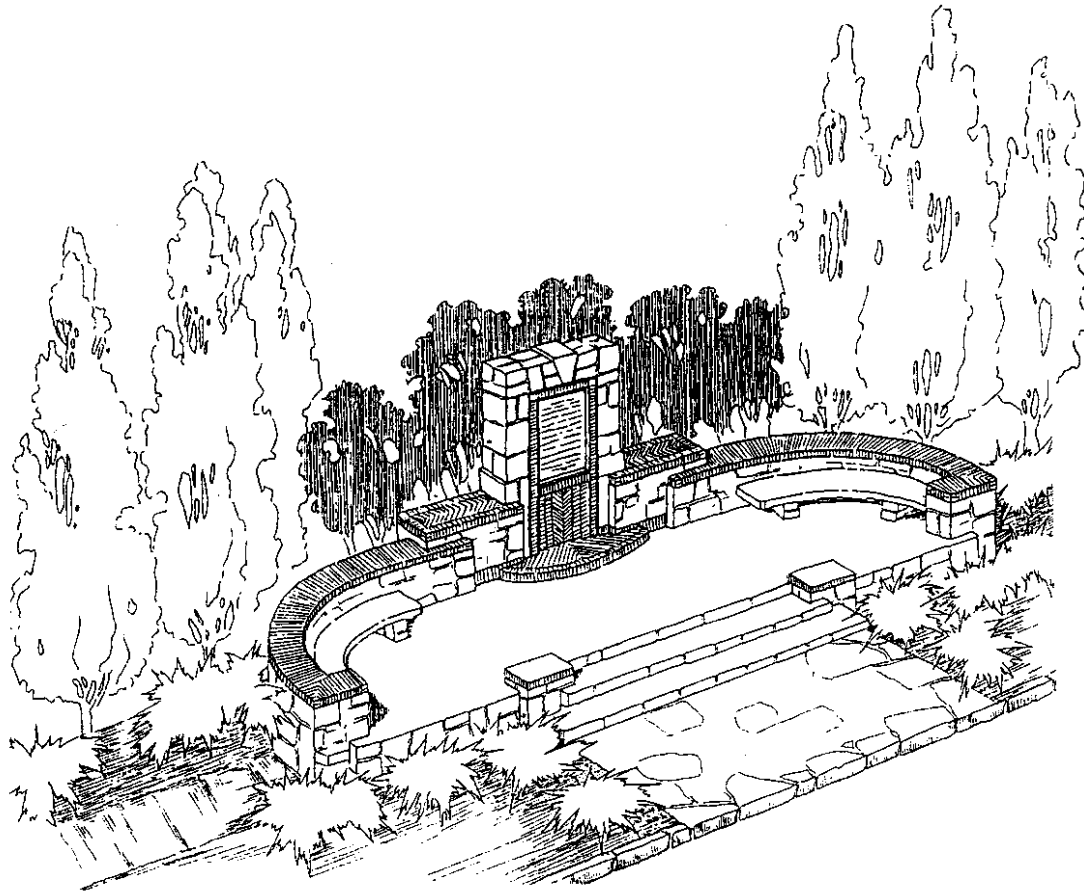


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To the Reader:

Mn/DOT's Historic Roadside Development Structures Inventory was conducted during an 18-month period from July 1996 through December 1998. Although the report identifies and evaluates each property for National Register eligibility, there are some limits to its use.

Formal boundaries for many of the sites have not been determined, but are expected to be forthcoming. Please be advised that some of the properties described in this report (for example, scenic overlooks) may have adjacent acreage that forms a viewshed or provides a setting that is integral to a property's integrity and significance. Please be aware that in some cases, acreage that is not owned by Mn/DOT may be considered to be a significant part of the property.

Readers should also be advised that the physical condition of some properties may have changed since December of 1998. For example, several properties located along T.H. 100 in Robbinsdale, Golden Valley, and St. Louis Park are expected to be lost to the upcoming reconstruction of T.H. 100. Plans for highway improvements in other parts of the state may have affected other properties as well.

Finally, this report examines the architectural and historical significance of roadside development properties, but does not address archaeological resources that may be located within or adjacent to these sites.

Therefore, Mn/DOT personnel are advised to contact the Mn/DOT Cultural Resources Unit for information on the status of any site discussed in this report before initiating a cultural resource review.

Sincerely,

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Front cover: Perspective view of proposed Pine Bend Historic Marker (S.P. 1907-03), November 1939, drawing attributed to A. R. Nichols.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THIS REPORT

CCC	Civilian Conservation Corps
CS	Control Section
CSAH	County State Aid Highway
FERA	Federal Emergency Relief Administration
MHD	Minnesota Department of Highways
MHS	Minnesota Historical Society
MnDNR	Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
NPS	National Park Service
NYA	National Youth Administration
RA	Rest Area
RPA	Roadside Parking Area
SERA	State Emergency Relief Administration
SHPO	State Historic Preservation Office
SP	State Project
TH	Trunk Highway
WPA	Works Progress Admin. and Work Projects Admin.
