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Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Guilderland Town Multiple Resource Area (~~partial inventory: historic and architectural~~
properties)

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Guilderland not for publication

city, town _____ vicinity of _____ congressional district _____

state New York code 36 county Albany code 001

3. Classification

See Building Inventory Forms

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>n/a</u> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> multiple resource area	<u>n/a</u> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name See Continuation Sheet

street & number

city, town _____ vicinity of _____ state _____

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Albany County Courthouse

street & number Eagle Street

city, town Albany state New York

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

See Also Continuation Sheet

title Statewide Inventory of Historic Resources has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date June 1, 1979 federal state county local

depository for survey records NYS Division for Historic Preservation, ESP, Building #1

city, town Albany state NY 12238

7. Description

see individual building/structure forms

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Guilderland Town Multiple Resource Area (partial inventory: historic and architectural properties) consists of thirty-six individual buildings and one historic district in the village of Altamont which encompasses forty buildings. Situated in the north-central portion of Albany County, the sparsely populated town of Guilderland includes 36,000 acres. Although predominantly rural, Guilderland has experienced dense suburban development near its eastern boundaries adjoining the city of Albany and the populous town of Colonie. Guilderland is bounded by the rural towns of New Scotland on the south and Knox on the west and by Schenectady County on the north.

The geography of the town consists of gently rolling hills and the Pine Bush, a sandy soil covered with scrub pine and pin oak that is unique in the region. The western edge of town rises with the Helderberg escarpment, a steeply sloped wooded area. The town is laced with creeks and streams which historically have provided water and energy to many residents and businesses. The village of Altamont is located in the western section of Guilderland.

The Guilderland Historic Resources Survey was conducted in the spring of 1979 by Matthew Delany, a planning consultant for the town of Guilderland. While the entire town was surveyed, the present nomination represents a partial inventory. More detailed research is needed on some properties in obscure locations or for which pertinent historical information was not readily obtainable. Nevertheless, the nomination includes the majority of properties in the town that meet the criteria for National Register listing.

Located in various sections of the town, the thirty-six individual structures in the resource area are largely representative of the nineteenth-century scattered agrarian settlement of the area. Although most of the structures were built in the nineteenth century, construction dates range from the first half of the eighteenth century to the first quarter of the twentieth century, and a wide variety of architectural styles are represented by the thirty-six individual buildings. Primarily frame structures, the buildings selected for nomination were judged to be the most intact and most representative examples of the various styles or building types within the local context. The attached building/structure inventory forms contain detailed descriptions and statements of significance for the individual properties. Within the nomination, individual inventory forms are arranged according to the unique site numbers by which they are recorded in the statewide inventory of historic resources. These numbers generally progress from east to west within the town of Guilderland.

The Altamont Historic District consists of a cohesive grouping of nineteenth century residences along approximately five blocks of Main Street in the village of Altamont. The principal exterior material of the district's buildings is clapboard. Even the district's Romanesque train station (listed in the National Register, 8/21/71) was constructed with this material rather than with stone. Architectural styles represented in the Altamont Historic District include Federal, Greek Revival and Colonial Revival as well as vernacular, Queen Anne and Italianate. Classical details, similarity of scale and materials, and integrity of design link the district's buildings. A small town park provides a scenic vista and a transition space between the residences and the railroad station. The latter marks the western boundary of the district. The buildings of the historic district stand virtually intact. Early additions, such as the Italianate annex to the simple Greek Revival residence at 190 Main Street, were constructed with the incorporation of rhythmic patterns and details of original structures. The small, well-preserved district is without any non-contributing structures.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1734-1910 **Builder/Architect** various, see inventory forms

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Guilderland Multiple Resource Area contains many significant and historically important structures that reflect the growth and development of an agrarian community through the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. In this multiple resource area, the most notable and well-documented buildings identified and evaluated by means of the survey/inventory process are nominated for their historical and architectural significance in the local context. The thirty-six individual components of the nomination, primarily residential and farm buildings, include a variety of architectural styles and a range of construction dates from the early eighteenth century to the early twentieth century. The Altamont Historic District, which developed near a railroad line opened in 1863, is a significant grouping of nineteenth-century residences in a picturesque village setting.

The town of Guilderland was originally part of Stephen Van Rensselaer's "Rensselaerwyck" and was settled primarily by people of Dutch ancestry who moved westward from Albany seeking fertile farmlands. Dutch Colonial farmhouses and barns as well as several other eighteenth-century farm buildings in the resource area remain in use today.

The first improved highway through the town was the old Schoharie Road between Albany and Schoharie, which opened around 1750 and passed through such areas as Hamiltonville, Guilderland Center, and Altamont. To accommodate travellers on the road, many inns, taverns, and stores sprang up along the route. Several of these vernacular structures, later converted to non-commercial uses, are included in the nomination.

The construction of the Great Western Turnpike in 1799 brought increased prosperity and population to the area, hastening the formation of the new town which incorporated in 1803. The road extended from Albany to Cherry Valley and carried hundreds of families emigrating to the west and drovers bringing cattle into the eastern markets. As the rural community of Guilderland continued to expand in the nineteenth century, churches, a single room school, and cemetery buildings were constructed. Representative examples of these functional building types are included in the nomination. As a group, these individual properties reflect the civic, religious, domestic and commercial forces which helped to shape the historical development of Guilderland.

In 1863 the Albany and Susquehanna and the Hudson and Saratoga Railroads were built through Guilderland. The location of the line spurred the development of Altamont, initially called Knowersville. Altamont had long been a popular stopping place for travellers on the Schoharie Road. In 1713 Palatine refugees travelling through Altamont gave the name of "Hellebergh" (now called Helderberg), or "Bright Mountain," to a scenic wooded escarpment in the vicinity. By 1750 there were taverns, a doctor's office, a store, and a blacksmith shop in the community. Around the turn of the century summer residents came to the area and built large vacation estates, some of which are included in the nomination area, near the Helderberg. The homes were frequented by such prominent citizens as Albany publisher William Cassidy and New York State Governor Grover Cleveland.

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Main Street in Altamont, the location of the historic district, strongly reflects the prosperity of the village in the nineteenth century. The residences of the Altamont Historic District display such classical details as pilasters, cornice returns, and window lintel heads. Intricate brackets, delicately detailed vergeboards, modillions, and turned porch posts remain intact on the district's buildings. Architectural integrity, similarity of scale, and a pervasive nineteenth-century character link the buildings. Altered structures east and west of the district distinguish the Altamont Historic District from its surroundings. The village district remains as a quiet residential community without intrusions and is an important surviving grouping in an area subject to the pressures of modern suburban growth.

9. Major Bibliographical References

See Continuation Sheet

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property See continuation Sheet & individual B/S Inventory Forms

Quadrangle name Albany, Altamont, Voorheesville

Quadrangle scale 1:2400

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

See continuation sheets and individual building/structure forms

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries NA

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Neil G. Larson, Field Representative
NYS Office of Parks, Recreation &

organization Historic Preservation

date June 14, 1982

street & number Agency Building #1, Empire State Plaza telephone 518/474-0479

city or town Albany

state 12238

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

Ann Webster

title Deputy Commissioner for Historic Preservation

date 9/17/82

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

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date

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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| ✓ 102 | Altamont Historic District | Entered in the
National Register | <i>for</i>
Keeper | <i>Delores Byers</i> 11/10/82 |
| | | | Attest | |
| | Apple Tavern | Entered in the
National Register | <i>for</i>
Keeper | <i>Delores Byers</i> 11/10/82 |
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| | Guilderland Cemetery Vault | Entered in the
National Register | <i>for</i>
Keeper | <i>Delores Byers</i> 11/10/82 |
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| | McNiven Farm Complex | Entered in the
National Register | <i>for</i>
Keeper | <i>Delores Byers</i> 11/10/82 |
| | | | Attest | |
| ✓ 106 | Crouse, Jacob, Inn | Substantive Review | Keeper | <i>Ann Lee Dwyer</i> 11/10/82 |
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| | Knower House | Entered in the
National Register | <i>for</i>
Keeper | <i>Delores Byers</i> 11/10/82 |
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| | Gardner House | Entered in the
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Keeper | <i>Delores Byers</i> 11/10/82 |
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| | Crouse, John and Henry,
Farm Complex | Entered in the
National Register | <i>for</i>
Keeper | <i>Delores Byers</i> 11/10/82 |
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| | Crouse, Frederick, House | Entered in the
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| ✓ 110 | Vanderpool Farm Complex | <u>Substantive Review</u> | Keeper | <i>Ann Lee Dwyer</i> 11/10/82 |
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12. Coppola House

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13. Schoolcraft, John, House

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14. Helderberg Reformed Dutch
Church

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15. Mynderse-Frederick House

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16. Chapel House

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17. Rose Hill

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National Register

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18. Hamilton Union Church
Rectory

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National Register

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19. Hamilton Union Presbyterian
Church

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20. Schoolhouse #6

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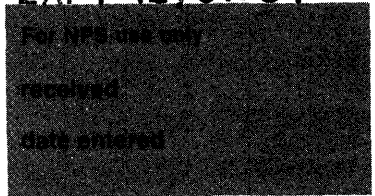
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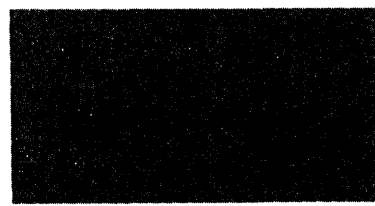
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| 21. | St. Mark's Lutheran Church | Entered in the
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| 23. | Fuller's Tavern | Entered in the
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| 24. | Veeder Farmhouse #1 | Entered in the
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| 25. | Veeder Farmhouse #2 | <u>Substantive Review</u> | Keeper | <u>Bruce Lee Douglas</u> 11/10/82 |
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| 26. | Van Patten Barn Complex | Entered in the
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| 28. | Sharp Brothers House | Entered in the
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| 29. | Sharp Farmhouse | Entered in the
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| 30. | Parker, Charles, House | <u>Substantive Review</u> | Keeper | <u>Bruce Lee Douglas</u> 11/10/82 |
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31. Pangburn, Stephen, House

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32. Houck Farmhouse

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National Register

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Shelous Byers 11/10/82

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33. Hilton, Adam, House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Shelous Byers 11/10/82

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34. Gifford Grange Hall

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National Register

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35. Freeman House

Substantive Review

Keeper

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36. Strassburg House

Substantive Review

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Interim eligible
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