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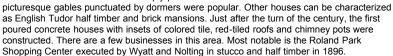
Roland Park

National Register of Historic Places 12/23/74 Certified Historic District for Tax Incentives (NR)

Description

Roland Park is an irregularly shaped area in north-central Baltimore. Including some 2,500 residences, the district is primarily characterized by single family houses along narrow, winding roads that conform to the natural topography of the area. With its large tees and curving roads, the area retains a park-like character

There is a wide range of architectural styles in this garden suburb. The earlier houses of the 1890's appear to have been chiefly brown-shingled, faintly Richardsonian frame structures. Stuccoed villas with steeply pitched roofs and



Significance

The Roland Park Historical District is significant as one of America's earliest and best designed garden suburbs. It is a unique suburban residential area from the turn of the century, which was destined to serve as a model for numerous other developments, both in this country and abroad. The early landscape planners for Roland Park laid out the community in the context of the existing topography, leaving the natural beauty of the area undisturbed. Public common areas, deed restrictions on incompatible uses and a community association that maintained public amenities were novel community planning innovations that helped to create and foster the growth of Roland Park as a distinctive Baltimore neighborhood. Roland Park is associated with important architects and landscape planners including: Wyatt and Nolting, the Olmsted Brothers, Ellicott and Emmart, Palmer and Lamdin, and Charles A. Platt.

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