

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes   
no

Property Name: Fort George G. Meade Water Tower #008 Inventory Number: AA-2375  
 Address: End of Grandea Street City: Fort George G. Meade Zip Code: 20755-5115  
 County: Anne Arundel USGS Topographic Map: Laurel, MD  
 Owner: Fort George G. Meade Is the property being evaluated a district?  yes  
 Tax Parcel Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Tax Map Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Tax Account ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Project: Fort Meade Cultural Resource Management Plan Update Agency: U.S. Army  
 Site visit by MHT Staff:  no  yes Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Is the property located within a historic district?  yes  no

*If the property is within a district* District Inventory Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 NR-listed district  yes Eligible district  yes District Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource  yes  no Non-contributing but eligible in another context

*If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district)*  
 Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible  yes  no

Criteria:  A  B  C  D Considerations:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G  None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in:

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)  
 The water towers at Fort Meade were constructed between 1928 and 1955. The water towers were constructed across the installation with no apparent plan. Two water towers are associated with the Camp Meade period and the transition to a permanent installation. Two water towers are associated with World War II mobilization construction. The fifth water tower was constructed in 1955. This water tower is located near a family housing area. Construction of this water tower predated the housing area, which was built in 1959.

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Eligibility recommended <input type="checkbox"/>	Eligibility not recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	Considerations: <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 <input type="checkbox"/> None
Comments: _____	
<u>Jonathan Sager</u> Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	<u>1/29/08</u> Date
<u>[Signature]</u> Reviewer, NR Program	<u>1/28/08</u> Date

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NR-ELIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

Continuation Sheet No. 1

*AA-2375*

WT008 was considered for NR eligibility in association with National Register Criteria A and C, but it was found that that it was not associated with events that have made a significant contribution in American history, is not the work of a master, and does not have distinctive characteristics. WT008 is not eligible for inclusion in the NRHP.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
P.O. Box 1715, Baltimore, MD  
21203-1715

Prepared by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Prepared: December 2006

Water Tower #8  
MIHP #: AA 2375  
Fort George G. Meade  
1955  
Public Access

### Capsule Summary

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# Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. AA-2375

## 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Fort Meade Water Tower #008

other WT008

## 2. Location

street and number End of Grandea Street \_\_ not for publication

city, town Fort George G. Meade \_\_ vicinity

county Anne Arundel

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

name Fort George G. Meade

street and number telephone 301-677-9855

city, town Fort Meade state MD zip code 20755-5115

## 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. liber folio

city, town tax map tax parcel tax ID number

## 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District  
 Contributing Resource in Local Historic District  
 Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
 Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
 Recorded by HABS/HAER  
 Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function		Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Contributing
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	_____ buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	_____ 1 _____ structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	_____ objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	_____ 1 _____ Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

**Number of Contributing Resources  
previously listed in the Inventory**  
\_\_\_\_\_

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## 7. Description

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Inventory No. AA-2375

### Condition

excellent       deteriorated  
 good             ruins  
 fair               altered

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

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# 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____

Specific dates	Architect/Builder	Unknown
Construction dates 1955		

Evaluation for:

National Register       Maryland Register       not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Fort George G. Meade Integrated Cultural Resource Management Plan, December 2006.

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property ¼ acre  
Acreage of historical setting same  
Quadrangle name Laurel, MD Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

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## 11. Form Prepared by

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name/title			
organization	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District	date	December 2006
street & number	P.O. Box 1715	telephone	410-962-4995
city or town	Baltimore	state	MD

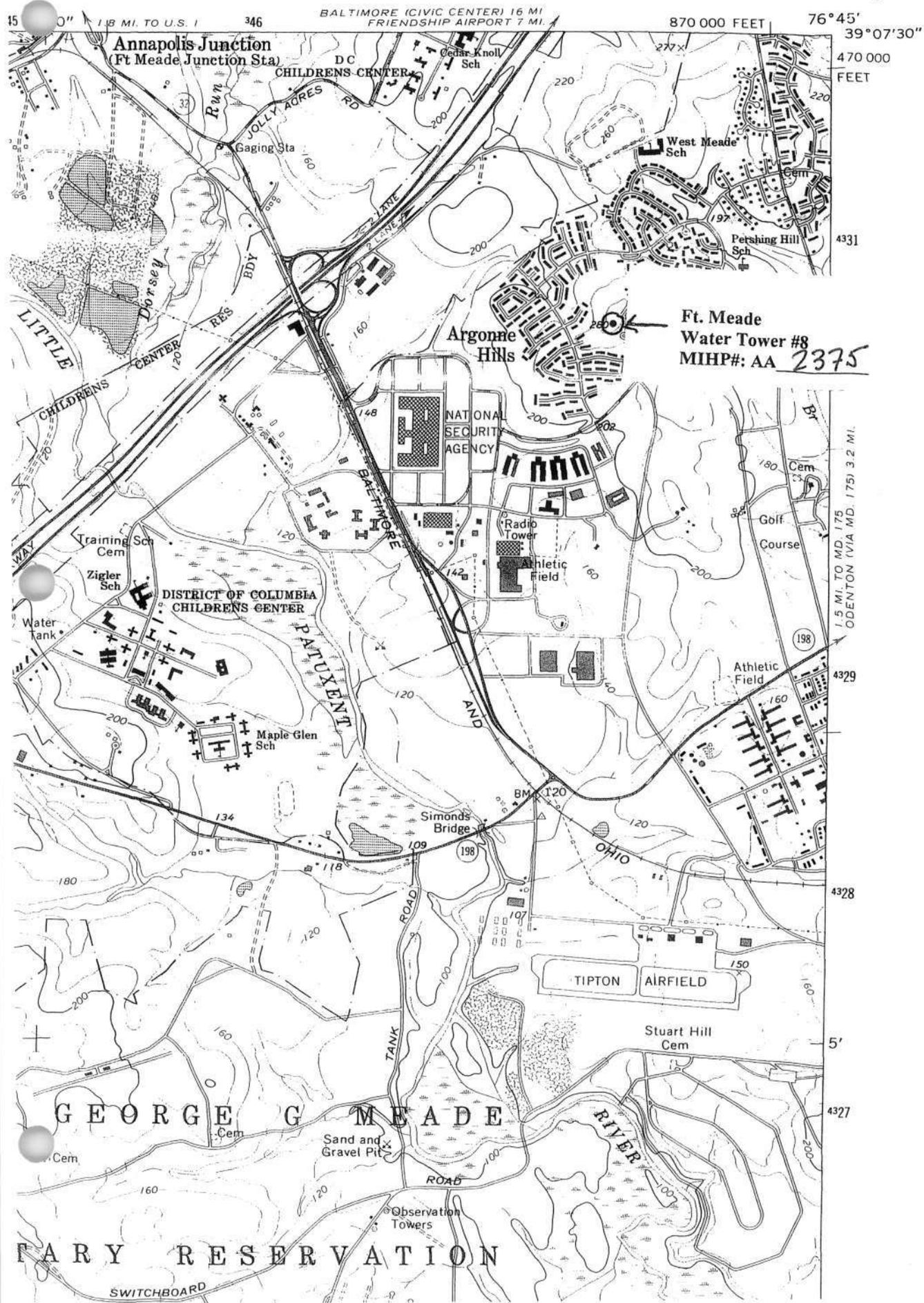
The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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

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Crownsville, MD 21032-2023  
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LAUREL QUADRANGLE  
 MARYLAND  
 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

5662 II NW  
 (RELAY)





1. AA 2375
2. WF 008, FORT MEADE
3. ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND
4. U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, BALTIMORE DISTRICT
5. NOVEMBER 2005
6. USACE, BALTIMORE DISTRICT
7. VIEW FACING NORTH
8. (OF)

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