

CO-AS-007

Forest Drive Post War Survey in Jefferson City

Cole County

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Note from the Survey Coordinator:

This survey was conducted as a training exercise for the State Historic Preservation Office's summer intern, Eric Barr in the summer of 2012. The purpose of this project was to teach field survey methodology as well as a rudimentary understanding of common architectural types and features of postwar residential homes.

The survey took place on Forest Drive, a small cul-de-sac off of Forest Avenue in the west end of Jefferson City. It was selected because it offered local examples of post-World War II property types that could easily be documented in an afternoon. Forest Drive branches off Forest Avenue, a tree lined road with high style examples of Craftsman and Tudor architecture built in the 20s and 30s. Forest Drive, conversely, appears to have been primarily developed in the late 1940s and early 1950s and features Cape Cod, ranch and minimal traditional house types.

This reconnaissance level survey documented all 16 homes on Forest Drive. It noted architectural detail and build date but did not include any historic research. As this was a training exercise, general integrity may be noted but eligibility for the National Register was not considered due to the small survey boundary. The west end of Jefferson City has not been formally surveyed although there appears to be several neighborhoods eligible for the National Register of Historic Places, including Forest Avenue (and possibly Forest Drive) but more study would be necessary to determine specific boundaries and contributing status. The internship concluded before the project was completed in full and thus the final forms are not filled out in their entirety.

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