

Public Notice

Proposed Demolition of Building 1656, Dairy Barn Silo Only 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 Dairy Barn – Silo (Only), Building 1656 at Fort Detrick located in Frederick, Maryland, and is reviewing this action in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. The Dairy Barn Silo was constructed in 1930 Era and is eligible for listing on the National Register for Historic Places (NRHP). It is understood by Ft. Detrick that the demolition of the Dairy Barn Silo is an "adverse effect" to a historic property; however, no other potential reuse of the building is viable.

The Dairy Barn Silo was used for corn and grain storage when the Nallin Farm was inhabited by the occupants on the farm. The Dairy Barn Silo, extension of Bldg. 1656, no longer supports Fort Detrick's current or future mission requirements. Currently, the Dairy Barn Silo is dysfunctional and is a safety hazard. The silo metal roof has deteriorated over the years due to corrosion and has more recently sustained high wind damage that could result in future total collapse. In August 2022, the Directorate of Public Works Operations and Maintenance team attached a temporary strap loop to the metal roof on the silo to minimize further collapse to the current roof system. This however cannot function as a permanent repair. More recently a structural evaluation was completed which determined the concrete base under the block walls has deteriorated to the point that a significant portion of the silo's wall is no longer supported. A wind speed analysis has indicated that the silo is in danger of collapse during a future high wind event and could fall into the barn or cause injury to persons. After demolition, 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.