



Maryland Fort Howard

Facility and Location

Fort Howard was built as part of the defense of Baltimore, which included Endicott Period weaponry. Fort Howard was used as headquarters for the Coastal Artillery Corps and active from 1898 to 1926. Standard practice at that time called for mining in conjunction with the coastal defense. Armament at the fort included artillery, controlled underwater mines, and small arms. Fort Howard was used as a military infantry training post from 1926 until its decommissioned and closure in 1940. In the military lull preceding World War II, the fort was declared excess and transferred to the General Services Administration and subsequently transferred to the Veterans Administration (VA) as a site for a VA Medical Center. In 1955, the VA returned 61 acres of the eastern portion of the site to the Army and jurisdiction to Fort Holabird. In the mid-1960s, Fort Holabird constructed a mock Vietnamese village for counter intelligence training. In 1973, the Army declared the site excess to their needs and returned 61 acres to the VA. The VA also declared it excess and Baltimore County purchased the land and opened the Fort Howard Waterside Park.

Media Sampled and Findings

Soil — In 2008, four samples reported no detection.

Appropriate Actions

Not Applicable. All samples were below the EPA and DoD Preliminary Remediation Goal of 15 ppb.