

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

Property/District Name: Chambers Park Dam Survey Number: CAR-319

Project: Minor Repairs to dam and spillway Agency: F/FEMA

Site visit by MHT Staff:  no  yes Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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)

Located north and east of the Federalsburg survey districts, Chambers Park Dam is a simple earthen dam with a concrete spillway constructed in 1937. The associated lake is used for recreational purposes. Rising eleven feet in height, the dam is a modest structure and typical for the period. Similar dams and spillways can be found throughout the state. By the 1930s, concrete was a common construction material for spillways while nineteenth century dams utilized timber or stone. It exhibits no distinctive characteristics of type, period or method of construction. In my opinion, the Chambers Park Dam is not eligible for the National Register.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: "Inventory of Maryland Dams and Assessment of Hydropower Resources" June 1985 (J. 5.12), conversation w/ G. Gopenko with

Prepared by: Dam Safety Division, DNR

Lauren Bowlin July 28, 1995  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence:  yes  no  not applicable  
Orlando Ribout July 31, 1995.  
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)
- 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 Adaptation

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: structure

Historic Environment: village

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): engineering/dam landscape/park

Known Design Source: \_\_\_\_\_



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CHAMBERS PARK DAM  
LAKE CHAMBERS, CHAMBERS PARK, FEDERALSBURG  
FEDERALSBURG QUAD  
CAROLINE COUNTY



CAR-319

**IDENTIFICATION NUMBER** 174

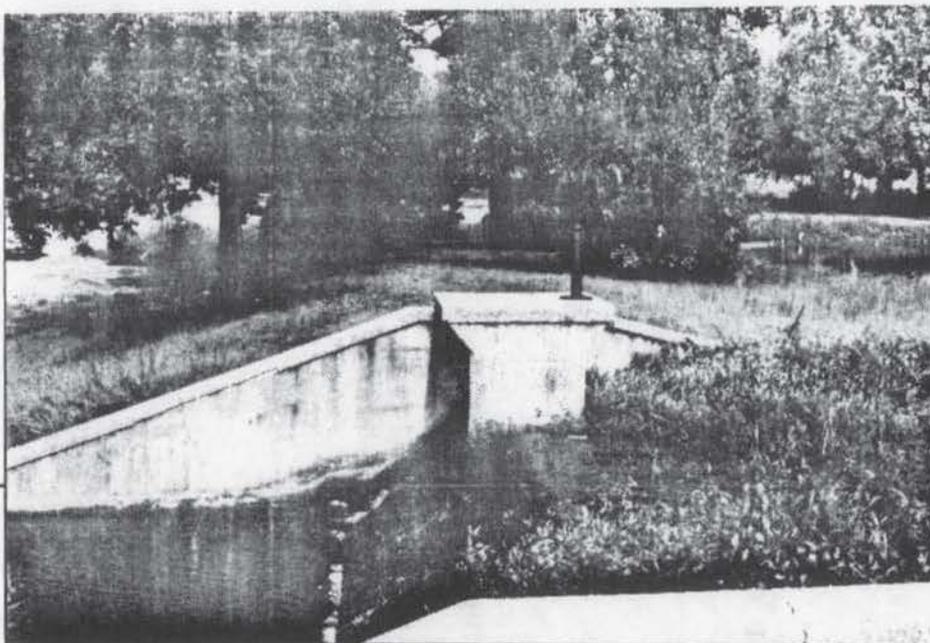
**DAM NAME** Chambers Lake

**POPULAR NAME** Federalsburg Dam

**IMPOUNDMENT NAME** Chambers Lake

**OWNER** Town of Federalsburg

**WRA PERMITS**



**DESCRIPTION TYPE** Earth

**HEIGHT (ft)** 11      **DRAINAGE (mi<sup>2</sup>)** 5.3      **YEAR** 1937

**PURPOSE**  
Recreation

**CREST LENGTH (ft)** 390      **HAZARD CLASS**  
Significant

**IMPOUNDING CHARACTERISTICS**

**NORMAL DEPTH (ft)** 4.0      **SURFACE AREA (acres)** 9.4

**CAPACITY NORMAL** 22      **MAXIMUM** 78

**APPURTENANCES TYPE** Uncontrolled

**WIDTH (ft)** 38      **DISCHARGE (cfs)** 1,731

**EMERGENCY SPILLWAY** Overflow

**LOCATION COUNTY** Caroline

**LATITUDE** 3841.8      **LONGITUDE** 7545.9

**NORTH GRID** 317000      **EAST GRID** 1153000

**RIVER/STREAM** Tanyard Branch

**QUAD MAP** Federalsburg      **BASIN** 02130306

**REMARKS**

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