

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. AA-2138

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Magazine

and/or common Bldg. No. 51

## 2. Location

street & number U.S. Coast Guard Yard  not for publicationcity, town Curtis Bay  vicinity of congressional district 1

state Maryland county Anne Arundel

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name U.S. Coast Guard

street &amp; number 2401 Hawkins Point Road telephone no.: 410-636-7871

city, town Baltimore state and zip code: MD 21226-1797

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Anne Arundel County Courthouse liber GW-47

street &amp; number folio 224

city, town Annapolis state MD

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title U.S. Coast Guard Yard National Register Nomination

1981

 federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust

city, town 100 Community Place, Crownsville state MD

# 7. Description

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

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Building No. 51 is a munitions bunker not unlike many which were built along the east coast during World War II. This bunker is a trapezoidal building in section made of reinforced concrete with roof and sides covered in earth. A 16 x 16 foot (5 x 5 meter) roof is centered on this base. Double doors of unequal width provide entry into the structure. Both steel doors have ventilation louvers in the upper panels of the doors. No other openings are visible in this structure. This structure is completely surrounded by a chain link security fence.

# 8. Significance

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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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates	Builder/Architect		Unknown				
Check: Applicable Criteria:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> B	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C	<input type="checkbox"/> D			
Applicable Exception:	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> B	<input type="checkbox"/> C	<input type="checkbox"/> D	<input type="checkbox"/> E	<input type="checkbox"/> F	<input type="checkbox"/> G
Level of Significance:	<input type="checkbox"/> national	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> state	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local				

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

This property is associated with the development of the Coast Guard Yard at Curtis Bay. The Yard was first established on this site in 1899 as a boat repair and construction facility for the Revenue Cutter Service, the forerunner of the present-day Coast Guard. At that time, the facility was known as the Revenue Cutter Service Depot, and generally served vessels stationed in the mid-Atlantic area.

The establishment of the Depot was related to the emphasis on Naval preparedness that took place following the Spanish American war. Prior to the establishment of the Depot, vessel repair and construction were handled by private concerns. Starting as a collection of a few frame buildings, the Depot, after 1940 known as the Yard, expanded as its mission and capabilities increased. The Yard was at its productive peak and greatest size during World War II, with most surviving historic structures dating to that time.

The magazine was built in 1937. It was located across Arundel Cove, away from the main industrial complex, for reasons of safety.

This property is considered a contributing element to the proposed National Register Historic District.

This structure is considered to be a contributing element within the proposed U.S. Coast Guard Yard Historic District. It adds to the historic and architectural qualities for which the district is significant. It fits within the district's period of significance, and possesses historic integrity.

## Criterion A—Historical Associations

Built in 1937, this structure was constructed as a munitions bunker, and represents the Yard's diversification of activities from strictly a construction and repair facility.

## Criterion C—Design Significance

This bunker is not unlike many built along the east coast prior to and during World War II. For reasons of safety, it is located across Arundel Cove, away from the Yard's main industrial complex.

## Integrity

This structure retains its integrity of location, design, association, setting, materials, workmanship, and feeling. It is in good condition and has experienced few alterations.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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- Facilities and Engineering Records, U.S. Coast Guard Yard at Curtis Bay
- United States Coast Guard Yard: A History of Service to the Fleet, U.S. Coast Guard Yard, Curtis Bay, MD 1995
- National Archives, Record Group 26

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property .013 acres (576 square feet)

Quadrangle name Curtis Bay, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References Do NOT complete UTM references

A          
Zone Easting Northing

B          
Zone Easting Northing

C

D

E

F

G

H

### Verbal boundary description and justification

The proposed boundaries coincide with the building footprint of this resource. It is a utilitarian structure within the larger Curtis Bay District. No surrounding lands are significantly associated with the resource to constitute its setting.

### L all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state code county code

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## 11. Form Prepared by

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The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust  
DHCP/DHCD  
100 Community Place  
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023  
410-514-7600

## MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Development Periods: Industrial/Urban Dominance (A.D. 1870-1930) and Modern Period (A.D. 1930-present)

Historic Period Themes: Architecture, Economic, Military

Resource Type:

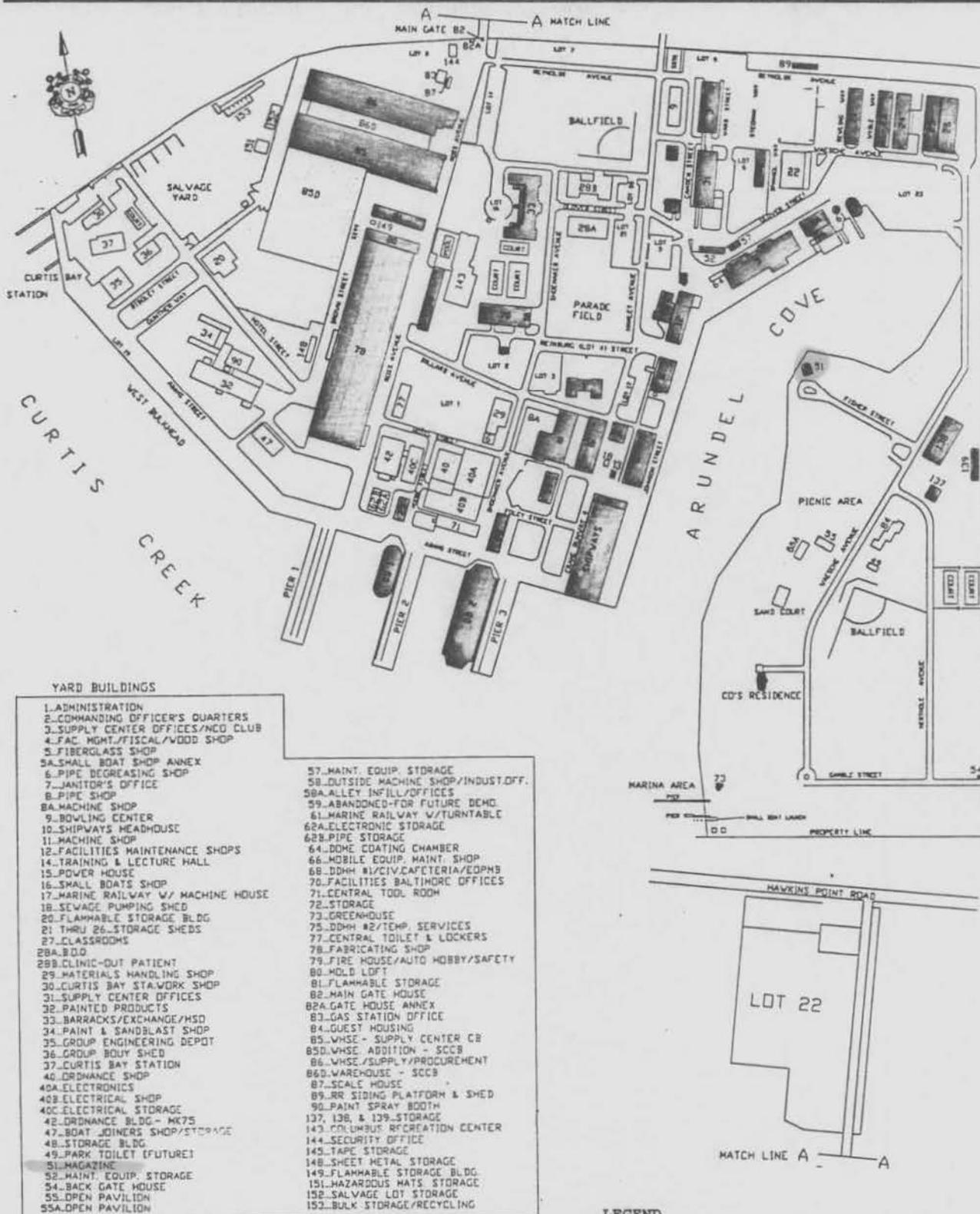
Category: District

Historic Environment: Suburban

Historic Functions and Uses: Defense/Coast Guard Facility/Shipyard

Known Design Source: None

U.S. Coast Guard Yard Curtis Bay



SOURCE: U.S. Coast Guard Yard, Facilities Department.

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■ PRE-1946 RESOURCES EXAMINED IN THIS REPORT

U.S. Coast Guard Yard Site Plan, April 1996

Figure 2



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SOUTHEAST VIEW

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