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Nike Missile Battery Waldorf

Architectural Survey File

This is the architectural survey file for this MIHP record. The survey file is organized reverse-chronological (that is, with the latest material on top). It contains all MIHP inventory forms, National Register nomination forms, determinations of eligibility (DOE) forms, and accompanying documentation such as photographs and maps.

Users should be aware that additional undigitized material about this property may be found in on-site architectural reports, copies of HABS/HAER or other documentation, drawings, and the "vertical files" at the MHT Library in Crownsville. The vertical files may include newspaper clippings, field notes, draft versions of forms and architectural reports, photographs, maps, and drawings. Researchers who need a thorough understanding of this property should plan to visit the MHT Library as part of their research project; look at the MHT web site (mht.maryland.gov) for details about how to make an appointment.

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INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: NIKE Missile Battery Waldorf Survey Number: CH-677

Project: Melwood Horticultural Training Center Agency: F/CDBG

Site visit by MHT Staff: x no ___ yes Name _____ Date _____

Eligibility recommended ____ Eligibility **not** recommended x

Criteria: ___A ___B ___C ___D Considerations: ___A ___B ___C ___D ___E ___F ___G ___None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)
In consultation with the Planning Division of the COE, the Trust determined that the NIKE Missile Battery at Waldorf was eligible for the National Register (see attached form). The same site is subject to another Section 106 Review. Charles Co. Government owns the site and is converting it to the Melwood Training Center using CDBG funds. The County submitted more extensive photographs which illustrate the changes that have occurred to the site. The primary intrusion of the site is the demolition and rebuilding of Building A and the streetscape improvements. Located between the launch control and the launch facility, a 1960s neighborhood has emerged, removing the spatial relationship between the launch and the control complexes. These alterations have substantially reduced the complex's historic integrity in all seven components. The Lauderick Creek NIKE Missile site (within APG, HA co.) retains a much higher degree of integrity. Therefore, this office reversed its determination; the NIKE Missile Battery in Waldorf is not eligible for the National Register.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: with this form and compliance project file for Melwood Training Center

Prepared by: Charles Co. Gov.

Lauren Bowlin — October 14, 1994
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services — Date

NR program concurrence: x yes ___ no ___ not applicable

R Andrews — 10-14-94
Reviewer, NR program — Date

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MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

____	Eastern Shore	(all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
_X_	Western Shore	(Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
____	Piedmont	(Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
____	Western Maryland	(Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

____	Paleo-Indian	10000-7500 B.C.
____	Early Archaic	7500-6000 B.C.
____	Middle Archaic	6000-4000 B.C.
____	Late Archaic	4000-2000 B.C.
____	Early Woodland	2000-500 B.C.
____	Middle Woodland	500 B.C. - A.D. 900
____	Late Woodland/Archaic	A.D. 900-1600
____	Contact and Settlement	A.D. 1570-1750
____	Rural Agrarian Intensification	A.D. 1680-1815
____	Agricultural-Industrial Transition	A.D. 1815-1870
____	Industrial/Urban Dominance	A.D. 1870-1930
_X_	Modern Period	A.D. 1930-Present
____	Unknown Period (___ prehistoric	___ historic)

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

____	Subsistence
____	Settlement
____	Political
____	Demographic
____	Religion
____	Technology
____	Environmental Adaption

IV. Historic Period Themes:

____	Agriculture
____	Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
____	Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
____	Government/Law
_X_	Military
____	Religion
____	Social/Educational/Cultural
____	Transportation

V. Resource Type:

Category: buildings

Historic Environment: rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): defense/arms storage/fortification

Known Design Source:

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Project: Defense Environmental Restoration Program DERP Agency: COE

Site visit by MHT Staff: X no ___ yes Name _____ Date _____

Eligibility recommended X Eligibility not recommended ____

Criteria: X A ___B X C ___D Considerations: ___A ___B ___C ___D ___E ___F ___G ___None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)
The NIKE Missile Battery in Waldorf is significant for its association with the Cold War and the advancement in military technology of the period. Constructed originally for NIKE-Ajax missiles, the facility converted 12 launches to Hercules missiles in 1958 and retained 20 Ajax missiles (the smaller, slower, weaker missile). Waldorf was one of approximately 17 NIKE sites in Maryland and Virginia established for the defense of Washington. Based on limited information, the battery appears to retain the original components of the original site location, design, setting and materials. The control and launch areas are characteristically separated by a half mile. The site is characterized by one-story concrete block buildings, flat roofs, large brick chimneys, wooden windows (currently boarded up). Currently owned by Charles County, the facility is accommodating a new use but one building has been demolished and others rehabilitated. Additional information about the site's current condition and use may require re-evaluation of the battery's eligibility. However, based on the current information, the battery retains integrity of location, design, setting, materials and feeling. I believe the Waldorf Battery is eligible for the National Register.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Vertical files "NIKE Missile Sites" in the Library, Maryland Historical Society Magazine, Fall 1985

Prepared by: Goodwin & Associates and unknown

L. Bowlin — Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services
29 July 1994 — Date

NR program concurrence: X yes ___ no ___ not applicable

Reviewer, NR program
8-1-94 — Date

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____	Religion
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____	Transportation

V. Resource Type:

Category: buildings

Historic Environment: suburban

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): defense, arms storage & fortification

Known Design Source: U.S. Army

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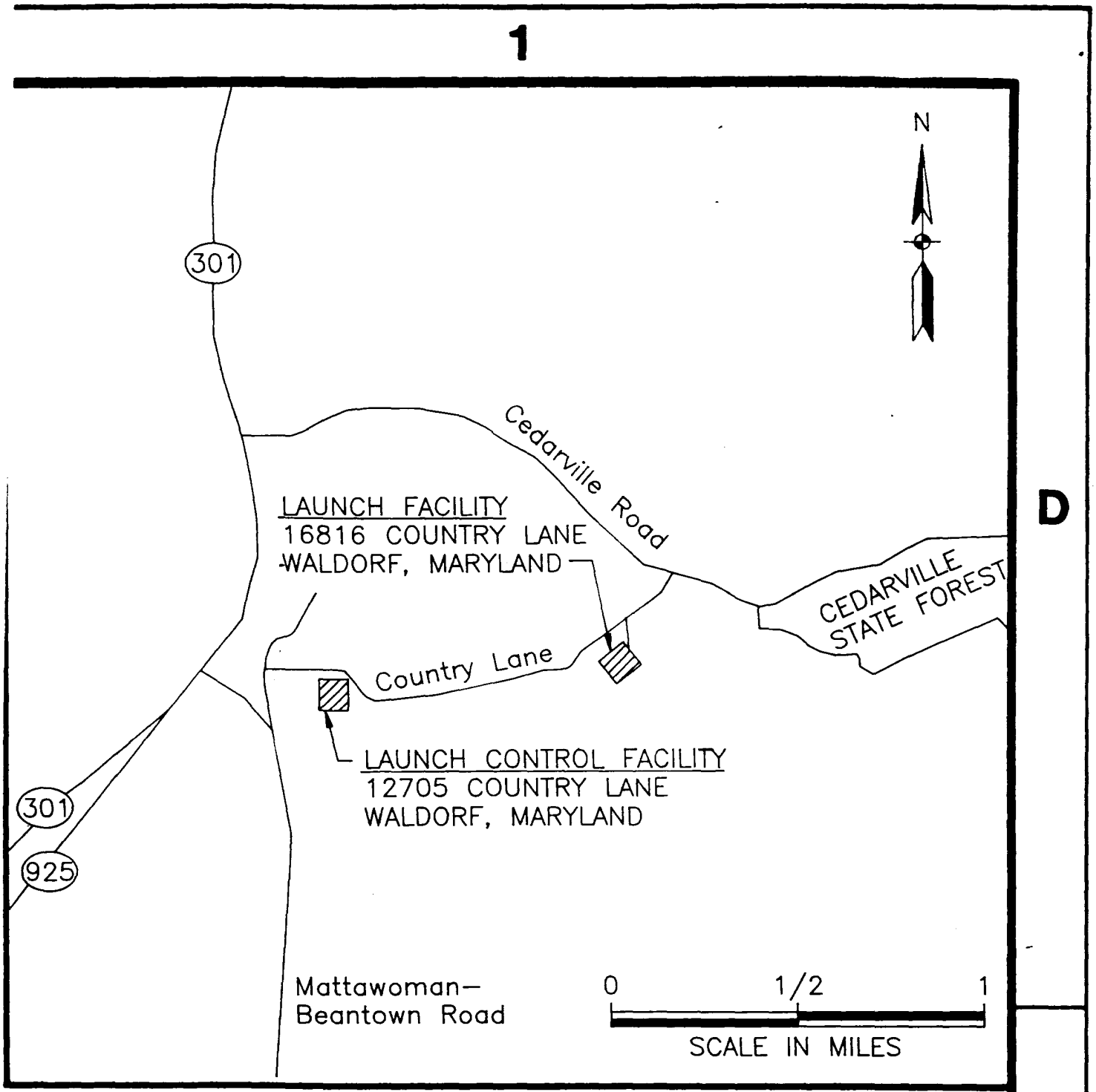

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DETAIL SYMBOLS

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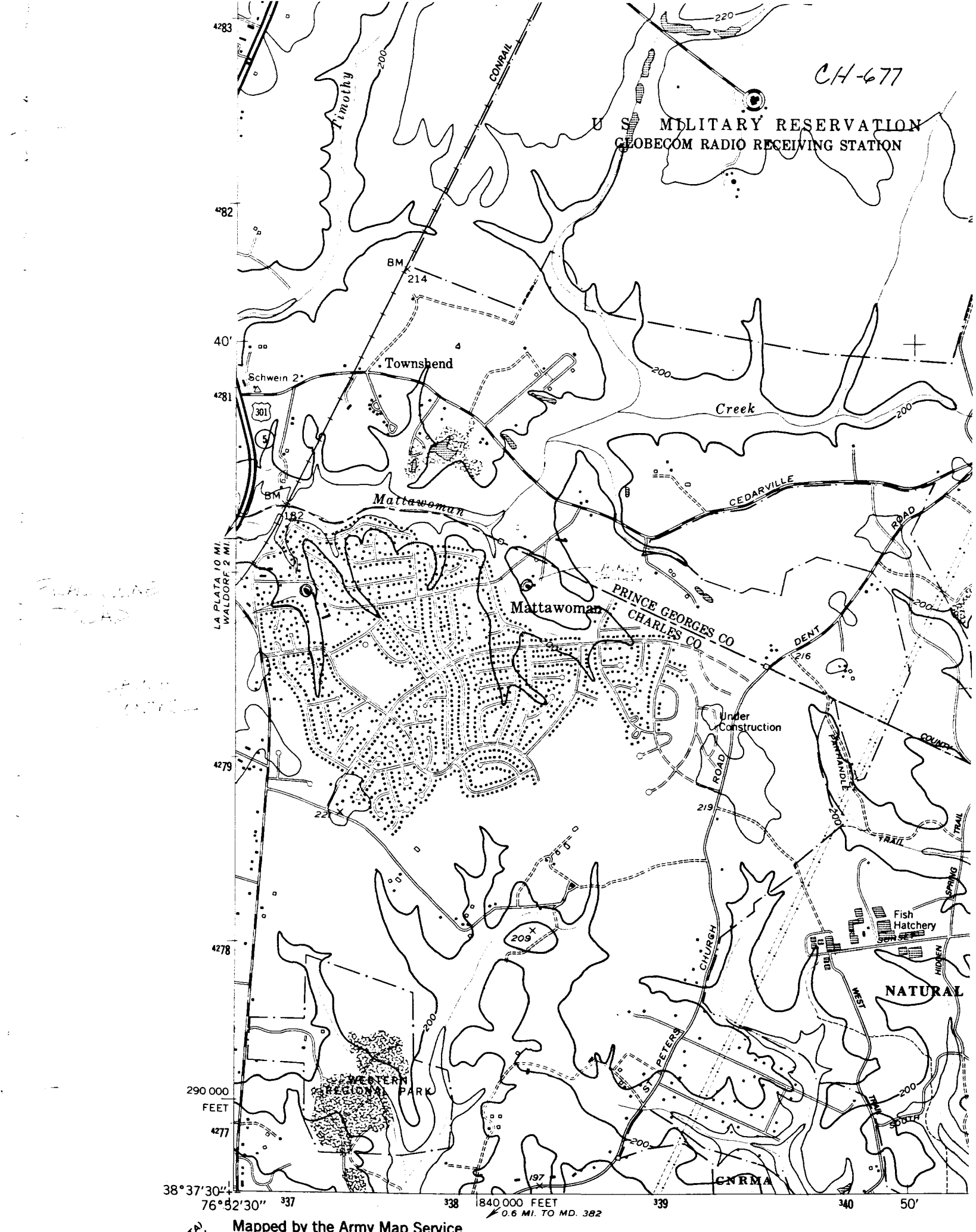
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GLOBECOM RADIO RECEIVING STATION
CONRAIL
Timothy
Townshend
Schwein 2
Creek
Mattawoman
CEDARVILLE ROAD
PRINCE GEORGES CO
CHARLES CO
Mattawoman
Under Construction
PARTHANDLE ROAD
COUNTY TRAIL
Fish Hatchery
SPRING
HIDDEN
NATURAL
CHURCH
WEST
ST PETERS
WESTERN REGIONAL PARK
CNRMA
LA PLATA 10 MI
WALDORF 2 MI
BM 214
BM 182
220
200
209
219
216
197
4283
4282
4281
4279
4278
4277
40'
290 000 FEET
38°37'30"
76°52'30"
337
338
840 000 FEET
0.6 MI. TO MD. 382
339
340
50'
Mapped by the Army Map Service



View of Building 'A' renovated during Phase 1.
Retained original buildings shape and scale.
Materials used to blend in with neighborhood.

Phase 2 buildings 'B', 'C', 'D' will look similar and will retain original building's scale, shape.

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View of neighborhood to north

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1992-93 N.W. VIEW (L-R) FROM RADAR TOWER of Bldgs C-A & B; COUNTY LANE; And Neighborhood

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1992-93 Building D
South WALL & EAST WALL

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Building 'B'

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View of neighborhood to east
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1992-93 Bldg C REAR EAST WALL

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1992-93 Bldg. B REAR EAST WALL

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