

4704 HARFORD ROAD (House)  
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- Location: 4704 Harford Road, City of Baltimore, Maryland (Lot 3 of the List Tract)  
USGS Baltimore, Maryland East Quadrangle  
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates:  
18.364790.4355880
- Significance: 4704 Harford Road was originally one of five similar shingled, Queen Anne-style houses that appear to have been constructed as part of a single development, in a pattern and style representative of the National Register-eligible Lauraville Historic District.
- Description: 4704 Harford Road is a 2-1/2 story Queen Anne-style house that faces east onto Harford Road, a major Baltimore thoroughfare. The shingled, wood-frame building rests on a raised basement and is surmounted by a cross-gabled roof. Octagonal bays punctuate the front and south facades. The dimensions of this irregularly shaped building are 30 ft. 5 in. x 62 ft. 4 in. Exterior detailing includes a wrap-around front porch with wood Doric columns, a panelled and glazed side door, Palladian windows, and gables detailed with fish-scale shingles. A random ashlar retaining wall extends across the front of the lot. The interior has a side hall plan. Decorative trim consists of a stair with elaborate newel and turned balusters and bulls-eye molding. While the exterior is virtually unaltered, recent changes on the interior include the enclosure of the front hall, new plumbing, and new finishes. The building is in fair condition.
- History: Historic maps show that the house, which is now vacant, was constructed between 1908 and 1915 (Sanborn Maps and 1908 Subdivision Plat of List Tract). Its architect is not known. This building, along with 4700, 4702, 4706, and 4708 Harford Road, is one of five similar Queen Anne-style structures that appear to have been constructed as part of a single development. 4704 is among the least altered residences along Harford Road, which is now almost entirely commercial in character. During the early 20th century, the streetcar to downtown Baltimore ran along Harford Road acting as a catalyst for suburban development in the Lauraville area.
- The building is slated for demolition in August 1991 to clear the site for construction of a nursing home. HABS documentation was produced in compliance with a Memorandum of Agreement signed by the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, the Maryland State Historic Preservation Officer, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and Harford Nursing Home, Inc.
- Sources: 1915, 1929, and 1951 Sanborn Maps; 1908 Subdivision Map of List Tract, Plat Book JWS No. 2, f. 340.

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