

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

Property/District Name: NIKE Missile site Lauderick Creek Survey Number: HA- 1995

Project: Rehab of four bldgs at NIKE site Agency: DOD/Army

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 NIKE missile site at Lauderick Creek Military Reservation is located at the Aberdeen Proving Ground, Harford County. The missile site is significant for its association with military technology and U.S. defense operations of the Cold War. The Lauderick Creek NIKE site was built to accommodate the NIKE-Ajax missile, one of seven missile launch sites to protect the Washington-Baltimore area. The Army constructed the majority of the Lauderick facility in 1955-1956. The missile launch site was then quickly modified in 1958-59 to accommodate the new technologically-advanced missile, the NIKE-Hercules. Larger than the average launch facility, the Lauderick Creek facility consists of six magazines which supported 12 missiles of each type. This site retains the essential components of a NIKE facility such as the magazines and launch pads, administration and housing, and radar and control area. The integrity of the missile site is high as it retains its historic design illustrating both types of NIKE missiles launches and magazines, the setting includes portions of the original earth berms, materials represent typical military construction. NIKE sites depict a linear layout with the launch pads at one end, the administration and housing at least a half mile away, completed with the radar/control area. Lauderick Creek easily depicts this configuration and reinforces the feeling and association of the Cold War. Although under 50 years of age, the Cold War is a significant period in U.S. history.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: NIKE Missile system, letter report by Goodwin & Associates in vertical files, MD Historical Society Magazine, Fall 1985

Prepared by: Goodwin & Associates

L. Bowlin 20 May 1994
 Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence: yes no not applicable
R. Andrews 6-6-94

Survey No. HA-1775

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

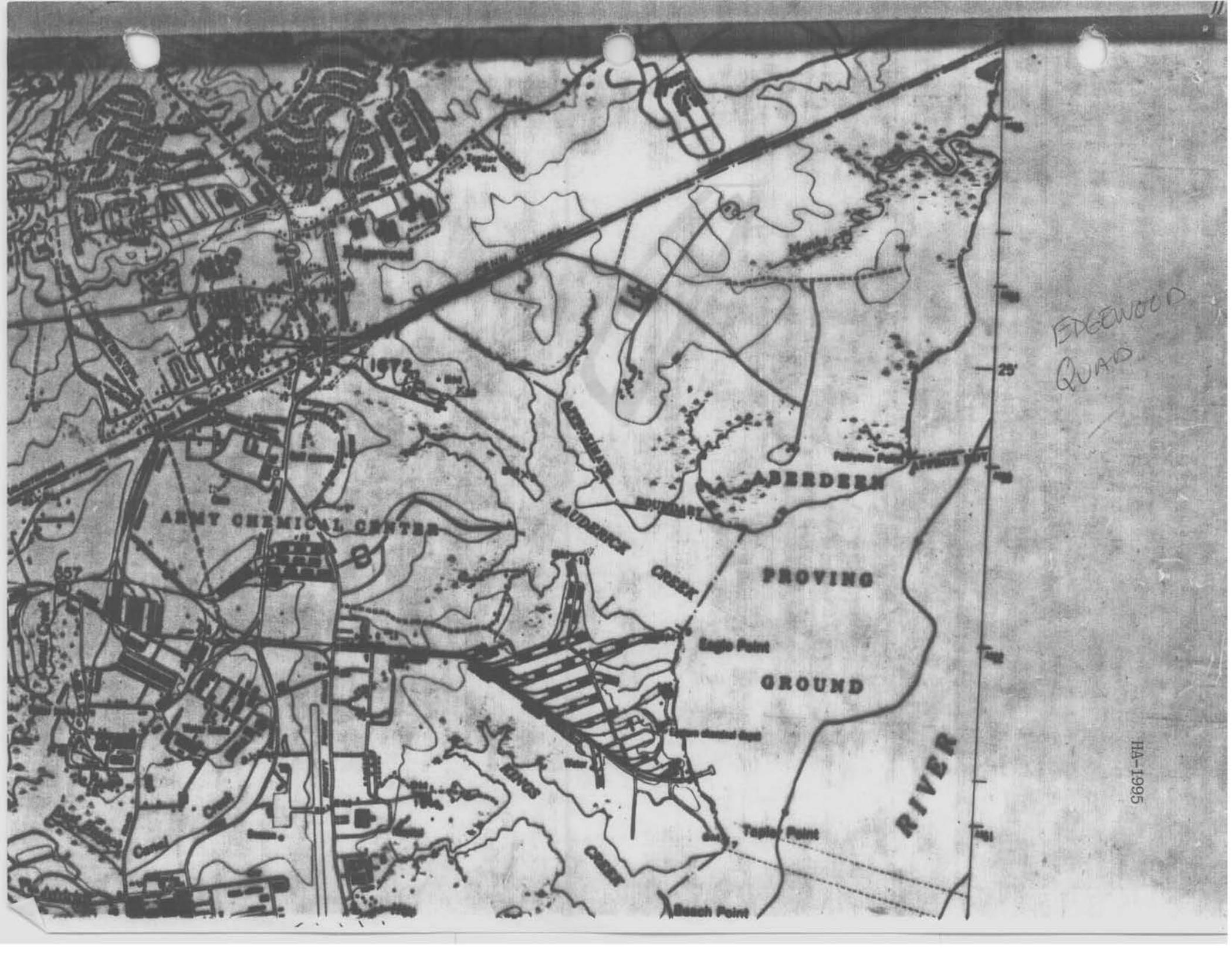
V. Resource Type:

Category: historic district with bldgs, structure and site

Historic Environment: rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Defense, arms storage, fortification, military facility

Known Design Source: _____



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