

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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UNIQUE SITE NO. 001-06-0124
QUAD _____
SERIES _____
NEG. NO. _____

*Church
burned
and
was
demolished
c. 1986*

YOUR NAME: Town of Guilderland DATE: _____

YOUR ADDRESS: Town Hall, Guilderland, N.Y. TELEPHONE: 518-356-1980

ORGANIZATION (if any): _____

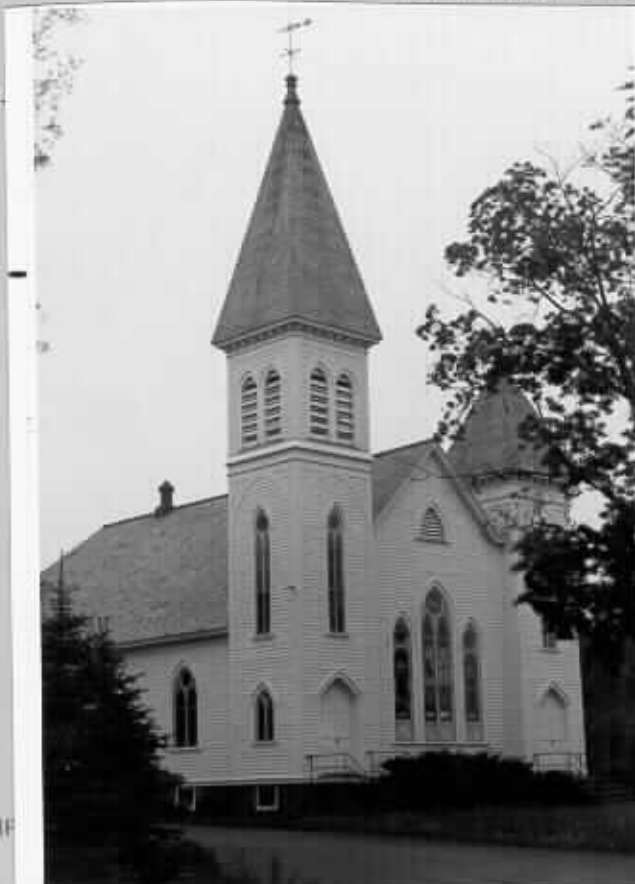
IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME(S) Helderberg Reformed Dutch Church (Building #8)
2. COUNTY Albany TOWN/CITY Guilderland VILLAGE Guilderland Center
3. STREET LOCATION 140 Main
4. OWNERSHIP: a. public ☐ b. private ☒
5. PRESENT OWNER Trustees, H.R.D.C. ADDRESS 140 Main St. Guilderland Center N.Y. 12085
6. USE: Original: Church Present: Church
7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes ☒ No ☐
Interior accessible: Explain Sundays & appointment

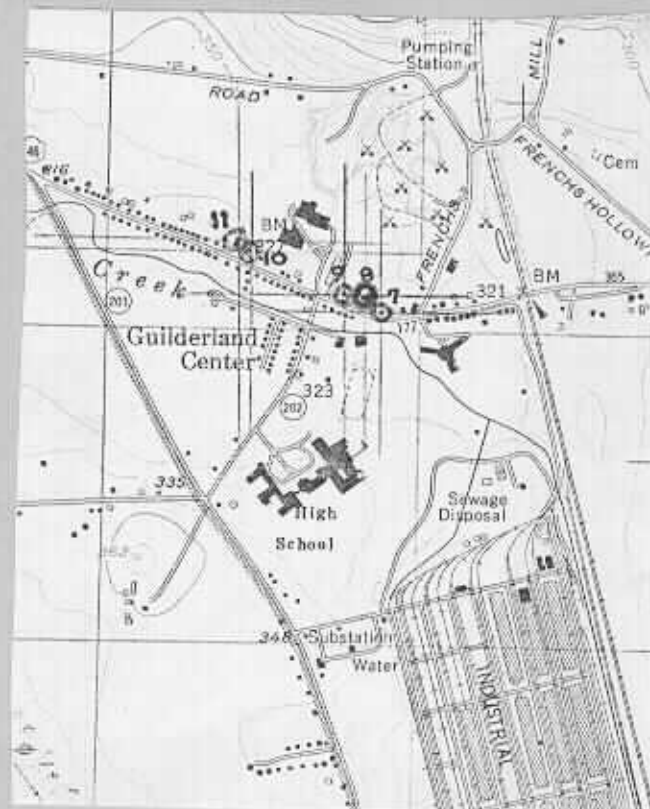
DESCRIPTION

8. BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard ☒ b. stone ☐ c. brick ☐ d. board and batten ☐
e. cobblestone ☐ f. shingles ☐ g. stucco ☐ other: _____
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM (if known): a. wood frame with interlocking joints ☐
b. wood frame with light members ☒
c. masonry load bearing walls ☐
d. metal (explain) _____
e. other _____
10. CONDITION: a. excellent ☒ b. good ☐ c. fair ☐ d. deteriorated ☐
11. INTEGRITY: a. original site ☒ b. moved ☐ if so, when? _____
c. list major alterations and dates (if known):
Addition to the rear 1956

12.



MAP:



14. THREATS TO BUILDING: a. none known ☒ b. zoning ☐ c. roads ☐
d. developers ☐ e. deterioration ☐
f. other: _____

15. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS AND PROPERTY:

- a. barn ☐ b. carriage house ☐ c. garage ☐
d. privy ☐ e. shed ☐ f. greenhouse ☐
g. shop ☐ h. gardens ☐
i. landscape features: _____
j. other: _____

16. SURROUNDINGS OF THE BUILDING (check more than one if necessary):

- a. open land ☐ b. woodland ☐
c. scattered buildings ☒
d. densely built-up ☐ e. commercial ☐
f. industrial ☐ g. residential ☒
h. other: parking lot on northeast side

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

(Indicate if building or structure is in an historic district)

The church is located in the sparsely settled hamlet of Guilderland Center with the Frederick house (1802) on the west and the Freeman house (1734) on the east, retaining much of the original context.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE (including interior features if known):

This Gothic inspired church is cruciform in plan with unmatched steeples at the southern end (front); side stained-glass windows are pointed arched and were designed by Blockridge Studios of Albany; the front, triple, pointed-arched window was done by Tiffany of New York City. The weathervane was recovered from an earlier church (1789) and the McNeeley bell SIGNIFICANCE placed in the steeple was cast in 1835.

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: 1895

ARCHITECT: Aaron Fuller

BUILDER: _____

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

This vernacular interpretation of the Gothic Revival style was built in 1895 by the congregation of the Reformed Church. The church was planned by Aaron Fuller, a prominent resident and one time Town Supervisor. Similar in massing to Romanesque Revival churches of the mid-to-late nineteenth century, the Helderberg Reformed Dutch Church incorporates the Gothic arch and Tiffany windows into an otherwise simple ecclesiastical design. Surviving largely intact near a modern suburban environment, the church is a significant example of the nineteenth-century rural church architecture in the area.

21. SOURCES: **See bibliography**

22. THEME:

Historic Resources of
Guilderland (Phase I)

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HELDEBERG REFORMED
DUTCH CHURCH

Detail of steeple



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Detail of Tiffany window
on south elevation



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Sunday school addition
on northern end
looking south

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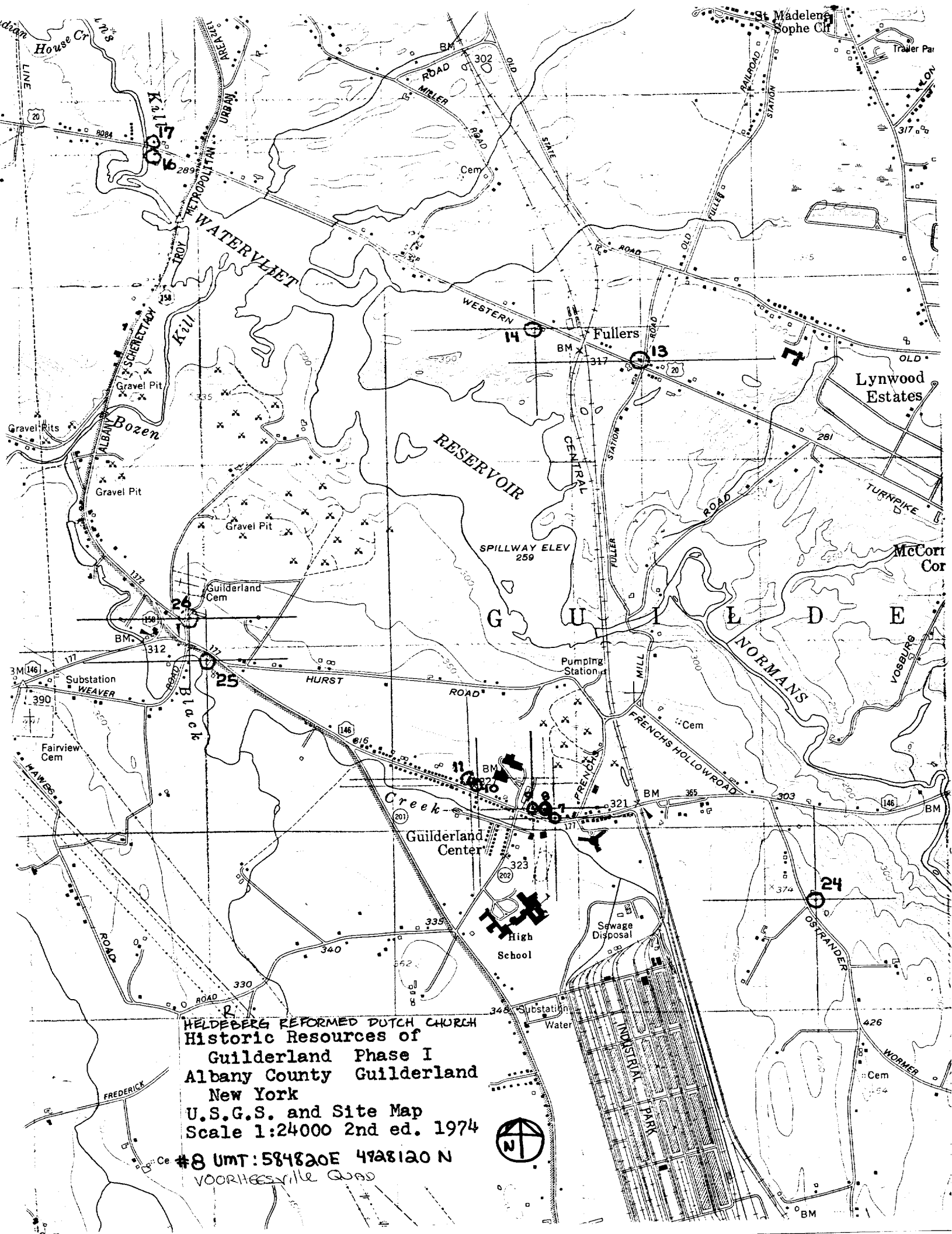
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Albany County Guilderland
New York
Site Map (from tax map)
Smith & Mahoney 1979



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U.S.G.S. and Site Map
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