

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

Property/District Name: Oakland Water Treatment Pump House/Resev. Tanks Survey Number: G-VI-A-059

Project: US 219/Oakland Vicinity Improvement Project Agency: MSHA

Site visit by MHT Staff:  No  Yes Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Eligibility recommended  Eligibility not recommended

Criteria:  A  B  C  D Considerations:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G  None

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

The Oakland Water Treatment Pump House and Reservoir Tanks document the establishment and maintenance of a number of public improvement-related community services including electric street lights and a fire hydrant/water system in the Oakland area during the early twentieth century. In 1909, Oakland officials installed a water pumping house and a large circular concrete reservoir overlooking the town to provide water for fires and plumbing. Situated about one half to three-quarters of a mile north of Oakland, the pump house contained one Marsh steam pump with a capacity of 100,000 gallons per day and two Myers gas-powered pumps with capacities of 56,000 and 40,000 gallons per day. The reservoir tank held 300,000 gallons of water. A second reservoir tank was built in 1937.

Research has not identified any associations with the lives of persons significant to the Oakland area's past or with events that have contributed significantly to broad patterns of the area's historical development. The architecture does not represent a particularly distinctive type, period, or method of construction, nor does it represent the work of a master, possess high artistic values, or represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction. This resource has not yet yielded and is not likely to yield significant information important in history or prehistory.

Document on the property/district is presented in: Historic Structures Inventory and Determination of Eligibility Report

(KCI/MSHA 1997)

Prepared by: Gabrielle M. Lanier, KCI Technologies, Inc.

NOT ELIG. -- CONCURRENCE [Signature] 7/20/98  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence:  yes  no  not applicable

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Reviewer, NR program Date

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Oakland Water Treatment Pump House and Reservoir Tanks

G-VI-A-059

West side of Bradley Lane; also Crook's Crest (tanks)

Oakland Vicinity

Circa 1920 - 1935

Public

This is a one-story, three-by-three-bay, L-plan, hip-roofed frame building with a shed-roofed addition. This building now serves as the chlorine house for the water processing station and stands adjacent to several modern buildings including some large storage buildings and a water tower. The former pump house includes a poured concrete and brick foundation, aluminum-clad walls, and an asphalt-shingled hipped roof with a metal stovepipe. Corrugated metal sheathes the roof of the addition. Windows are mostly single six-over-six, double-hung wooden sash with wooden trim. The entrances contain metal or wooden doors with wood trim. Associated with the pumping station but located about a half-mile to the southeast are two large cylindrical concrete reservoir tanks. The former pump house faces south-southeast and occupies a partially wooded and sloping site about three-quarters of a mile northeast of Oakland.

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## 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other Oakland Water Treatment Pump House and Reservoir Tanks

## 2. Location

street & number West side of Bradley Lane; also Crook's Crest (tanks)      not for publication

city, town Oakland   X   vicinity

county Garrett

## 3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Oakland Mayor and Town Council

street & number City Hall telephone (301) 334-3836

city, town Oakland state and zip code MD 21550

## 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Garrett County Courthouse tax map and parcel 113-14-2469 and 110-14-1909

city, town Oakland liber and folio 84/203; 59/21; 112/139

## 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District  
 Contributing Resource in Local Historic District  
 Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
 Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
 Recorded by HABS/HAER  
 Historic Structure Report or Research report at MHT  
 Other:

## 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count		
			Contributing	Noncontributing	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u> buildings
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/ culture	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> sites
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> objects
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress		
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: public works		

**Number of Contributing Resources  
previously listed in the Inventory**

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## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

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

This is a one-story, three-bay-by-three-bay, L-plan hip-roofed frame building with a shed-roofed addition tucked into the junction between the two parts of the L. The building faces south-southeast and occupies a partially wooded and sloping site about three-quarters of a mile northeast of Oakland.

The main block rests on a poured concrete foundation, but the shed-roofed rear addition rests on a yellow brick foundation. The walls are clad in white aluminum siding finished with brown trim and flat brown wooden cornerboards, and the main block is topped with an asphalt-shingled hipped roof finished with exposed rafter feet, a wooden eave, and a wooden frieze board. Corrugated metal sheathes the roof of the addition. An interior metal stove pipe exits from the rear slope of the roof over the main block.

Windows are mostly single six-over-six, double-hung wooden sash finished with flat wooden surrounds and drip caps. A one-light fixed sash window lights the shed-roofed addition. The front and rear door openings both contain solid metal doors; the entrance into the shed-roofed addition contains a vertically-grooved wooden door. All door openings are finished with flat wooden surrounds and drip caps. No real porches are attached to the building. An open wooden stoop leads up to the rear entrance.

This building currently serves as the chlorine house for the water processing station and is still in good condition. Several more modern buildings stand nearby on the site. These include a *circa* 1960 yellow brick one-story flat-roofed main building, a large metal water tower, a large gable-roofed gable-fronted equipment storage building, a large one-story gable-roofed concrete-block storage building, and a long one-story gable-fronted, gable-roofed metal storage building. This entire complex is located within a chain-link fence enclosure at the end of a long curving road leading off from the main road.

Associated with the pumping station but located about a half-mile to the southeast are two large cylindrical concrete reservoir tanks. Each tank is built atop its own earthen mound, each consists of reinforced concrete walls, and each is topped with a partially domed reinforced concrete roof which forms a lipped rimlike projection on the side walls. Each tank roof is also topped with a central, cupola-like projection for an apparent vent or opening; each is also accessed by a tall metal ladder leading up a side wall. The westernmost tank bears a metal plaque that states that it was built in 1937 by the Cement Gun Company of Allentown, Pennsylvania, with the Chester Engineers of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania acting as consultants. The tank to the east also bears a plaque. This tank was built in 1909 with William Tunney of Joliet, Illinois as contractor and Penniman and Fairley, also of Joliet, as engineers. Both tanks now exhibit considerable spalling, several large horizontal cracks, and a great deal of efflorescence. The walls are so badly spalled in places that the metal reinforcing mesh embedded in the concrete has been exposed. Between the tanks is a tall metal antenna encircled by a square metal chain-link fence. To the east of the 1909 tank stands a modern metal gambrel-roofed shed. The tanks stand at the end of a grassy driveway.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**Specific dates** 1909 and 1937

**Builder/Architect** William Tunney; Penniman and Farley; Cement Gun Company; Chester Engineers

Evaluation for:

National Register     Maryland Register     not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual).

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## HISTORIC CONTEXT:

### **MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA**

Geographic Organization: Western Maryland

Chronological/Developmental Period(s): Industrial / Urban Dominance, A.D. 1870 - 1930  
Modern Period, A.D. 1930 - Present

Historic Period Theme(s): Industry

Resource Type:

Category: Buildings and Structures

Historic Environment: Suburban

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Original Pump House (now chlorine house) for Oakland Treatment Plant;  
also original water reservoir tanks

Known Design Source: None

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreege of property 51.71 and 0.74 acres

Acreege surveyed 51.71 and 0.74 acres

Quadrangle name Oakland, MD-WVA

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Parcel 2469, Map 113, Grid 14 and Parcel 1909, Map 110, Grid 14

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties 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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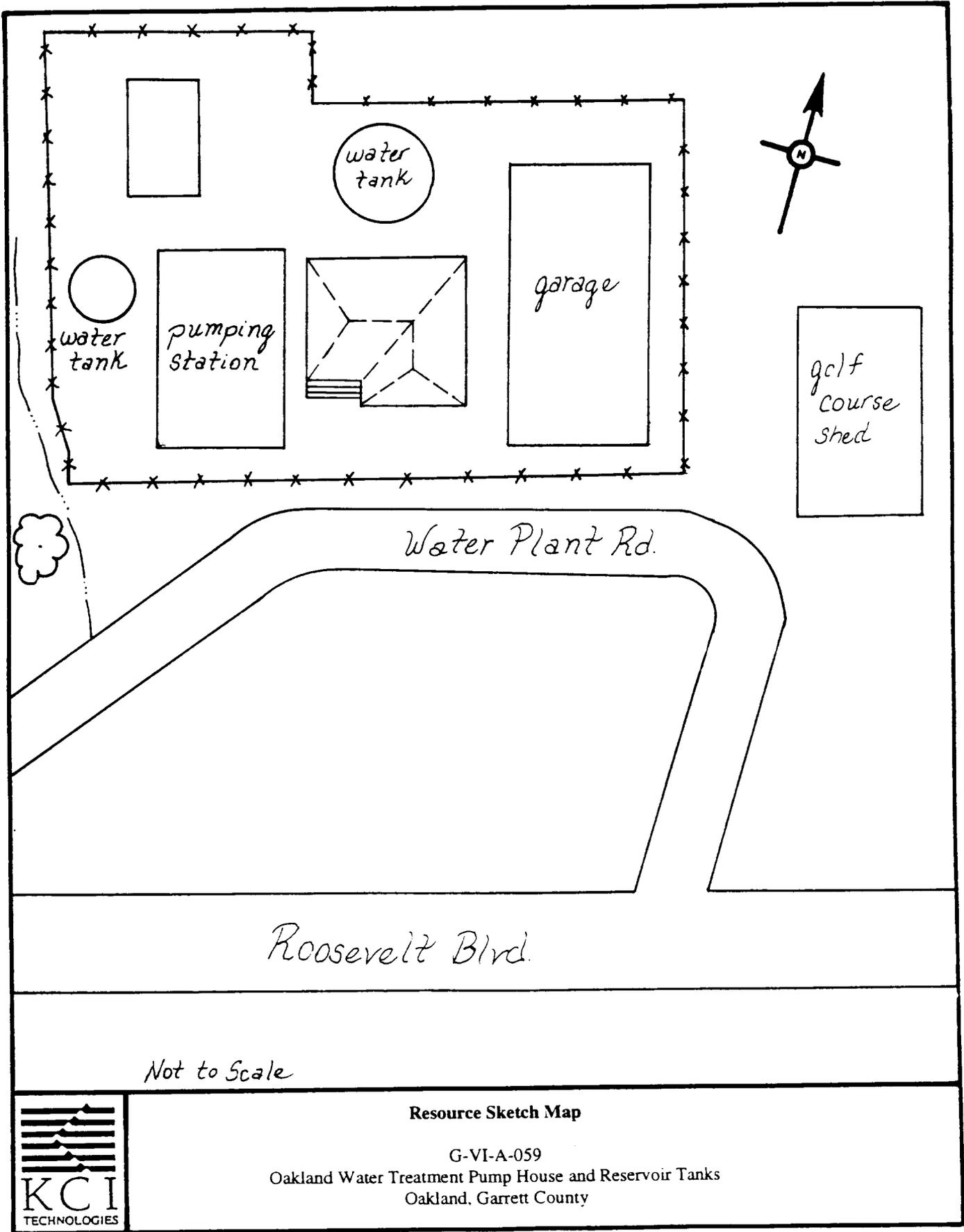
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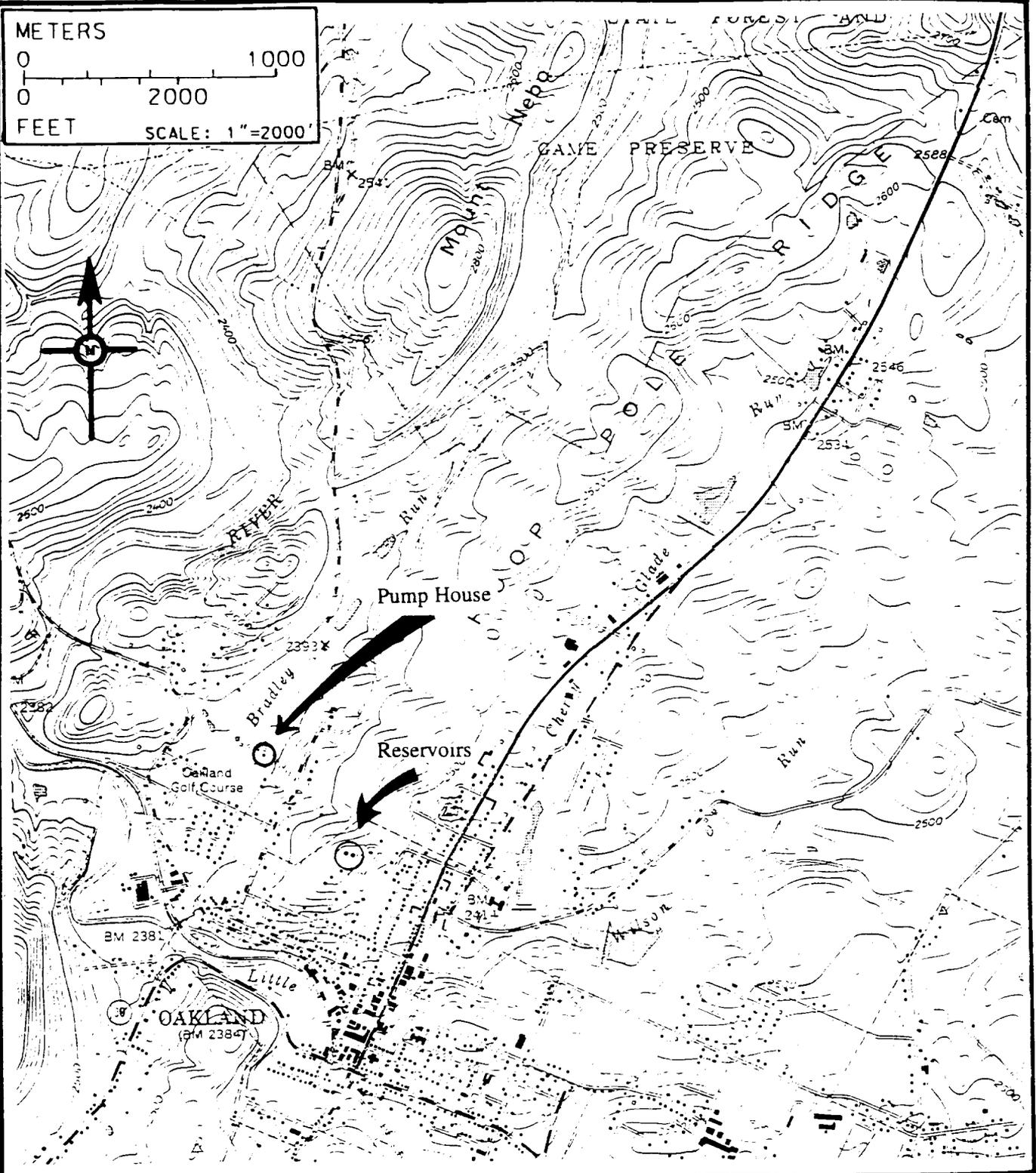
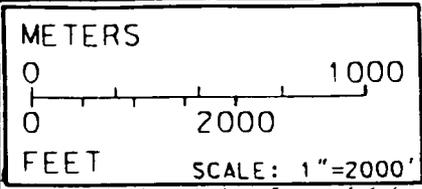
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**Resource Sketch Map**

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Oakland Water Treatment Pump House and Reservoir Tanks  
Oakland, Garrett County



**Location Map**

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Oakland Water Treatment Pump House and Reservoir Tanks

Oakland, Garrett County

Oakland, MD-WVA Quadrangle Map (USGS 1974)





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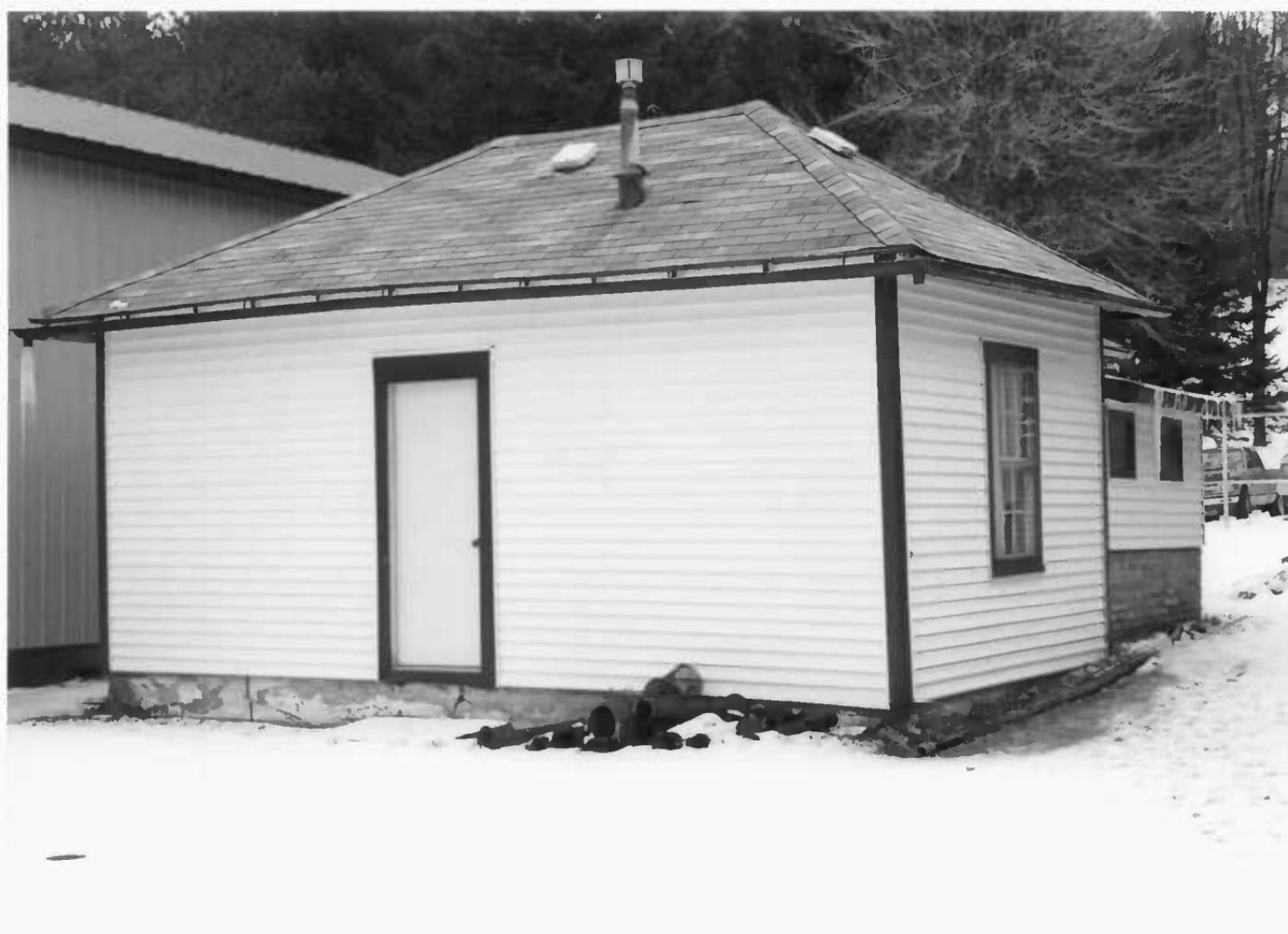
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