CAPSULE SUMMARY

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Washington, Baltimore & Annapolis Electric Railway Bridge

West of Laurel Bowie Road, Spanning the Horsepen Branch of the Patuxent River

Bowie, Prince George's County, Maryland

1908 Public

The Washington, Baltimore & Annapolis Electric Railway Bridge, also known as the Concrete

Railroad Bridge, retains a low level of integrity. The bridge is one of the few remnants of the

Washington, Baltimore & Annapolis Electric Railway which abandoned the bridge when the

Railway closed in 1935. The tracks have been removed from the bridge and the structure retains a

low integrity to convey its significance as a component of an early-twentieth-century transportation

system that furthered the development of Prince George's County.

The Washington, Baltimore & Annapolis Electric Railway Bridge is a single-span structure

constructed in 1908 of poured reinforced concrete. The bridge rests on heavy concrete abutments, set

at a 90 degree angle to the bridge, on the banks of the Horsepen Branch of the Patuxent River. The

underside of the bridge and the side walls resting in the creek are deteriorated by visible spalling and

rust.