

PENNSYLVANIA HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM — PHOTO/SITE PLAN SHEET

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Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission

Bureau of Historic Preservation

Box 1026, Harrisburg, PA 17108-1026

GAI # 78

ERIE

Survey Code/Tax Parcel/Other No.: _____

Municipality: _____

Historic Name/Other Name: _____

Address: _____

Countty: _____

VARIOUS STREETS

ADAMSTON SUBDIVISION HISTORIC DISTRICT

SITE PLAN

PHOTO INFORMATION

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PENNSYLVANIA HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM — DATA SHEET
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IDENTIFICATION AND LOCATION

Survey Code: GAI # 78 Tax Parcel/Other No.: _____
 County: 1. ERIE 049 2. _____
 Municipality: 1. ERIE _____
 Address: East Lake Road, Bacon Street, Euclid Ave.
 Historic Name: ADAMSTON SUBDIVISION HISTORIC DISTRICT
 Other Name: _____
 Owner Name/Address: Multiple owners
 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: 60
 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>	0 1 A	—
B. <u>Domestic</u>	<u>Multiple dwelling</u>	0 1 B	—
C. <u>Education</u>	<u>School</u>	0 5 A	—
D. _____	_____	_____	_____

Particular Type: A. Apartment building
 B. _____
 C. Classroom building
 D. _____

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D. _____	_____	_____	_____

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

Architectural Classification: A. Queen Anne 4 5
 B. Colonial Revival 5 1 C. Prairie School 6 1
 D. _____ Other: _____

Exterior Materials: Foundation Concrete 6 5 Roof Asphalt 6 3
 Walls Brick 3 0 Walls Wood 2 0
 Other _____ Other _____

Structural System: 1. Brick 2 1 2. Wood 1 0
 Width: 3 C Depth: 2 B Stories/Height: 2 1/2 B

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Year Built: ☒ C. 1900 to ☒ C. 1945 Additions/Alterations Dates: 1900 C. _____; present C. _____
Basis for Dating: ☒ Documentary ☒ Physical
Explain:

Historic maps, including Sanborn Insurance Maps.
Field observation.

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

MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Mueller, A.H. Atlas of the City of Erie (1917)
Sanborn Insurance Maps of Erie 1900, 1921, 1941.

PREVIOUS SURVEY, DETERMINATIONS

Northwest Institute of Research Historic Sites Survey (1978)

EVALUATION (Survey Director/Consultants Only)

Individual NR Potential: ☒ Yes ☐ No Context(s): _____ Education, Domestic
Contributes to Potential District ☒ Yes ☐ No District Name/Status: _____ Adamston Historic District
Explain:

THREATS

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

This district adjoins proposed improvements and an alternative of
the proposed Erie East Side Access Highway.

SURVEYOR INFORMATION

Surveyor Name/Title: _____ Geoffrey Henry, Architectural Historian Date: _____ 5-25-95
Project Name: _____ Erie East Side Access Highway
Organization: _____ GAI Consultants, Inc. Telephone: _____ 412-856-6400
Street and No.: _____ 570 Beatty Road
City, State: _____ Monroeville, Penna. Zip Code: _____
Additional Survey Documentation: _____
Associated Survey Codes: _____

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GAI #78 ADAMSTON SUBDIVISION HISTORIC DISTRICT

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The Adamston Subdivision Historic District is located within the City of Erie in Erie County. The district is bounded by the south side of East Lake Road on the north, the rear lot lines on the west side of Bacon Street on the west, the north side of East 7th Street on the south, and the rear lot lines of the east side of Euclid Street.

The district contains approximately 60 resources, consisting primarily of single family detached residences from the 1910-1945 period. These residences are built in vernacular variants of the Bungalow, American Four Square and Colonial Revival styles. In addition, the Edison School, a two-story Colonial Revival-style school building dating from 1921, stands at the northwest corner of the district along East Lake Road. Buildings range in condition between fair to excellent and the district as a whole retains a good to high level of architectural integrity. Alterations to individual buildings include the addition of porches, windows and aluminum or asbestos siding.

The street plan in this district has remained relatively intact, with most of the changes occurring to the southeast and south of this district. The current street plan dates to the 1910 period.

Buildings along East Lake Road and Bacon Street make up the earlier of the two sections of this district, consisting of Queen Anne-style, Bungalow, and American Four Square houses. Along 6th and 7th Streets the houses appear to date from the 1940s and are typically one- and one-and-one-half-story, gable-roofed, Cape Cod style dwellings. Many of these sit on concrete foundations and possess few original materials. Alterations include the addition of porches and small wings, and cladding with aluminum or vinyl siding.

The main anchor of the district is the 1921 Colonial Revival-style Edison School on East lake Road. It is a Flemish bond brick structure with several projecting wings. The building is trimmed with decorative sandstone quoins, classical entrance pediments and Ionic pilasters. It is in good condition.

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HISTORY

This area of Erie County remained primarily rural throughout the nineteenth century and consisted of small narrow farm properties facing what is now East Lake Road. Most property in this area was owned by the McDannel family, who also owned farms to the north of East Lake Road, adjacent to Lake Erie, as well as the Adams family. The area was bounded on the south by the Buffalo & Lake Erie Railroad tracks. At the corner of East 12th Street and Bacon Street was the car shop and rail yards of the Buffalo & Lake Erie Railroad, in operation at this location since the 1870s. In the 1890s land to the south of 10th Street on either side of the car shop was subdivided and named the "Polish Subdivision", with streets bearing such names as Kosciusko, Pulaski and Sobieski. Also at that time, the former Adams family property south of East Lake Road and on either side of Bacon Street was platted and subdivided, although most of the building activity occurred along East Lake Road, according to the 1900 and 1917 Mueller Maps of Erie County.

In 1911 the General Electric Company built a large factory and plant on the south side of East Lake Road on part of the old McDannel property and east of the Adamston subdivision. Additional residential development occurred in the Adamston subdivision probably as a result of this new plant, although there is no evidence that General Electric actually was responsible for the construction of any houses.

Land between the plant proper and the Adamston area was owned by GE but was undeveloped until World War I. At that time a series of duplexes and apartment houses was built south of East lake Road and east of Bacon Street. Named Liberty Park, this area undoubtedly was established in response to the demand for defense workers during the war.

South of this development was Franklin Park, consisting of several curved streets with such World War I-era names as Marne, Somme, Liberty, and Victory. Along Liberty Street was the Franklin Park School, several apartment houses, and a number of buildings owned by GE. At this time development along Bacon Street terminated at 8th Street on the south. Between 8th Street and East 12th Street was the plant of the Erie Corrugated Box Company.

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Sanborn maps from 1941 show the defense worker's housing still standing, but Liberty, Marne, and Victory Roads had been obliterated, as well as the school, and the GE-owned buildings. Only scattered residential development had occurred east of Bacon Street south of 7th Street, leaving 7th Street as the natural southern boundary of the nominated district. During the 1970s public housing apartments were built south of the district, further defining the southern boundary of the district.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Adamston Subdivision Historic District is significant under Criterion C for its collection of well-preserved residential architecture from the 1910-1945 period. It contains good examples of the Bungalow, American Four Square and Colonial Revival styles of architecture and retains a good level of architectural integrity. It also includes the circa 1921 Edison School, a significant example of Colonial Revival PUBLIC architecture. The subdivision and architecture reflect the growth of the area in response to the location of industrial plants in this area of Erie County, particularly the General Electric plant established just to the east of this district in 1911. The company may have played a part in the development of the eastern half of this district during World War I, although most of this housing was replaced in the 1930s and later.

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BOUNDARIES

The boundaries of the Adamston Subdivision Historic District follow the southern side of East Lake Road on the north, rear property lines on the west side of Bacon Street on the west, the south side of East 7th Street on the south, and rear property lines on the east side of Euclid Street on the east.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

The boundaries of the Adamston Subdivision Historic District are drawn to include the two separate periods of development that occurred in the Adamston area between the early 1900s and 1945.

UTM REFERENCES

A	17	579345	4666360
B	17	579380	4666300
C	17	579280	4666175
D	17	579320	4666110
E	17	579180	4666040
F	17	579205	4665995
G	17	579075	4665995

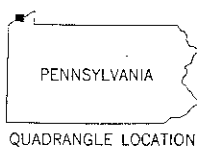
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PHOTOGRAPHS

<u>Number</u>	<u>Description of View and Direction</u>
34:18	646 Euclid Avenue, west side, Northwest view
34:12	Edison School, looking South
34:10	Edison School, North door detail
34:1	560-562 Bacon Street, Southwest view
34:8	1912-1918 East 8th Street, West view
34:2	564-570 Bacon Street, West view
34:4	East 7th Street and Bacon Street, East view

Photographer: Joel Dzodin, GAI Consultants, Inc.
570 Beatty Road
Monroeville, Penna. 15146
May 12, 1995



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

- Heavy-duty.....
- Medium-duty.....
- Light-duty.....
- Unimproved dirt
- U. S. Route
- State Route

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 PHOTOREVISED 1969 AND 1975
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