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.
“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.

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.