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

Property/District Name: CCC Complex, Gambrill State Park Survey Number: F-3-18

Project: DNR--Installation of UHF Repeater and Antennae Agency: DNR

Site visit by MHT Staff: X no ___ yes Name _____ Date _____

Eligibility recommended X Eligibility **not** recommended ___

Criteria: X A ___B X C ___D Considerations: ___A ___B ___C ___D ___E ___F ___G ___None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

The CCC complex in Gambrill State Park is located near High Knob within the boundaries of the state park in Frederick County, MD. The CCC complex consists of a group of structures built in the 1930s by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) and is considered eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A.

The group of structures includes stone walled scenic overlooks, a log nature center, log picnic shelters, a tea room or coffee house and the Superintendent's residence. The buildings are constructed of stone and log. The two major buildings in the complex, the Tea House and the Superintendent's residence are one-story stone structures, laid in finely coursed stone in uniform rows. The nature center is of log construction where the logs have three sides cut square and the exterior surface stripped of bark and left rounded, as is typical of CCC log construction. The logs are stacked one on top of the other with no chinking. Two picnic shelters are constructed of round log framing and a stone walled scenic overlooks.

The buildings were constructed by the CCC for the use of the public and for their own occupation and survive in relatively unaltered condition as examples of CCC architecture. The CCC program, which provided jobs and training for many residents of the area during the Depression, is important for its social and humanitarian implications and contributes to an understanding of economic and political situations during the 1930s. The CCC is particularly significant in Western Maryland where large areas of forest land were developed as conservation areas.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: MHT Inventory Form (Preservation Associates, Paula Stoner, April 1979); Review and Compliance Files

Prepared by: N/A

Kimberly Prothro Williams — November 4, 1996
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services — Date

program concurrence: X yes ___ no ___ not applicable

Peter E. Kurtze — 11/4/96
Reviewer, NR program — Date

Survey No. F-3-18

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)
X	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
X	Modern Period	A.D. 1930-Present
____	Unknown Period (___ prehistoric	___ historic)

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

____	Subsistence
____	Settlement
____	Political
____	Demographic
____	Religion
____	Technology
____	Environmental Adaptation

IV. Historic Period Themes:

____	Agriculture
X	Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
____	Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
____	Government/Law
____	Military
____	Religion
X	Social/Educational/Cultural
____	Transportation

V. Resource Type:

Category: Buildings; structure

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Domestic/Single Dwelling; Recreational

Known Design Source: Civilian Conservation Corps

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

DNR #6-16
Gambrill St. Pk.
USGS: Frederick Quad

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON
CCC Complex

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
Gambrill State Park

CITY, TOWN
Myersville - Frederick

X VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
6

STATE
Maryland

COUNTY
Frederick

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
X DISTRICT	X PUBLIC	X OCCUPIED	AGRICULTURE	MUSEUM
BUILDING(S)	PRIVATE	UNOCCUPIED	COMMERCIAL	X PARK
STRUCTURE	BOTH	WORK IN PROGRESS	EDUCATIONAL	X PRIVATE RESIDENCE
SITE	**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**	**ACCESSIBLE**	ENTERTAINMENT	RELIGIOUS
OBJECT	IN PROCESS	YES: RESTRICTED	GOVERNMENT	SCIENTIFIC
	BEING CONSIDERED	YES: UNRESTRICTED	INDUSTRIAL	TRANSPORTATION
		NO	MILITARY	OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Maryland Department of Natural Resources

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER
Tawes State Office Building

CITY, TOWN
Annapolis

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Maryland 21401

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Frederick County Courthouse

Liber #:
Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN
Frederick

STATE
Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
X EXCELLENT	__DETERIORATED	__UNALTERED	X ORIGINAL SITE
__GOOD	__RUINS	X ALTERED	__MOVED DATE_____
__FAIR	__UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Gambrill State Park between Myersville and Frederick on the top of Catoctin Mountain in Frederick County, Maryland, is improved with a complex of buildings dating from the 1930's and Civilian Conservation Corps occupation.

The group of structures includes stone walled scenic overlooks, a log nature center, log picnic shelters, a tea room or coffee house and the Superintendent's residence.

The two major buildings in the complex are of stone construction, the Tea House (#5) and the Superintendent's residence (#6). Both of these structures are one story high and built of finely coursed stones laid in uniform rows. Windows are casements topped with flat stone arches. The roofs are steeply pitched with asphalt shingles. The Superintendent's house has a pair of gable roofed dormers on its south slope. It has an interior stone chimney while the tea house has a partially exterior chimney of stone.

Two picnic shelters (buildings #3 and #4) of CCC vintage are constructed of round log framing.

One other building, the nature center (#2) is of log construction with logs having rounded outer surfaces laid directly upon each other. This is typical of the CCC architecture. The front or east end of the structure was built in the 1930's while an addition was attached at the rear of the building in the 1950's. This building has two exterior stone chimneys.

All of the buildings are in excellent condition.

There is said to be a possible early homestead site near Bootjack Spring reached by a hiking trail and by a rough dirt road. The spring is located northeast of the complex of buildings at the park.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
__PREHISTORIC	__ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	__COMMUNITY PLANNING	__LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	__RELIGION
__1400-1499	__ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	X CONSERVATION	__LAW	__SCIENCE
__1500-1599	__AGRICULTURE	__ECONOMICS	__LITERATURE	__SCULPTURE
__1600-1699	X ARCHITECTURE	__EDUCATION	__MILITARY	X SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
__1700-1799	__ART	__ENGINEERING	__MUSIC	__THEATER
__1800-1899	__COMMERCE	__EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	__PHILOSOPHY	__TRANSPORTATION
X 1900-	__COMMUNICATIONS	__INDUSTRY	X POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	__OTHER (SPECIFY)
		__INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This complex of buildings is typical of architecture designed and built under the Civilian Conservation Corps programs. These structures in western Maryland tend to be of log or stone construction although in Frederick and Washington County the use of stone seems to be more prevalent than in Allegany and Garrett Counties.

Usually the stone structures are one story high with walls formed of regularly cut, coursed stones. The log structures generally are not constructed in the traditional form, but instead consist of stacked logs with alternate courses overlapping. The logs are cut square on three sides with the exterior surface stripped of bark and left rounded.

Although dating from the 1930's this complex is approaching the age of having historical significance as determined by National Register criteria. Together the buildings provide a cross section of CCC architecture and have remained to the present in relatively unaltered condition.

The CCC program is important for its social and humanitarian implications and is particularly significant in western Maryland where large areas of forest land were developed as conservation areas. This government program provided jobs and training for many residents of the area during the Great Depression and contributes to an understanding of economic and political situations during the 1930's.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

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NAME / TITLE
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DATE
4/79

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CITY OR TOWN
Sharpsburg

STATE
Maryland

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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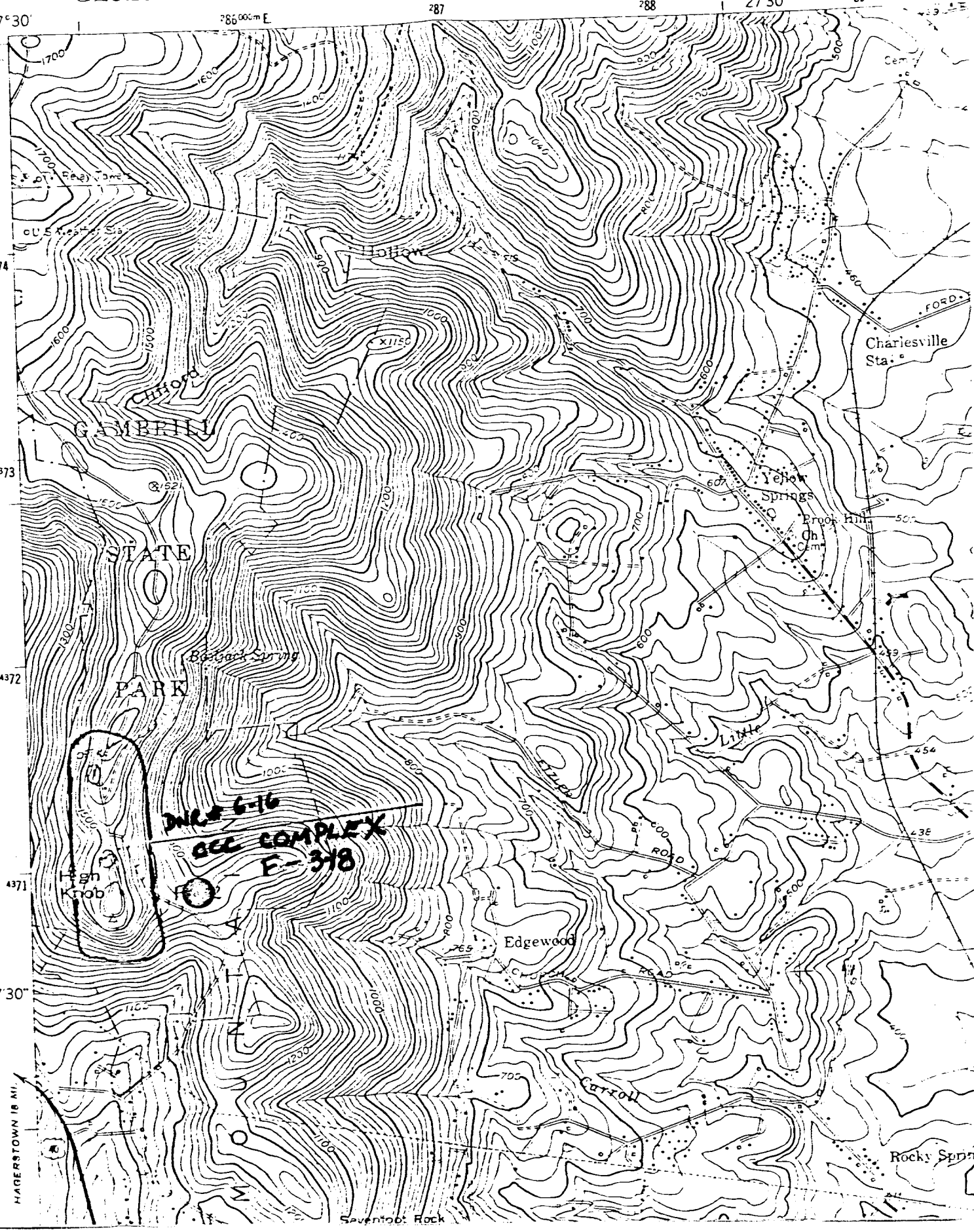
FREDERICK, MD

QUADRANGLE

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY



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FR-2
Greenbrier State Park
Bldg. # 6
N.E. View
Jan. 1979

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Gambrill St. Pk.

Bldg #5

S. View

Jan. 1979

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Gambrill State Park
Bldg #: 2
W. View
Jan. 1979

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Gambrill State Park

Bldg # 5 - Fireplace

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FR-2
Gambrill State Park
Bldg # 4
S.W. View
Jan. 1979

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Gambrill State Park
Bldg # 3
N.W. View
Jan. 1979

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Plumbrim State Park
Frederick Overlook
N.E. View
Jan 1979

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Gambrill State Park
Middletown Overlook W. View
Jan 1979

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