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CDBG SURVEY YEAR: 13
AREA: Fort Smallwood Park

SURVEY NO.: AA 898
MAGI NO.: 0208983807



ADDRESS: East end of Fort Smallwood Road, Anne Arundel Co.
CURRENT NAME: Fort Smallwood Park

BLOCK: LOT: LOT SIZE:
HEIGHT: MATERIALS:
CONDITION: Good OWNER: Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City
 ADDRESS:
USE: Recreation ACCESSIBLE: Yes; unrestricted
DESIGNATION: LIBER/FOLIO: Liber F85 No.19, Folio 342

HISTORIC NAME: Fort Smallwood Park
DATE: After 1927
ARCHITECT/BUILDER:
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE):

DESCRIPTION:

(Letters refer to attached map). The concession stand (A) is a one-story polygonal masonry building with a hip roof with eyebrow dormers and standing seams, and a surrounding porch supported by iron columns. The comfort station (B) is one of two identical one-story wood frame rectangular buildings on a raised block foundation, with clapboard siding, hipped roof, and hipped dormers. The comfort station (E) is a one-story square frame building with clapboard siding, hip roof, and semi-circular dormers. The pavilion (F) is an octagonal, rustic wood "Adirondack" type of structure with octagonal roof and open sides. The concession stand (H) is a one-story, three bay wide wood frame polygonal building with a shingle covered base, board and battens above and a polygonal hip roof. Also on the premises are two concrete block bathhouse complexes (D and I), the fort (G, see AA 897), and the house-like administration building, or barracks (C, see AA 897).

SIGNIFICANCE:

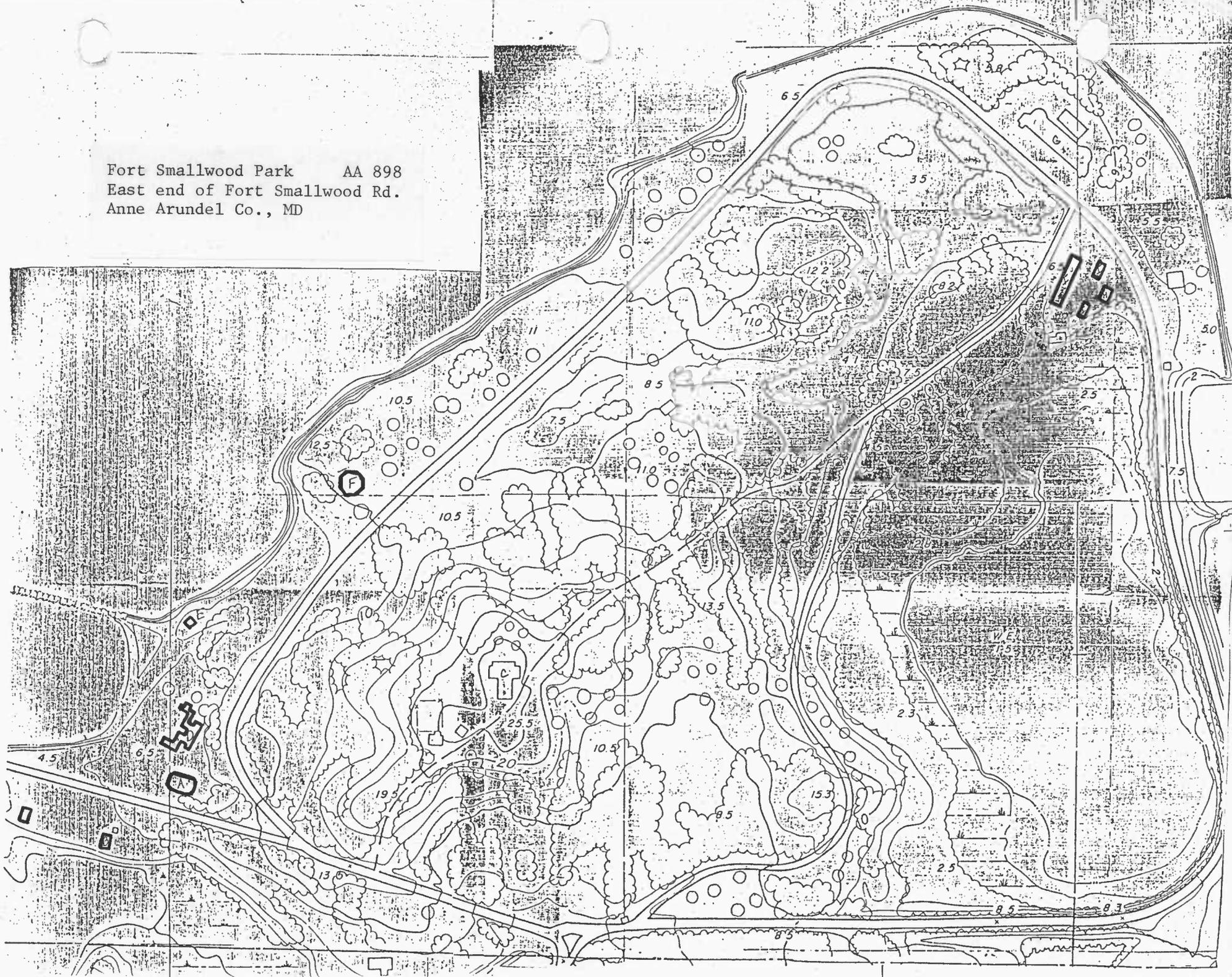
AREA: Architecture LEVEL: Local

Fort Smallwood Park is the only waterfront park owned by Baltimore City that dates from the period of the 1920's-1930's. Originally a federal fort under the Endicott system, the Olmsted Brothers recommended in 1926 that the City purchase it for conversion to a park. This was done in 1927 at a cost of \$50,000. Between then and 1931 the frame barracks building was converted to an administration building. In 1931 a concession stand with a standing seam roof was added (probably A). The comfort station (E) was standing by 1937, as evident in a Sun photograph. In the 1930's the City provided a steamer for transportation to the park. During W.W.II the park was abandoned and the bathing beach washed away. In 1947 the City built a new beach on the east, along with a new bathhouse (probably I), and moved some old structures over to this area (probably including H). The new bathhouse on the west beach was built in 1951, probably in reaction to a segregation suit filed by City blacks to gain admittance to the park. The park was not integrated, however, until after the *Brown v. Board of Education* decision. Fort Smallwood Park has suffered from many floods over its history, and many original buildings have disappeared, including horse stables, a band stand, shelter houses, concession stands, a water tank, dressing booths and lockers, and several piers.

SOURCES: Olmsted Brothers, Report...on Park Extension for Baltimore, 1926; The Sun, 7/19/1930, 4/19/1931, 7/18/1937, 8/31/1946, 6/28/1947, Baltimore City Archives, RG 35: Box 89, #2709; Box 99, #5999; Box 107, #7912.

SURVEYOR AND DATE: Kenneth M. Short, November 1987

Fort Smallwood Park AA 898
East end of Fort Smallwood Rd.
Anne Arundel Co., MD





Foot Smallwood Park AA 898
Concession Stand (A)
East end of Smallwood Rd
Anne Arundel Co, Maryland
Photo: Kenneth M. Short
Date: October 1988
Neg. loc: Maryland Historical Trust
South 514



Fort Smallwood Park AA888
Concession Stand (A)

East end of Ft Smallwood Rd
Anne Arundel Co, Maryland

Photo: Kenneth M. Hart

Date: October 1987

Nea loc: Maryland Historical Trust
C 114
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Fort Smallwood Park A 2808
Contact Station (3)
East end of Smallwood Rd
Anne Arundel Co, Maryland
Photos: Kenneth M. Short
Date: October 1987
Neg. loc: Maryland Historical Trust
North elev
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Fractional Wood Lark - AAgas
Rath House (?)
Sardines of the "Wood" St.
Anne Arundel Co. Maryland
Photo: Kenneth M. Shea
Ex: October 1992
Sea: 100 Maryland Historical Trust
Museum.



Fort Small and Fort All
Comfort Station (C)
East edge of Trullion Rd
A. G. Grundel Co. Maryland
Photo: Kenneth M. Short
Date: October 1987
No. 1005110 and 1005111
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Fort Smallwood Park AAB08
Pavilion (F)
East end of Ft Smallwood Rd
Anne Arundel Co, Maryland
Photos: Bernetha M. Clark
Date: October 1987
Map loc: Maryland Historical Trust
View from SE



Fort Smallwood Park AF 808
Concession Stand (C)
East end of Ft Smallwood Rd
Anne Arundel Co, Maryland
Photos: Kenneth M Short
Date: October, 1987
Neg. loc: Maryland Historical Trust
NW E 20
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Fort Smallwood Park A0608
East Bath House Complex (2)
East end of Ft Smallwood Rd
Anne Arundel Co, Maryland
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Date: October 1982
Neg. loc 3 Maryland Historical Trust
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