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

Property/District Name: NIKE Missile Battery Waldorf Survey Number: CH- 677

Project: Melwood Horticultural Training Center Agency: F/CDBG

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)  
In consultation with the Planning Division of the COE, the Trust determined that the NIKE Missile Battery at Waldorf was eligible for the National Register (see attached form). The same site is subject to another Section 106 Review. Charles Co. Government owns the site and is converting it to the Melwood Training Center using CDBG funds. The County submitted more extensive photographs which illustrate the changes that have occurred to the site. The primary intrusion of the site is the demolition and rebuilding of Building A and the streetscape improvements. Located between the launch control and the launch facility, a 1960s neighborhood has emerged, removing the spatial relationship between the launch and the control complexes. These alterations have substantially reduced the complex's historic integrity in all seven components. The Lauderick Creek NIKE Missile site (within APG, HA co.) retains a much higher degree of integrity. Therefore, this office reversed its determination; the NIKE Missile Battery in Waldorf is not eligible for the National Register.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: with this form and compliance project file for Melwood Training Center

Prepared by: Charles Co. Gov.

Lauren Bowlin October 14, 1994  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence:  yes  no  not applicable

R. Anderson 10-14-94  
Reviewer, NR program Date

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

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

- Subsistence
- Settlement
- Political
- Demographic
- Religion
- Technology
- Environmental Adaption

IV. Historic Period Themes:

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

V. Resource Type:

Category: buildings

Historic Environment: rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): defense/arms storage/fortification

Known Design Source: \_\_\_\_\_

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The NIKE Missile Battery in Waldorf is significant for its association with the Cold War and the advancement in military technology of the period. Constructed originally for NIKE-Ajax missiles, the facility converted 12 launches to Hercules missiles in 1958 and retained 20 Ajax missiles (the smaller, slower, weaker missile). Waldorf was one of approximately 17 NIKE sites in Maryland and Virginia established for the defense of Washington. Based on limited information, the battery appears to retain the original components of the original site location, design, setting and materials. The control and launch areas are characteristically separated by a half mile. The site is characterized by one-story concrete block buildings, flat roofs, large brick chimneys, wooden windows (currently boarded up). Currently owned by Charles County, the facility is accommodating a new use but one building has been demolished and others rehabilitated. Additional information about the site's current condition and use may require re-evaluation of the battery's eligibility. However, based on the current information, the battery retains integrity of location, design, setting, materials and feeling. I believe the Waldorf Battery is eligible for the National Register.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Vertical files "NIKE Missile Sites" in the Library, Maryland Historical Society Magazine, Fall 1985

Prepared by: Goodwin & Associates and unknown

L. Bowlin 29 July 1994  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence:  yes  no  not applicable

[Signature] 8-1-94  
Reviewer, NR program Date

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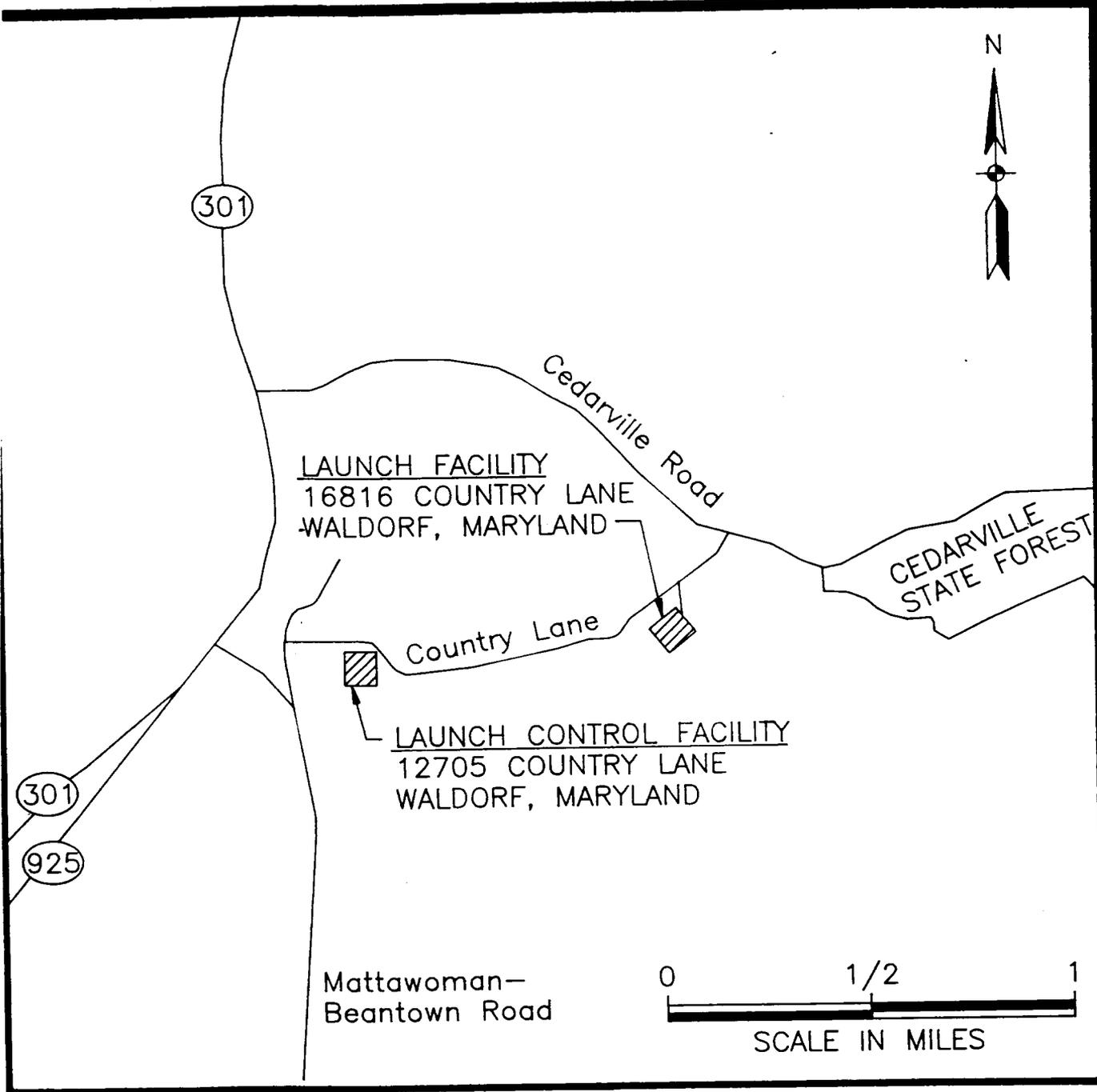
Category: buildings

Historic Environment: suburban

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): defense, arms storage & fortification

Known Design Source: U.S. Army

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VICINITY MAP

DETAIL SYMBOLS

DETAIL OR SECTION IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

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U S MILITARY RESERVATION  
GLOBECOM RADIO RECEIVING STATION

4283  
4282  
40'  
4281  
LA PLATA 10 MI.  
WALDORF 2 MI.  
4279  
4278  
290 000  
FEET  
4277  
38°37'30"  
76°52'30"



37 38 39 340 50'  
1840 000 FEET  
0.6 MI. TO MD. 382

Mapped by the Army Map Service



View of Building 'A' renovated during Phase 1.  
Retained original buildings shape and scale.  
Materials used to blend in with neighborhood.

Phase 2 buildings 'B', 'C', 'D' will look similar  
and will retain original building's scale, shape.

NIKE MISSILE

WALDORF

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View of neighborhood to north

NIKE MISSILE WALDORF

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1992-93 N. W. VIEW (L-R) FROM  
RADAR TOWER at BLDGS C-A & B;  
COUNTY LANE; and Neighborhood

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- 1992-93 Building D  
SOUTH WALL + EAST WALL

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Building 'B'

NIKE MISSILE BATTERY WALDORF

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View of Handley House in 1912



View of neighborhood to east

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- 1992-93 Bldg C REAR  
EAST WALL

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1992-93 Bldg. B REAR  
EAST WALL

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