Historic Preservation Fund Grants to Provide Disaster Relief to Historic Properties Damaged by Hurricane Sandy [Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 15.957]
Grantor: Department of the Interior | National Park Service
Grantee: Maryland Historical Trust
Amount: $1,472,945

Background: Disaster Relief Appropriations Act, 2013 (P.L. 113-2) included $47.5 million in Historic Preservation Fund monies to be distributed among State and Tribal Historic Preservation Offices located within areas receiving major disaster declarations from FEMA. The National Park Service, which administers the Historic Preservation Fund, awarded a total of $1,472,945 to Maryland. The funds are intended for use for historic properties, sites, or communities that were directly impacted by Hurricane Sandy, for projects directly relating to Sandy (for example, physical repairs to storm-damaged properties) or for projects whose necessity was demonstrated by Sandy (for example, a historic structure report for a vulnerable property).

The grant funds may be used for sub-grants as well as for projects that are undertaken by MHT directly, or contracted for by MHT. The projects fall into three broad categories: 1.) capital and non-capital sub-grants aimed at remediation of storm impacts at National Register-listed or -eligible properties; 2.) assessment and evaluation of storm impacts on the historical and cultural resources in communities hit hard by the storm; and 3.) creation of a two-year Cultural Resource Hazard Mitigation Program at the Maryland Historical Trust aimed at preparing local governments for future storm events.

Projects:

1. Sub-Grants: $909,250
   MHT conducted a competitive grant application round for both capital and non-capital projects; the grant round closed in May 2014. Selected sub-grants were subsequently approved by NPS.

   a. Capital Projects - $639,250

MHT is awarding seven sub-grants for capital projects to address significant and documented impacts from Hurricane Sandy; all properties listed on or eligible for listing on the National Register.

County	Project	Applicant	Grant Amount Awarded	Summary
Allegany	Footer Dye Works (AL-IV-A-171; individual NR) S. Mechanic and Howard Streets Cumberland MD Priority Funding Area: YES	Canal Place Preservation and Development Authority (state government)	$150,000	As the only remaining building of a large complex constructed in the first decade of the 20th century, the Footer's Dye Works building is an important remnant of the city's dwindling industrial heritage. Footer's Dye Works is a long, narrow, four-story brick gable-roofed industrial structure with a terra cotta tile roof. Hurricane Sandy damaged the roof. Scope of work: repairs to roof.
Anne Arundel	Baltimore Harbor Lighthouse (Baltimore Light Station) (AA-945; individual NR) Chesapeake Bay Gibson Island MD vic. Priority Funding Area: NO (offshore)	BHL, LLC (business entity)	$66,000	Baltimore Lighthouse was the last lighthouse built in the Chesapeake Bay, completed in 1908. It was the largest wooden caisson built in the United States, perhaps in the world, when built, and the deepest caisson to be sunk in the United States. The lighthouse was purchased by BHL, LLC using private funds in 2006. It is in an exposed position in the Bay.

				Restoration was underway when Hurricane Sandy struck, with only patchwork repairs having been achieved in many areas, which were breached by the storm. Scope of work: replacement of windows and doors; repair / replacement of roof; replace solar panel.
Anne Arundel	Charles Carroll House (AA-459; Annapolis NRHD) 107 Duke of Gloucester Street Annapolis MD Priority Funding Area: YES	Charles Carroll House of Annapolis, Inc. (nonprofit)	$52,000	The Charles Carroll House was the birthplace of Charles Carroll of Carrollton, the only Catholic signer of the Declaration of Independence. The property was purchased in 1852 by the Redemptorists, a Catholic order of priests, and was for many years used as an educational facility. Hurricane Sandy caused extensive water infiltration at west and north walls and around windows, areas which had been repaired in 2010, as well as flooding in the basement. Scope of work: Structural engineering reports; treatment and preservation plan.
Frederick	Hessian Barracks (FHD-0243; individual NR) 242 South Market Street Frederick MD Priority Funding Area: YES	Maryland School for the Deaf (state government)	$128,250	The Hessian Barracks is an L-shaped two-story stone structure with gallery porches, possibly constructed as early as the French and Indian War. It held captured German soldiers during the Revolution, then it housed a state armory, a Civil War hospital, and, in 1867, the first building of Maryland School for the Deaf. Hurricane Sandy destabilized the NW corner of the building, causing a large crack in stone wall; stones falling out of wall; interior plaster damage; and erosion of soil around foundation. Scope of work: Archeological resource study; structural engineering study; archeological conservation measures; and structural and plaster repairs.
Somerset	John Wesley Church (S-372; Deal Island NRHD) 9571 Deal Island Road Deal Island MD 21821 Priority Funding Area: NO	John Wesley Community Association, Inc. (nonprofit)	$35,000	This late Victorian tee-plan Gothic Revival church, dating from 1914, is a prominent landmark in the low, marshy landscape of Deal Island. A black congregation has continuously worshipped on this site since at least c. 1875. Building is currently vacant but will be used as a heritage-focused cultural and interpretive center. Hurricane Sandy damaged the roof and blew out the large tripartite stained glass. Cemetery grave vaults also sustained damage. Scope of work: Historic structure report / conditions assessment / recommendations for repair for church and cemetery.
Somerset	Dr. Sarah Peyton House	Debra Sorenson	$60,000	This c. 1890 house in Crisfield Historic

	(Crisfield NRHD) 33 West Main Street Crisfield MD 21817 Priority Funding Area: YES	(individual)		District served as the home and medical office of Dr. Sarah Peyton, the first female graduate of the JHU School of Medicine, from 1923-1985. Renovation by the current owners had just been completed when Sandy struck. Much damage resulted from flooding over first floor. Scope of work: architectural and engineering services; electrical, plumbing, HVAC repairs including relocating furnace from outbuilding into main house; repair / replacement of foundation; repairs to framing; repairs to flooring, porch flooring, steps, walls, and ceilings.
Somerset	Millard Tawes Library (S-426, Crisfield NRHD) 25 Asbury Avenue Crisfield MD 21817 Priority Funding Area: YES	Crisfield Heritage Foundation (nonprofit)	$148,000	The Tawes Library is housed in the childhood home of J. Millard Tawes, governor of Maryland from 1959 to 1967 and comptroller for 17 years. The house was built in stages beginning around 1878 and enlarged and remodeled during the early 20th century. Damage to the building during Hurricane Sandy was caused by wind and driven rain. Scope of work: repair / replace roof, sheathing, soffit, fascia, gutters, and downspouts; install attic ventilation; repair / replace exterior siding, trim, columns, and windows; repair / replace plaster and drywall; painting.
		TOTAL	$639,250.00	

b. Non-Capital Projects - $270,000

MHT is awarding three sub-grants for non-capital projects, including archeology and historic property survey and documentation, in areas that felt the impact of Hurricane Sandy.

County	Project	Applicant	Grant Amount Awarded	Summary
Anne Arundel	Archeology - 5 sites -18AN300: ca 1787 mansion burned in 1944; Priority Funding Area: NO -18AN1519: home of 18th c London Town tailor; Priority Funding Area: YES -18AN141: shell midden on Severn River; Priority Funding Area: NO -18AN1500: shell midden	Anne Arundel County Trust for Preservation (nonprofit)	$100,000.00	Scope of work: emergency excavation, recovery, and documentation of threatened / actively eroding archeological sites

	up to 8000 years old; Priority Funding Area: NO - 18AN881: prehistoric village, 10,000 years of occupation; Priority Funding Area: NO			
Somerset	City of Crisfield, Smith Island, and "Down the Neck" survey / historic district nominations Priority Funding Area: SOME	Somserset County Historical Trust (nonprofit)	$70,000.00	Scope of work: hire consultant to re-evaluate Crisfield NRHD (boundary expansion anticipated) and to survey and nominate Smith Island and "Down the Neck" districts.
statewide	Department of Natural Resources - Historic Sites Survey	Maryland Department of Natural Resources (state government)	$100,000	Scope of work: hire a consultant or contractual employee for survey and documentation of historic structures in state parks, including preparation of MIHP forms and determinations of eligibility.
		TOTAL	$270,000.00	

2. Assessment and Evaluation of Historic Resources (MHT activities) - $111,273.23

County	**Project**	**Approximate Cost**	**Summary**
Statewide	Consultant Services for Report Addressing Strategies for Historic Properties in Flood-Prone Areas Priority Funding Area: SOME	$42,800	MHT will issue an RFP to select a consultant to develop a report addressing strategies for historic properties in flood-prone areas of the state. As Maryland prepares for increased flooding and storm events, particularly in coastal areas, MHT must offer guidance about the risks and benefits of protecting and adapting historic structures in flood-prone areas. This guidance will help ensure consistency in approach across MHT programs as the agency assists local governments, State and Federal agencies, individual property owners, and consultants. Use of state and federal funds, especially for future disaster recovery, as well as local participation in the National Flood Insurance Program will bring to the forefront questions of appropriate treatment of historic resources. This project will also aid Section 106 review of projects in affected areas. The consultant will facilitate internal discussions, review relevant laws and regulations, interview external stakeholders as needed, analyze findings, and make recommendations for “best practices” and possible approaches in Maryland. Based on these findings and with input from MHT, the consultant will develop an illustrated position paper, including bibliography, for public distribution.
Somerset	Coastal Resiliency Planning, Somerset County MD Priority Funding Area: SOME	$68,473.23	The Maryland Office of Archeology and the Maryland Maritime Archeology Program will undertake targeted reconnaissance efforts and field inspections of reported archeological sites in areas severely damaged by Superstorm Sandy in the Somerset County vicinity. These efforts will include two weeks of pedestrian surveys and two weeks of marine geophysical surveys.
	TOTAL	$111,273.23	

3. Cultural Resource Hazard Mitigation Program (MHT activities and sub-grants) - $452,421.77

The Trust proposes to undertake a two-year program aimed at assisting local governments to better plan and prepare for cultural resource impacts due to flooding and storm surge events. With over 3,100 miles of tidal shoreline, Maryland is in a very precarious position. A new report on sea level rise recommends that the State of Maryland should plan for a rise in sea level of as much as 2 feet by 2050 and as much as 3.7 feet by 2100. In response to this recent study, Governor O'Malley stated, "As storms such as Hurricane Sandy have shown, it is vital that we commit our resources and expertise to create a ready and resilient Maryland, by taking the necessary steps to adapt to the rising sea."[1]

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N/A	Cultural Resource Hazard Mitigation Program Officer (contractual employee)	$102,421.77	MHT will hire a contractual employee to carry out a statewide Cultural Resource Hazard Mitigation Program for a period of two years. The staff person would be tasked with: 1.) conducting outreach and training to local governments; 2.) assisting local governments to identify their needs; and, 3.) administering an approximately $350,000 grant program designed to assist with assessment, resiliency planning and/or adaptation for cultural resources.
Statewide	Cultural Resource Hazard Mitigation Grant Program	$350,000	The grant program would provide sub-grants to assist with assessment, resiliency planning and/or adaptation for cultural resources.
	TOTAL	$452,421.77	

[1] Scientific and Technical Working Group Maryland Climate Change Commission. *Updating Maryland's Sea-level Rise Projections.* 4/26/13.

APPENDIX: Project Vicinity Maps

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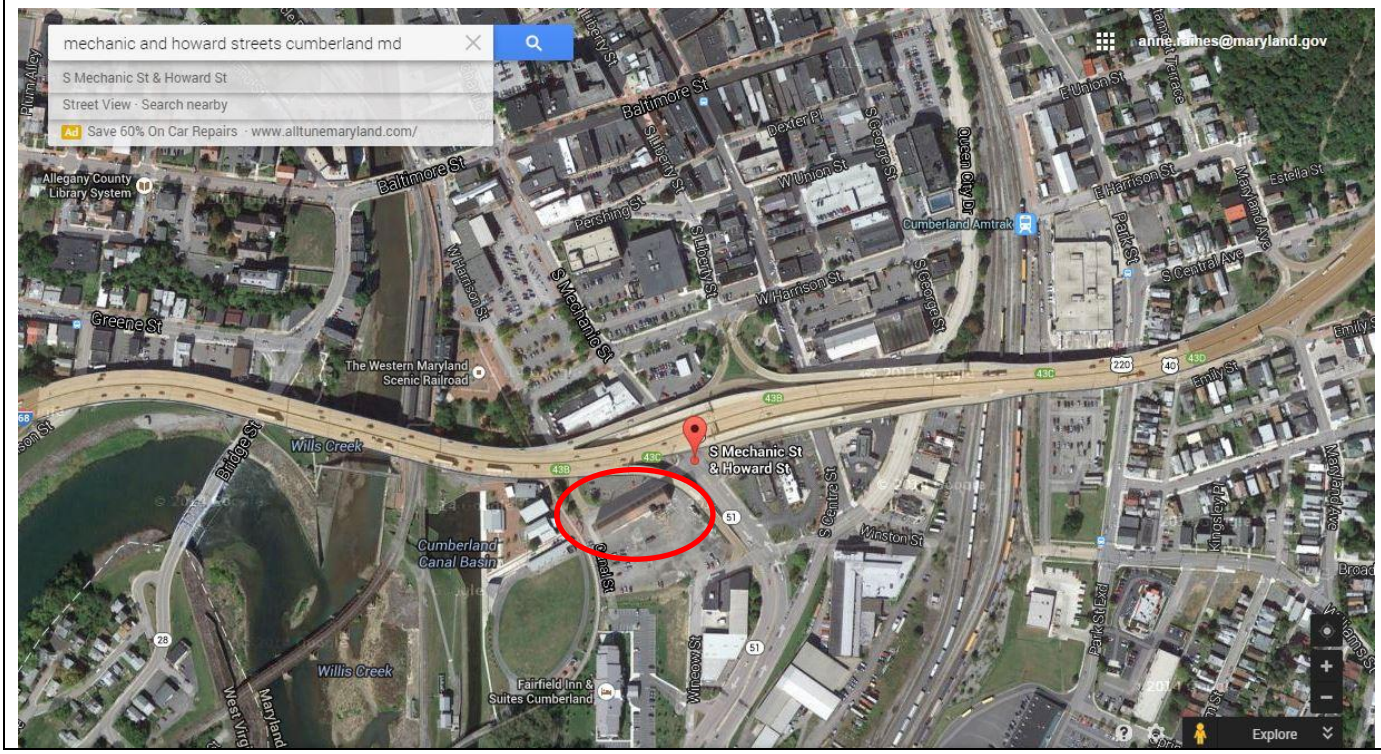
S. Mechanic and Howard Streets
Cumberland MD
Allegany County



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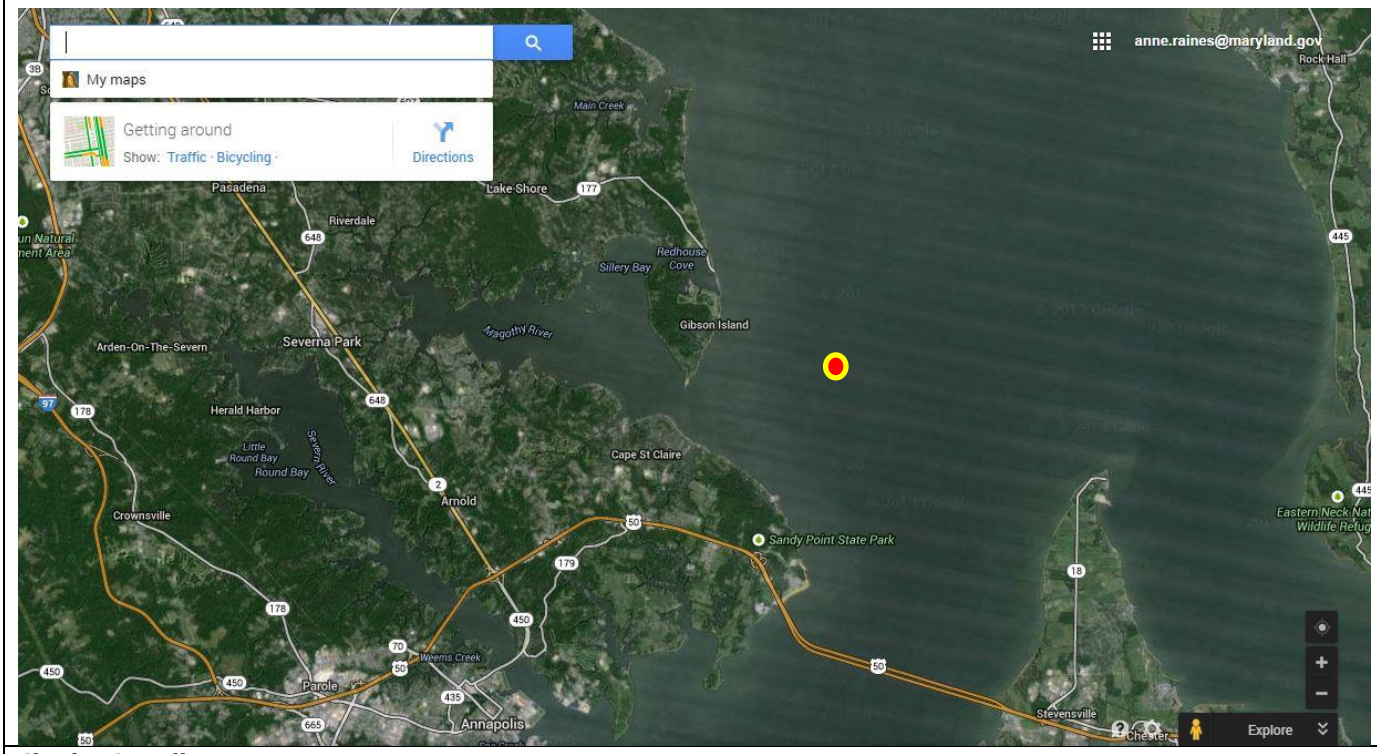

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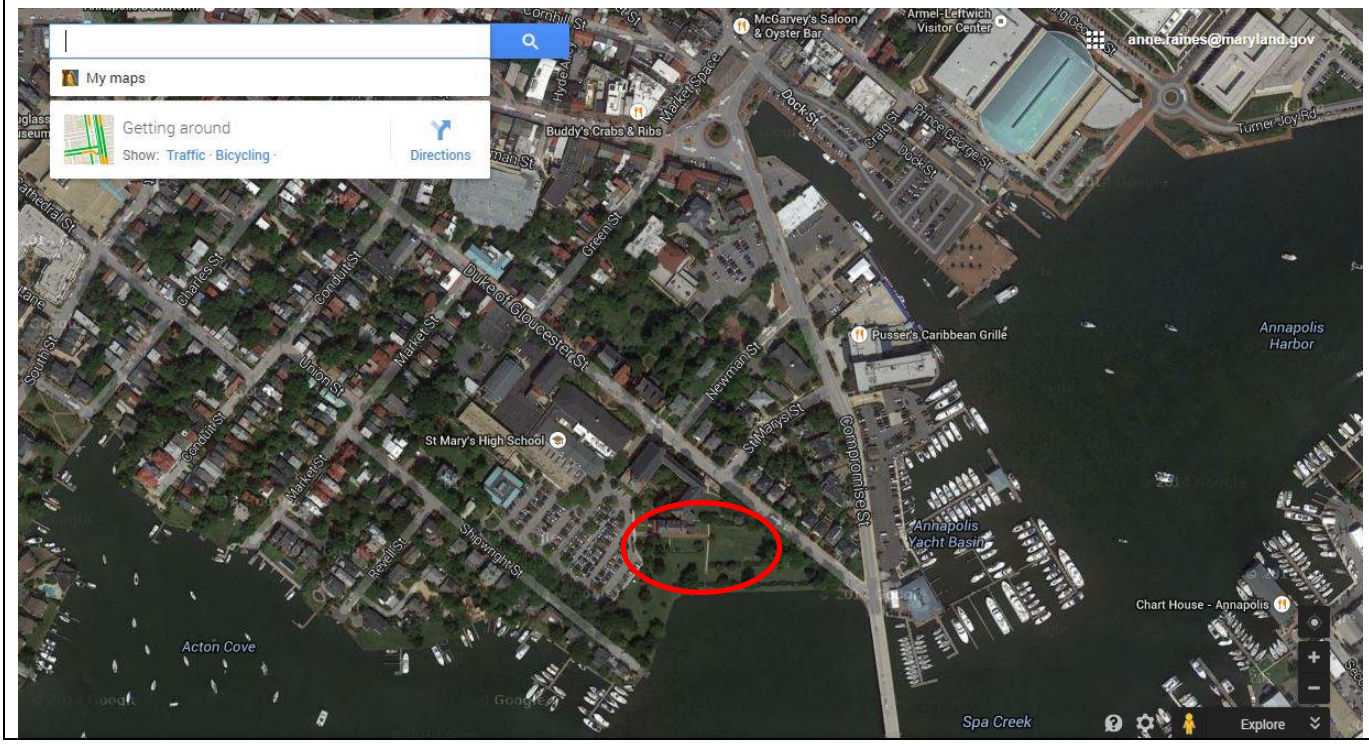

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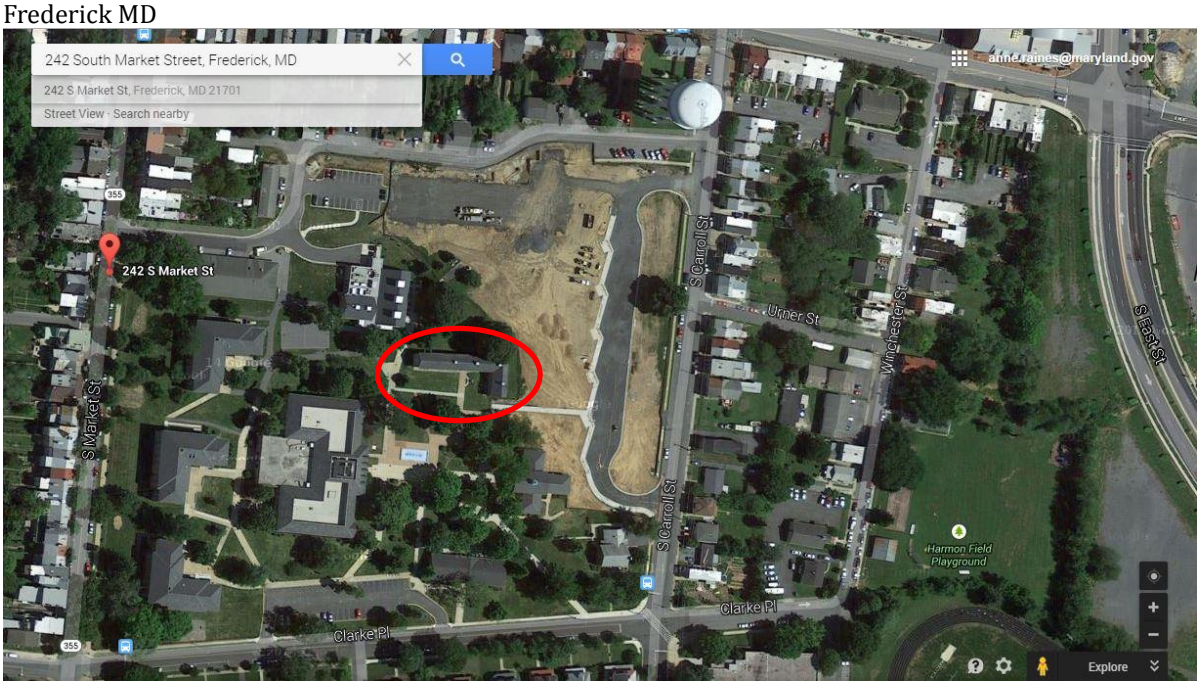

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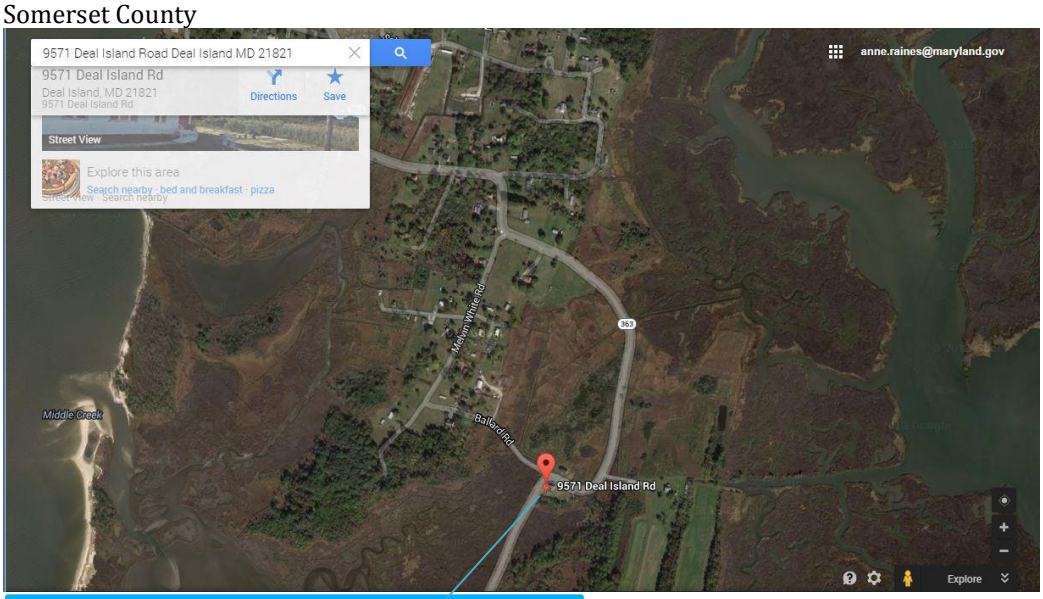

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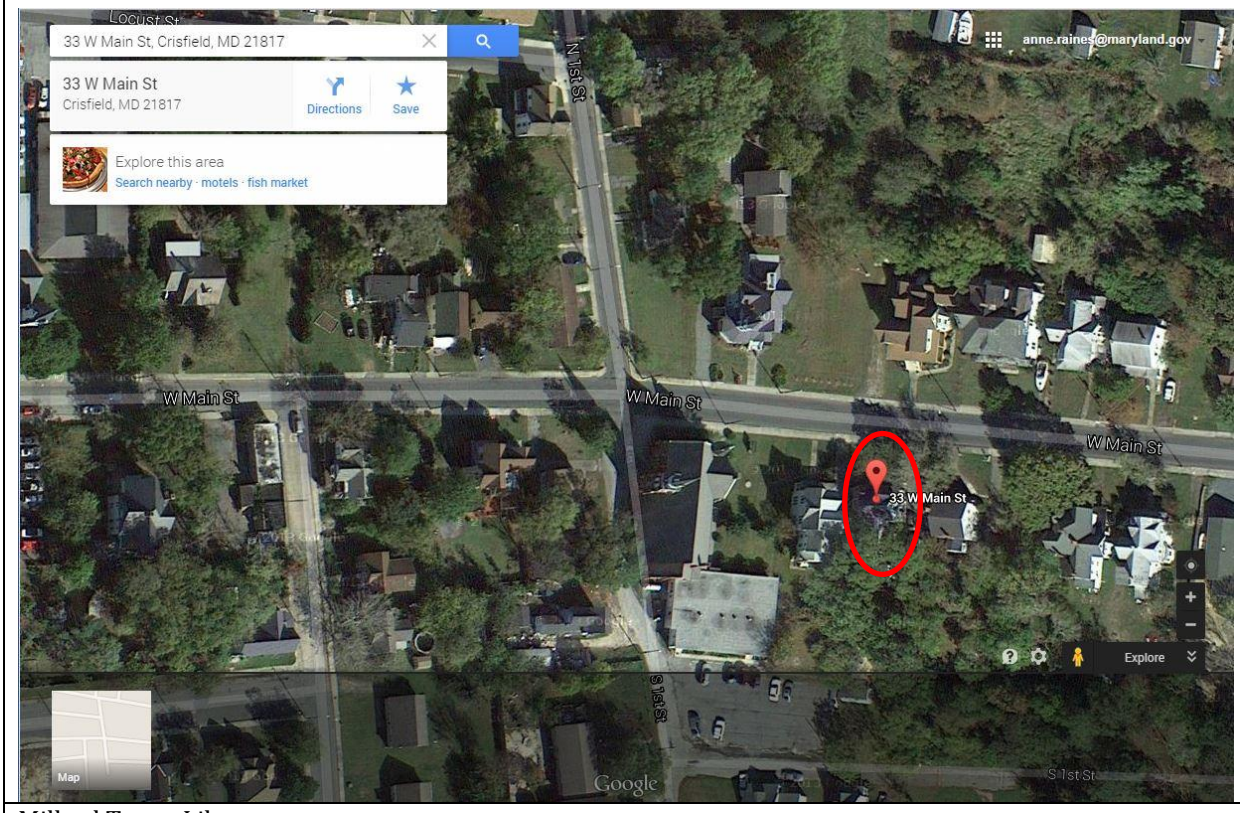
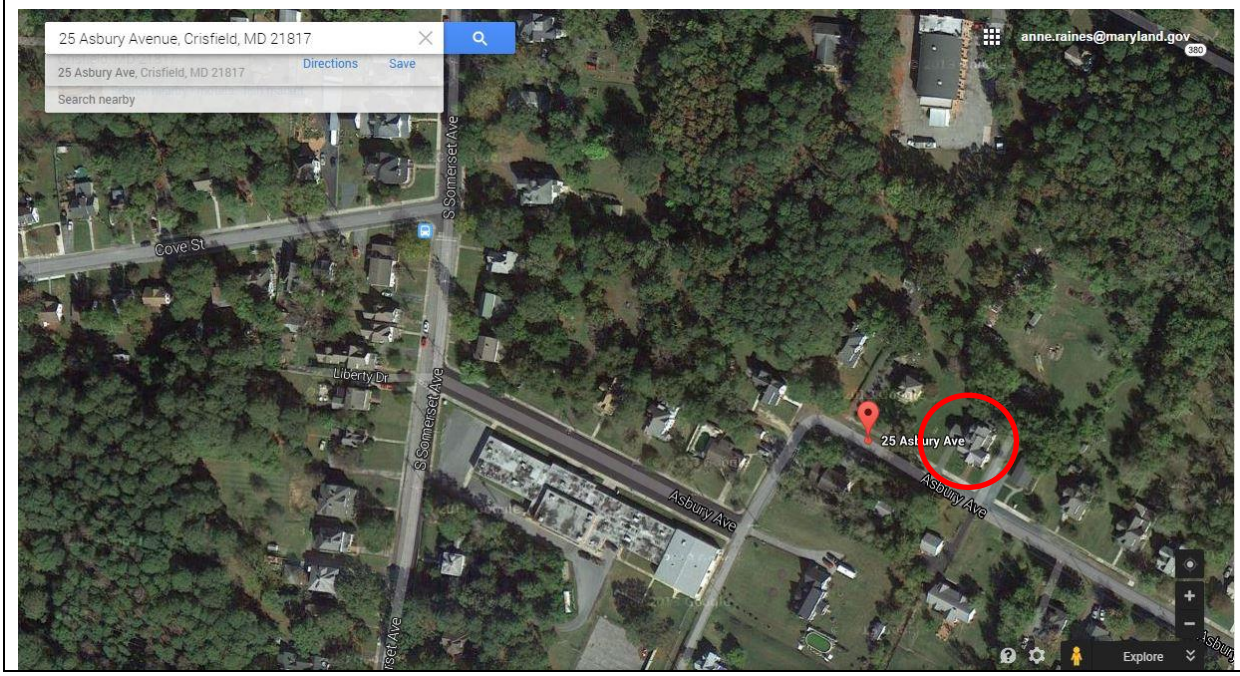
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