



# MEDUSA

Maryland's Cultural Resource Information System

## Learn About Medusa

Medusa, Maryland's cultural resource information system, was created to provide access to the state's architectural and archeological records. An online application ("text-based" Medusa) was created in 2014 from an earlier application developed for use by consultants and staff at the Maryland Historical Trust Library. This map-based application is developed to link geographic information stored in the MHT's enterprise GIS with the Medusa database.

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### Welcome

Welcome to Medusa, the Maryland Historical Trust's online database of architectural and archeological sites and standing structures. The Maryland Historical Trust, home of the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), is the official repository for the Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties (MIHP), which includes both architectural resources and archeological sites. The database includes records for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) properties in Maryland, determinations of eligibility (DOE) records, and records for properties in the Maryland Historic Preservation Easement program.

This program provides a map- and text-search based interface for Medusa. Begin by zooming to your area of interest (if you are doing a map search) or open the Text Search tab if you prefer to do a text-based search. Use the Layers tab to select which layers you wish to view. Click on the Base Map Gallery if you wish to change the background map.

**IMPORTANT:** Note that you will not see any archeology-related records until you sign in by clicking the Log In link in the upper right. You must have a valid Medusa account to see these records.

Users who do not need a map interface and prefer the "old" version of Medusa can click on the "Go to Text-Based Medusa" in the upper right.

Get started by zooming to your area of interest!

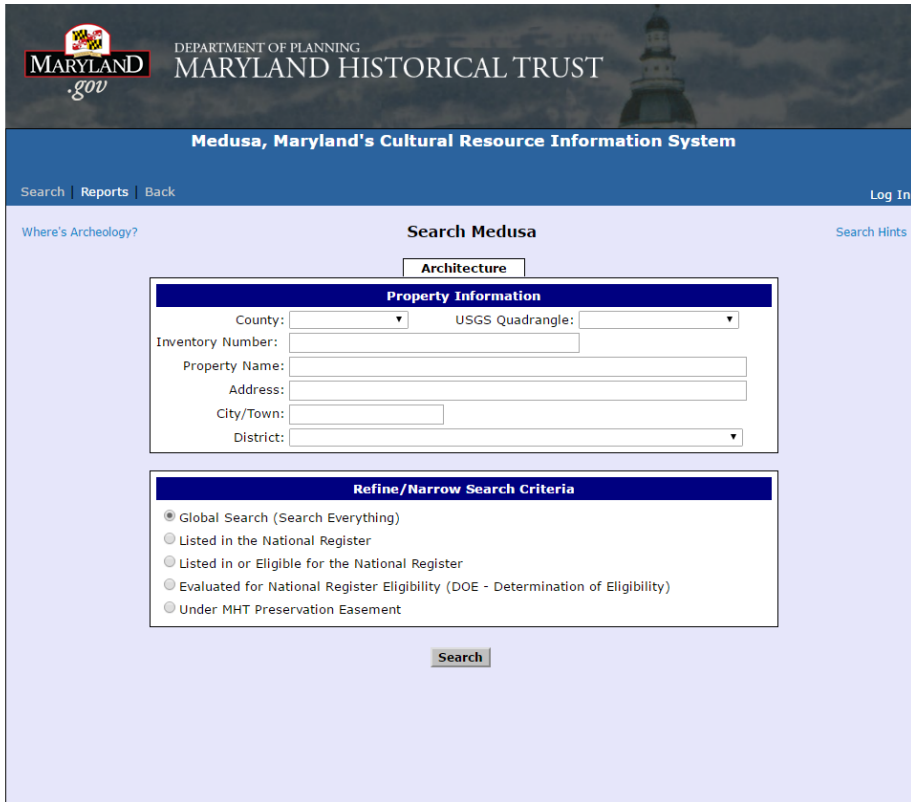
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Map-based Medusa.

“Text-based Medusa” is an application that allows you to search, select, and display database records of various kinds. These are the same records that are available in “map-based” Medusa; it is just another way of getting at them. If you are working with a large number of records, or with specific records, you may find text-based Medusa more straightforward for certain tasks. You can switch to text-based Medusa with the link in the upper right of the screen, above the map. Note that text-based Medusa will open in a separate tab in your browser, so you can have both map-based and text-based Medusa open at the same time.



*Text-based Medusa.*

Other states (Virginia, Pennsylvania, New York, Oregon, for example) have pioneered the application of GIS (map-related) technologies to cultural resource management. More states are adopting these tools all the time. We are eager to hear about any improvements that we can make to Medusa. Please feel free to use the “Feedback” link in the lower right corner of the screen to contact us.