

APPENDIX C – AGENCY COORDINATION – SECTION 106

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

October 10, 2019

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Beltsville Agricultural Research Center Safety, Occupational Health, and Environmental Staff
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Beltsville, MD 20705

Re: Beltsville Agricultural Research Center Building Demolitions
Prince George's County, MD

Dear Mr. Jackson:

Thank you for your recent letter, dated September 25, 2019 and received by the Maryland Historical Trust (Trust) on September 30, 2019, regarding the above-referenced initiative.

The letter states that USDA is preparing an Environmental Assessment pursuant to NEPA to address the proposed removal of buildings at the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC) and requested information relevant to our agency's area of expertise - cultural resources (historic and archeological sites). In conjunction with its NEPA efforts, USDA/BARC will need to consult with the Trust, Maryland's State Historic Preservation Office, and consider the undertaking's effects on historic and archeological properties, pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. We appreciate the opportunity to provide input on this initiative and offer the following preliminary comments.

USDA/BARC has completed extensive efforts to identify its historic resources over the last 20+ years, in consultation with the Trust. The entire Beltsville Agricultural Research Center, recorded in the Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties as PG: 62-14, is a historic district which BARC determined eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places in 1998, with concurrence from the Trust. The Determination of Eligibility documentation provides a succinct statement of the property's significance:

The BARC is eligible under Criterion A as an important site which reflects the development of a national center for agricultural experimentation and testing. It is the main research facility of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and is the leading and most diversified agricultural research complex in the world. Government acquisition began in 1910, and grew rapidly with the Depression-era programs of the 1930s and 1940s. Included within the complex are areas for the Beltsville Human Nutrition Research Center, the Livestock and Poultry Science Institute, the Natural Resources Institute, and Plant Sciences Institute. The diversity of the scientific research conducted at BARC has influenced many aspects of 20th century living for the farmer as well as the consumer. The history and development of the agricultural research facility reflects New Deal policies and programs. The Beltsville Agricultural Research Center is also eligible under Criterion C. Because the mission of the facility has remained constant over the years, the landscape reflects a strong level of integrity. The physical appearance of BARC was strongly influenced in the 1930s by the planning team of A.D. Taylor, landscape architect, and Delos Smith, architect. The Civilian Conservation Corps and the individual bureaus at BARC played important roles in shaping the landscape as well. Contributing elements of the landscape include major paved roads, including Powder Mill Road, minor service roads, field and research crops, pasture lands, seasonal ponds, forests, sustainable meadows, other landscape features, and buildings.

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In addition to its historic buildings and landscape elements, the BARC facility contains numerous inventoried archeological sites, as well as the likely potential for sites that have not yet been identified, reflecting the property's long span of human occupation and uses from prehistoric through historic time periods.

The recent letter provided few details regarding the proposed demolitions and only a general overview map of the campus. Many of the buildings slated for demolition are likely historic resources that contribute to the district. The exact nature, extent, and specific locations of the proposed demolitions remains unknown to our agency at this time. Nevertheless, the anticipated demolition program will certainly have an effect on BARC's historic properties.

Under Section 106, BARC has the responsibility to consider the effects of its undertakings on historic properties and to consult with the Trust, as well as other interested parties, to develop effective ways to avoid, minimize, or mitigate, any adverse effects on historic properties. We await formal initiation of the Section 106 consultation from USDA/BARC for this undertaking. The submittal should provide essential information and details regarding the undertaking (description, maps, list of involved buildings, status of the buildings' National Register eligibility, alternatives under consideration, and plans to notify consulting parties and the public) pursuant to the procedures in the Section 106 regulations 36 CFR Part 800.

We look forward to further consultation with USDA/BARC and other involved parties to successfully complete the Section 106 review of the proposed building demolition initiative. If you have questions or need further assistance, please contact me at beth.cole@maryland.gov or 410-697-9541. Thank you for providing us this opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,



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Re: Determination of Eligibility for Multiple Sites (Groups 2 & 3)
Beltsville Agricultural Research Center
Review for Effects on Historic Properties


Dear Mr. Ford:

Thank you for contacting the Maryland Historical Trust (MHT) about Beltsville Agriculture Research Center (BARC). Thirty-seven (37) completed Determination of Eligibility (DOE) forms for forty-six (46) structures prepared by AECOM were received by MHT on March 30, 2018. The DOE form is an important tool used in Maryland to identify and evaluate historic properties. MHT has carefully reviewed the DOE forms and all other available information and are writing in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and the Maryland Historical Trust Act, §§ 5A-325 and 5A-326 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

We appreciate BARC's ongoing efforts to collect information about historic properties located within Maryland. The completed DOE forms and required attachments were well written and reasoned. We agreed with the majority of preparers determinations for the 46 structures (complete list of determinations attached). Of the 46 structures evaluated, 31 were determined eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places (National Register) under criteria A and C as contributing resources to the National Register-eligible Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (PG:62-14). Additionally, one (1) structure was determined eligible for listing on the National Register only under criterion A as a contributing resource to the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center and two (2) structures were determined eligible for listing on the National Register only under criterion C. Three (3) structures were determined not eligible for the listing on the National Register either individually or as a contributing resource.

We look forward to receiving information on upcoming undertakings at the site. If you have any questions or we may be of further assistance, please contact Natalie Loukianoff at natalie.loukianoff@maryland.gov / 410-697-9587. Thank you again for providing us this opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,


Elizabeth Hughes
Director, Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Preservation Officer

Enclosure: List of Structures
EH/NSL/201801657

CC: Don Reynolds (BARC)
Mark Edwards (AECOM)

Claudette Joyner (BARC)
Lala Matties (AECOM)

Group 2

Building Number	Building Name	MIHP Number	Eligible as Contributing Resource to Beltsville agricultural Research Center	Eligible Under Criterion A	Eligible Under Criterion C
471	Garage	PG: 62-50	No		
472	Spray Mixing Shed	PG:62-51	Yes	X	
473	Mushroom House	PG:62-52	Yes	X	X
474	Mushroom House	PG:62-52	Yes	X	X
475	Mushroom House	PG:62-53	Yes	X	X
476	Entomology Laboratory A	PG:62-54	Yes	X	X
485	Storage Shed	PG:62-55	Yes	X	X
541C	Hog House	PG:64-24	Yes	X	X
541D	Hog House	PG:64-24	Yes	X	X
1002	Feed Barn	PG:67-50	Yes	X	X
1005	Pen Barn	PG:67-51	Yes	X	X
1052	Chemical Storage Building	PG:67-52	Yes	X	X
1053	Storage Building	PG:67-53	Yes	X	X
1062	Horse and Cattle Barn	PG:67-54	Yes	X	X
1063	Horse and Cattle Barn	PG:67-55	Yes	X	X
1064	Horse and Cattle Barn	PG:67-55	Yes	X	X
1100	Parasitological Laboratory	PG:67-56	Yes	X	X
1104	Field Pen	PG:67-57	Yes	X	X
1120	Pathological Laboratory	PG:67-58	Yes	X	X
1168	Water Pumping House, Well 9	PG:67-59	Yes		X
1183	Water Pumping House, Well 10	PG:67-60	Yes		X
1287	Poultry Laboratory	PG:67-61	Yes	X	X
1289	Poultry Laboratory	PG:67-61	Yes	X	X
1292	Poultry Laboratory	PG:67-61	Yes	X	X

Group 3

Building Number	Building Name	MIHP Number	Eligible as Contributing Resource to Beltsville agricultural Research Center	Eligible Under Criterion A	Eligible Under Criterion C
085A	Granary Service Building	PG: 67-62	Yes	X	X
1070	Superintendent's House	PG:67-63	Yes	X	X
1071	Superintendent's Garage	PG:67-63	Yes	X	X
1073	Foreman's House Garage	PG:67-64	Yes	X	X
1328	Colony Brooder House	PG:67-65	Yes	X	X
1329	Colony Brooder House	PG:67-65	Yes	X	X
1422	Swine Research Laboratory	PG:67-66	Yes	X	X
1425	Swine Products Barn	PG:67-67	Yes	X	X
236	Poultry Record of Performance Brooder House	PG:62-56	Yes	X	X
261	Boiler House	PG:62-57	Yes	X	X
262	Poultry Fattening Laboratory	PG:62-58	Yes	X	X
263	Poultry Physiological Laboratory	PG:62-59	Yes	X	X
452	Radio Shed	PG:62-60	No		
467	Entomology C Building	PG:62-61	Yes	X	X
468	Laboratory C Annex	PG:62-62	Yes	X	X
470	Entomology Greenhouse	PG:62-63	Yes	X	X
470B	Quonset Insecticide Storage Building	PG:62-64	Yes	X	X
470C	Garage	PG:62-65	No		
487	Walk-in-Boxes	PG:62-66	Yes	X	X
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543	Main Dog Kennel	PG:64-25	Yes	X	X
543A	Animal Shed	PG:64-25	Yes	X	X



PROJECT REVIEW FORM

Request for Comments from the Maryland Historical Trust/
MDSHPO on State and Federal Undertakings

MHT USE ONLY	
Date Received: <u>9/28/15</u>	Log Number: <u>F USDA JES - see list</u>

Submit hard copy of form and all attachments to:
Beth Cole, MHT, 100 Community Place, Crownsville, MD 21032

Print Form

Section A: General Project Information

Project Name Demolish Buildings 203B, 327A, 435A, 470A, 470AA through 470JJ, and 471-BAD County Prince George's

This is a new submittal OR This is additional information related Project Log Number:

Section B: Primary Contact Information

Contact Name Claudette Joyner Company/Agency US. Department of Agricultural

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Section C: Description of Undertaking

Location - Attach a map, preferably a section of a USGS quad, showing the location and boundaries of the project

Address 10300 Baltimore Avenue City/Vicinity Beltsville, Maryland

List all federal and state agencies / programs (funding, permits, licenses) involved in this project (e.g. Bond Bill Loan of 2009, Chapter #; Transportation Enhancement Grant; HUD/CDBG; MDE/COE permit; etc.).	Agency Type	Agency/Program/Permit Name	Project/Permit/Tracking Number (if applicable)
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Federal	USDA
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Proposed Work - Attach project description, scope of work, site plans / drawings

This project includes (check all applicable): New Construction Demolition Remodeling/Rehabilitation

This project involves: State or Federal Rehabilitation Tax Credits
 Properties subject to an easement held by MHT, MET, or another entity

Section D: Identification of Historic Properties

This project involves: Properties designated as historic by a local government, listed in the National Register, or included in Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties

Property/District Name PG: 62-14 Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC)

The subject property has has not been the subject of previous archeological, architectural, or historical investigations.

Please describe These building post-date the historic district's period of significance and less than 50 years age. These non-contributing buildings are listed above.

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Conditions - Attach a brief description of past and present conditions of the project area (wooded, mined, developed, agricultural uses, etc) including construction dates of buildings, if known.

MHT Determination MHT Reviewer: Jynthia Sage Date: 10/1/15

There are NO HISTORIC PROPERTIES in the area of potential effect The project will have NO ADVERSE EFFECT WITH CONDITIONS

The project will have NO EFFECT on historic properties MHT REQUESTS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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There are no present or future needs for these buildings. All aforementioned buildings have serious deficiencies in one or more areas such as: lack of structural integrity, mechanical and electrical deficiencies, obsolete architectural programmatic layout, environmental concerns, and cannot be upgraded to meet current animal housing and human life safety codes. These buildings have been abandoned for many years and have turned into dilapidated and unsafe structures. The sewer lines too many of our buildings have deteriorated and collapsed. BARC continues to monitor to ensure it does not create any hazards.

BARC is committed in responding to previous Demolition project that still pending reference in a February 26, 2014 letter by the Maryland Historical Trust (MHT). BARC is in the process of procuring a consultant firm to work with BARC who meets the qualified architectural historian, preservationist, or historian to satisfy the Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of those previously submitted projects. Also, due to the overload of projects we will have to update MHT in 2016 on the pending proposed undertakings for Section 106 for the restoration work for Buildings 203D, 513-513A and 1083.

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BARC Demolition	Building 203B	201504251	-2n9
	Buildig 327A	201504252	-2n9
	Building 435A	201504253	-2n9
	Buildy 470A	201504254	-2n9
	Buildy 470AA	201504255	-2n9
	470 BB	201504256	-2n9
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	470 DD	201504258	-2n9
	470 EE	201504259	-2n9
	470 FF	201504260	-2n9
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	470 II	201504263	-2n9
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