

CAPSULE SUMMARY

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Walker-Mowatt Mill Site

Paint Branch Parkway at Kenilworth Avenue, within Anacostia River Park

Riverdale, Prince George's County, Maryland

c. 1860

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The Walker-Mowatt Mill, no longer extant, exemplifies the diversity of economic activity in Prince George's County during the mid-nineteenth century. Although never a dominant form of economic activity for the tobacco-producing county, grist mills were significant ancillary industries. Little is known about the operations of the mill and its subsequent demolition. However, the operators of the mill may have left an archeological record. Currently, the Walker-Mowatt Mill Site is located at the north end of Anacostia River Park, east of the Paint Branch Creek. The property's importance as an archeological site could not be determined at the time of the 2007 on-site survey. This site no longer retains sufficient above-ground integrity to convey its significance as part of the county's nineteenth-century industrial and economic history.

The Walker-Mowatt Mill Site is located along the east side of the Paint Branch Creek in Anacostia River Park, Maryland. This 16.42-acre parcel is west of the intersection of Kenilworth Avenue (MD 201) and Paint Branch Parkway. This parcel, designated as Parcel 3, was part of the tract of land known as the "Old Mill Tract." However, Prince George's County's GIS mapping documents the mill as being located southwest of the intersection on Parcel 4. It is possible that this mill was located on Parcel 4 as it is adjacent to Parcel 3 and both were owned by Charles B. Calvert in the mid-nineteenth century. Paint Branch Creek was dry at the time of the 2007 on-site survey, so access to along the bank was possible. Approximately 100 feet to the east of the streambed is a small hill where scattered pieces of concrete, stone, and wood remain on the hill, indicating it may have been the site of the Walker-Mowatt Mill.