What is in a Name?

Geographic names in Maryland: How to find them, name them or change them.

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What? Geographic Names

Who? U.S. Board on Geographic Names (BGN)
Geographic Names Information System (GNIS)
Maryland Geographic Names Authority
Local communities

Where? From local to international

Why? Name standardization
Used by Federal, State, Local jurisdictions and the Public

How? Principles, Policies and Procedures

History of the BGN

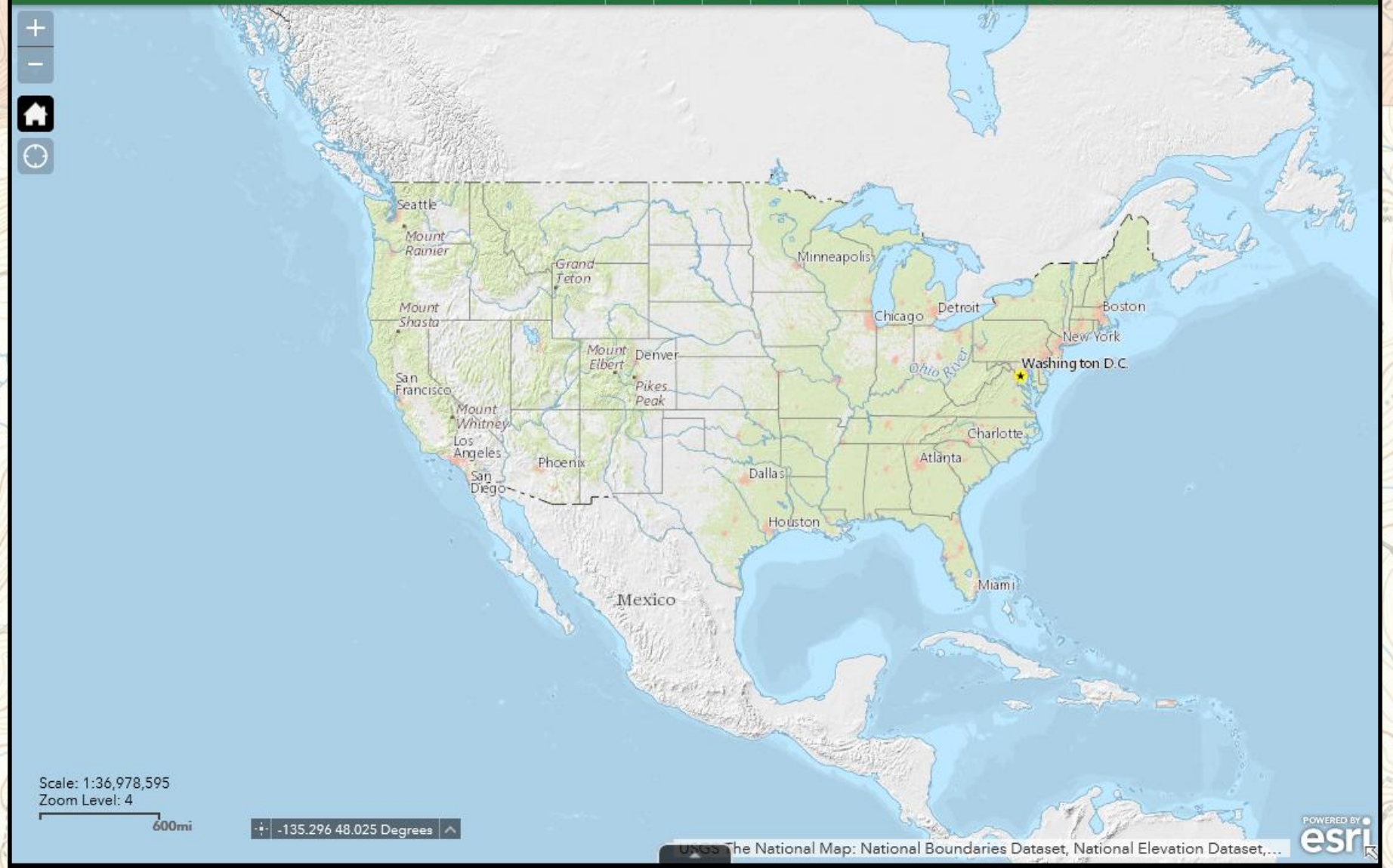
United States Board on Geographic Names

Serves as the central authority to which names can be directed

- 1890 - President Benjamin Harrison signed Executive Order establishing the Board
  - Surge of exploration, mining, and settlement of western territories after the American Civil War
  - Geographic names became a serious problem to surveyors, map makers, and scientists
- Decisions of the Board were accepted as binding by all departments and agencies of the Federal Government
- Made up of representatives of Federal agencies concerned with geographic information, population, ecology, and management of public lands

- 1947 - The Board was recreated by Congress in Public Law 80-242
  - Expanded to include foreign names and other areas of interest to the United States that accelerated during World War II

- Geographic features standardized:
  - Domestic Names
  - Foreign Names
  - Antarctic Names
  - Undersea Features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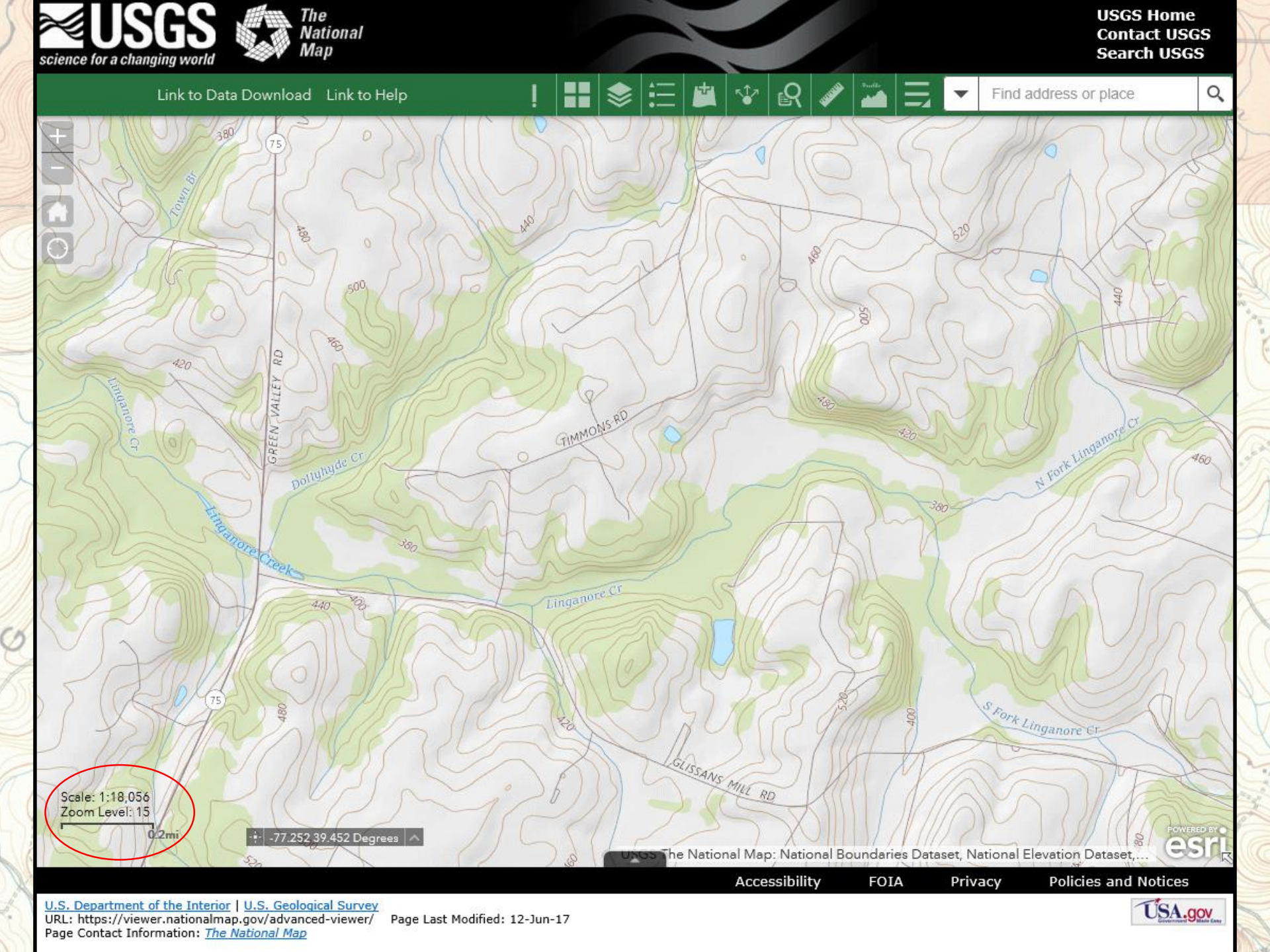
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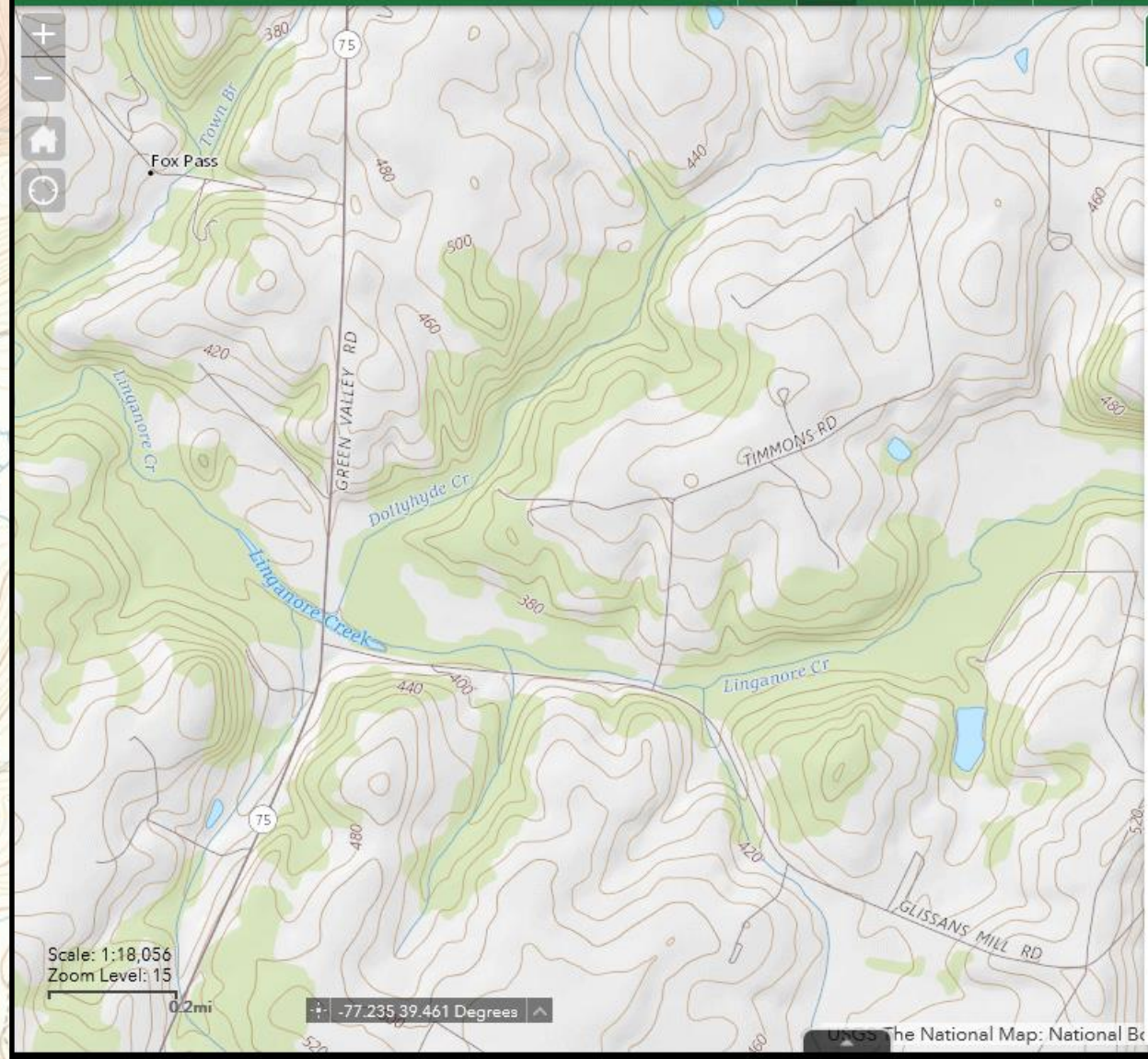

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  - Political Points
  - Historical Points
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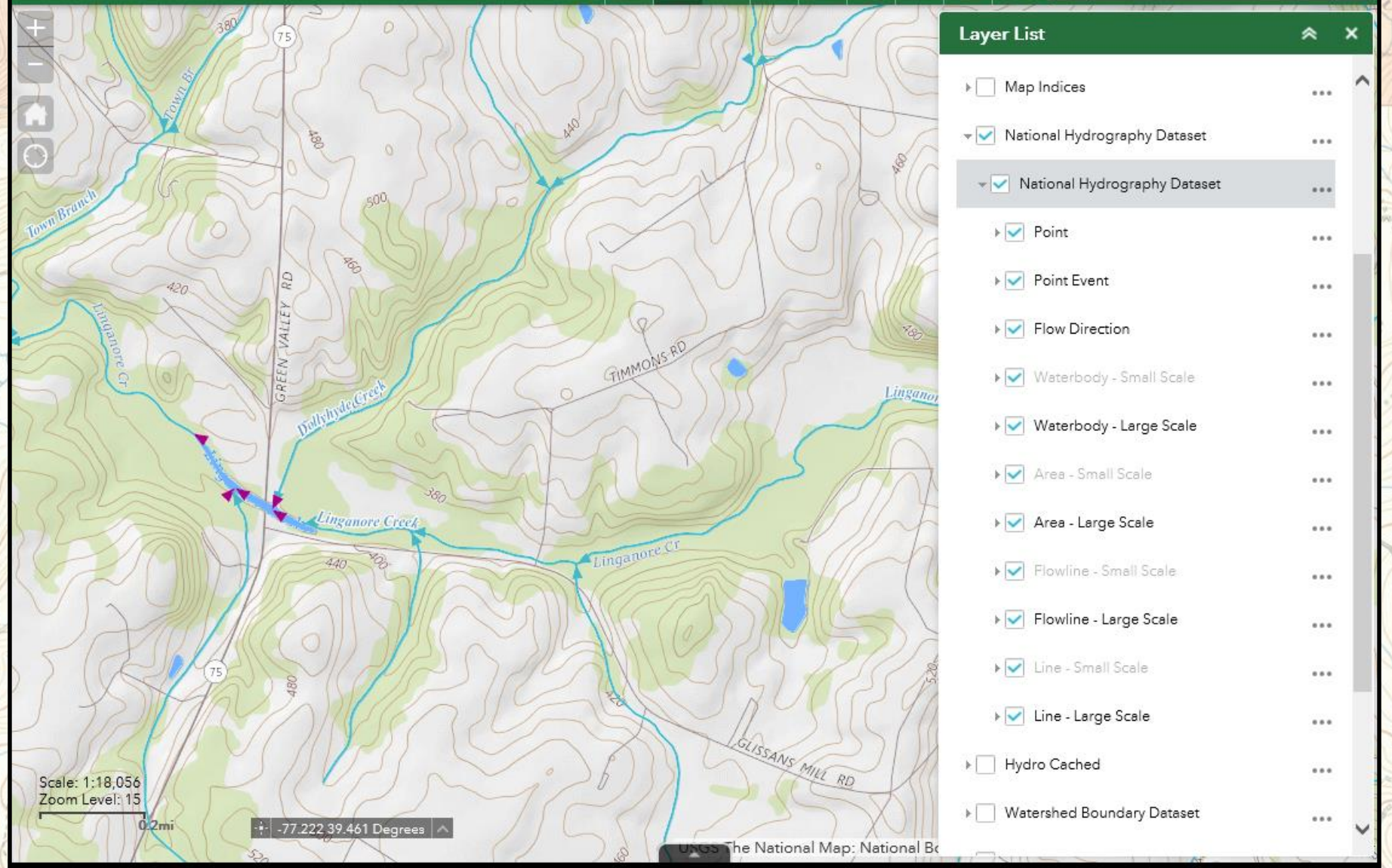
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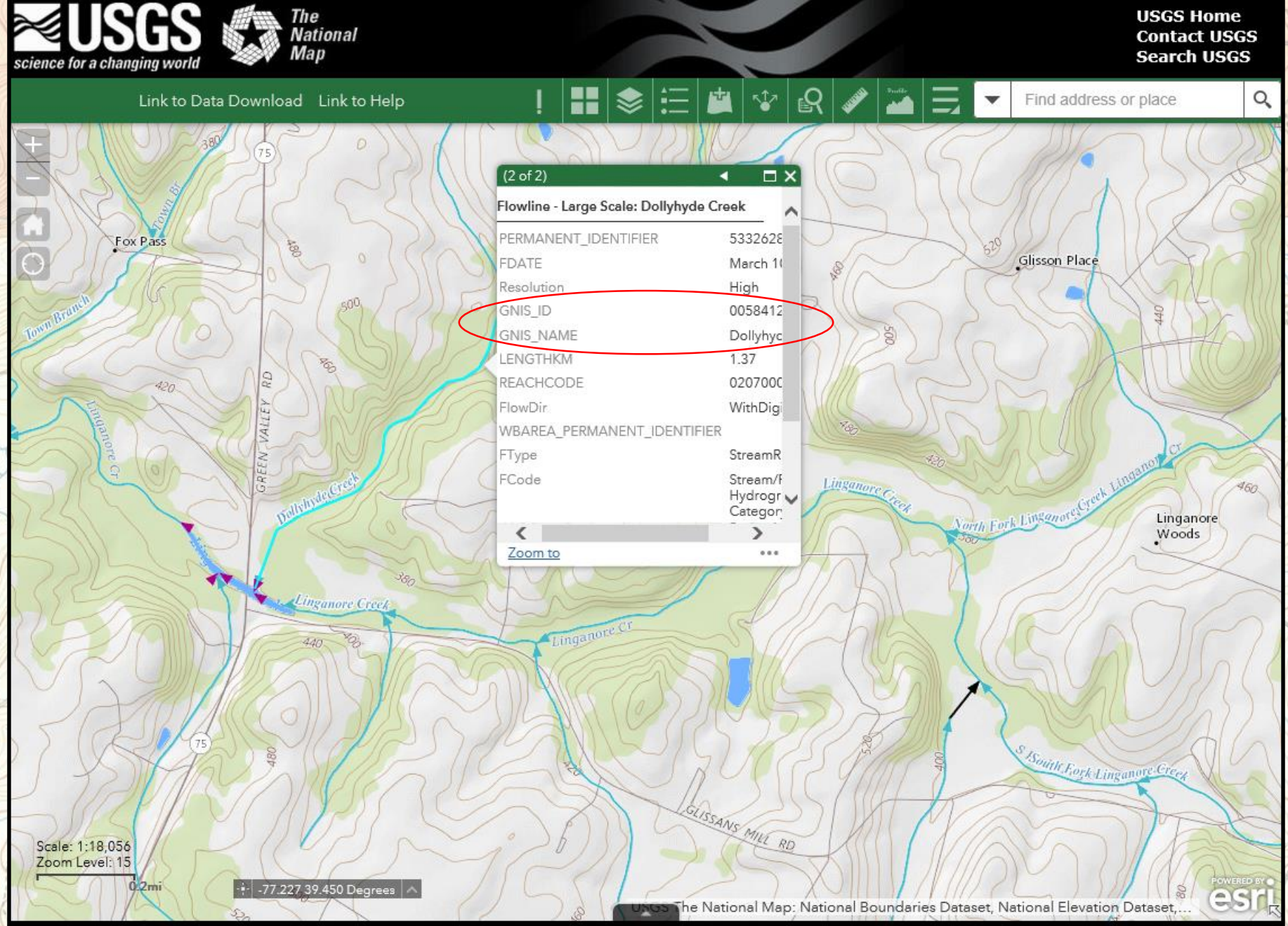
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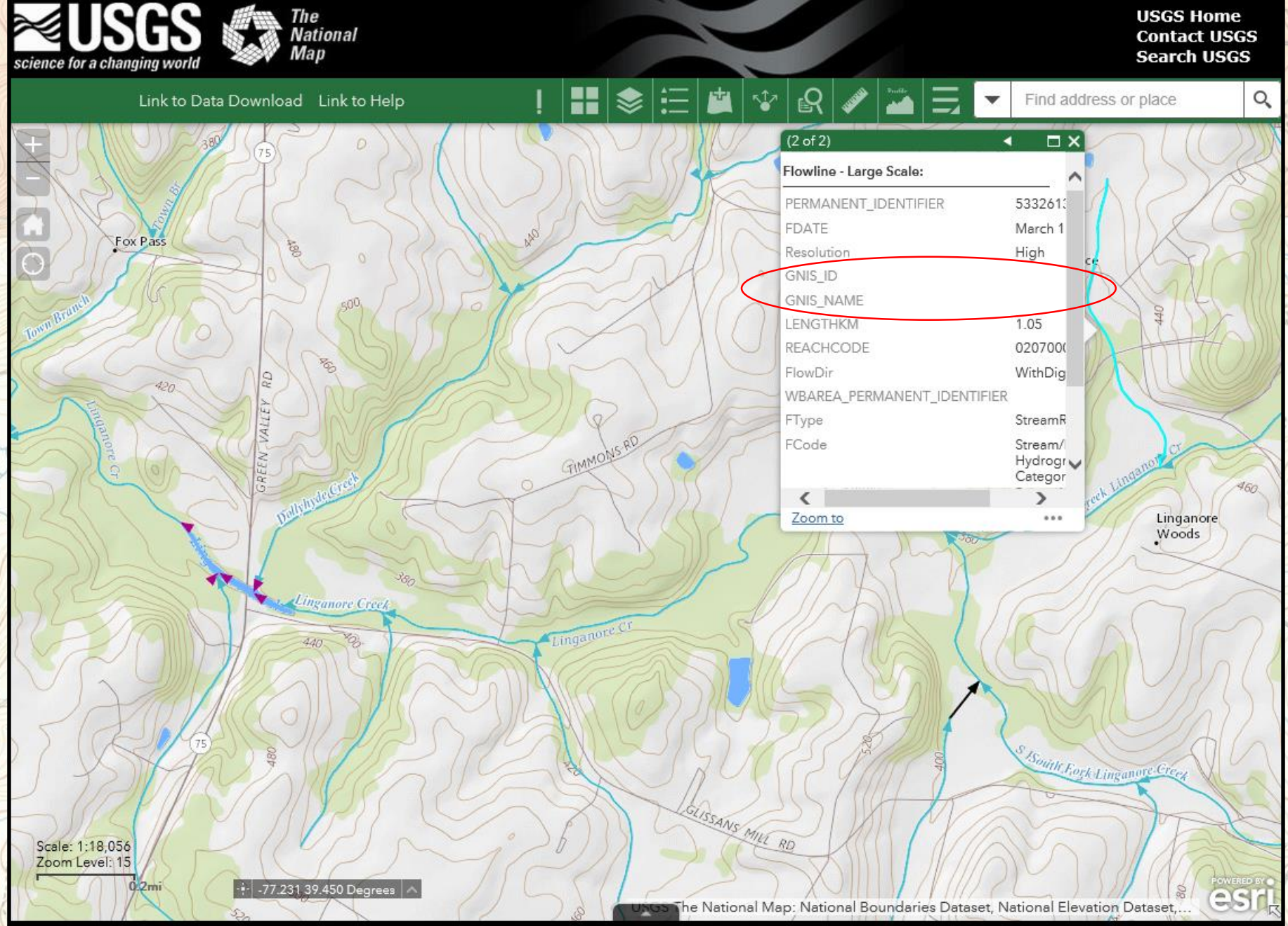
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Query Form For The United States And Its Territories

Feature Name:

Feature ID:

Feature Class: Press Ctrl to select more than one.

Airport
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Definitions

Exact Match Exclude Variants

State:

County:

Elevation*:

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Send Query Erase Query

COPS Hiring Recovery Program (CHRP) Applications click here for Instructions

New Policy Regarding the Maintenance of Administrative Feature Names in The National Map

Effective October 1, 2014:
As a result of reprioritized budgets and resources, the decision has been made to suspend the maintenance of some administrative (i.e. cultural or manmade) feature names in The National Map and to discontinue the maintenance of all administrative names through the GNIS public interface at this site (http://geonames.usgs.gov). The features that will continue to be maintained in The National Map will be updated in GNIS on a periodic revision cycle through submissions from authoritative sources or based on input from volunteers through The National Map Corps.

If you are interested in participating in The National Map Corps, which encourages citizens to collect structures data by adding new features, removing obsolete points, and correcting existing data for The National Map, please visit the following Web site: http://navigator.er.usgs.gov. To identify the administrative features to be maintained through The National Map Corps program, click "Structures List" located on the left-hand side of the page.

If you have further questions, please visit The National Map home page at: http://nationalmap.gov.

Click any field title for help in entering query data.
Click Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) tab for important information.
***Elevations are from the National Elevation Dataset**

The GNIS Feature ID, Official Feature Name, and Official Feature Location are American National Standards Institute standards (ANSI INCITS 446-2008). The standard is available at the ANSI Web Store.

2,282,599 features in the GNIS

- Advanced Search
- Search Antarctica Data
- Search Federal Codes
- Search Topographic Map/ Digital Product Cells

Important Links

- GNIS Home
- U.S. Board on Geographic Names
- Mapping Information

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gnis_manager@usgs.gov
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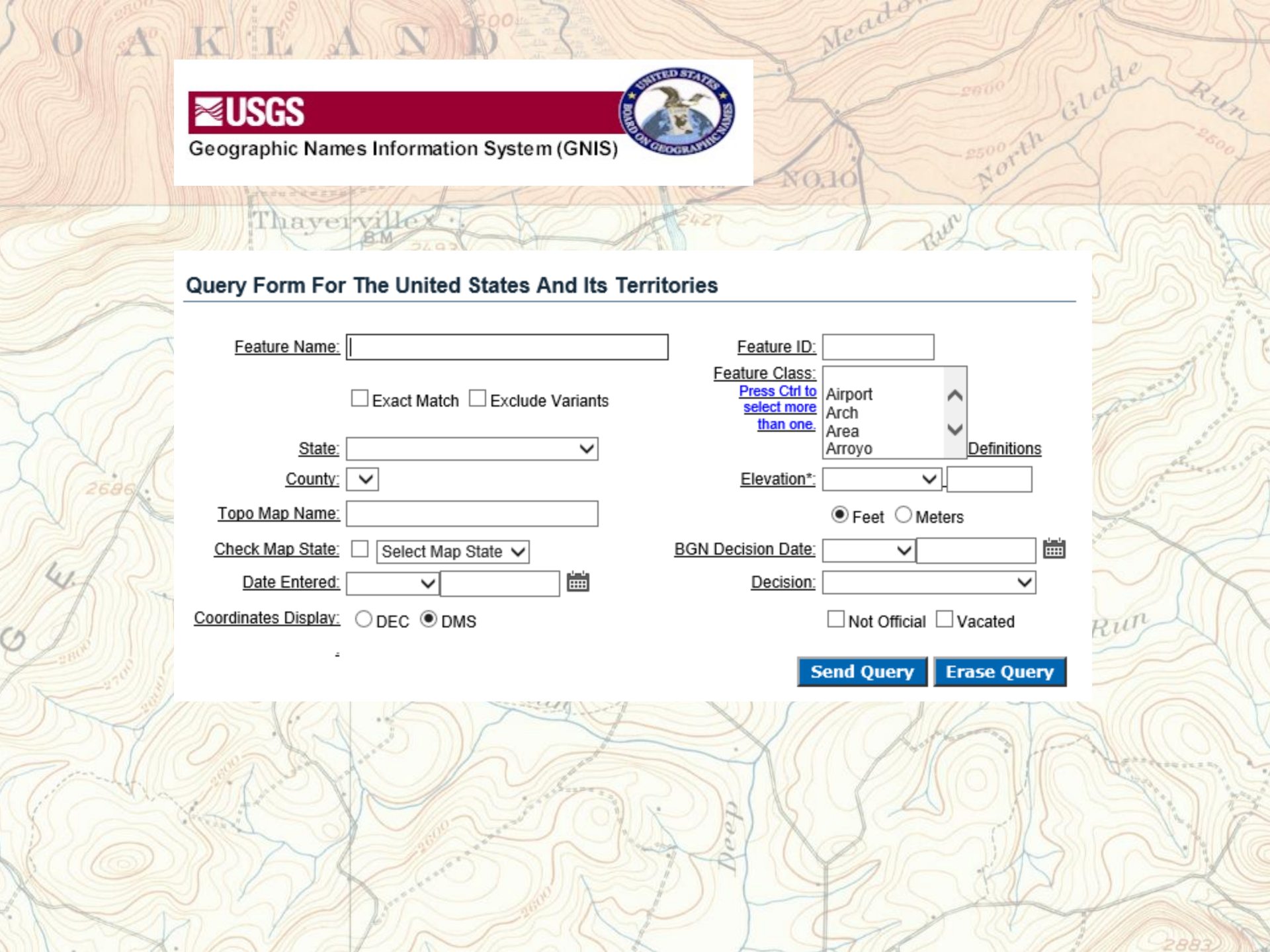
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Feature Detail Report for: Bread and Cheese Creek

ID: 583363
Name: Bread and Cheese Creek
Class: Stream (Definitions)
History: Although reportedly named in one source at the time of the Battle of North Point during the War of 1812 as soldiers sat on the banks of this stream eating their rations of bread and cheese, the name appears in Provincial Court Land Records, 1770-1774, and so the origin of the name is not established.
Description: Heads just north of Oaklawn Cemetery, flows southeast 2.4 km (1.5 mi), then northeast to Back River, between Greenmarsh Point and Wetherby Point on Patapsco River Neck, 11.3 km (7 mi) east of downtown Baltimore.
Citation: U.S. Geological Survey. Geographic Names Phase I data compilation (1976-1981). 31-Dec-1981. Primarily from U.S. Geological Survey 1:24,000-scale topographic maps (or 1:25K, Puerto Rico 1:20K) and from U.S. Board on Geographic Names files. In some instances, from 1:62,500 scale or 1:250,000 scale maps.
Entry Date: 12-Sep-1979
*Elevation: 0/0

*Elevations in feet/meters from the National Elevation Dataset

Variant Names

Variant Name	
Waltons Creek	Citation

Counties

Sequence	County	Code	State	Code	Country
1	Baltimore	005	Maryland	24	US

Linear Feature (Stream, Valley, Arroyo) Mouth

Sequence	Latitude(DEC)	Longitude(DEC)	Latitude(DMS)	Longitude(DMS)	Map Name
1	39.2923299	-76.4799620	391732N	0762848W	Middle River

Linear Feature (Stream, Valley, Arroyo) Source

Sequence	Latitude(DEC)	Longitude(DEC)	Latitude(DMS)	Longitude(DMS)	Map Name
2	39.2909408	-76.5227413	391727N	0763122W	Baltimore East

Coordinates (One point per USGS topographic map containing the feature, NAD83)

Sequence	Latitude(DEC)	Longitude(DEC)	Latitude(DMS)	Longitude(DMS)	Map Name

Mapping Services

- GNIS in ESRI Map
- USGS The National Map
- HomeTownLocator
- ACME Mapper 2.0
- Microsoft Virtual Earth
- TerraFly.com
- Find the Watershed
- MapQuest

Important Links

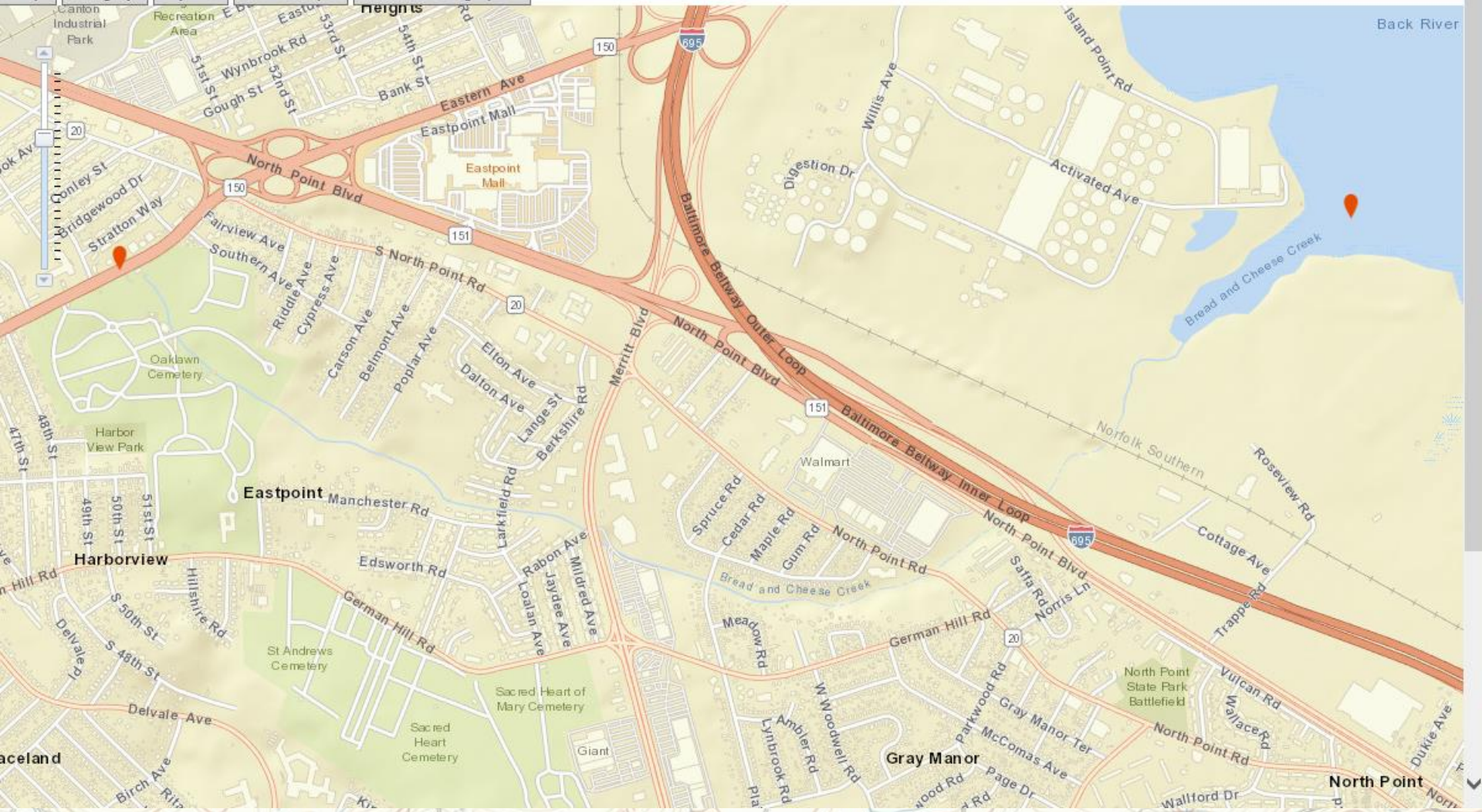
- GNIS Home
- U.S. Board on Geographic Names
- Mapping Information

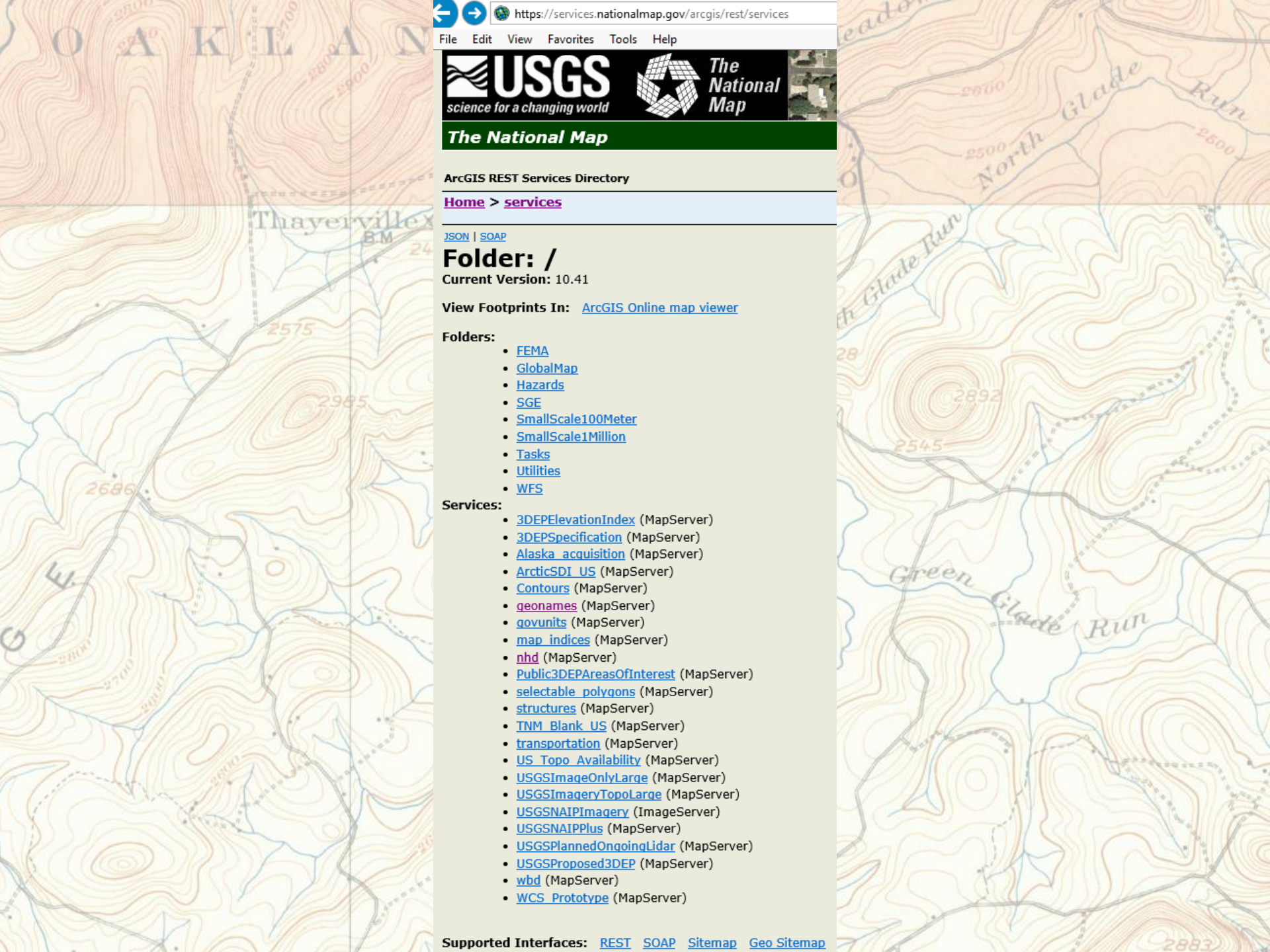
USGS

Geographic Names Information System (GNIS)

☐ Show Cell Boundary

Map | Imagery | Hybrid | USGS Topo | National Geographic





https://services.nationalmap.gov/arcgis/rest/services

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ArcGIS REST Services Directory

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Folder: /

Current Version: 10.41

View Footprints In: ArcGIS Online map viewer

Folders:

- FEMA
- GlobalMap
- Hazards
- SGE
- SmallScale100Meter
- SmallScale1Million
- Tasks
- Utilities
- WFS

Services:

- 3DEPElevationIndex (MapServer)
- 3DEPSpecification (MapServer)
- Alaska_acquisition (MapServer)
- ArcticSDI_US (MapServer)
- Contours (MapServer)
- geonames (MapServer)
- govunits (MapServer)
- map_indices (MapServer)
- nhd (MapServer)
- Public3DEPAreasOfInterest (MapServer)
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- USGSPlannedOngoingLidar (MapServer)
- USGSProposed3DEP (MapServer)
- wbd (MapServer)
- WCS_Prototype (MapServer)

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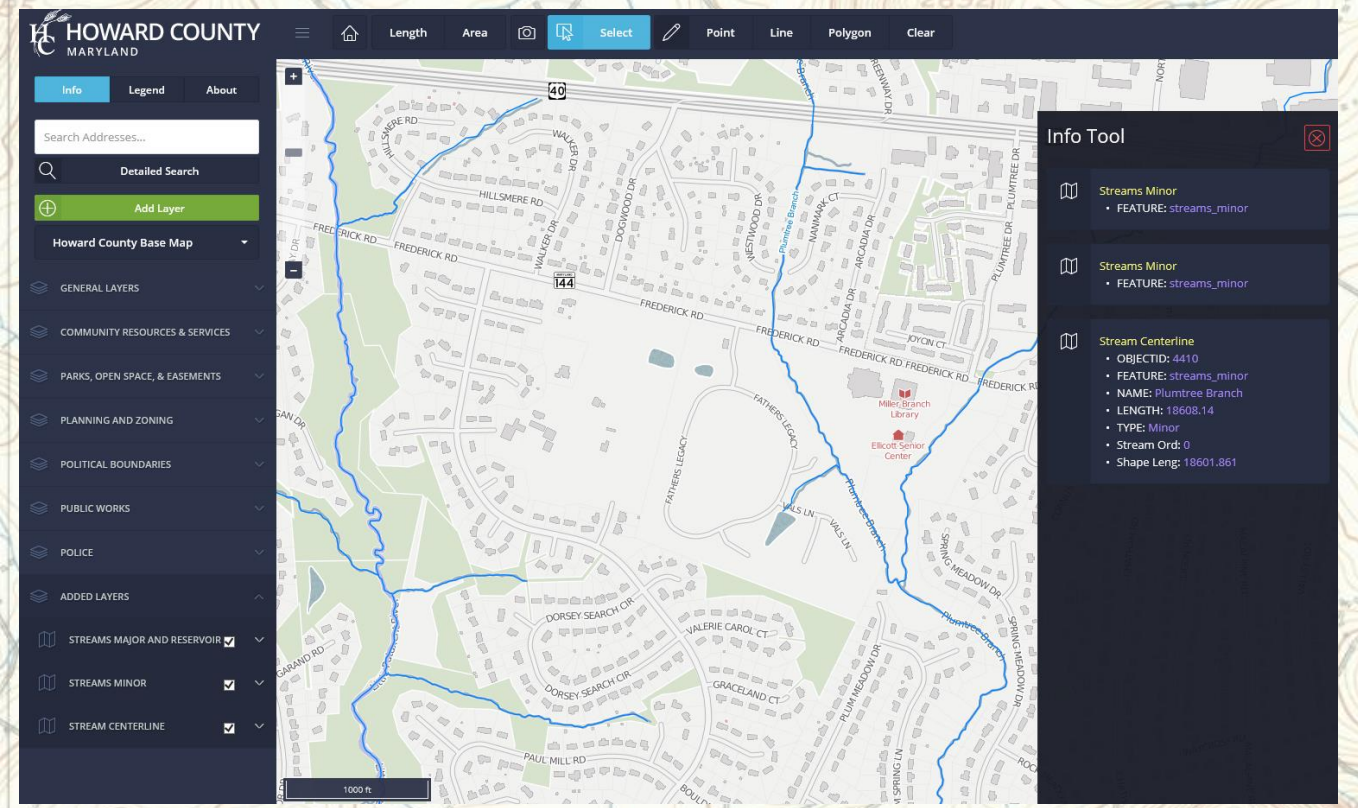
Check names at the local level

State - GIS websites, MD iMap

Local Jurisdictions - County GIS, County GIS Data



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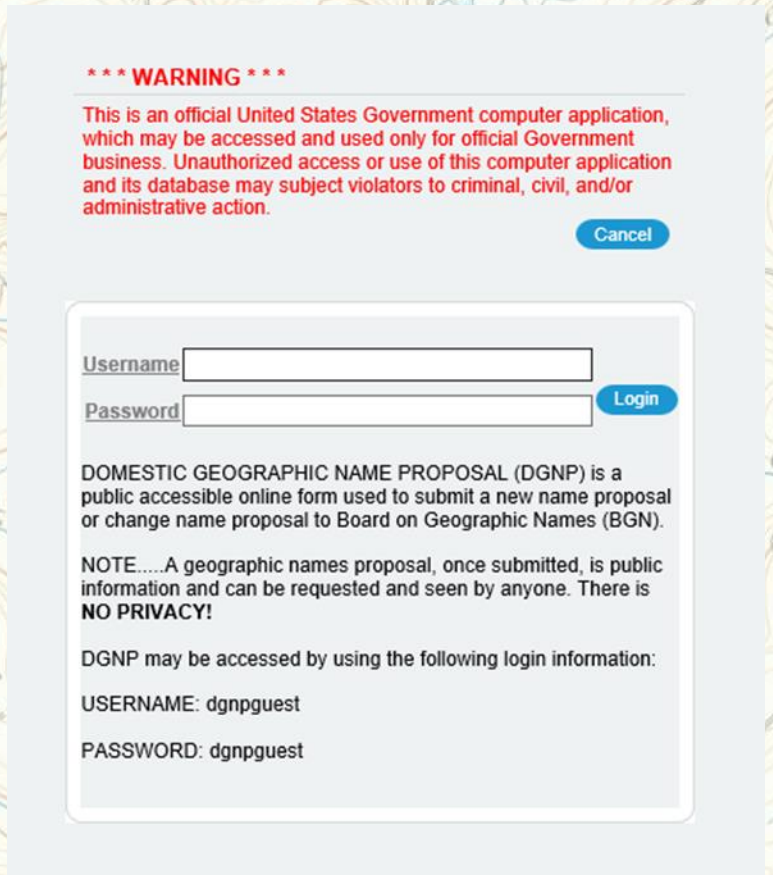

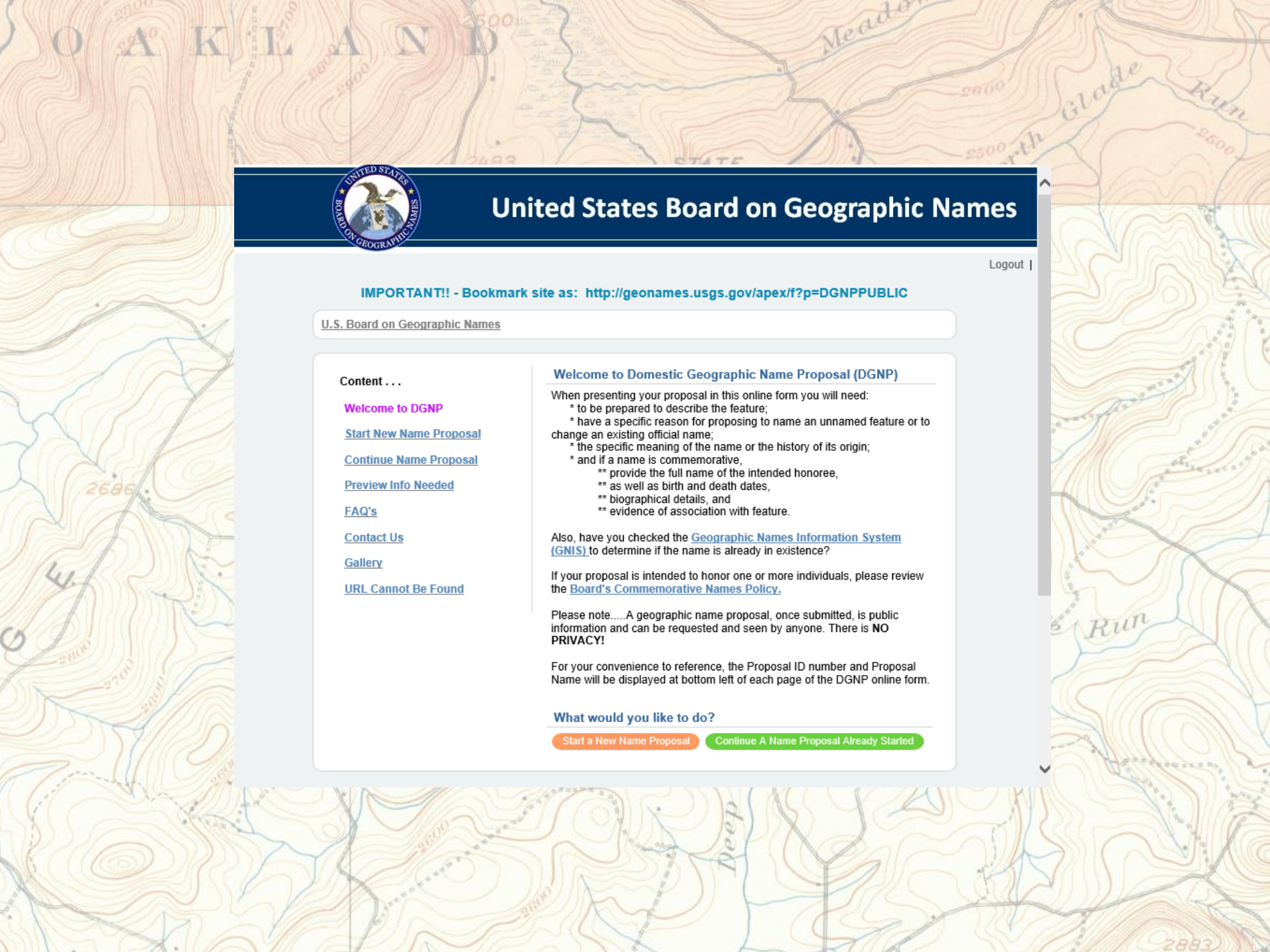
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Welcome to DGNP
Start New Name Proposal
Continue Name Proposal
Preview Info Needed
FAQ's
Contact Us
Gallery
URL Cannot Be Found
Welcome to Domestic Geographic Name Proposal (DGNP)
When presenting your proposal in this online form you will need:
* to be prepared to describe the feature;
* have a specific reason for proposing to name an unnamed feature or to change an existing official name;
* the specific meaning of the name or the history of its origin;
* and if a name is commemorative,
** provide the full name of the intended honoree,
** as well as birth and death dates,
** biographical details, and
** evidence of association with feature.
Also, have you checked the Geographic Names Information System (GNIS) to determine if the name is already in existence?
If your proposal is intended to honor one or more individuals, please review the Board's Commemorative Names Policy.
Please note.....A geographic name proposal, once submitted, is public information and can be requested and seen by anyone. There is NO PRIVACY!
For your convenience to reference, the Proposal ID number and Proposal Name will be displayed at bottom left of each page of the DGNP online form.
What would you like to do?
Start a New Name Proposal
Continue A Name Proposal Already Started

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U.S. Board on Geographic Names - - Domestic Geographic Name Proposal

PLEASE READ BEFORE PROCEEDING ! ! !

The Board's Commemorative Names Policy does not permit natural features to be named for living people. In addition, any intended honoree(s) must be deceased at least five years. Therefore, if you are considering proposing a name that would honor a person or a family, please read the Board's Commemorative Names Policy before proceeding.

Please check Geographic Names Information System (GNIS) to see if the feature is already named before proceeding.

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I certify that my proposal and its contents is public information and may be viewable by any interested party.	No
I certify that I am not proposing the name for a living person, or an intended honoree deceased less than five years.	No
I certify that I have checked GNIS to see if the feature is already named.	No
I understand that ownership of the land (if applicable) does not convey naming rights to geographic features.	No

Thank you!

Cancel and Exit | Continue With Name Proposal

DOMESTIC GEOGRAPHIC NAME PROPOSAL (DGNP)

Propose New Name or Change Name

(Red field labels indicate required information.)

Proposed Name
Only 1 name allowed. Do not put State at end of Name. Do not put extra spaces at end of Name.

Action Requested - Choose One -

Is Proposed Name In Local Use - Choose One -

Any Local Conflict - Choose One -

Details

Is this geographic feature listed in the Geographic Names Information System (GNIS)?

If feature is named, copy and paste GNIS Feature ID here *Click to search GNIS.*

Feature Class - Choose One - *Click to view Feature Class Definitions*

Descriptive Information

Meaning or Significance

Intended to Commemorate/Honor an Individual? - Choose One - *Click to view Board's Commemorative Names Policy*

Do you have Supporting Materials to upload? - Choose One -

States and Counties

State Name - Choose First - **County Name** - Choose Second -

Save State and County Info

Report on States and Counties Entered
(The information you entered will display below after you click 'SAVE STATE AND COUNTY INFO' button.)

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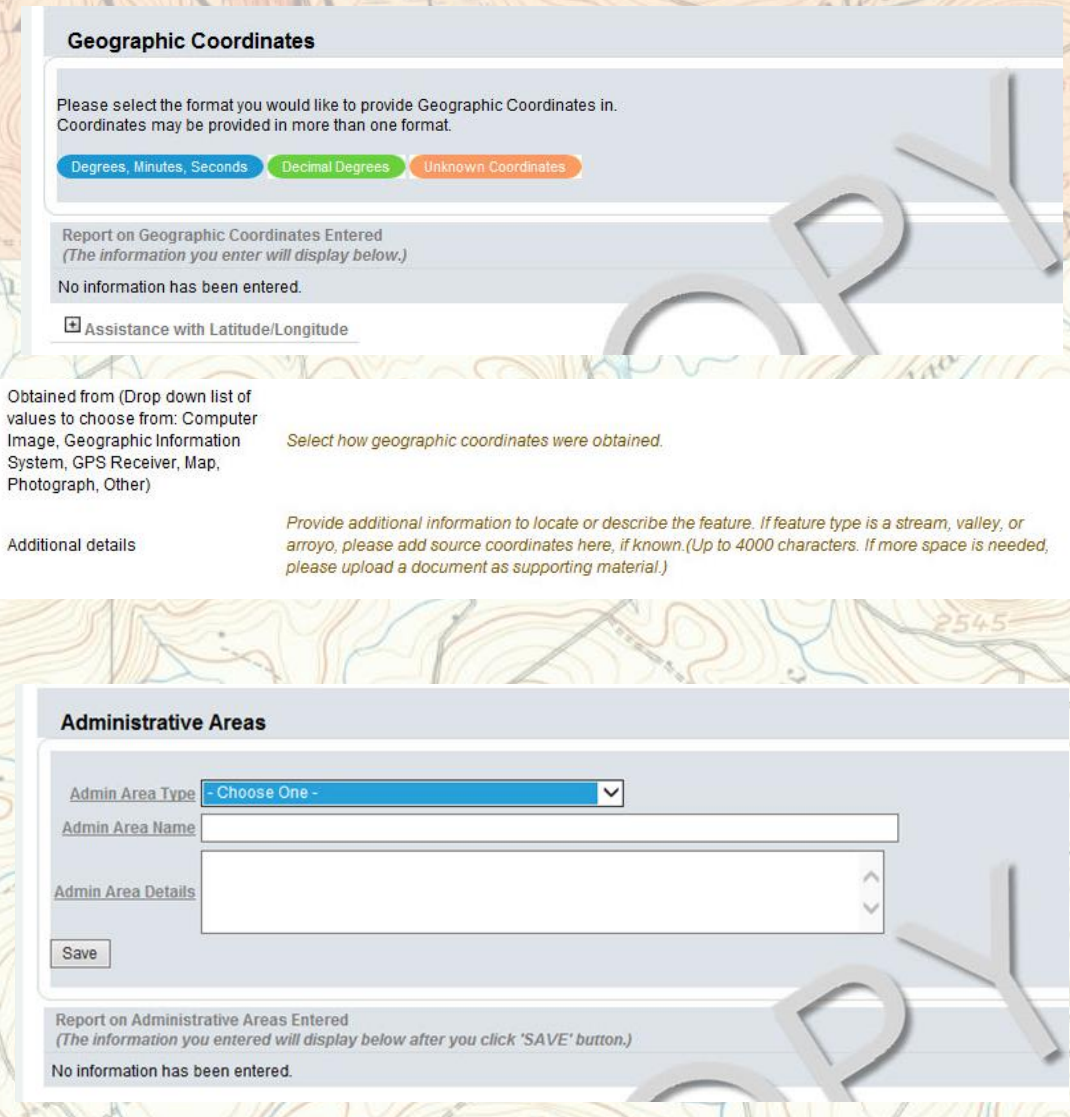
This information MUST be entered before proceeding with the form.

FYI - The CONTINUE button will not display unless at least one set of STATE and COUNTY is entered.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Decimal Degrees
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Select how geographic coordinates were obtained.
Additional details
Provide additional information to locate or describe the feature. If feature type is a stream, valley, or arroyo, please add source coordinates here, if known.(Up to 4000 characters. If more space is needed, please upload a document as supporting material.)
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- Choose One -
Admin Area Name
Admin Area Details
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Maps and Documents with Name

Source Type - Choose One -

Source Details

Source Date (yyyy)

Save

Report on Maps and Documents with Name Entered
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No information has been entered.

Other (Variant) Names and Their Source

Source Type - Choose One -

Other (Variant) Name

Details (Maps and other sources using this other name)

Source Date (yyyy)

Save

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Authorities

An AUTHORITY is an individual who represents a local, County, State, or Tribal government and who can confirm local usage of, or support for the proposed name.

Last Name
First Name
Email
Address Street
Address City
Address State - Choose One -
Address Zip (12345)
Phone (1234567890)
Occupation
Years (12)

Save

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Submitters and/or Preparers

A SUBMITTER is a person who is actually proposing the new name/name change.
Other names a SUBMITTER might be thought of as are proponent, applicant, or individual proposing name.

A PREPARER is a person who completes the form.

NOTE: Contact information is required (email or full mail address or both) so that we can respond to your request.

Role in Name Proposal - Choose One -
Last Name
First Name
Phone (1234567890)
Email
Physical Address
Address City
Address State or Equivalent
Address Zip (12345)
Address Country United States
Company (only if proposing on behalf of)
Title

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Contact information MUST be entered before continuing.

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WAIT!!!...Your Name Proposal is NOT submitted yet!

Click to SUBMIT

DOMESTIC GEOGRAPHIC NAME PROPOSAL SUMMARY

Propose New or Change Name (Input)

Name Proposal ID:	8490
Date Created:	06-MAY-14
Date Submitted:	06-MAY-14
Proposed Name:	test
Action Requested:	Name an unnamed feature
Existing Name:	-
Unnamed Evidence:	-
Locally Used:	No
Locally Used Years:	-
Local Conflict:	No
Local Conflict Detail:	-
Additional Details:	-
GNIS Feature ID:	-
Feature Class:	BASIN
Descriptive Information:	descriptive information entered
Meaning or Significance:	meaning entered
Commemorative:	No
Biographical Information:	-
Supporting Materials:	Yes

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Supporting Materials (Uploaded)

Filename	Comments
bgn72.gif	logo for BGN

States and Counties (Input)

	State Name	County Name
Edit	Missouri	Livingston

Geographic Coordinates (Input)

	Format	Obtained From	Describe Other	Lat Deg	Min	Sec		Long Deg	Min	Sec		Decimal Lat	Decimal Long	Additional Details
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Administrative Areas (Input)

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Maps and Documents with Name (Input)

No information has been entered.

Other (Variant) Names and Their Source (Input)

No information has been entered.

Authorities (Input)

No information entered.

Submitters and/or Preparers (Input)

	Role in Proposal	Last Name	First Name	Phone	Email	Street	City	State	Zip	Country	Company	Title
Edit	SUBMITTER	Lastname	Firstname	987654321	someone@gmail.com					UNITED STATES		

DGNPGUEST

Maryland Geographic Names proposal process

1. Submit name proposal to the BGN

2. BGN staff will make sure the proposal is complete

3. Local representatives and land owners will be contacted

4. Federal representatives will be contacted (if applicable)

5. Maryland Geographic Names Authority will be contacted

6. Maryland Geographic Names Authority will meet with the MSGIC executive committee to discuss the proposal and ask for input from state representatives

7. Maryland Geographic Names Authority will decide based on all the information what recommendation is given to the BGN

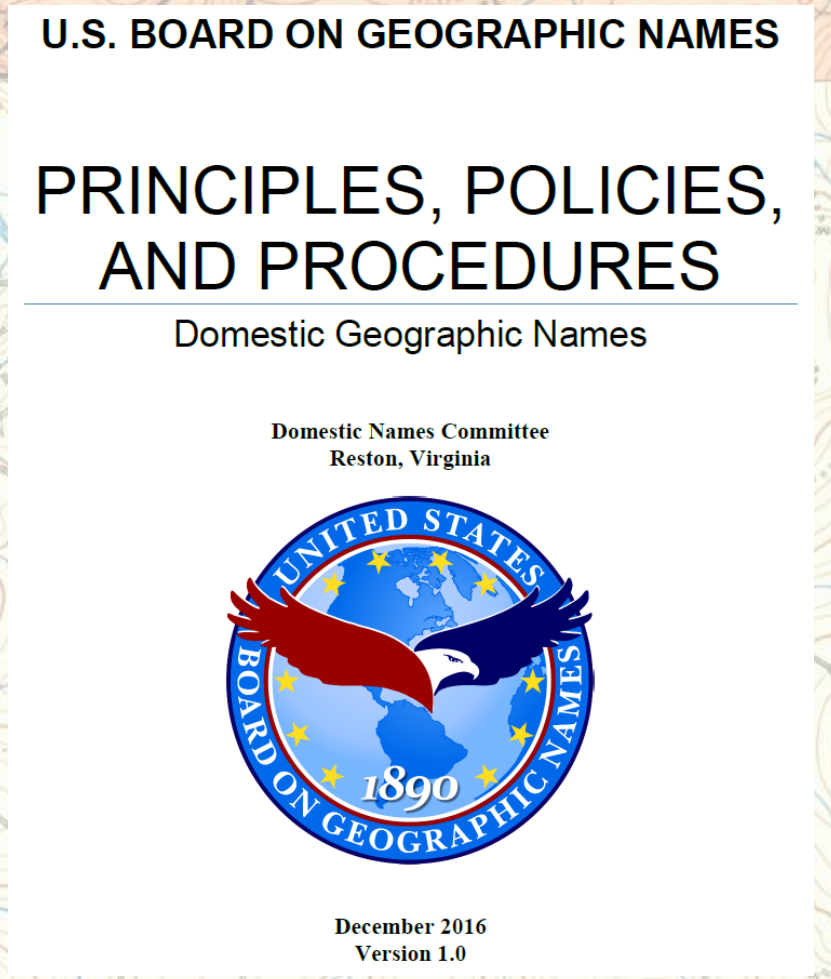
8. BGN will review proposal and vote on name

9. If the name is approved, the name is entered in the GNIS for use by Federal, State and Local agencies

Commemorative names

BGN will only accept proposals that are intended to honor a person(s) deceased at least five years. BGN will disapprove names that could be construed to honor living persons.

Person being honored should have had either some direct or long-term association with the feature, or have made a significant contribution to the area, community, or State in which it is located


U.S. BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

PRINCIPLES, POLICIES, AND PROCEDURES

Domestic Geographic Names

Domestic Names Committee
Reston, Virginia

December 2016
Version 1.0

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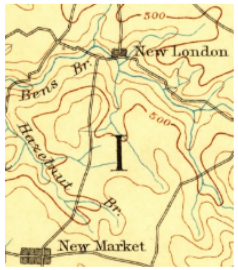
Maryland Geographic Names Authority

The Maryland Geographic Names Authority is the recognized state representative for Maryland who is responsible for coordinating place-naming activity between local, state and federal agencies. The Authority promotes the standardization of names of geographic features mandated by the United States Board on Geographic Names (BGN). The responsibility of the Authority is to review and make recommendations on behalf of the State of Maryland for geographic name proposals submitted to the U.S. Board on Geographic Names, which has final approval authority.



New Market, Frederick County, MD (1893 Frederick USGS 1:125,000 topo quad map)

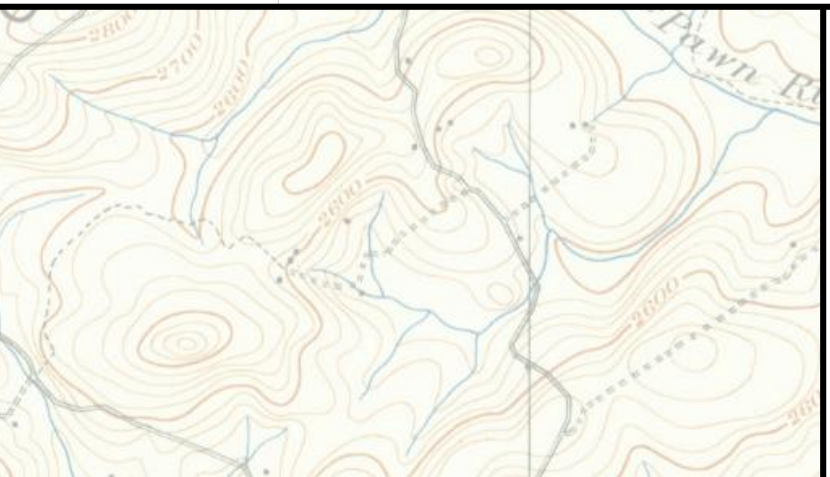
Submit a Name Proposal

Submit a geographic name proposal to the BGN. Fill out a proposal form on the BGN website:

https://geonames.usgs.gov/domestic/index.html

Maryland Geographic Names Proposal Process

1. Fill out and submit name proposal to the BGN
2. BGN staff will ask questions and clarify information to make sure the proposal is complete
3. Local representatives and land owners will be contacted about their opinion of the proposal
4. Federal representatives will be contacted about their opinion of the proposal (if applicable)
5. Maryland Geographic Names Authority will be contacted about their opinion of the proposal
6. Maryland Geographic Names Authority will meet with the MSGIC executive committee to discuss the proposal and ask for input from state representatives
7. Maryland Geographic Names Authority will decide based on all the information what recommendation is given to the BGN
8. BGN will review proposal and vote on name
9. If the name is approved, the name is entered in the GNIS for use by Federal, State and Local agencies



Geographic Names Information System (GNIS)

The Geographic Names Information System (GNIS) is the Federal and national standard for geographic nomenclature. The U.S. Geological Survey developed the GNIS in support of the U.S. Board on Geographic Names as the official repository of domestic geographic names data, the official vehicle for geographic names use by all departments of the Federal Government, and the source for applying geographic names to Federal electronic and printed products.

The GNIS contains information about physical and cultural geographic features of all types in the United States, associated areas, and Antarctica, current and historical, but not including roads and highways. The database holds the Federally recognized name of each feature and defines the feature location by state, county, USGS topographic map, and geographic coordinates. Other attributes include names or spellings other than the official name, feature designations, feature classification, historical and descriptive information, and for some categories the geometric boundaries.

United States Board on Geographic Names (BGN)

The U.S. Board on Geographic Names is a Federal body created in 1890 and established in its present form by Public Law in 1947 to maintain uniform geographic name usage throughout the Federal Government. The Board comprises representatives of Federal agencies concerned with geographic information, population, ecology, and management of public lands. Sharing its responsibilities with the Secretary of the Interior, the Board promulgates official geographic feature names with locative attributes as well as principles, policies, and procedures governing the use of domestic names, foreign names, Antarctic names, and undersea feature names.

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Council of Geographic Names Authorities in the United States (CoGNA)

The Council of Geographic Names Authorities (COGNA) is an association of state and federal government agencies representing the official and recognized geographic names authorities in the United States who work to promote national standardization of the names of geographic features for official use throughout the country.

Maryland State Geographic Committee (MSGIC)

The Maryland State Geographic Information Committee (MSGIC) acts to promote coordinated development and efficient use of resources amongst all entities involved in the collection and/or use of spatial data and GIS technologies in Maryland. MSGIC was formed in 1992 to help better serve the GIS community in Maryland. MSGIC members represent all levels of government, academia, regional organizations, and private industry.

For more information, contact Jen Chadwick-Moore at jen.chadwick-moore@maryland.gov or by phone at 410-697-9539.

Recent names in Maryland

Rams Creek, Harford County, July 2017 BGN approval

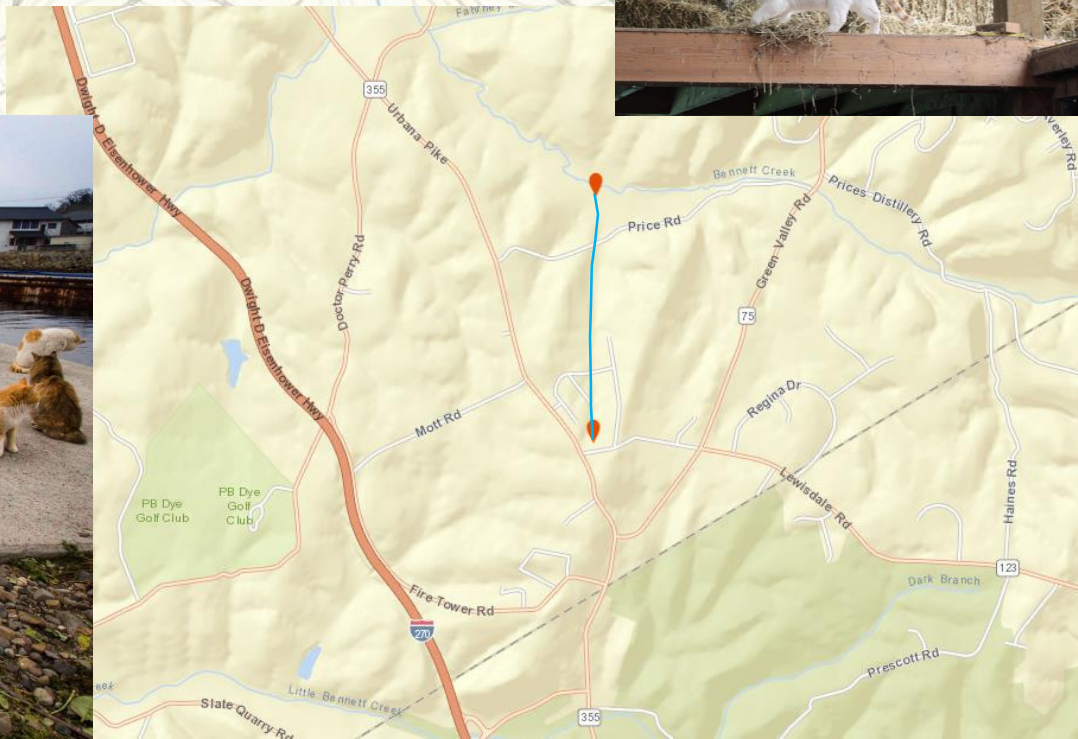
Named for the mascot of the nearby Edgewood Middle and High School.

This gives students more ownership of the ecosystem they are impacting and studying. Current students have been submitting stream data to DNR through the Explore and Restore Maryland Stream Grants. Naming the creek will give students a lasting memory and connection that will permeate a sense of responsibility for caring for the ecosystems within their community. **– Kristie Smith, Science Teacher**

Recent names in Maryland

Clowder Creek, Frederick County, March 2016 BGN approval

The name recognizes the historic role of working cats in the agriculture of the area. Each barn, granary, and mill typically had a resident clowder (group of cats) responsible for keeping the premises rodent free.



Questions?
Deer Park 1948/ McHenry 1947 - 24K scale
DEEP CREEK LAKE
LITTLE SNAGGY MOUNTAIN
Narrows Hill
Harvey Peninsula
Hoop Pole Ridge
Hoop Pole Hill
Garrett Hill
Turkey Neck
Boy Scout Camp
Holy Cross Camp
Tasneyville
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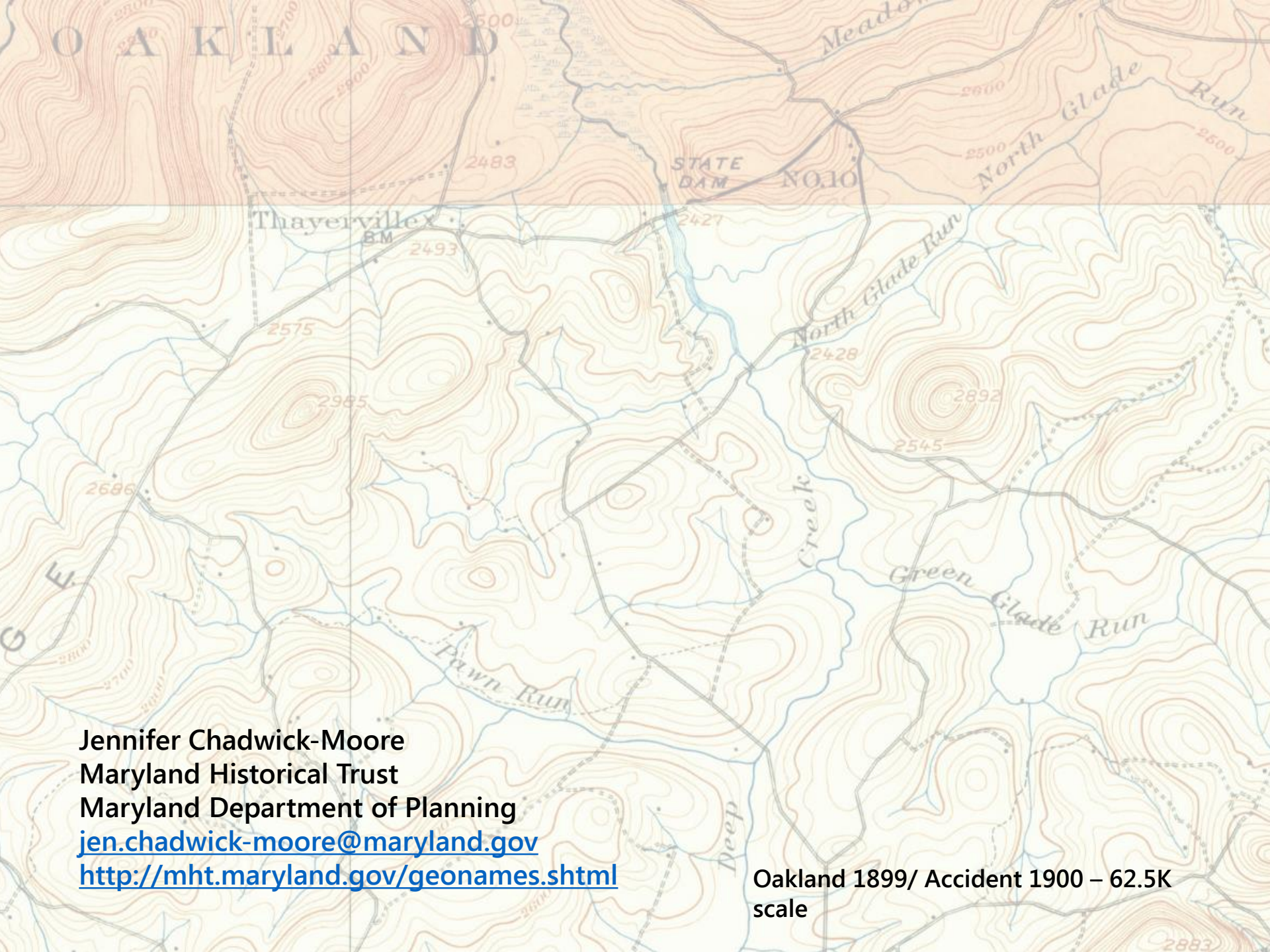

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Oakland 1899/ Accident 1900 – 62.5K scale