

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

Property/District Name: CCC Complex, Gambrill State Park Survey Number: F-3-18

Project: DNR--Installation of UHF Repeater and Antennae Agency: DNR

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)

The CCC complex in Gambrill State Park is located near High Knob within the boundaries of the state park in Frederick County, MD. The CCC complex consists of a group of structures built in the 1930s by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) and is considered eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A.

The group of structures includes stone walled scenic overlooks, a log nature center, log picnic shelters, a tea room or coffee house and the Superintendent's residence. The buildings are constructed of stone and log. The two major buildings in the complex, the Tea House and the Superintendent's residence are one-story stone structures, laid in finely coursed stone in uniform rows. The nature center is of log construction where the logs have three sides cut square and the exterior surface stripped of bark and left rounded, as is typical of CCC log construction. The logs are stacked one on top of the other with no chinking. Two picnic shelters are constructed of round log framing and a stone walled scenic overlooks.

The buildings were constructed by the CCC for the use of the public and for their own occupation and survive in relatively unaltered condition as examples of CCC architecture. The CCC program, which provided jobs and training for many residents of the area during the Depression, is important for its social and humanitarian implications and contributes to an understanding of economic and political situations during the 1930s. The CCC is particularly significant in Western Maryland where large areas of forest land were developed as conservation areas.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: MHT Inventory Form (Preservation Associates, Paula Stoner, April 1979); Review and Compliance Files

Prepared by: N/A

Kimberly Prothro Williams November 4, 1996
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

program concurrence: yes no not applicable

Peter E. Kuntz 11/4/96
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: Buildings; structure

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Domestic/Single Dwelling; Recreational

Known Design Source: Civilian Conservation Corps

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

DNR #6-16
 Gambrill St. Pk.
 USGS: Frederick Quad

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

CCC Complex

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Gambrill State Park

CITY, TOWN

Myersville - Frederick

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Frederick

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input 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 type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Maryland Department of Natural Resources

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Tawes State Office Building

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21401

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
 REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Frederick County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
 SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Gambrill State Park between Myersville and Frederick on the top of Catoclin Mountain in Frederick County, Maryland, is improved with a complex of buildings dating from the 1930's and Civilian Conservation Corps occupation.

The group of structures includes stone walled scenic overlooks, a log nature center, log picnic shelters, a tea room or coffee house and the Superintendent's residence.

The two major buildings in the complex are of stone construction, the Tea House (#5) and the Superintendent's residence (#6). Both of these structures are one story high and built of finely coursed stones laid in uniform rows. Windows are casements topped with flat stone arches. The roofs are steeply pitched with asphalt shingles. The Superintendent's house has a pair of gable roofed dormers on its south slope. It has an interior stone chimney while the tea house has a partially exterior chimney of stone.

Two picnic shelters (buildings #3 and #4) of CCC vintage are constructed of round log framing.

One other building, the nature center (#2) is of log construction with logs having rounded outer surfaces laid directly upon each other. This is typical of the CCC architecture. The front or east end of the structure was built in the 1930's while an addition was attached at the rear of the building in the 1950's. This building has two exterior stone chimneys.

All of the buildings are in excellent condition.

There is said to be a possible early homestead site near Bootjack Spring reached by a hiking trail and by a rough dirt road. The spring is located northeast of the complex of buildings at the park.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This complex of buildings is typical of architecture designed and built under the Civilian Conservation Corps programs. These structures in western Maryland tend to be of log or stone construction although in Frederick and Washington County the use of stone seems to be more prevalent than in Allegany and Garrett Counties.

Usually the stone structures are one story high with walls formed of regularly cut, coursed stones. The log structures generally are not constructed in the traditional form, but instead consist of stacked logs with alternate courses overlapping. The logs are cut square on three sides with the exterior surface stripped of bark and left rounded.

Although dating from the 1930's this complex is approaching the age of having historical significance as determined by National Register criteria. Together the buildings provide a cross section of CCC architecture and have remained to the present in relatively unaltered condition.

The CCC program is important for its social and humanitarian implications and is particularly significant in western Maryland where large areas of forest land were developed as conservation areas. This government program provided jobs and training for many residents of the area during the Great Depression and contributes to an understanding of economic and political situations during the 1930's.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

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NAME / TITLE
Paula Stoner

ORGANIZATION
Preservation Associates

DATE
4/79

STREET & NUMBER
P.O. Box 202

TELEPHONE
432-5466

CITY OR TOWN
Sharpsburg

STATE
Maryland

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.

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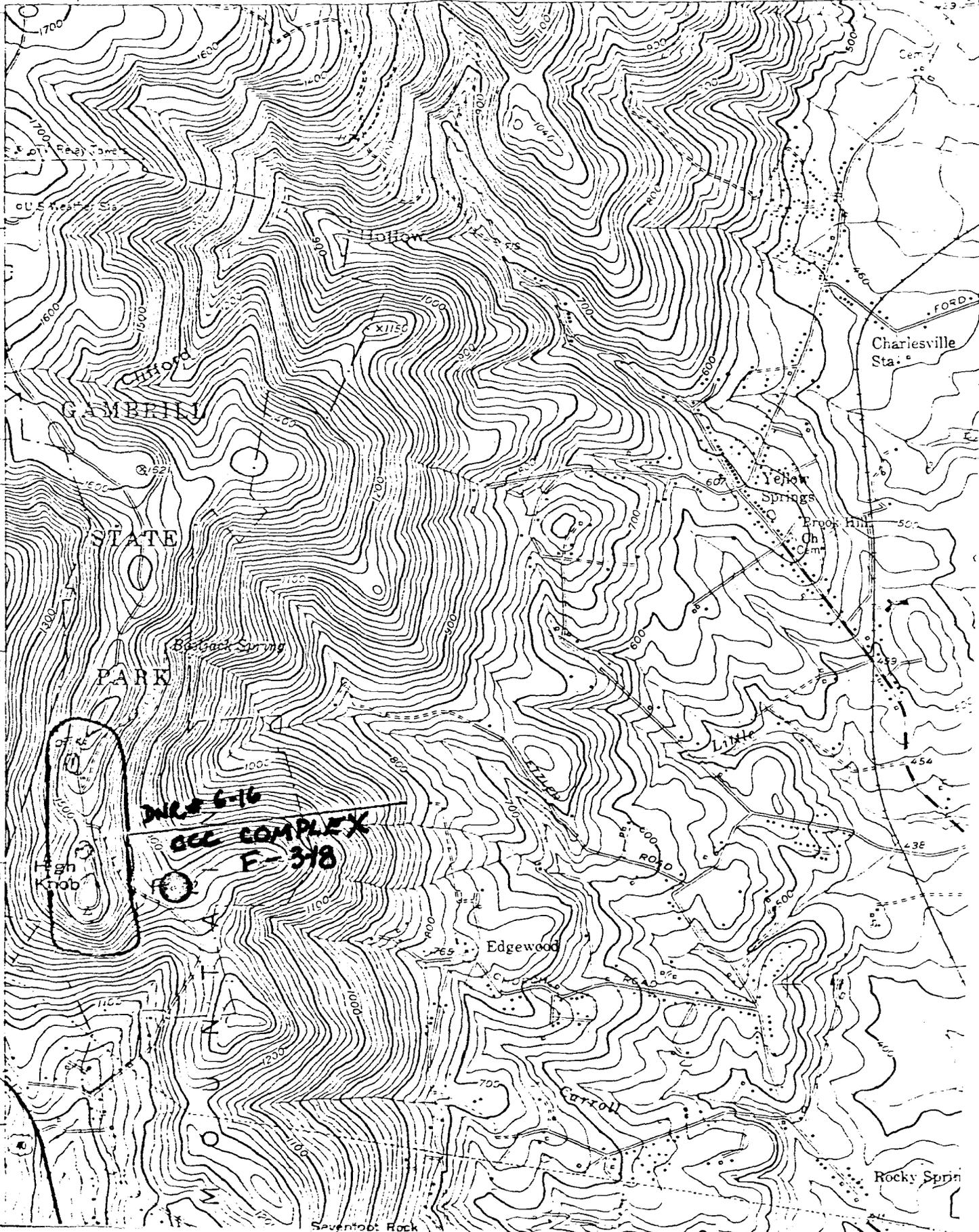
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FREDERICK, MD

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

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786000m E 787 788 2730' 789





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Granville State Park

Bldg. # 6

N.E. View

Jan. 1979

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Gambrell St. PK.

Bldg #5

S. View

Mar. 1979

DNR Survey

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Gambrell State Park

DNR Survey

Bldg # 2

W. View

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Gambrell State Park

Bldg # 5 - Fireplace

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Jambrell State Park

Bldg # 4

S.W. View

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Gambrell State Park

DNR. Survey

Buildg # 3

N.W. View

Jan. 1979

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DNR Survey

Gambrell State Park

Frederick Overlook

N.E. View

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Gambrell State Park

Middleton Overlook W. View

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