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

Property/District Name: Anne Arundel County Sanitary Commission Survey Number: AA-2168

Project: Glen Burnie Light Rail Extension Agency: FTA/MTA

Site visit by MHT Staff:  no  yes Name E. Hannold, P. Kurtze Date June 20, 1996

Eligibility recommended  Eligibility not recommended

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)

Based on the available information, the Anne Arundel Sanitary Commission does not appear to meet the National Register Criteria for individual listing. The main structure in the complex, located at 7409 Baltimore-Annapolis Boulevard, in Glen Burnie, Maryland, is a large hip roffed brick building, originally constructed between 1922-1929. The building has been expanded several times subsegtly. Another smaller brick building, which appears to predate 1931, as well as several reservoirs are located within the complex. The original building no longer retains integrity fo design and feeling, as later expansions have nearly tripled its size. The complex as a whole, which is set within an extensive parking lot, does not convey any particular sense of an historic utility. The known history of the facility, founded in 1915 by the State of Maryland and taken over by the private Glen Burnie Water and Utilities Company in 1922, does not indicate an association with a significant event or series f events. Thus, the property seems unlikely to meet any of the National Register Criteria. It is located outside the National Register eligible section of Glen Burnie.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project File, Maryland Inventory  
Form AA-2168

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Elizabeth Hannold November 4, 1996  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence:  yes  no  not applicable  
Peter M Kurtze 11/7/96  
Reviewer, NR program Date

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

- Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
- 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
- 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
- Military
- Religion
- Social/Educational/Cultural
- Transportation

V. Resource Type:

Category: Buildings

Historic Environment: Suburban

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Industry-waterworks

Known Design Source: George T. Cromwell, builder

# Maryland Historical Trust

## State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. AA-2168

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

### 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Anne Arundel County Sanitary Commission

and/or common

### 2. Location

street & number 7409 Baltimore-Annapolis Boulevard  not for publication

city, town Glen Burnie  vicinity of congressional district 5

state Maryland county Anne Arundel

### 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Anne Arundel County Sanitary Commission

street & number P.O. Box 1831 telephone no.:

city, town Annapolis state and zip code MD 21404

### 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Recorder of Deeds, Circuit Court of Anne Arundel County liber 35

street & number P.O. Box 71 folio 280

city, town Annapolis state Maryland 21404

### 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title None

date  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

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### Condition

excellent

good

fair

deteriorated

ruins

unexposed

### Check one

unaltered

altered

### Check one

original site

moved

date of move \_\_\_\_\_

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

Contributing Resource Count: 2 buildings.

The present Anne Arundel Sanitary Commission building is a long, twelve-bay, two-story, five-course American-bond -brick building. Built in several stages, it consists of two hip-roofed sections joined by a gabled hyphen. The seven-bay northwest section is connected to the three-bay southeast section by a two-story, two-bay hyphen. The six-over-six sash windows throughout have flat concrete sills and lintels and are arranged singly, in pairs, and grouped in bands of four and six. In front of the building is a long parking lot with planted medians. To the rear, the storage area, wells, and filtration plant are enclosed by a chain-link fence. Within this enclosed area is a smaller, four-bay, seven-course-bond brick building with a slate gabled roof. With the exception of a small addition on its east side, this smaller building appears to have the same footprint as that shown on a 1931 Sanborn Map of the property.

# 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance--Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistory	<input checked="" 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 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 type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> industry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates** 1922-1929 **Builder/Architect** George T. Cromwell

check: Applicable Criteria:  A  B  C  D  
 and/or  
 Applicable Exception:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G  
 Level of Significance:  national  state  local

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

The Anne Arundel County Sanitary Commission, founded by the State of Maryland around 1915, took over the privately owned Glen Burnie Water and Utilities Company in 1922. Over the next seven years, the commission studied the feasibility of using the Sawmill Branch as a water supply, commissioned the boring of a 65-foot-deep artesian well, built a \$22,000 filtration plant, and erected a brick office building on the north side of Baltimore-Annapolis Boulevard. The original two-story, three-bay building had paired windows with flat concrete lintels and sills, a raised masonry water table, and a shallow-pitched hipped roof. According to a plaque on the present building, builder George T. Cromwell oversaw its construction between 1922-1929. At the time, the commission was run by James Ellis, Dr. Caldwell Woodruff, and Franklin T. Maddox, and had as its Chief Engineer, Walter C. Munroe.

Since its initial construction, the building has been enlarged through one or more expansion programs. Although the additions are, for the most part, compatible in style, scale, and materials, the present building is nearly three times the size of the original, and the original section is not easily identifiable within the whole. The building therefore appears to lack integrity of design and feeling and is recommended not eligible.



# Continuation Sheet

Survey No. AA-2168

Name Anne Arundel County Sanitary Commission

County Glen Burnie, Anne Arundel County

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## MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

**Geographic Organization:** Western Shore

**Chronological/Developmental Period(s):**

Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930; Modern Period A.D. 1930-present

**Historic Period Theme(s):** Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning; Government/Law

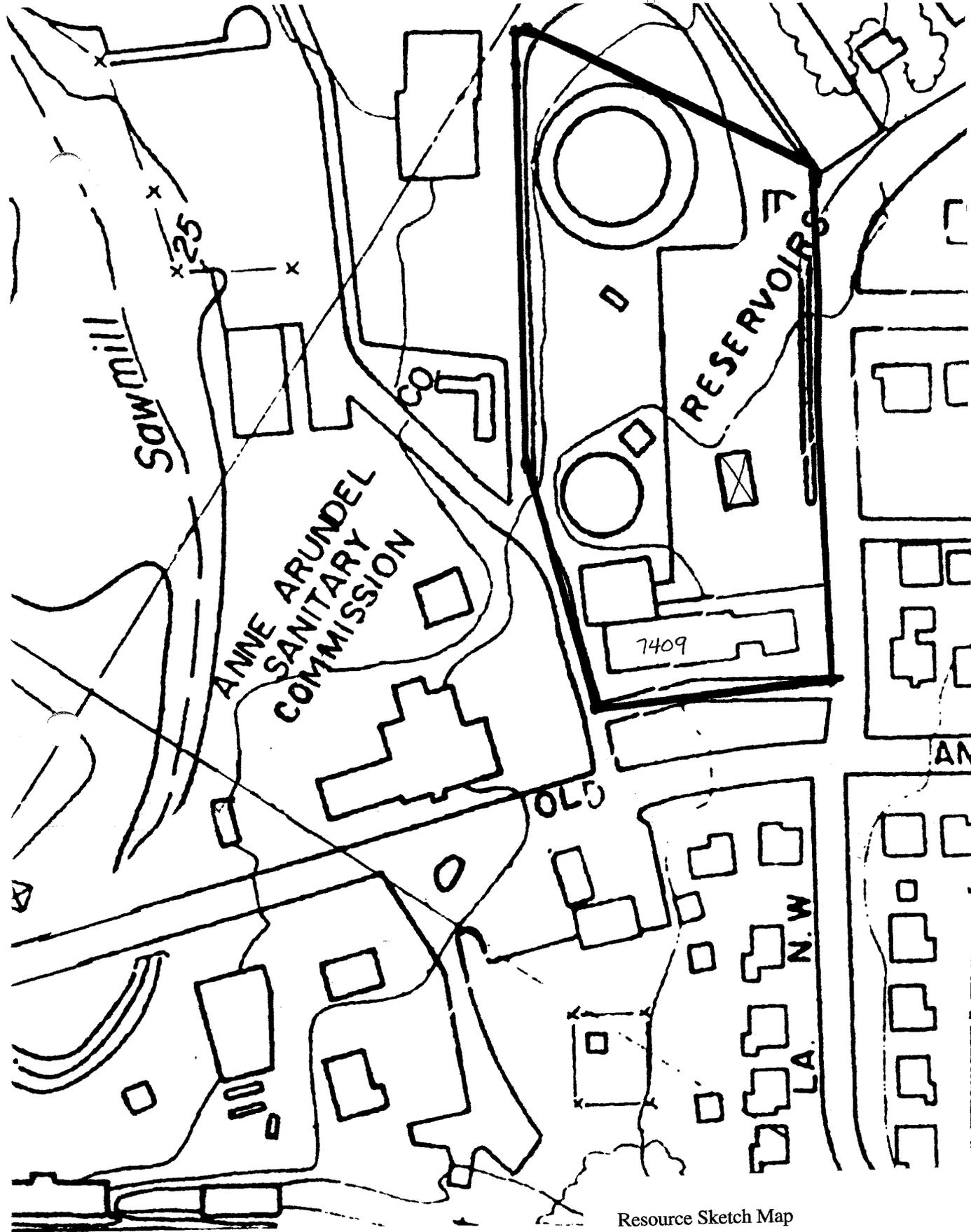
**Resource Type:**

**Category:** Building

**Historic Environment:** Suburban

**Historic Function(s) and Use(s):** GOVERNMENT/public works

**Known Design Source:** Builder George T. Cromwell



Resource Sketch Map  
AA-2168  
Anne Arundel County Sanitary Commission  
Glen Burnie  
Anne Arundel County





INTERCHANGE 3 (MD 2) 0.6 M  
 4339  
 (CURTIS BAY)  
 5662 II NE

1C  
 FURNACE BT

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 Glen Burnie  
 Anne Arundel County  
 Relay, MD, quadrangle



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Negative at MD SHPO

Front and side elevations, from north west

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Anne Arundel County Maryland

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Negative at MDS/PO

Main entry in front elevation, from northwest

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Anne Arundel County, Maryland

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Negative at MD SHPO

Juncture of original building (at right) with 1957 addition  
(at left).

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Glen Burnie Anne Arundel County

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Negative at MDSHPO

Anne Arundel County Sanitary Commission 7409 Baltimore-  
Annapolis Boulevard, rear view of main building and  
rear building, from northeast  
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