

Maryland Historical Trust  
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic

and or common Building 101

**2. Location**

street & number Goddard Space Flight Center  not for publication

city, town Greenbelt  vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Prince George's

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name United States of America/General Services Administration

street & number 18th & F Streets NW telephone no.:

city, town Washington state and zip code DC 20405

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Administration Bldg.  
Land Records Office liber

street & number Main Street folio

city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland

**6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys**

title Not Applicable

date  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input 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 of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

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

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**Building 101, Goddard Space Flight Center**

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**DESCRIPTION**

Contributing Resource Count: 1

Building 101 stands a short distance south of Beaverdam Road amidst 28.98 acres of gently rolling open fields enclosed by chain link fence at the Goddard Space Flight Center's Antenna Test Range (Area 100) near Greenbelt, Prince George's County, Maryland. Located east of Beaverdam Road's intersection with Soil Conservation Service Road, the building once functioned as a dwelling but now serves as a storage and equipment maintenance facility in support of Goddard's Antenna Test Range. The property consists primarily of grassy lawn interspersed with two antenna test towers and baseball diamonds. Farm fields operated by the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center border the Test Range property directly east and south of Building 101. Mature forest land spreads to the south and west of the Test Range as well as along the north side of Beaverdam Road. A small, modern flat-roofed shed immediately southeast of Building 101 is a non-contributing resource unrelated to the former dwelling's historic function. A one-story anechoic chamber building and two small frame recreation buildings compose all of the other permanent buildings on the Test Range.

A two-and-one-half story frame structure, Building 101 possesses two bays across its main, northern elevation and one bay along its east gable end. A one-story, shed-roofed addition extending across most of the building's south elevation adds an additional two bays to the east elevation. A shed-roofed vestibule occupies one of the addition's east elevation openings. A smaller shed-roofed addition has been appended to the western end of the two-bay deep addition. In plan, the two additions form an overall ell appended to the southern elevation of the two-story section of Building 101. Another enclosed vestibule and a shed-roofed porch protect the north elevation's entrance. Asphalt shingles sheathe the building's gable roof. A small wall dormer centered along the south elevation provides light to the building's garret. A thin, square stuccoed-brick chimney protrudes through the middle of the ridge. Foundation materials are not visible. Aluminum german siding covering the exterior walls matches the original wooden siding still visible inside the east elevation's vestibule. The building's box cornice and the north elevation's posts have been sheathed with aluminum as well.

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**DESCRIPTION (Continued)**

Window openings contain symmetrically-spaced six-over-six wooden sash. The additions possess the same window types indicating that windows in the two-story portion were probably replaced simultaneously to either the construction of the additions or the installation of the addition's windows. A diamond-shaped window penetrates the dormer peak. Three-panel doors with nine upper lights provide entry into both vestibules. Steel doors access the interior of the building from the vestibules.

Building 101's interior probably contained two rooms originally. However extensive remodeling has removed the first story's central dividing wall leaving one large room interrupted by a square chimney pile. Stairs rise along the northeastern corner of the building. A hatchway in the first story ceiling near the stairs allows Goddard staff the ability to hoist bulky equipment to the second story. Window, door, and baseboard ornament on the first story consists of plain, unmolded surrounds. Upper story surrounds display thin fluting reminiscent of Colonial Revival decorative motifs. Second story baseboards mirror their first story counterparts. The first story possesses acoustical tile on its ceiling while the second story exhibits a false ceiling. A doorway and a single step in the southeast corner of the main portion of the building provides entry to the additions. The smaller addition contains a bathroom.

# 8. Significance

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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 type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

### Specific dates

### Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria:  A  B  C  D  
and/or

Applicable Exception:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G

Level of Significance:  national  state  local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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**SIGNIFICANCE**

The Goddard Space Flight Center acquired the 28 acre tract that included Building 101 during the 1960s from the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC), a United States Department of Agriculture facility. The United States government began purchasing land for the Research Center in 1910. However BARC required more land by the 1930s and began purchasing parcels east of Soil Conservation Service Road. County deed records have proven problematic in tracing ownership of Building 101's property prior to BARC since the Federal government owns thousands of acres of land in Prince George's County, much in the Greenbelt vicinity. Tax parcel records also do not record the Liber and Folio transferring the property from private ownership to the Federal government.

Due to its architectural form and the presence of Colonial Revival ornamental molding surrounding second floor openings, construction of Building 101 probably occurred during the early twentieth century. A building appears near this location on a 1907 Laurel, MD, 15' USGS quadrangle sheet. The 1907 quadrangle also depicts Beaverdam Road passing south of the building indicating the realignment of the current road. Dormers often penetrate elevation's possessing the principal entrance. Building 101's main entrance may have once faced south, crowned by its wall dormer, towards the earlier Beaverdam Road alignment. Agriculture composed the primary activity throughout rural Prince George's County during the early years of this century. Building 101 probably functioned as a farm dwelling. Goddard records indicate a related barn once stood nearby as recently as the 1970s but no trace of the structure remained above-ground in 1993. The building's use during BARC's ownership is unknown. Building 101 has not contributed to any significant events or patterns contributing to Goddard's space flight missions.

Historic research has not uncovered any significant associations between Building 101 and historic patterns, persons or events. Although adjacent to a portion of the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center, Building 101's integrity of setting, materials, association, design and feeling has been severely compromised by insensitive remodeling and its location on the Antenna Test Range. The building remains divorced from its historic, agricultural context. Building 101 also does not reflect the distinctive characteristics of an architectural style or embody a particular method of construction. The building is also unlikely to yield information important to the study of history or prehistory. As a result, Building 101 is recommended not eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

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# 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name Laurel, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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	Zone	Easting	Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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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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**MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA**

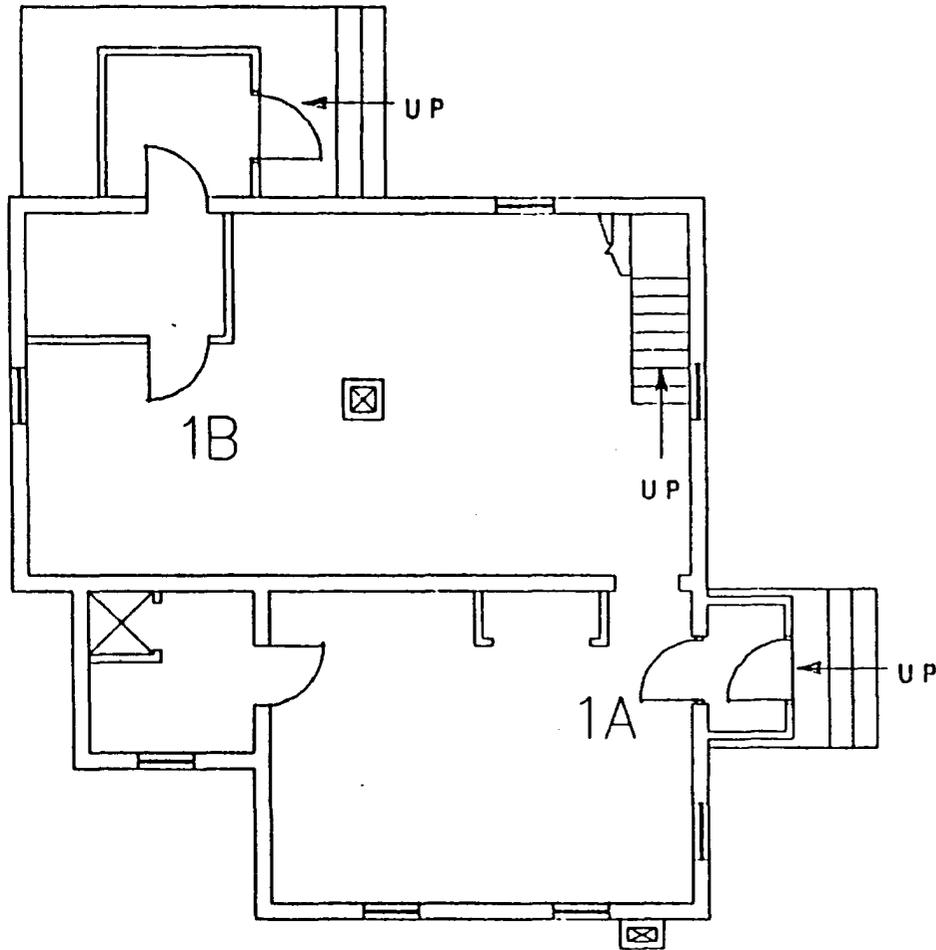
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Western Shore**

**Chronological/Developmental Periods:  
Industrial/Urban Dominance, A.D. 1870-1930**

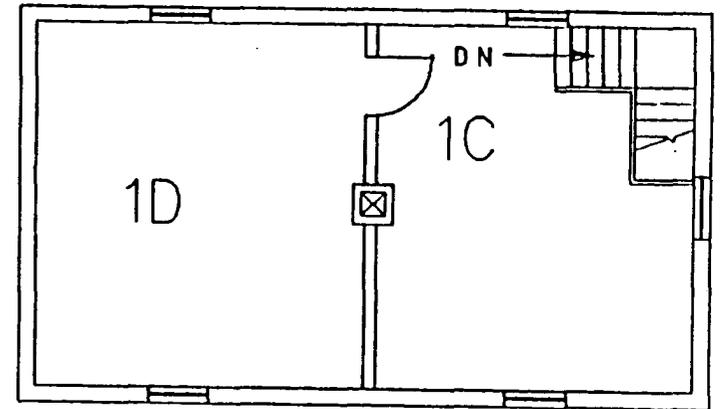
**Historic Period Theme(s):  
Agriculture**

**Resource Type:**

<b>Category:</b>	<b>building</b>
<b>Historic Environment:</b>	<b>rural</b>
<b>Historic Function and Use:</b>	<b>dwelling</b>
<b>Known Design Source:</b>	<b>none</b>



FIRST FLOOR PLAN



SECOND FLOOR PLAN

**-Resource Floor Plan-**  
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BUILDING 101  
 FLOOR PLANS  
 GRAPHIC SCALE IN FEET  
 DECEMBER 1990



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