several two-story stores from the 1920s and 1930s. This area was soon affected by Erie's expansion and this became another area of the city. It is also near many of the large plants in the area.

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Address: 1804-2218 (W side) 2019-2215 (E side) Water Road; 2008-2054 (W side) 2011-2059 (E side) Riverside; 3509-3522 North Street; 3512-3624 (N) 3528-3701 (S) Buffalo Road; 3610-363630 (N side) 3515-3627 (S side) South Street; 3610-3628 (N) 3611-3701 (S) Freemont; 3520 (N) 3515-3523 (S) Edison; 3516 (N) 3509-3523 (S) Idlewood; 1605-1921 Market.

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UTM References

	Zone	Easting	Northing
1.	17	581455	4665960
2.	17	581505	4665900
3.	17	581550	4665920
4.	17	581615	4665810
5.	17	581725	4665878
6.	17	581900	4666540
7.	17	581815	4666580
8.	17	581900	4665430
9.	17	581840	4665390
10.	17	581615	4665745
11.	17	581585	4665710
12.	17	581440	4665940

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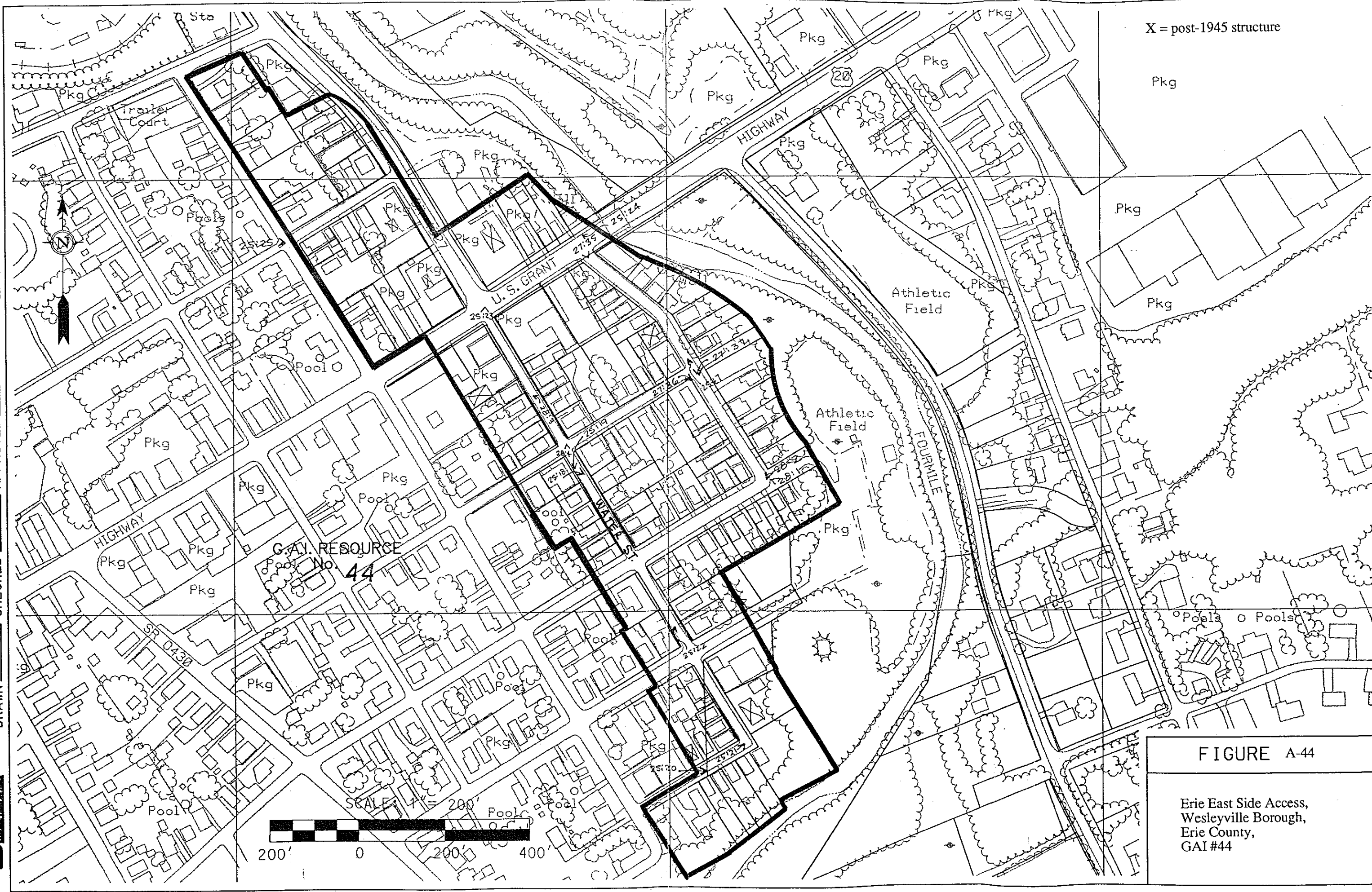
**PHOTOGRAPHS**

#	View	Camera Position
25:17	2019-2031, 2024 Riverside Drive	N
25:18	2049-2059 Water Road	E
25:19	2048-2058 Water Road	S
25:20	3521-3527 Idlewood Drive	E
25:21	2215 Water Road	N
	3603 Edison Avenue	
25:22	2055-2111 Water Road	N
25:23	Corner of Water Road/Buffalo Road	N
25:24	3614-3624 Buffalo Road	W
25:25	3509-3515 North Street	E
	1901-1909 Market Street	
27:35	2008-2020 Riverside Drive	S
27:36	2047-2059 Riverside Drive	SE
	3631-3701 Freemont Street	
27:37	3627 South Street	S
	2046-2054 Riverside Drive	
	3628 Freemont Street	
28:1	3610-3628 Freemont Street	W
	2059 Water Road	
28:2	3611-3631 Freemont Street	SW
	2101 Water Road	
28:3	2018 Water Road	SW
	3528 Buffalo Road	
28:4	2019, 2031 Water Road	N





DWG. NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_  
CHECKED \_\_\_\_\_  
DRAWN \_\_\_\_\_



X = post-1945 structure

FIGURE A-44

Erie East Side Access,  
Wesleyville Borough,  
Erie County,  
GAI #44



4664000m N. 42°07'30" 80°00' 582000m E. 581 580 578 576  
 SWAINVILLE 8.7 MI. 2130' GIRARD 16 MI.  
 (ERIE SOUTH) 4968 11 SE. 2 MI.  
 (P.O.) 5.1 MI.

**ROAD CLASSIFICATION**  
 Heavy-duty ————— Light-duty —————  
 Medium-duty ————— Unimproved dirt —————  
 U. S. Route State Route

570.5 FEET  
 1 MILE  
 6000 7000 FEET  
 1 KILOMETER

(HAMMETT) 5068 111 SW

PENNSYLVANIA  
 QUADRANGLE LOCATION

ERIE NORTH, PA.