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RALEIGH HISTORIC LANDMARK DESIGNATION APPLICATION

This application initiates consideration of a property for designation as a Raleigh Historic Landmark by the Raleigh Historic Districts Commission (RHDC) and the Raleigh City Council. It enables evaluation of the resource to determine if it qualifies for designation. The evaluation is made by the Research Committee of the RHDC, which makes its recommendation to the full commission which in turn makes its recommendation to the City Council. Procedures for administration by the RHDC are outlined in the Raleigh City Code, Section 10-1053.

Please type if possible. Use 8-1/2" x 11" paper for supporting documentation and if additional space is needed. All materials submitted become the property of the RHDC and cannot be returned. Return completed application to the RHDC office at One Exchange Plaza, Suite 300, Raleigh or mail to:

Raleigh Historic Districts Commission
PO Box 829 Century Station
Raleigh, NC 27602

1. Name of Property (if historic name is unknown, give current name or street address):

Historic Name: Berry O'Kelly School
Current Name: Method Community Park

2. Location:

Street 514 Method Road and 512 Method Road, Raleigh, NC 27607
Address: _____
NC PIN No.: 0794034561, 0794035766
(Can be obtained from <http://imaps.co.wake.nc.us/imaps/>)

3. Legal Owner of Property (If more than one, list primary contact):

Name: City of Raleigh, Attn: Department of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Resources
Address: PO Box 590
City: Raleigh State: NC Zip: 27602
Telephone No: (919) (996)-(3285) Fax No. () () -()
E-Mail: _____

4. Applicant/Contact Person (If other than owner):

Name: Raleigh Historic Development Commission, Inc.
Address: PO Box 829
City: Raleigh State: NC Zip: 27602
Telephone No: (919) (832)-(7238) Fax No. () () -()
E-Mail: rhdc@rhdc.org

5. General Data/Site Information:

Date of Construction and major additions/alterations: 1928; 1931; ca. 1959; ca. 1982; 1986; ca. 2003.

Number, type, and date of construction of outbuildings: n/a

Approximate lot size or acreage: 8.04 acres

Architect, builder, carpenter, and/or mason: unknown

Original Use: School and grounds

Present Use: Community center and park

6. Classification:

A. Category (check all that apply):

Building(s) Structure Object Site

B. Ownership

Private

Public Local State Federal

C. Number of contributing and non-contributing resources on the property:

	Contributing	Noncontributing
Buildings	2	0
Sites	2	1
Structures	0	1
Objects	0	1

D. Previous field documentation (when and by whom): Raleigh Historic Site designation sketch for Berry O’Kelly Agriculture Building, L. Walter Seegers, 1981; National Register nomination, Mary Ruffin Hanbury, 2016

E. National Register of Historic Places Status:

Check One:

Entered X Date: 5/1/2017	Nominated
Determined Eligible <input type="checkbox"/> Date:	Determined Not Eligible <input type="checkbox"/> Date:
Nomination Not Requested <input type="checkbox"/>	Removed <input type="checkbox"/> Date:
Significant changes in integrity since listing should be noted in section 10.C. below.	

7. Reason for Request: Full recognition of remaining historic resources associated with the Berry O’Kelly School in the Method community.

8. Is the property income producing? Yes No

9. Are any interior spaces being included for designation? Yes No

10. Supporting Documentation (Attach to application on separate sheets. Please type or print):

A. Photographs/Slides:

At least *two sets of current exterior archival-grade photographic prints* (minimum print size 5”x7”) of all facades of the building and at least one photo of all other contributing and non-contributing resources. If interior spaces of the property are being considered for designation, please include two sets of photos for these features. Prints may be created by using archival-grade black and white film photography and processing or digital photography. The minimum standard for a digital print is 5x7 at a resolution of 300 pixels per inch (ppi). This translates into a pixel dimension of 1950 x 1350. Digital images must be printed with an acceptable ink and paper combination as determined by the National Park Service Go to: <http://www.nps.gov/history/nr/publications/bulletins/photopolicy/index.htm>. All photographs must be labeled with the name of the structure, address and date the photograph was taken with pencil or archival-approved photo pen. In addition to prints, all digital images should be submitted on a CD-R in TIF format. Any additional exterior or interior views and views of other structures on the property (color, black and white, or slides) will be helpful.

B. Boundary Map:

Please include a map showing the location of the property. A sketch map is acceptable, but please note street names and number. Any other structures on the property should also be shown. Please include a “North” arrow. Map should be no larger than 11” x 17”. A tax map with boundaries marked is preferred, which can be found at: <http://imaps.co.wake.nc.us/imaps/>.

C. Architectural Significance:

Describe the property, including exterior architectural features, additions, remodelings, and alterations. Also describe significant outbuildings and landscape features. If the owner is including interior features in the nomination for the purpose of design review protection; describe them in detail and note their locations. Include a statement regarding the architectural significance of the property.

D. Historic Significance:

Note any significant events, people, and/or families associated with the property. Include all major owners. Note if the property has ever been recorded during a historic building survey by the City of Raleigh or by the NC State Historic Preservation Office. If so, who and when? (See application item 6.D.) Please include a bibliography of sources. Information regarding prior designations can be found by contacting the Survey and Planning Branch of the NC State Historic Preservation Office (NCSHPO) at 919-807-6570, 919-807-6573 or at: <http://www.hpo.dcr.state.nc.us/spbranch.htm>.

E. Special Significance Summary:

Include a one to two paragraph summary of those elements of the property that are integral to its historical, prehistorical, architectural, archaeological, and/or cultural importance.

Berry O'Kelly School Historic Landmark Report Addendum, August 2017

10. B. Boundary Map

In May 2017 the Berry O'Kelly Historic District was listed in the National Register of Historic Places. That boundary includes the Raleigh Historic Landmarked Agricultural Building of the Berry O'Kelly School and Saint James African Methodist Episcopal Church. The Agricultural Building parcel (0794035766) is fully enveloped by the remainder of the park parcel (0794034561) so both parcels are being landmarked as part of the School. The church parcel (0794037650) fronts on Method Road and is in separate ownership. It is not being included in the designation ordinance for the School.

The landmark boundary of the Saint James African Methodist Episcopal Church includes the Berry O'Kelly grave although it is not called out in the report. Staff will approach church officials at a later date about updating their designation report and ordinance to reflect the significance of the grave.

10. C. Architectural Significance

The list of resources within the Berry O'Kelly School Landmark Boundary keyed to aerial map.

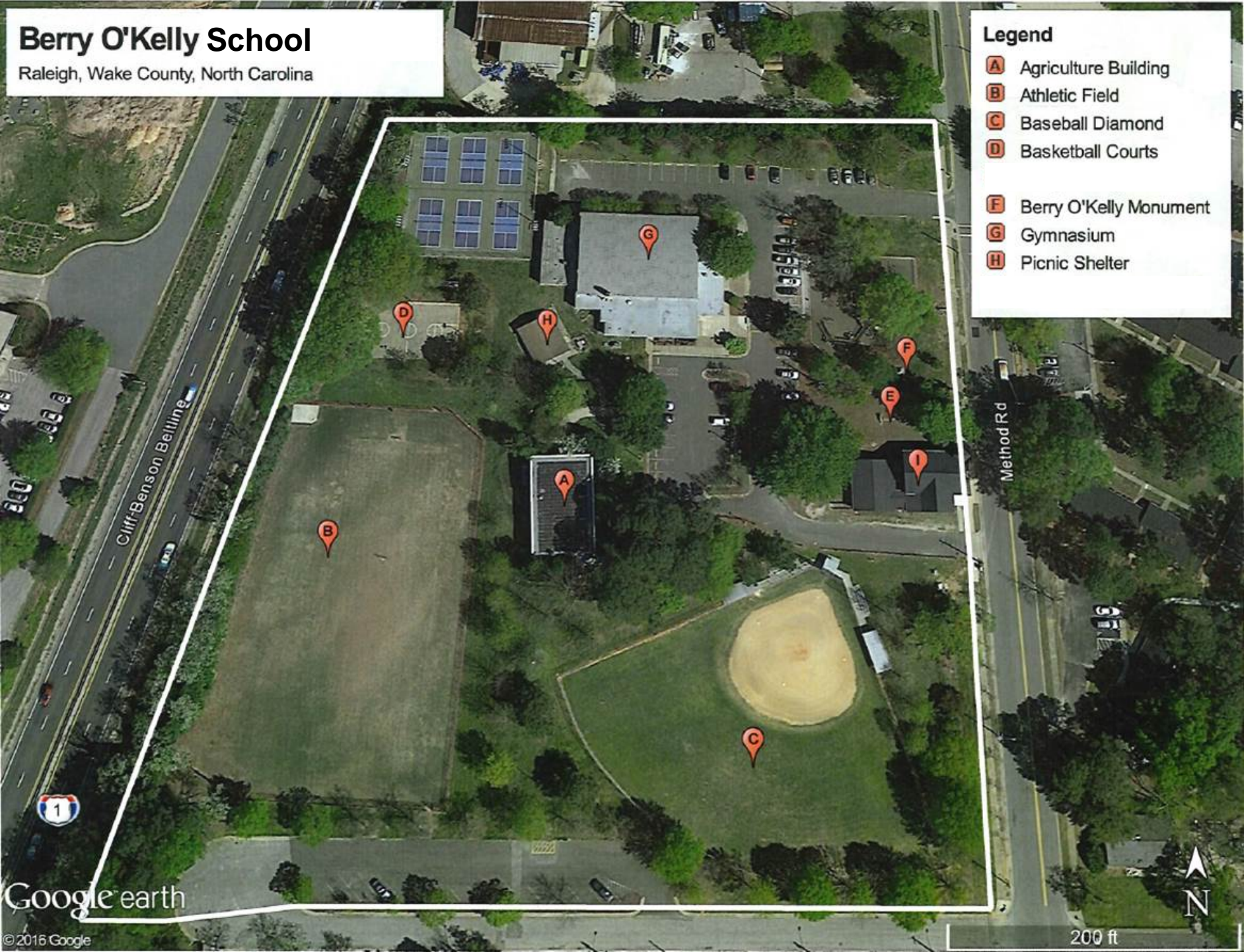
- A. Agriculture Building, Contributing Building; 1926, 1949-50 addition brick school agriculture building
- B. Athletic/Agriculture Field, Contributing Site; ca 1928
- C. Baseball Diamond, Non-Contributing Site; ca 1982
- D. Basketball Courts, Contributing Site; ca 1959
- F. Berry O'Kelly monument, Non-Contributing Object; 1986 granite obelisk
- G. Gymnasium, Contributing Building; ca. 1959 brick gymnasium
- H. Picnic Shelter, Non-Contributing Structure; ca 2003

Berry O'Kelly School

Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina

Legend

- A** Agriculture Building
- B** Athletic Field
- C** Baseball Diamond
- D** Basketball Courts
- F** Berry O'Kelly Monument
- G** Gymnasium
- H** Picnic Shelter

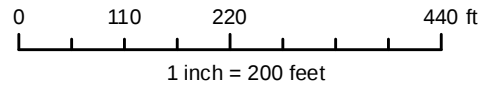


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Berry O'Kelly School
Landmark Boundary



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