

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes X
no

Property Name: Frank Bentz Dam Inventory Number: F-6-127
 Address: Foxville Road City: Thurmont Zip Code: _____
 County: Frederick USGS Topographic Map: Catoctin Furnace
 Owner: State of Maryland Is the property being evaluated a district? yes
 no
 Tax Parcel Number: 285 Tax Map Number: 19 Tax Account ID Number: 1115350873
 Project: Dam Rehabilitation Agency: DNR
 Site visit by MHT staff: no yes Name: Tania Georgiou Tully Date: 04/08/2003
 Is the property is located within a historic district? yes no

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

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:
 Compliance File

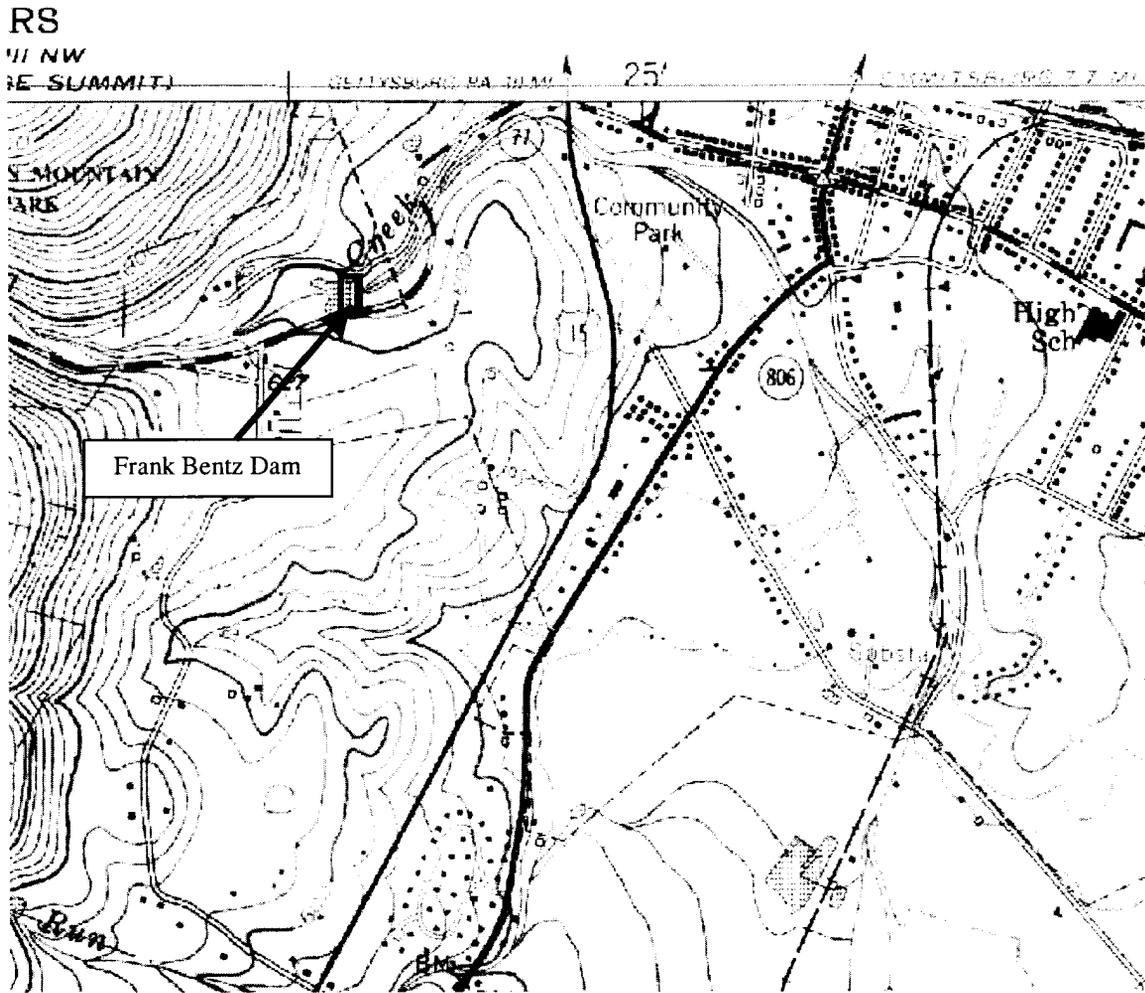
Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*
 The dam was determined eligible in a June 18, 1996 letter signed by J. Rodney Little, Maryland SHPO. An excerpt of the letter follows.

[This] rubblestone gravity dam...was constructed in 1910 to supply electrical power to the town of Thurmont. The Bentz Dam represents a significant development in the history of Thurmont. ... Thurmont began as a crossroads village in the late eighteenth century serving the surrounding agricultural community. By the late nineteenth century, Thurmont experienced industrial expansion beginning with the opening of the western Maryland Railroad in 1882. With a population of 100 by 1910, Thurmont had established various industries such as a cannery, weaving factory, and cigar manufacturing. Local businessmen established the Thurmont Light and Power Company in 1908; they coordinated with the town and built the dam by 1910. The proposed dimensions were 180 feet long, 11 feet high with a 5-6 acre water impoundment. The construction of the dam and the provision of electricity to the town is another important component of the town's industrial growth. Therefore, ...the Bentz Dam is eligible for the Maryland Register of Historic Properties [and National Register of Historic Places].

Prepared by: Tania Tully Date Prepared: 04/04/2003

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Eligibility recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>X</u>	Eligibility not recommended <input type="checkbox"/>
Criteria: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" 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
MHT Comments Determined eligible in 1996.	
Tania Georgiou Tully <i>TGT</i> ✓ Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	April 04, 2003 Date
Peter Kurtze <i>P. Kurtze</i> Reviewer, NR Program	4/8/03 Date

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Frank Bentz Dam
Thurmont, Frederick County
Catoctin Furnace Quad



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Frank Bentz Dam

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April 08, 2003

Digital Photo

Along the top of the dam, abutment visible in foreground,
facing NW

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Frank Bentz Dam

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Digital Photo

Along the top of the dam, upper spillway visible in foreground,
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Digital Photo
Along the top of the dam, facing northwest
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Along the top of the dam, damage to upper spillway and
abutment
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Along the top of the dam, facing northwest

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View of abutment from down stream, facing west

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View of lower spillway from down stream, facing west

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View of drainpipe below abutment, upper spillway also visible on right.

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View of drainpipe below abutment

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