



Public Notice

Proposed Demolition of Building 190, Fort Detrick Boiler Plant U.S. Army Garrison Fort Detrick Frederick, Maryland

All Interested Parties: The U.S. Army Garrison Fort Detrick (Fort Detrick) is proposing to demolish the Boiler Plant, Building 190 at Fort Detrick located in Frederick, Maryland, and is reviewing this action in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. The Boiler Plant was constructed in 1952 and is eligible for listing on the National Register for Historic Places (NRHP). It is understood by Ft. Detrick that the demolition of the Boiler Plant is an "adverse effect" to a historic property; however, no other potential reuse of the building is viable.

Currently, the structural integrity of the building is failing. Using the building as a centralized steam plant is economically unfeasible and inefficient which results in excess air emissions to the detriment of the environment. Fort Detrick has examined whether the building could be adaptively reused for other purposes, and it was determined that the building was unsuitable for any other function that supports the mission of the military. The Boiler Plant was permanently closed August 25, 2018. Once the building has been demolished, the area will be converted into green space to meet Maryland's Department of Environment compliance requirements for necessary storm water management and water quality credits.

To mitigate the loss of the historic property, Fort Detrick is working with the Maryland State Historic Preservation Office (MDSHPO) to determine what mitigation actions would be appropriate. The mitigations agreed to will be recorded in a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) that the Fort Detrick Garrison Commander and the (MDSHPO) shall sign.

This Public Notice is being sent out to organizations and individuals that could have an interest in consulting on this undertaking. Please submit comments and/or questions within 30 days of the date of this notice to: Joseph Gortva by phone at 301-619-3196 or by email at joseph.j.gortva.civ@mail.mil.