

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE CULTURAL RESOURCES REVIEW BOARD OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO DESIGNATE THE MAGIC BEACH MOTEL AS A ST. JOHNS COUNTY "SIGNIFICANT CULTURAL RESOURCE" LOCATED AT 50 VILANO ROAD, ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA.

The Magic Beach Motel was considered for designation as a Significant Cultural Resource according to the criteria set forth in Section 3.01.04.C. of the Land Development Code at a public hearing, duly advertised as required by law, held on December 6, 2021, before the Cultural Resource Review Board of St. Johns County, Florida (CRRB).

FINDINGS OF FACT

Having considered the request, along with supporting documents, the Staff report, statements and documents submitted by the proposed purchasers of the subject property, statements from the property owner and all evidence and testimony presented during the public hearing, the CRRB finds:

1. The proposed Significant Cultural Resource designation for the Magic Beach Motel is consistent with the criteria set forth in St. Johns County Land Development Code (LDC) Section 3.01.04.C. whereby a Significant Cultural Resources may be designated by the County Administrator, the Cultural Resources Review Board, or by the Florida Division of Historical Resources.
2. The subject property has achieved significance because it meets the criteria required for Significant Cultural Resource designation, as follows:
 - i. The Magic Beach Motel, formerly known as the Blue Ocean Motel, is 50 years old or older having been constructed in 1951. LDC Section 3.01.04.C.2.
 - ii. The Magic Beach Motel encompasses four of the seven qualities of Integrity with Design, Materials, Workmanship, and Feeling. LDC Section 3.01.04.C.
 - iii. The Magic Beach Motel meets four of the nine additional criteria listed in LDC Section 3.01.04.C.2.:
 - c. Exemplifies a historic, cultural, political, economic, or social trend of St. Johns County, the State of Florida, or the nation.
 - d. Embodies distinguishing characteristics of an architectural style, period or method of Construction.
 - g. Has value as a Building that is recognized for the quality of its architecture and that retains sufficient features showing its architectural significance.
 - i. Is a geographically definable area or neighborhood united by culture, architectural styles or physical development, which has historic or cultural significance in the community.

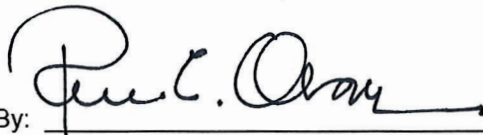
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Cultural Resources Review Board of St. Johns County, Florida as follows:

1. The Cultural Resources Review Board unanimously approves the designation of Significant Cultural Resource for the Magic Beach Motel located at 50 Vilano Road, St. Augustine, Florida.
2. This designation meets the intent and requirements of the St. Johns County 2025 Comprehensive Plan and the Land Development Code.

This decision may be appealed to the St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners within thirty (30) days of the signing of this Order (rendition), pursuant to Section 9.07.00 of the Land Development Code.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Cultural Resources Review Board of St. Johns County, Florida, this 6th day of December 2021.

**CULTURAL RESOURCES REVIEW BOARD
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By: 

Robert Olson, Chair

Rendition Date: 12/14/2021

**Florida Master Site File sheet provided by
Historic Properties Survey of A1A, 2022.**

Excerpt from study below.

☐ Original
☒ Update



HISTORICAL STRUCTURE FORM

FLORIDA MASTER SITE FILE

Version 5.0 3/19

Site# **SJ03937**
 Field Date **3-14-2022**
 Form Date **4-22-2022**
 Recorder # _____

Shaded Fields represent the minimum acceptable level of documentation.
 Consult the *Guide to Historical Structure Forms* for detailed instructions.

Site Name(s) (address if none) Magic Beach Motel Multiple Listing (DHR only) _____
 Survey Project Name Historic Properties Survey of AIA Survey # (DHR only) _____
 National Register Category (please check one) ☒ building ☐ structure ☐ district ☐ site ☐ object
 Ownership: ☐ private-profit ☐ private-nonprofit ☒ private-individual ☐ private-nonspecific ☐ city ☐ county ☐ state ☐ federal ☐ Native American ☐ foreign ☐ unknown

LOCATION & MAPPING

Street Number 50 Direction _____ Street Name Vilano Street Type Road Suffix Direction _____
 Address: _____
 Cross Streets (nearest / between) _____
 USGS 7.5 Map Name ST. AUGUSTINE USGS Date 2021 Plat or Other Map _____
 City / Town (within 3 miles) St. Augustine In City Limits? ☐ yes ☒ no ☐ unknown County St. Johns
 Township 7S Range 30E Section 9 1/4 section: ☐ NW ☐ SW ☐ SE ☐ NE Irregular-name: _____
 Tax Parcel # 1482900400 Landgrant _____
 Subdivision Name _____ Block _____ Lot _____
 UTM Coordinates: Zone ☐ 16 ☒ 17 Easting 471860 Northing 3309637
 Other Coordinates: X: _____ Y: _____ Coordinate System & Datum _____
 Name of Public Tract (e.g., park) _____

HISTORY

Construction Year: 1958 ☐ approximately ☐ year listed or earlier ☐ year listed or later
 Original Use: Hotel From (year): 1958 To (year): _____
 Current Use: Hotel From (year): _____ To (year): 2022
 Other Use: _____ From (year): _____ To (year): _____
 Moves: ☐ yes ☒ no ☐ unknown Date: _____ Original address n/a
 Alterations: ☒ yes ☐ no ☐ unknown Date: _____ Nature select windows replaced with vinyl units
 Additions: ☒ yes ☐ no ☐ unknown Date: 1-1-1970 Nature single-story addition to west
 Architect (last name first): _____ Builder (last name first): _____
 Ownership History (especially original owner, dates, profession, etc.) _____

Is the Resource Affected by a Local Preservation Ordinance? ☐ yes ☒ no ☐ unknown [Describe _____]

DESCRIPTION

Style Streamlined Moderne Exterior Plan Irregular Number of Stories 2
 Exterior Fabric(s) 1. Stucco 2. _____ 3. _____
 Roof Type(s) 1. Flat 2. Hip 3. _____
 Roof Material(s) 1. Built-up 2. Asphalt shingles 3. _____
 Roof secondary strucs. (dormers etc.) 1. Flat dormer 2. _____

Windows (types, materials, etc.)
fixed, glass block; fixed, round; DHS, vinyl, 1/1

Distinguishing Architectural Features (exterior or interior ornaments)
decorative molded banding at dado, beneath roof eaves, and flamingo-shaped insets between window bays

Ancillary Features / Outbuildings (record outbuildings, major landscape features; use continuation sheet if needed.)
n/a

DHR USE ONLY

OFFICIAL EVALUATION

DHR USE ONLY

NR List Date _____ SHPO - Appears to meet criteria for NR listing: ☐ yes ☐ no ☐ insufficient info Date _____ Init. _____
 KEEPER - Determined eligible: ☐ yes ☐ no Date _____
☐ Owner Objection NR Criteria for Evaluation: ☐ a ☐ b ☐ c ☐ d (see *National Register Bulletin* 15, p. 2)

DESCRIPTION (continued)Chimney: No. 1 Chimney Material(s): 1. Stucco 2. _____Structural System(s): 1. Concrete block 2. Balloon wood frame 3. _____Foundation Type(s): 1. Continuous 2. _____Foundation Material(s): 1. Poured Concrete Footing 2. _____**Main Entrance (stylistic details)**

primary single-leaf entrance door set beneath vehicular canopy and flanked by prismatic glass block windows

Porch Descriptions (types, locations, roof types, etc.)

S/second-story, uncovered, with horizontal metal balustrades with curved corners

Condition (overall resource condition): ☐ excellent ☒ good ☐ fair ☐ deteriorated ☐ ruinous**Narrative Description of Resource**

The resource consists of a one- and two-story, 1958 masonry motel building with Streamlined Moderne stylistic elements. See continuation sheet

Archaeological Remains _____ ☐ Check if Archaeological Form Completed**RESEARCH METHODS (select all that apply)**

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|--|---|---|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FMSF record search (sites/surveys) | <input type="checkbox"/> library research | <input type="checkbox"/> building permits | <input type="checkbox"/> Sanborn maps |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FL State Archives/photo collection | <input type="checkbox"/> city directory | <input type="checkbox"/> occupant/owner interview | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> plat maps |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> property appraiser / tax records | <input type="checkbox"/> newspaper files | <input type="checkbox"/> neighbor interview | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Lands Survey (DEP) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> cultural resource survey (CRAS) | <input type="checkbox"/> historic photos | <input type="checkbox"/> interior inspection | <input type="checkbox"/> HABS/HAER record search |
| <input type="checkbox"/> other methods (describe) _____ | | | |

Bibliographic References (give FMSF manuscript # if relevant, use continuation sheet if needed)

FMSF records check, St. Johns County GIS, NETR historic aerials

OPINION OF RESOURCE SIGNIFICANCEAppears to meet the criteria for National Register listing individually? ☐ yes ☒ no ☐ insufficient informationAppears to meet the criteria for National Register listing as part of a district? ☒ yes ☐ no ☐ insufficient information**Explanation of Evaluation (required, whether significant or not; use separate sheet if needed)**

The resource is recommended contributing to a potential historic district. See continuation sheet

Area(s) of Historical Significance (see National Register Bulletin 15, p. 8 for categories: e.g. "architecture", "ethnic heritage", "community planning & development", etc.)

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| 1. _____ | 3. _____ | 5. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 4. _____ | 6. _____ |

DOCUMENTATION**Accessible Documentation Not Filed with the Site File - including field notes, analysis notes, photos, plans and other important documents**

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|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1) Document type _____ | Maintaining organization _____ |
| Document description _____ | File or accession #'s _____ |
| 2) Document type _____ | Maintaining organization _____ |
| Document description _____ | File or accession #'s _____ |

RECORDER INFORMATIONRecorder Name Paula McClain Affiliation GAI Consultants-Pittsburgh OfficeRecorder Contact Information p.mcclain@gaiconsultants.com

(address / phone / fax / e-mail)

Required Attachments**① USGS 7.5' MAP WITH STRUCTURE LOCATION CLEARLY INDICATED****② LARGE SCALE STREET, PLAT OR PARCEL MAP** (available from most property appraiser web sites)**③ PHOTO OF MAIN FACADE, DIGITAL IMAGE FILE**When submitting an image, it must be included in digital AND hard copy format (plain paper grayscale acceptable).

Digital image must be at least 1600 x 1200 pixels, 24-bit color, jpeg or tiff.

FLORIDA MASTER SITE FILE FORM

CONTINUATION SHEET

NAME Magic Beach Motel, 50 Vilano Road

SITE# SJ03937

Narrative Description, cont.

The resource is located on the north side of Vilano Road immediately west of its eastern terminus at the Vilano Beach Pavilion, and about .03 miles east of A1A/ Coastal Highway. The surrounding area is made up of moderate-density commercial development consisting of low-rise mid-century resources and multi-story contemporary hotel and commercial buildings. An asphalt-paved parking lot covers the open space encircled by the motel room wings, bisected by a driveway with curved edges made up of landscape pavers leading to the vehicular canopy. An irregular, geometric swimming pool surrounded by a vinyl fence is situated on the southwest corner of the property.

The resource consists of a one- and two-story, 1958 masonry motel building with Streamlined Moderne stylistic elements. The T-shaped, one-story portion of the resource, containing the lobby and several motel rooms, is capped with a low-slope hipped roof sheathed in asphalt shingles. A flat-roofed vehicular canopy on tapered piers clad in stucco extends to the southeast from the south elevation and is outfitted with a neon sign with a top hat and rabbits reading "Magic Beach Motel." The primary single-leaf entrance door, with full-light glazing, is set beneath the vehicular canopy and flanked by prismatic glass block sidelights. A stucco-clad interior chimney extends from the center of the hipped-roof one-story wing. A flat-roofed addition is appended to the west elevation of this wing, with an inset walkway terminating with a breeze block wall sheltering room doors along the south elevation. The two-story, southeastern wing of the motel has a hipped roof and uncovered second-story balconies with horizontal metal balustrades with curved corners. A double-leaf entry door is centered on the south elevation of this wing, beneath a large clock centered on a ziggurat stepped parapet extending above the roofline. Exterior walls are clad in stucco with decorative molded banding at the dado, beneath roof eaves, and with flamingo-shaped insets between window bays. Fenestration consists of prismatic glass block, fixed, fixed round, and one-over-one vinyl double-hung windows.

Explanation of Evaluation, cont.

The resource was constructed during a period of significant growth in Vilano Beach. The 1939 establishment of the North Shores Improvement Association helped to attract new business to the area in the years following the Great Depression, which had effectively ended the area's initial period of development associated with a statewide land boom. Together with the presence of State Route A1A and the country's increased focus on automobile-based transportation, Vilano Beach emerged during the mid-twentieth century as a tourist destination offering beachside recreation and entertainment to guests staying at major resorts in nearby St. Augustine. Construction of private beach cottages, motor lodges, and commercial establishments to support this function continued into the mid-1970s, when development slowed, culminating in the realignment of the portion of SR A1A connecting Vilano Beach to St. Augustine in 1994. While associated with this period of development, the resource does not significantly represent this theme at an individual level and is recommended as not individually eligible for the NRHP under Criterion A. Research did not indicate an association with a historically-significant individual. As such, the resource is recommended not individually eligible for the NRHP under Criterion B. The resource does not significantly represent a type, style, or work of a master. Therefore, the resource is recommended not individually eligible under Criterion C. Despite lacking individual significance, the resource may be eligible as part of a potential historic district under Criterion A for its association with the economic development of Vilano Beach during the mid-twentieth century.

4.11.131 SJ03928

The resource is located on the south side of Surfside Avenue, approximately 0.05 miles west of its intersection with A1A/Coastal Highway on a grassy corner lot with minimal vegetation. The resource is surrounded by moderate-density residential development. Two narrow poured concrete walkways lead from Surfside Avenue to the primary entry doors on the northernmost residence.



Photograph 89. SJ03928, 109 Surfside Avenue.

The resource consists of a one-story, 1956 Ranch duplex with a hipped roof sheathed in standing seam metal (Photograph 89). The duplex has a roughly rectangular footprint, and entry doors are set beneath small flat-roofed overhangs. Exterior brick veneer walls are painted, and aluminum one-over-one double-hung windows are set above concrete sills. At the rear (south) elevation, flat-roofed porches on round metal posts shelter secondary single-leaf access doors. A secondary, two-story residence is located south of the primary duplex. It has a side-gabled roof sheathed in standing seam metal that projects over a second-story wraparound porch with a wood baluster. Three one-car garage bays define the first story of the east elevation, with sliding glass doors centered above each bay on the second story. Wide horizontal wood siding clads first-story walls, while stucco clads the upper level.

4.11.132 SJ03934

The resource was formerly located on the south side of Poplar Avenue. The circa-1939 previously-recorded resource at this location was demolished and replaced with a Publix Supermarket.

4.11.133 SJ03935

The resource was formerly located on the west side of Coastal Highway. The circa-1935 previously-recorded resource at this location was demolished and replaced with a Publix Supermarket.

4.11.134 SJ03936

The resource was formerly located on the north side of Vilano Road. The circa-1950 previously-recorded resource at this location was demolished and the lot is currently a parking lot.

4.11.135 SJ03937

The resource is located on the north side of Vilano Road immediately west of its eastern terminus at the Vilano Beach Pavilion, and about .03 miles east of A1A/Coastal Highway. The surrounding area is made up of moderate-density commercial development consisting of low-rise mid-century resources and multi-story contemporary hotel and commercial buildings. An asphalt-paved parking lot covers the open space encircled by the motel room wings, bisected by a driveway with curved edges made up of landscape pavers leading to the vehicular canopy. An irregular,



Photograph 90. SJ03937, 50 Vilano Road.

geometric swimming pool surrounded by a vinyl fence is situated on the southwest corner of the property.

The resource consists of a one- and two-story, 1958 masonry motel building with Streamlined Moderne stylistic elements (Photograph 90). The T-shaped, one-story portion of the resource, containing the lobby and several motel rooms, is capped with a low-slope hipped roof sheathed in asphalt shingles. A flat-roofed vehicular canopy on tapered piers clad in stucco extends to the southeast from the south elevation and is outfitted with a neon sign with a top hat and rabbits reading "Magic Beach Motel." The primary single-leaf entrance door, with full-light glazing, is set beneath the vehicular canopy and flanked by prismatic glass block sidelights. A stucco-clad interior chimney extends from the center of the hipped-roof one-story wing. A flat-roofed addition is appended to the west elevation of this wing, with an inset walkway terminating with a breeze block wall sheltering room doors along the south elevation. The two-story, southeastern wing of the motel has a hipped roof and uncovered second-story balconies with horizontal metal balustrades with curved corners. A double-leaf entry door is centered on the south elevation of this wing, beneath a large clock centered on a ziggurat stepped parapet extending above the roofline. Exterior walls are clad in stucco with decorative molded banding at the dado, beneath roof eaves, and with flamingo-shaped insets between window bays. Fenestration consists of prismatic glass block, fixed, fixed round, and one-over-one vinyl double-hung windows.

The resource is recommended as a contributing resource to a potential historic district under Criterion A for the development of Vilano Beach from the early twentieth century through the mid-twentieth century.

4.11.136 SJ03938

The resource is located on the north side of Vilano Road approximately 0.17 miles west of its intersection with A1A/Coastal Highway. The surrounding area is made up of moderate-density commercial development consisting of a mix of low-rise, mid-century resources and contemporary, multi-story buildings. An asphalt-paved parking lot spans the western half of the property, while an open lawn spans the eastern portion of the parcel.



Photograph 91. SJ03938, 160 Vilano Road.

The resource consists of a one-story, 1946 former motor hotel made up of two rectangular buildings with low-slope hipped roofs sheathed in asphalt shingles (Photograph 91). A flat-roofed semicircular wing projects from the western half of the street-facing elevation on the southernmost building. Retractable, partial-width fabric awnings are situated on the west elevation of both buildings. Exterior walls are clad in stucco, and fenestration consists of glass block, aluminum one-over-one double-hung, and fixed windows. A smaller, cross-gabled secondary building is located at the back of the lot east of the northernmost building but not visible from the right-of-way.

The resource is recommended as a contributing resource to a potential historic district under Criterion A for the development of Vilano Beach from the early twentieth century through the mid-twentieth century.

FMSF ID	Site Name	Location	Date Built	Style	Recommendation
					Potential Historic District
SJ03924	Hart Property	2937/3-4 Coastal Hwy	1946	Frame Vernacular	Recommended Contributing to Potential Historic District
SJ03925	Hart Property	2937/1-2 Coastal Hwy	1946	Frame Vernacular	Recommended Contributing to Potential Historic District
SJ03926	Hart Property	2949 Coastal Hwy	1946	Frame Vernacular	Recommended Contributing to Potential Historic District
SJ03937	Magic Beach Motel	50 Vilano Rd	1958	Streamline Moderne	Recommended Contributing to Potential Historic District
SJ03938	EK & RK Florida Ventures Property	160 Vilano Rd	1946	Streamline Moderne	Recommended Contributing to Potential Historic District
SJ03939	Casa Benedetto's	165 Vilano Rd	1958	Streamline Moderne	Recommended Contributing to Potential Historic District; Recommended Individually Eligible – Criterion C
SJ03940	Vilano Beach Garden Inn	155 Vilano Rd	1952	Mid-Century Modern	Recommended Contributing to Potential Historic District
SJ03941	Pitts Property	176 Vilano Rd	1949	Frame Vernacular	Recommended Contributing to Potential Historic District
SJ03942	180 Vilano Grill	180 Vilano Rd	1951	Streamline Moderne	Recommended Contributing to Potential Historic District
SJ03943	Haley's Court/Casa de Vilano Motel	150 Vilano Rd	1951	Mid-Century Modern	Recommended Contributing to Potential Historic District
SJ03944	Beaches at Vilano	200 Vilano Rd	1946	Masonry Vernacular	Recommended Contributing to



PROJECT LOCATION



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LEGEND

Historic District / Resource Status

- Study Area
- Potential Historic District
- Parcel Boundary
- Recommended Eligible Resource
- Recommended Not Eligible

0 150 300 600 Feet

FIGURE 10 HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY RECOMMENDATIONS SHEET 19 OF 20



HISTORIC PROPERTIES
SURVEY OF A1A
ST. JOHNS COUNTY



DRAWN BY: AJW
CHECKED: TDB

DATE: 6/13/2022
APPROVED: DBC



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LEGEND

Historic District / Resource Status

- Study Area
- Potential Historic District
- Parcel Boundary

- Recommended
Eligible Resource
- Recommended
Not Eligible

0 150 300 600
Feet

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LEGEND

- Subject Property
- Parcel Boundary

0 100 200 400 Feet

50 VILANO RD
SJ03937



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LEGEND

- Subject Property
- Parcel Boundary

0 100 200 400 Feet

50 VILANO RD
SJ03937



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ST. JOHNS COUNTY



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DATE: 6/9/2022

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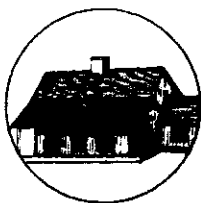
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County Feasibility Study, St. Johns County, FL,
2009.**

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☒ Update
 (give site#)



HISTORICAL STRUCTURE FORM

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Version 3.0 11/96

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Site #8 SJ 03937

Recorder #

Field Date 12 / 10 / 09

Form Date 2 / / 10

Site Name(s) (address if none) Magic Beach MotelSurvey Phase I Cultural Resources Survey St. Johns County Feasibility Study, St. Johns County, FLSurvey # 20612National Register Category (Please check one: consult with Site File before using last four): ☒ building ☐ structure ☐ district ☐ site ☐ object

LOCATION & IDENTIFICATION

Address (Include N,S,E,W; #; St., Ave., etc.) 50 Vilano Road, St. Augustine, FL 32084-0000

Cross Streets (nearest / between)

City / Town (within 3 miles) Vilano BeachIn Current City Limits: ☒ y ☐ n ☐ unknownCounty St. Johns CountyTax Parcel #(s) 148290 0400

Subdivision name

Block

Lot

Ownership (Please check one):

☒ private-profit☐ private-individual☐ city☐ county☐ Native American☐ private-nonprofit☐ private-unspecified☐ state☐ federal☐ foreign☐ unknown

Name of Public Tract (e.g., park)

Route to (especially if no street address)

MAPPING

USGS 7.5' Map Name & Date St. Augustine/1992Township 7S Range 30E Section 4 1/4 section: ☐ NW ☐ SW ☐ SE ☐ NE ☐ Irregular-name:Landgrant UTM: Zone ☐ 16 ☒ 17 Easting 471862 Northing 3309639

Plat or other map (map's name, location)

DESCRIPTION

Style* Mid-century ModernExterior Plan* rectangularNumber of Stories 1-2

Structural System(s)*

Foundation: Type(s)* ContinuousMaterial(s)* concrete blockExterior Fabric(s)* Stucco

Roof: Type(s)*

Material(s)* Asphalt Shingle; Rolled Asphalt

Roof secondary strucs. (dormers etc.)*

Chimney: No. 0

Material(s)*

Location(s)*

Windows (types, materials, etc.)* double-hung sash 1/1 and Sliding

Main Entrance (stylistic details)

Porches: #open X #closed #incised Location(s)

Porch roof type(s)

Exterior Ornament

Interior Plan* unknownCondition (Please check one): ☐ excellent ☐ good ☒ fair ☐ deteriorated ☐ ruinousSurroundings (N=None, S=Some, M=Most, A=All/nearly all): S commercial M residential institutional undevelopedAncillary Features (No., type of outbuildings; major landscape features. Use continuation sheet for descriptions of interior, landscaping, etc) pool

Archaeological Remains

☐ Check if Archaeological Form completed

Consult Guide to Historical Structure Forms for preferred descriptions (coded fields at the Site File).

DHR USE ONLY ***** OFFICIAL EVALUATIONS ***** DHR USE ONLY

NR DATE / /	KEEPER NR ELIGIBILITY <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	Date / /
DELIST DATE / /	SHPO NR ELIGIBILITY <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/> potential/etc. <input type="checkbox"/> insufficient info	Date / /
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National Register Criteria for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> a <input type="checkbox"/> b <input type="checkbox"/> c <input type="checkbox"/> d (See National Register Bulletin 15, p. 2)		

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Site #8 SJ 03937

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HISTORY

Construction date: Exactly _____ (year) Approximately c.1954 (year) Earlier than _____ (year) Later than _____ (year)

Architect (last name first): _____ Builder (last name first): _____

Moves: ☐ yes ☒ no ☐ unknown Dates _____ Original address _____

Alterations: ☒ yes ☐ no ☐ unknown Dates c. 1960s Nature* replacement of some of the windows

Additions: ☒ yes ☐ no ☐ unknown Dates c. 1980s Nature* _____

Original Use* (give date ranges) motel

Intermediate Uses* (give date ranges) none

Present Use* (give date ranges) none

Ownership History (especially original owner, dates, profession, etc.) _____

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RESEARCH METHODS (Check all choices that apply, if needed, to the extent of bottom)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> formal archaeological survey | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> past surveys search at FMSF | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local library research | <input type="checkbox"/> Sanborn maps |
| <input type="checkbox"/> informal archaeological inspection | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> past sites search at FMSF | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> non-local library research | <input type="checkbox"/> subdivision maps |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Lands Survey (DEP) | <input type="checkbox"/> FL Archives (Gray Building) | <input type="checkbox"/> building permits | <input type="checkbox"/> plat maps |
| <input type="checkbox"/> tax records/property deeds | <input type="checkbox"/> FL Photo Archives (Gray Building) | <input type="checkbox"/> demolition permits | <input type="checkbox"/> local newspaper files |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> tax records only | <input type="checkbox"/> occupant/owner interview | <input type="checkbox"/> commercial permits | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> interior inspection | <input type="checkbox"/> neighbor interview | <input type="checkbox"/> occupation permits | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> other methods (specify) _____ | | | |

SURVIVOR'S EVALUATION OF SITE (Check only choice that applies)

Potentially eligible for local register? ☐ yes: name register at right ☐ no ☐ insufficient info Name of local register if eligible: _____

Individually eligible for National Register? ☐ yes ☒ no ☐ insufficient info _____

Potential contributor to Nat. Reg. district? ☐ yes ☒ no ☐ insufficient info _____

Area(s) of Historical Significance (See National Register Bulletin 15, p. 8 for categories: e.g. "architecture", "ethnic heritage", "community planning & development", etc.)

Architecture and Tourism

Explanation of Evaluation (required, whether positive or not; limit to three lines; attach longer statement, if needed, on separate sheet)

Alterations to this resource include the addition of a second story part of the original buildings and replacement of some of the original windows and doors. Constructed originally as a mid-century motel, it retains that association and feeling today. The resource also retains integrity of location and setting, but not that of materials, design or workmanship. Therefore, we recommend Resource 8SJ 03937 ineligible for the NRHP.

DOCUMENTATION (Photos, Plats, etc.)Bibliographic References (Use Continuation Sheet, give FMSF Manuscript # if relevant) #6612

Photographs (required) B&W print(s) at least 3 x 5, at least one main facade.

Location of negatives & negative numbers _____

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Remember: Use a Supplement for Site Forms or other continuation sheet for descriptions that do not fit in the spaces above.

REQUIRED:

- (1) USGS 7.5' MAP WITH STRUCTURE PINPOINTED IN RED
- (2) LARGE SCALE STREET OR PLAT MAP
- (3) PHOTO OF MAIN FACADE, B&W, AT LEAST 3X5

Resource 8SJ3937

Resource 8SJ3937 is a mid-century Modern hotel, also known as the Magic Beach Motel located at 50 Vilano Road (see Figure 4.1). This resource was previously recorded in the 2000 St. Johns County Architectural Survey (Johnston 2001), but was not evaluated by SHPO. No construction date was provided in the St. Johns County Tax Assessors record; however, based on field observation we believe Resource 8SJ3937 was constructed mid-1950s. A portion of the motel rises one story from a continuous masonry foundation, with the additions rising a full two stories in height (Figures 4.96 and 4.97). The entire exterior is covered in textured stucco. Windows throughout vary in type from one-over-one and horizontal two-over-two double-hung sash to fixed pane and sliding variations (Figures 4.97 and 4.98). Constructed along the front facade of the additions are first and second story balconies. The low

pitched gable roof is covered in asphalt shingles.

The motel complex also contains an outdoor pool, which is situated in the motel parking lot south of the main building (Figure 4.99). The pool appears to be an original feature of the motel and is composed of some of the same materials incorporated on the motel's building units.

Alterations to this resource include the addition of a second story situated on top of a section of the original buildings and replacement of some of the original windows and doors. Constructed originally as a mid-century motel, it retains that association and feeling today. The resource also retains integrity of location and setting, but not that of materials, design, or workmanship. Therefore, we recommend Resource 8SJ3937 **ineligible** for the NRHP.



Figure 4.96 Resource 8SJ3937, facing northeast.

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Figure 4.98 Resource 8SJ3937, facing northeast.

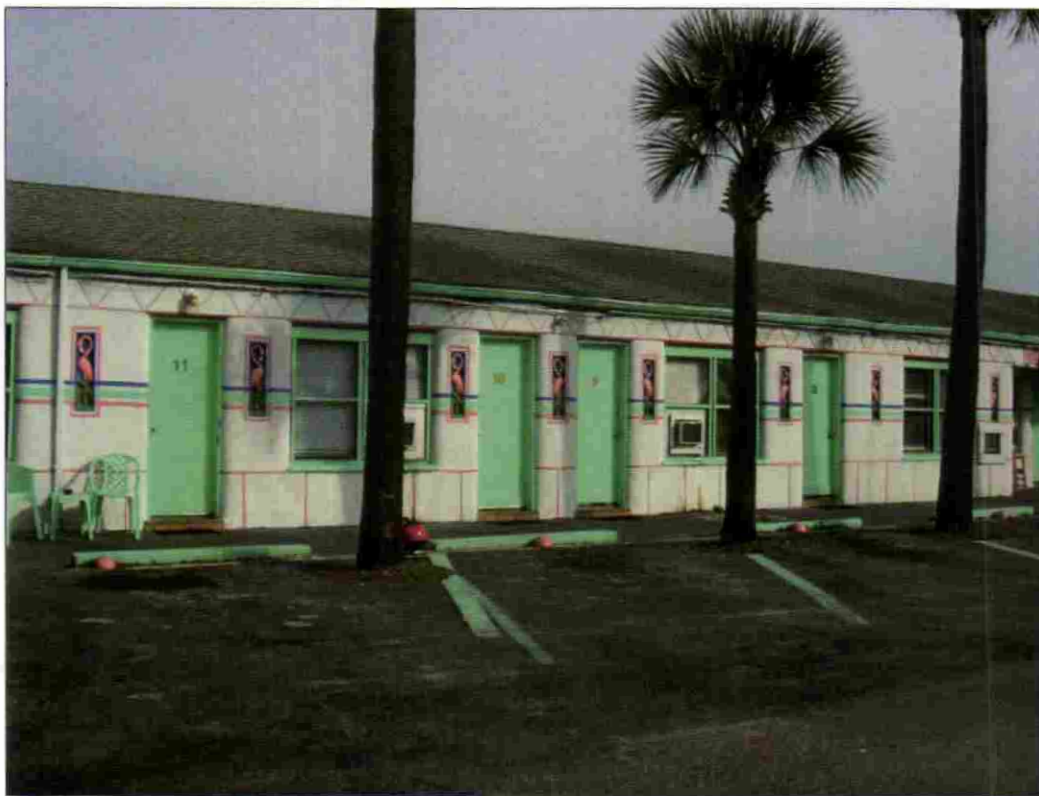


Figure 4.97 Resource 8SJ3937, facing north.



Figure 4.98 Resource 8SJ3937, facing northeast.



Figure 4.99 Resource 8SJ3937, motel pool view, facing northwest.



Figure 4.101 Resource 8SJ3937, motel pool view, facing northwest.



Figure 4.99 Resource 8SJ3937, facing north.

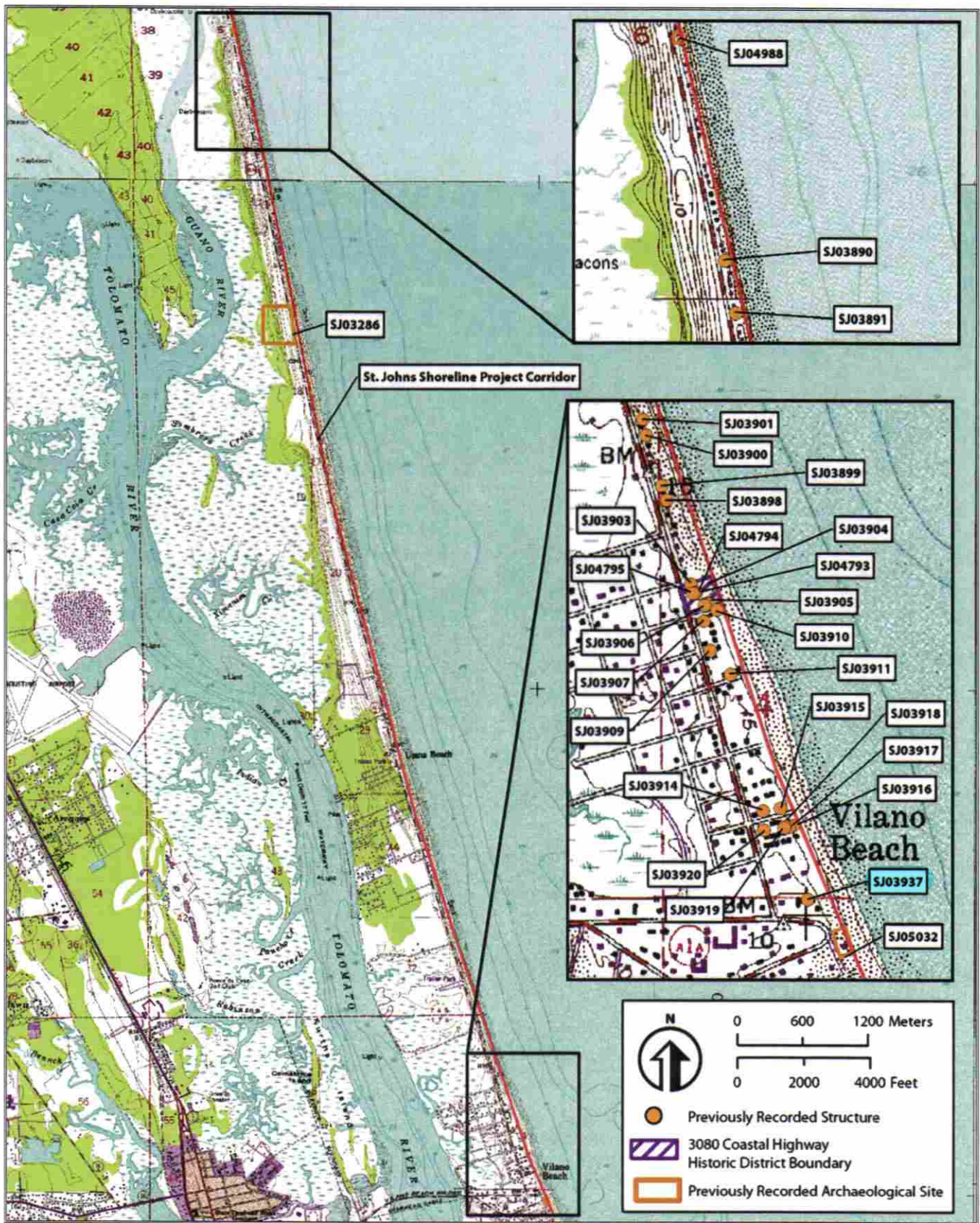


Figure 4.100 Resource 8SJ3937, facing northeast.



Table 4.2 Previously recorded cultural resources located within one mile of the project area.

Site Number	Site Name	Description	Original NRHP Status/ Recommendation
8SJ3925	2937/1-2 Coastal Highway	Masonry vernacular duplex (no longer extant)	Ineligible for NRHP
8SJ3926	2949 Coastal Highway	Masonry vernacular home (no longer extant)	Ineligible for NRHP
8SJ3927	106 Surfside Avenue	Frame vernacular home	Ineligible for NRHP
8SJ3928	109-113 Surfside Avenue	Masonry vernacular duplex	Ineligible for NRHP
8SJ3929	136A-B Surfside Avenue	Masonry vernacular home	Ineligible for NRHP
8SJ3930	3041 Second Street	Frame vernacular home	Ineligible for NRHP
8SJ3931	145 Surfside Avenue	Frame vernacular home	Ineligible for NRHP
8SJ3932	177 Surfside Avenue	Frame vernacular home	Ineligible for NRHP
8SJ3933	189 Lawn Avenue	Frame vernacular home	Ineligible for NRHP
8SJ3934	113 Poplar Avenue	Masonry vernacular home	Ineligible for NRHP
8SJ3935	2831 Coastal Highway	Mediterranean Revival ca. 1880-1940 (no longer extant)	Ineligible for NRHP
8SJ3936	210 Vilano Road	Masonry vernacular home	Ineligible for NRHP
8SJ3937	50 Vilano Road	Masonry vernacular building	Ineligible for NRHP
8SJ3938	160 1-8 Vilano Road	Masonry vernacular building	Ineligible for NRHP
8SJ3939	165 Vilano Road	Masonry vernacular building	Ineligible for NRHP
8SJ3940	155 Vilano Road	Masonry vernacular building	Ineligible for NRHP
8SJ3941	176 Vilano Road	Masonry vernacular building	Ineligible for NRHP
8SJ3942	180 Vilano Road	Masonry vernacular building	Ineligible for NRHP
8SJ3943	150 Vilano Road	Masonry vernacular building	Ineligible for NRHP
8SJ3944	200 Vilano Road	Masonry vernacular building	Ineligible for NRHP
8SJ3945	105 Ferrol Road	Masonry vernacular home	Ineligible for NRHP
8SJ3946	121 Ferrol Road	Masonry vernacular home	Ineligible for NRHP
8SJ3947	137 Ferrol Road	Masonry vernacular home	Ineligible for NRHP
8SJ3948	144 Ferrol Road	Masonry vernacular home	Ineligible for NRHP
8SJ3949	140 Ferrol Road	Masonry vernacular home	Ineligible for NRHP
8SJ3950	108 Ferrol Road	Masonry vernacular home	Ineligible for NRHP
8SJ3951	36 Ferrol Road	Masonry vernacular home (no longer extant)	Ineligible for NRHP
8SJ4284	8635C A1A South	Frame vernacular building	Ineligible for NRHP
8SJ4285	9635 A and B A1A South	Masonry vernacular office	Ineligible for NRHP
8SJ4286	8635D A1A South	Masonry vernacular apartment	Ineligible for NRHP
8SJ4287	4051 Gene Johnson Road	Frame vernacular home	Ineligible for NRHP
8SJ4288	9011 Gene Johnson Road	Frame vernacular home	Ineligible for NRHP
8SJ4289	9150 Melton Court	Frame vernacular home	Ineligible for NRHP



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Excerpt from study below.

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HISTORICAL STRUCTURE FORM

FLORIDA MASTER SITE FILE

Version 5.0 3/19

Site#8 **SJ03937**
 Field Date 11-16-2000
 Form Date 3-1-2001
 Recorder # 193

Shaded Fields represent the minimum acceptable level of documentation.
 Consult the *Guide to Historical Structure Forms* for detailed instructions.

Site Name(s) (address if none) 50 VILANO ROAD Multiple Listing (DHR only) _____
 Survey Project Name ST. JOHNS COUNTY ARCHITECTURAL SURVEY Survey # (DHR only) 6612
 National Register Category (please check one) ☒ building ☐ structure ☐ district ☐ site ☐ object
 Ownership: ☐ private-profit ☐ private-nonprofit ☒ private-individual ☐ private-nonspecific ☐ city ☐ county ☐ state ☐ federal ☐ Native American ☐ foreign ☐ unknown

LOCATION & MAPPING

Street Number 50 Direction _____ Street Name VILANO Street Type Road Suffix Direction _____
 Address: 50
 Cross Streets (nearest / between) _____
 USGS 7.5 Map Name ST. AUGUSTINE USGS Date 1992 Plat or Other Map ST JOHNS COUNTY PROPE
 City / Town (within 3 miles) _____ In City Limits? ☐ yes ☒ no ☐ unknown County St. Johns
 Township 7S Range 30E Section 9 1/4 section: ☐ NW ☐ SW ☐ SE ☐ NE Irregular-name: _____
 Tax Parcel # _____ Landgrant _____
 Subdivision Name _____ Block _____ Lot _____
 UTM Coordinates: Zone ☐ 16 ☐ 17 Easting ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ Northing ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐
 Other Coordinates: X: _____ Y: _____ Coordinate System & Datum _____
 Name of Public Tract (e.g., park) _____

HISTORY

Construction Year: 1951 ☒ approximately ☐ year listed or earlier ☐ year listed or later
 Original Use Commercial From (year): _____ To (year): _____
 Current Use _____ From (year): _____ To (year): _____
 Other Use _____ From (year): _____ To (year): _____
 Moves: ☐ yes ☐ no ☐ unknown Date: _____ Original address _____
 Alterations: ☐ yes ☐ no ☐ unknown Date: _____ Nature _____
 Additions: ☐ yes ☐ no ☐ unknown Date: _____ Nature _____
 Architect (last name first): UNKNOWN Builder (last name first): UNKNOWN
 Ownership History (especially original owner, dates, profession, etc.) _____

Is the Resource Affected by a Local Preservation Ordinance? ☐ yes ☐ no ☐ unknown Describe _____

DESCRIPTION

Style Masonry Vernacular Exterior Plan Irregular Number of Stories 1
 Exterior Fabric(s) 1. Stucco 2. _____ 3. _____
 Roof Type(s) 1. Hip 2. _____ 3. _____
 Roof Material(s) 1. Composition shingles 2. _____ 3. _____
 Roof secondary strucs. (dormers etc.) 1. Flat extension 2. Hip extension

Windows (types, materials, etc.)

DHS, 1/1; MS; GLASS BLOCK

Distinguishing Architectural Features (exterior or interior ornaments)

N/A

Ancillary Features / Outbuildings (record outbuildings, major landscape features; use continuation sheet if needed.)

2 STORY OUTBUILDING

DHR USE ONLY

OFFICIAL EVALUATION

DHR USE ONLY

NR List Date _____

SHPO - Appears to meet criteria for NR listing: ☐ yes ☐ no ☐ insufficient info Date _____ Init. _____

KEEPER - Determined eligible: ☐ yes ☐ no Date _____

NR Criteria for Evaluation: ☐ a ☐ b ☐ c ☐ d (see *National Register Bulletin* 15, p. 2)

☐ Owner Objection

DESCRIPTION (continued)Chimney: No. 1 Chimney Material(s): 1. Brick 2. _____Structural System(s): 1. Concrete block 2. _____ 3. _____Foundation Type(s): 1. Continuous 2. _____Foundation Material(s): 1. Concrete Block 2. _____

Main Entrance (stylistic details)

N/A

Porch Descriptions (types, locations, roof types, etc.)

Condition (overall resource condition): ☒ excellent ☐ good ☐ fair ☐ deteriorated ☐ ruinous

Narrative Description of Resource

Archaeological Remains _____

☐ Check if Archaeological Form Completed**RESEARCH METHODS (select all that apply)**☐ FMSF record search (sites/surveys)☐ library research☐ building permits☐ Sanborn maps☐ FL State Archives/photo collection☐ city directory☐ occupant/owner interview☒ plat maps☐ property appraiser / tax records☐ newspaper files☐ neighbor interview☐ Public Lands Survey (DEP)☐ cultural resource survey (CRAS)☐ historic photos☐ interior inspection☐ HABS/HAER record search☐ other methods (describe) FSFS, LBL

Bibliographic References (give FMSF manuscript # if relevant, use continuation sheet if needed)

OPINION OF RESOURCE SIGNIFICANCE

Appears to meet the criteria for National Register listing individually?

☐ yes☒ no☐ insufficient information

Appears to meet the criteria for National Register listing as part of a district?

☐ yes☒ no☐ insufficient information

Explanation of Evaluation (required, whether significant or not; use separate sheet if needed)

Area(s) of Historical Significance (see *National Register Bulletin 15*, p. 8 for categories: e.g. "architecture", "ethnic heritage", "community planning & development", etc.)1. Architecture 3. _____ 5. _____2. Community planning & developm 4. _____ 6. _____**DOCUMENTATION**

Accessible Documentation Not Filed with the Site File - including field notes, analysis notes, photos, plans and other important documents

1) Document type Photographs

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Document description _____

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File or accession #'s _____

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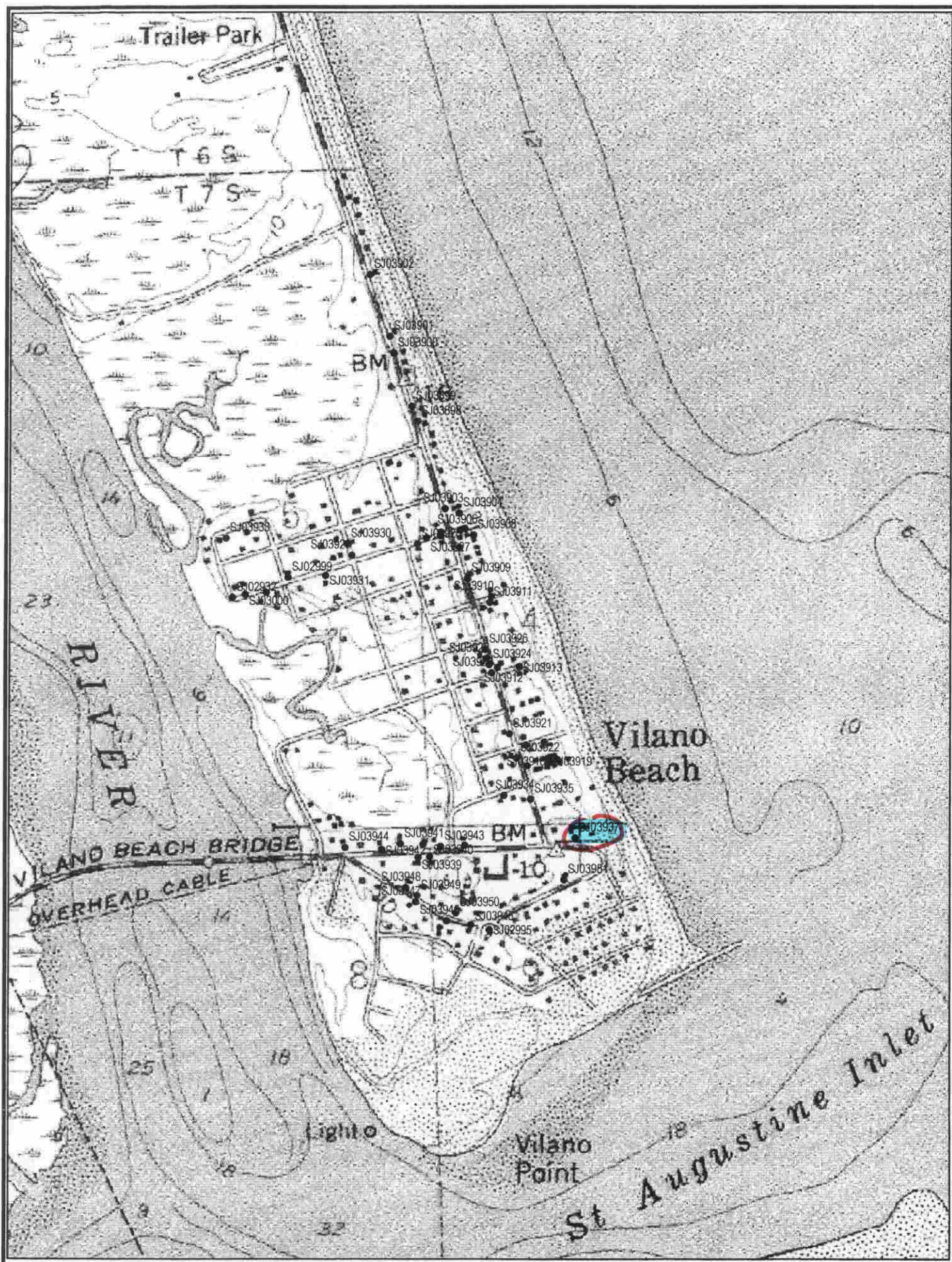
Required Attachments**① USGS 7.5' MAP WITH STRUCTURE LOCATION CLEARLY INDICATED****② LARGE SCALE STREET, PLAT OR PARCEL MAP** (available from most property appraiser web sites)**③ PHOTO OF MAIN FACADE, DIGITAL IMAGE FILE**When submitting an image, it must be included in digital AND hard copy format (plain paper grayscale acceptable).

Digital image must be at least 1600 x 1200 pixels, 24-bit color, jpeg or tiff.

APPENDIX A - NEWLY INVENTORIED RESOURCES, ST. JOHNS COUNTY

SJ03904	155	3080 COASTAL HIGHWAY	C1943	FRAM
SJ03905	156	21 SURFSIDE AVENUE	C1943	FRAM
SJ03906	157	31 SURFSIDE AVENUE	C1943	FRAM
SJ03907	158	3056/3056A COASTAL HIGHWAY	C1943	FRAM
SJ03908	159	11B SURFSIDE AVENUE	C1941	FRAM
SJ03909	160	3024 COASTAL HIGHWAY	C1946	MASO
SJ03910	161	106 PALMETTO AVENUE	C1946	FRAM
SJ03911	162	103 PALMETTO AVENUE	C1935	FRAM
SJ03912	163	2930 COASTAL HIGHWAY	C1935	FRAM
SJ03913	164	20 OAK AVENUE	C1925	FRAM
SJ03914	165	50 BEACHCOMBER WAY	C1930	FRAM
SJ03915	166	51A-D BEACHCOMBER WAY	C1950	FRAM
SJ03916	167	4 BEACHCOMBER WAY	C1935	FRAM
SJ03917	168	6 BEACHCOMBER WAY	C1935	FRAM
SJ03918	169	2 BEACHCOMBER WAY	C1935	FRAM
SJ03919	170	7 BEACHCOMBER WAY	C1935	FRAM
SJ03920	171	2854 COASTAL HIGHWAY	C1935	FRAM
SJ03921	172	2885 COASTAL HIGHWAY	C1940	FRAM
SJ03922	173	2873 COASTAL HIGHWAY	C1940	FRAM
SJ03923	174	2931 COASTAL HIGHWAY	C1935	MASO
SJ03924	175	2937/3-4 COASTAL HIGHWAY	C1935	MASO
SJ03925	176	2937/1-2 COASTAL HIGHWAY	C1935	MASO
SJ03926	177	2949 COASTAL HIGHWAY	C1935	MASO
SJ03927	180	106 SURFSIDE AVENUE	C1926	FRAM
SJ03928	181	109-113 SURFSIDE AVENUE	C1948	MASO
SJ03929	182	136A-B SURFSIDE AVENUE	C1946	MASO
SJ03930	183	3041 SECOND STREET	C1950	FRAM
SJ03931	184	145 SURFSIDE AVENUE	C1925	FRAM
SJ03932	186	177 SURFSIDE AVENUE	C1885	FRAM
SJ03933	189	189 LAWN AVENUE	C1950	FRAM
SJ03934	190	113 POPLAR AVENUE	C1939	MASO
SJ03935	191	2831 COASTAL HIGHWAY	C1935	MEDR
SJ03936	192	210 VILANO ROAD	C1950	MASO
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SJ03943	199	150 VILANO ROAD	C1950	MASO
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SJ03945	202	105 FERROL ROAD	C1953	MASO
SJ03946	203	121 FERROL ROAD	C1953	MASO
SJ03947	204	137 FERROL ROAD	C1953	MASO

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Historic Vilano Beach motel catches fire

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St. Johns County Firefighters work to extinguish a blaze at the former Magic Beach Motel in Vilano Beach on Friday morning. By PHILLIP WHITLEY, Special to The Record

By JUSTINE GRIFFIN

St. Johns County Fire Rescue and City of St. Augustine Fire Department units responded to a fire at the Vilano Beach Motel early Friday morning.

The single-story motel's car port and porch overhang had caught on fire around 2:45 a.m. on Friday, said Jeremy Robshaw, public information officer with the St. Johns County Fire Rescue.

Firefighters were able to contain the fire within 15 minutes, Robshaw said.

The motel, located at 50 Vilano Road, was vacant at the time due to renovations. There were no injuries. cause of the fire is still under investigation.

The Vilano Beach Motel, also known as the Magic Beach Motel, was originally built in 1951.

The 1990s WB television series "Safe Harbor," starring Rue McClanahan known for her role in "The Golden Girls," was filmed at the motel.

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