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Bethesda community rallies to save African-American burial ground


[Kathy Stewart](#) | [@KStewartWTOP](#)
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On Sunday, community members rallied at Macedonia Baptist Church on River Road in a show of support to save the site of an African-American burial ground in Bethesda, Maryland. (WTOP/Kathy Stewart) (WTOP/Kathy Stewart)



Crime & Safety

Protesters Demanding Cemetery Site Protection Arrested

Four arrests were made at a meeting in Kensington after attendees refused to stop protesting development at a historically black cemetery.

By Alessia Grunberger, Patch Staff
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KENSINGTON, MD — Four members and supporters of the Macedonia Baptist Church were arrested at a public forum in Kensington on Wednesday after they refused to stop protesting future development at a historically black cemetery.

Md Politics

Montgomery to inventory cemeteries, help shield them from development

By **Rachel Chason**

October 31, 2017

The Montgomery County Council voted unanimously on Tuesday to inventory and protect old cemeteries that could be affected by new development.

[The legislation](#) directs the county's Planning Board to create a list of burial sites, to be updated at least annually. It also amends county law to require applicants who want to subdivide a property to research the boundaries of burial sites on their land and, in most cases, protect them from development.

Officials said the bill could help avoid what seems to [have happened](#) in Bethesda's Westbard neighborhood in the 1960s, when the construction of a high-rise apartment building probably disturbed an African American cemetery.

A proposal to redevelop the site has drawn attention to that little-known history, prompting [protests and demands from a nearby African American church](#) to halt the development project and memorialize the cemetery.

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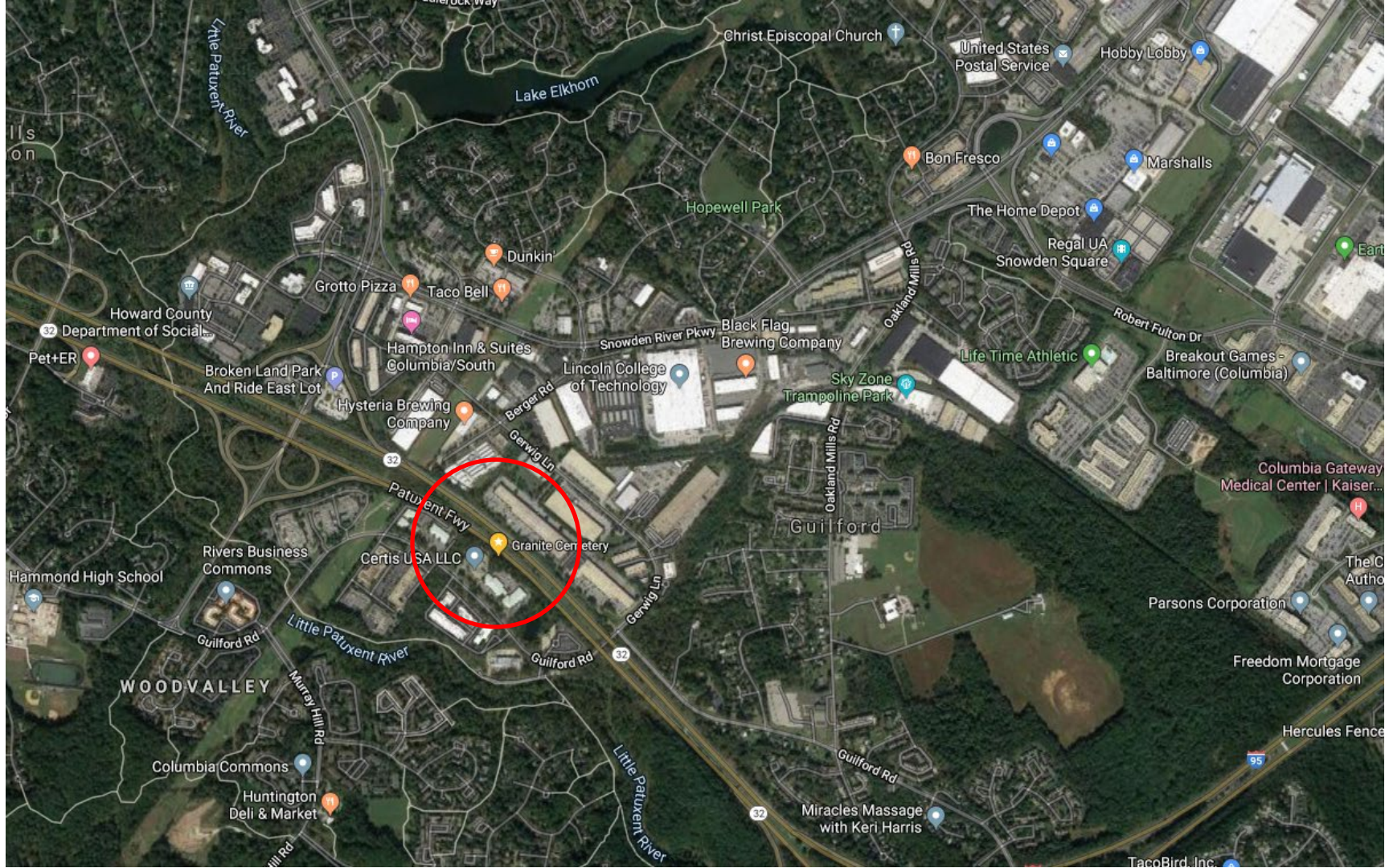
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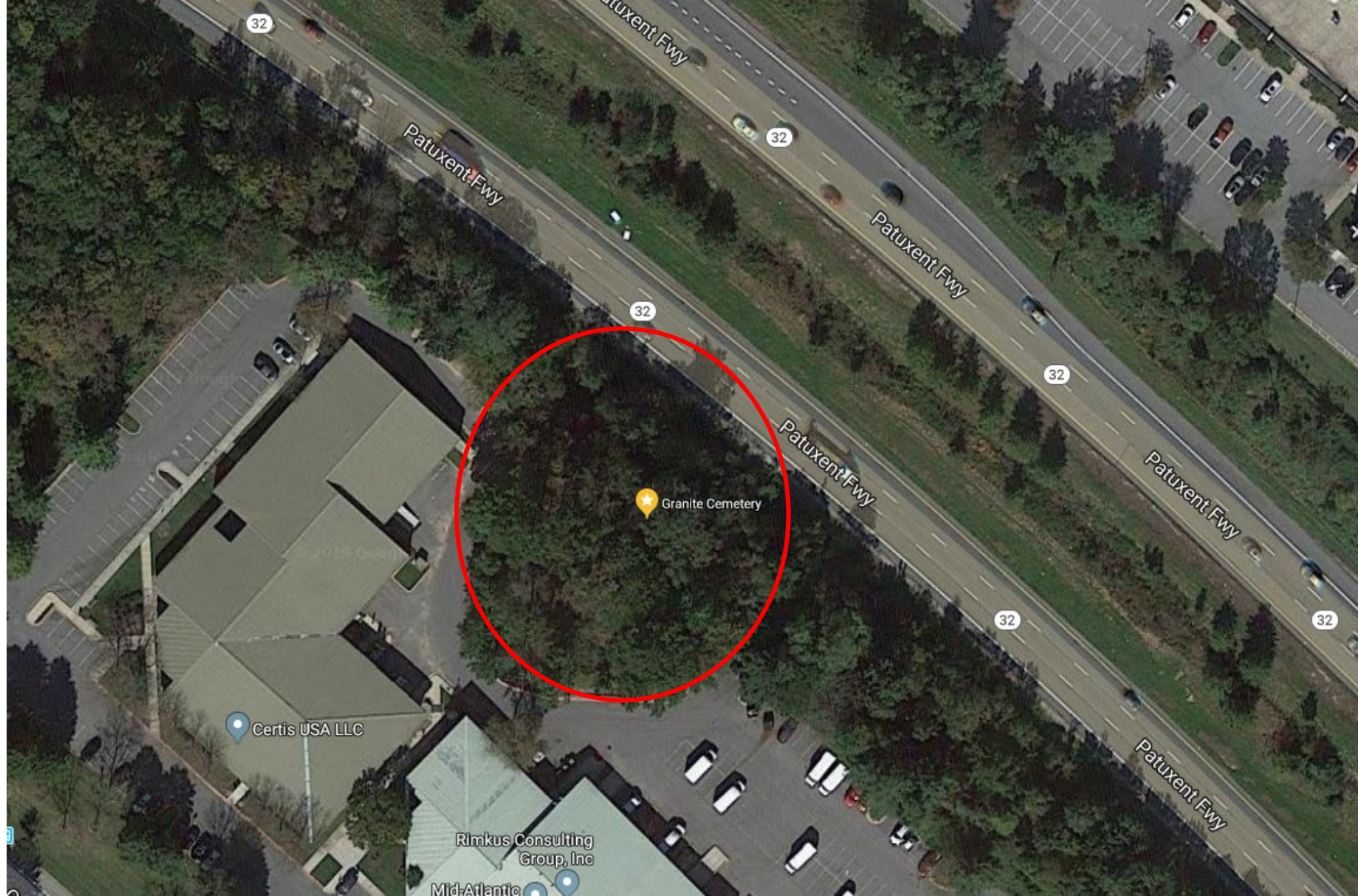


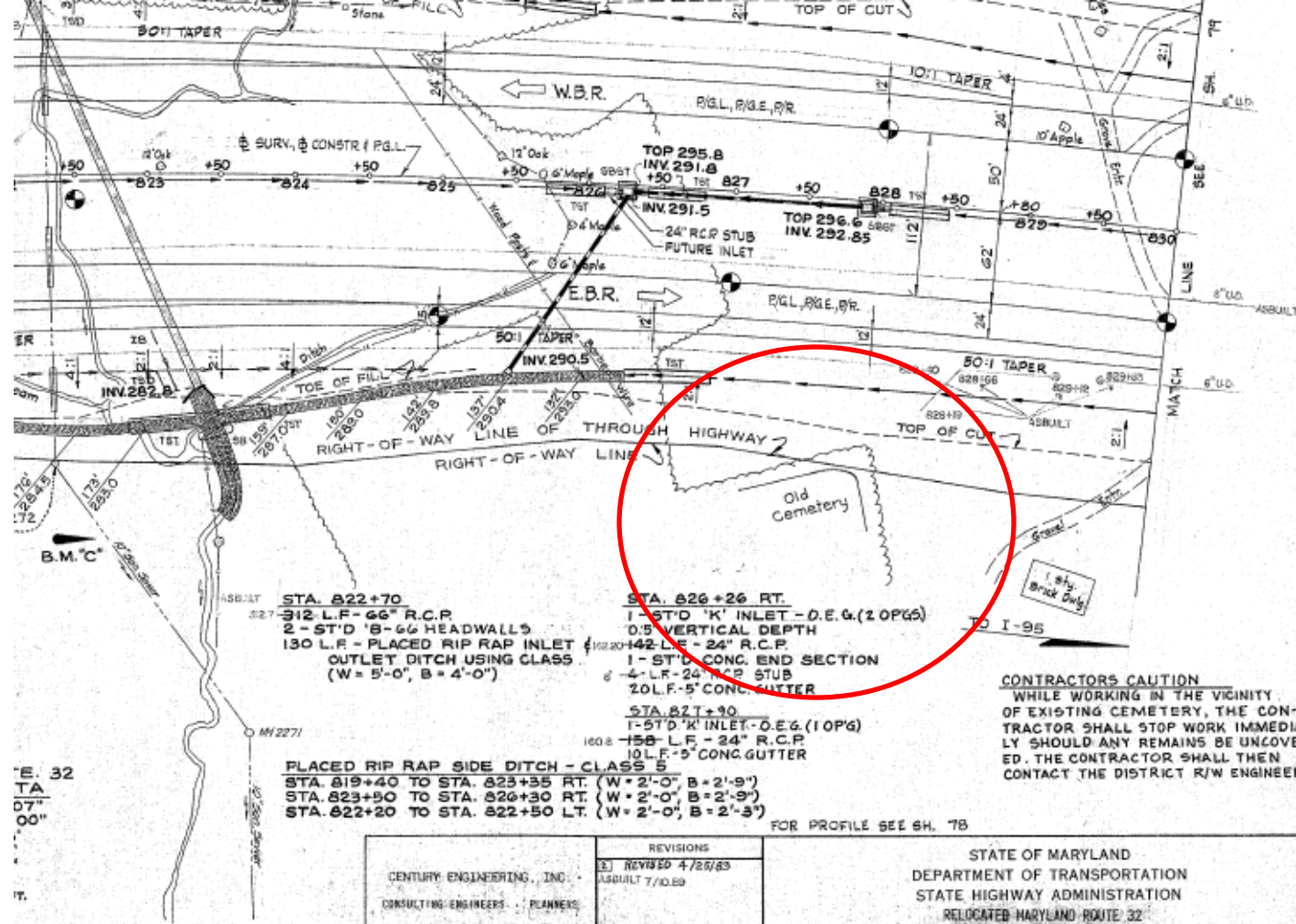
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Why MDOT SHA?

- ❖ No statewide database of burial grounds
- ❖ Level of documentation varies from County to County
- ❖ Some counties have extensive private databases
- ❖ State Highway has legal authority that extends throughout the state, and continuous demand for up - to - date planning information



Why GIS?

- ❖ Researching and recording cemeteries is labor -intensive
- ❖ Modest resources available at State, County, Local level
- ❖ Mobile devices mean most people already have powerful and compatible technology to record location and data in their pocket
- ❖ Cemetery survey and documentation is *already* ongoing across the state by individuals and groups.



- ◆ Project started in February to document 100 cemeteries across the state
- ◆ Prioritizing abandoned, undocumented, or unmaintained cemeteries

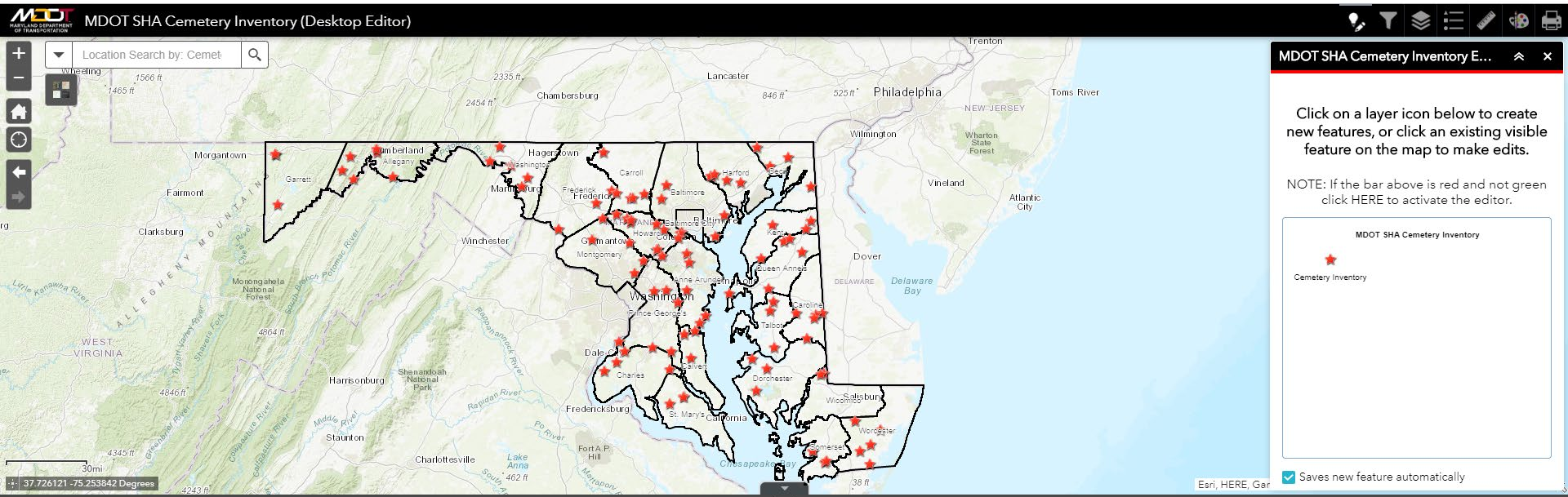


Hammond Family Cemetery, New Market, Frederick County. March 20 19.



Moxley Family Cemetery, Damascus, Montgomery County. May 20 19.

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	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q
1	ID	County	Name	Address	Coord	Location Info	Description	Notes	Source	Property owner							
2	1	AA	Beasley/Beasley Grave	Millersville, MD 21108	39.099161, -76.627731	Located at the side of the northbound land of route 97 across from Maxwell Road) at the veterans Highway intersection. Behind Hella's Resturant near the Anne Arundel Police Dept. on the slope to Rt. 97	A single marble headstone flush with ground	Was discovered during construction, removed by worker, later reburied when he was haunted. That's the story anyway.	Tina Simmons	STATE OF MARYLAND HWY ADM C/O DIST CHIEF SHA 138 DEFENSE HWY ANNAPOLIS MD 21401							
3	2	AA	Carters U.M. Church	6715 Old Solomons Island Rd, Tracys Landing, MD 20779	38.740265, -76.598872	N. of Rt. 261, on E. side of a small park	Afr.-Am. Church, burials on N. side of church near road	Burials recorded on Find-a-grave, but not location	Tina Simmons	CARTERS UNITED METHOD P O BOX 85 TRACEYS LANDING MD 20779							
4	3	AA	Jenifer/Junifer Family Cemetery	Shadyside, MD	38.821737, -76.515519	SW corner of Rt. 468 and unnamed road. According to Gibb's survey, 2 locations of graves. The 3 location sprovided are possible locations of either cemetery, based on maps and notes from survey	Single headstone one location, possible multiple headstones at second location	Afr.-Am. Cemetery, no markers, possible burials near road, has had archeologist (Gibb) survey	Gibbs, Tina Simmons	DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES 580 TAYLOR AVE TAWES STATE OFFICE BLDG ANNAPOLIS MD 21401							
5	4	AA	Mewshaw Family Cemetery	Glen Burnie, MD	39.146845, -76.644614	On E. side of NB Rt. 97, 1/4 mi. N. of Quarterfield Rd. underpass	Family cemetery it trees in buffer between Rt. 97 and office complex	Cemetery in woods of back parking for Landmark Dr, overgrown, and has the remnants of a homeless camp among the stones. There more rough fieldstone markers that have no inscriptions	Tina Simmons	STATE OF MARYLAND HWY ADM C/O DIST CHIEF SHA 138 DEFENSE HWY ANNAPOLIS MD 21401							
6	5	AA	Phipps Burial	639 Deale Rd., Deale, MD	38.781828, -76.556304	#639 Deale Rd. at corner of Deale Pl., by tree	Single headstone w/2 names. Both d. 1904		Tina Simmons	HARDESTY RICHARD G 639 DEALE RD DEALE MD 20751							
7	6	AA	Watkins Slave Cemetery	Davidsonville, MD	38.955857, -76.645502	Rt. 424 E. of Rt. 50 on S. side of road before service road intersection with Davidsonville Rd. Within ROW	Slave cemetery reinterred at Mt. Tabor cemetery in Crownsville.	Possibly additional missed burials remain.	Tina Simmons	STATE OF MARYLAND HWY ADM C/O DIST CHIEF SHA 138 DEFENSE HWY ANNAPOLIS MD 21401							
8	7	AG	Eckhart Family Cemetery	17610 NATIONAL PIKE, Eckhart Mines, MD	39.65081, 78.90695	This cemetery is located down over the hill from the Food Lion Market, off of old route 40.	7 graves		Find-a-Grave	ALLEGANY COAL-LAND CO, PO BOX 410, Frostburg, MD 21532							
9	8	AG	Hoadley Cemetery		39.544480, -78.619450	East on Route 51 in Oldtown area, just beyond third house past Veterans of Foreign Wars (V-F.W.) on right side of highway.	Enclosed by three foot concrete wall with wire gate. Fairly well kept circa 1985. 3 graves, 5 markers?		Rural Cem AG CO + Find a grave	Ownership info unclear, no entry in MD stat. Get in touch with adjacent Old Town Fire department?							
10	9	AG	Hoblitzell Cemetery		39.674167, -78.729167	Located in the interior of the interchange for I-68 and Naves Cross Road (Exit 46) bounded by Christie Road on the east, I-68 on the south, the ramp from westbound I-68 to Naves Cross Road on the south and west, and Naves Cross Road and a park and ride lot on the north. The cemetery is on east-facing strongly sloping ground in the wooded interior, more or less due S of the intersection of Eastman Road with Naves Cross Road.	The cemetery has been abandoned for some time and is overgrown. It is being used as a geocache site. There is one standing tombstone for Jacob Hoblitzell, and two fallen tombstones for Roby family members, that appear to have been placed together after the tombstones fell. There are other unmarked/minimally marked and natural stones in the vicinity that may be also be grave markers. There are almost certainly unmarked graves present.	It is best accessed from the west side of Christie Road on the north side of the I-68 overpass, by following the base of the I-68 ramp toward Naves Cross Road.	Ebright	STATE OF MARYLAND HWY ADM C/O DIST CHIEF SHA 138 DEFENSE HWY ANNAPOLIS MD 21401							
10	10	AG	Hutson		39.53431, -	Located on Route 220-South, at Rawlings,	47 graves		Rural	MCCARTY EVELYN LE							
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MDOT SHA Cemetery Inventory

Options

Filter by map extent

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Inventory ID	Name	Address	Approximate Area	Category	Specify other Category	Setting/location description	Setting/location notes	General condition	General condition notes	Accessibility	Specify other Accessibility	Is the cemetery active (recent burials)?	Is the cemetery being maintained?	If maintained, note caretaker's name	Are there visible markers?	Approximate number of burials/visible markers	Markers Start Date	Markers End Date
	France Family Graves	2240 Rt. 97, Cookville, MD	50ft N/S by 50ft E/W	African_American		Suburban	40ft from MD-97 in Cookville, to the left of the log cabin.	Good	Kept up by family(?) older headstones are broken or missing			Yes	Minimal		Yes	7 visible markers, 12 burials	1886	2016
	Looking Glass Farm Graves	15307 Frederick Road Woodbine, MD	50 ft N/S by 50ft E/W	Family		Suburban	About 150 ft from Frederick Rd/ MD-144 on Breezy Willow Farm	Fair	In cleared area, several headstones are broken			No	Minimal		Yes	5 visible markers, 6 burials	1855	1881

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Cemetery: Hoblitzell Cemetery

Inventory ID

Name

Address

Approximate Area

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Specify other Category

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Hoblitzell Cemetery

12800 Naves Cross Rd NE

Cumberland, MD 21502

50ft N/S by 100 ft E/W

Family

Rural

Located in interior of interchange for I-68 and Rt 144, overgrown woods behind a Park & Ride. No visible paths to cemetery.

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Is the cemetery active (recent burials)?

Is the cemetery being maintained?

If maintained, note caretaker's name

Are there visible markers?

Approximate number of burials/visible markers

Markers Start Date

Markers End Date

Narrative Description

Historical Summary

Land Owner Name

Land Owner Contact Information

Surveyor Name

Survey Date

Additional Notes

Additional Resources

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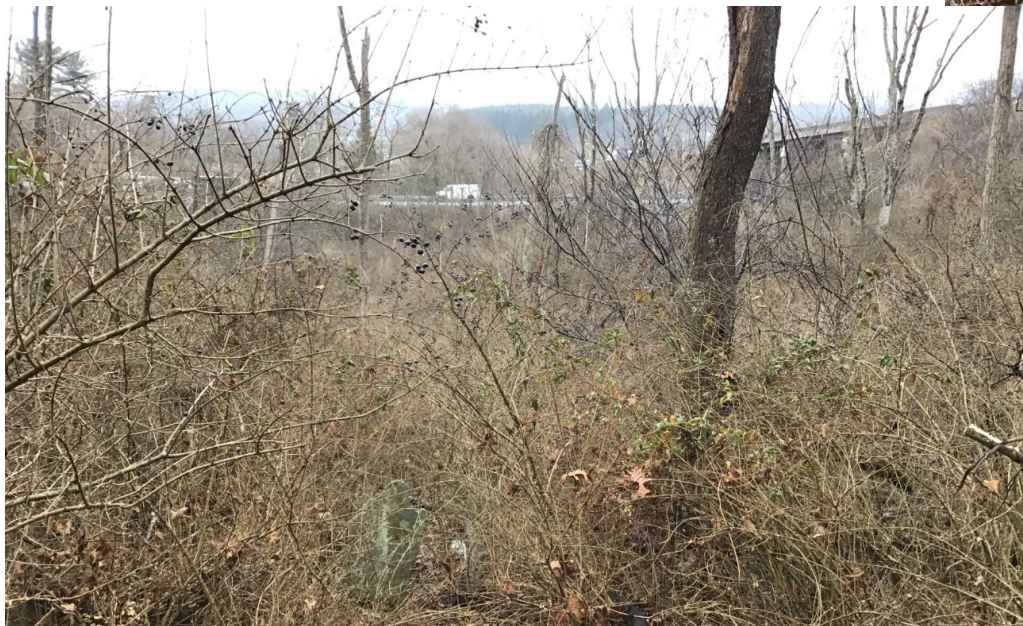
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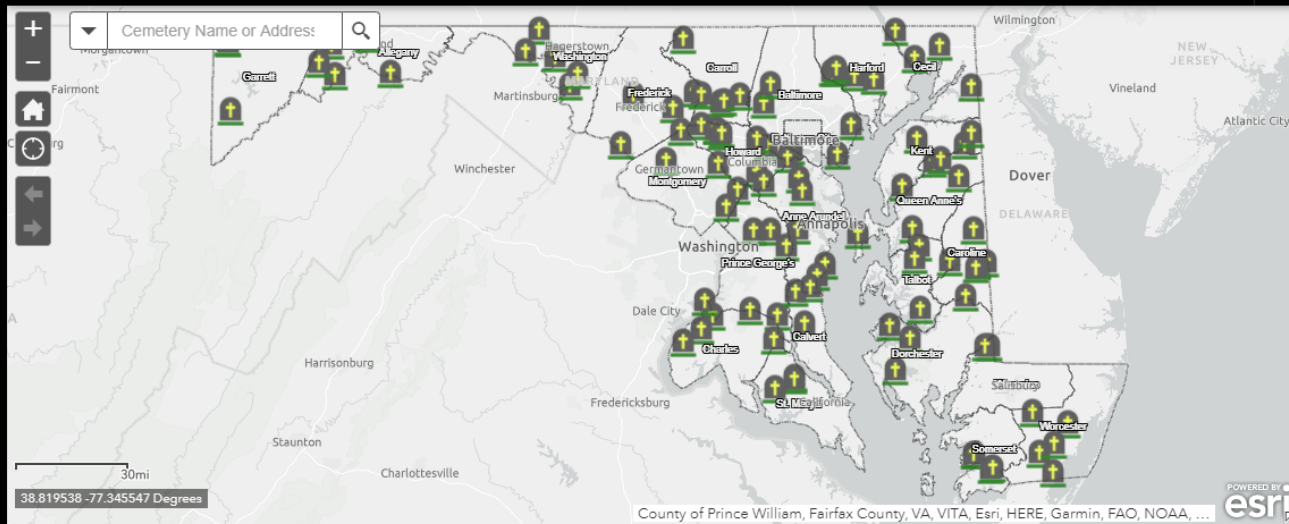


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BURIAL SITE INFORMATION

Inventory ID

Inventory ID is for Office Only Use

Name *

Address *

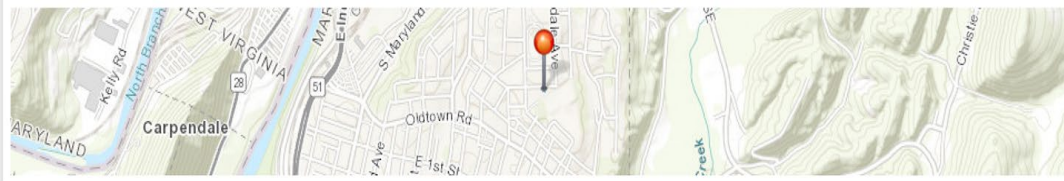
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e.g. 50ft N/S by 200ft E/W

Cemetery Location *

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39.640°N 78.748°W ± 10 m

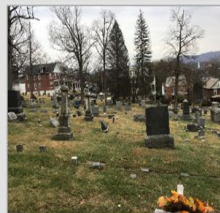


Burial Site Photo





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Burial site photo name *

Rose hill-1



Burial site photo description *

Site overview facing E



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BURIAL SITE TYPE

Category *



Religious



Community



Private





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BURIAL SITE EVALUATION

Setting/location description *

☐

Rural

☒

Urban

☐

Suburban

Setting/location notes *



General condition *

Select **Excellent** if cemetery is mowed, formal landscaping, no damaged markers. Select **Good** if cemetery is mowed, some landscaping, few damaged markers. Select **Fair** if cemetery is mowed, no formal landscaping, some damaged markers. Select **Poor** if majority of markers damaged, no formal landscaping, somewhat overgrown. Select **Not Maintained** if cemetery is completely overgrown, may only have 1 or 2 visible or legible markers, no evidence of cleaning or maintenance.

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Excellent

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Good

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Fair

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Poor

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Not Maintained

General condition notes *



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Accessibility *



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Accessibility *

- ☒ Car
- ☐ Foot
- ☐ Inaccessible
- ☐ Other

Is the cemetery active (recent burials)? *

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

Is the cemetery being maintained? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ Minimal
- ☐ No

Are there visible markers? *

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

Approximate number of burials/visible markers *

e.g. 10 burials, 3 visible markers



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Are there visible markers? *

☒ Yes☐ No

Approximate number of burials/visible markers *

e.g. 10 burials, 3 visible markers

7495 visible markers, 8000 burials



Markers Start Date

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Markers End Date

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2019



Narrative Description *

e.g markers, materials, arrangement, landscaping/vegetation, fence, paths and roads, etc.

Markers are arranged in rows with family mausoleums interspersed throughout the cemetery. Trees and bushes are planted throughout. T



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Historical Summary

Provide a short historical background summary based on office research and existing info...



BURIAL SITE CONTACT



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Historical Summary

Provide a short historical background summary based on office research and existing info...

Land was given to Emmanuel Episcopal in the 1840s because the cemetery at old Fort Cumberland had to be reinterred.



BURIAL SITE CONTACT

Land Owner Name *

Vestry of Emmanuel Episcopal Parish



Land Owner Contact Information *

301-722-5480



BURIAL SITE SURVEYOR

Surveyor Name *

Caroline Herritt



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Survey Date *

The survey date is automatically set to today's date.

Tuesday, November 19, 2019



COMMENTS

Additional Notes



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Thank You!

- ◆ If you have any questions, please contact me (Alexander Keim) at:
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