

**RESTORATION INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM
FORMERLY USED DEFENSE SITES (FUDS)
PROJECT FACT SHEET
ORIGINAL DATE: DECEMBER 1994
TAG REVIEW DATE: 25 JUNE 1997**

1. SITE NAME: Peaks Island Military Reservation

SITE NUMBER: D01ME048900

LOCATION:

Town: Portland
County: Cumberland
State: Maine

PROJECT NUMBER: D01ME048902

CATEGORY: OE

INPR RAC: 2

ASR RAC: 5

TAG RAC: 5

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3. SITE DESCRIPTION: The former Peaks Island Military Reservation was located on an island off the coast of Portland, Maine. This FUDS was used as a coastal defense site during WWII and consisted of approximately 184 acres. The land which

contained this former facility are today largely residential and recreational in nature and under private ownership.

4. SITE HISTORY:

a. The United States Department of Defense acquired the Peaks Island site between 1906 and 1943. Acquisition of the approximate 184 acres was both by purchase and condemnation. A build-up of this site in the early 1940's resulted from an effort to strengthen the coastal defenses of the country during WWII. The land portion of the site consisted of three general areas. Battery Steele and the surrounding area, referred to as Area A in this report, consisted of approximately 45 acres and contained the large 16 inch guns. The Battery Caverns area, referred to in this report as Area B, contained the 6 inch guns and consisted of approximately 13 acres. The remaining lands of the former Peaks Island Military Reservation contained several other anti-motor torpedo-boat batteries, a mine casement and several towers. This area is referred to as Area C in this report and consisted of the remaining 126 of this FUDS. An additional 368,662 acres of water contained the impact area for the artillery located on the island and is referred to as Area D.

b. DOD use of this site ended in the late 1940's. The land was conveyed to private ownership in 1949 and 1958. Actual language of the real estate actions is not known. The deeds did not contain a recapture clause, a restoration provision or other special conditions. Reserved parcels of land for government use for this period of time were conveyed to the Peaks Island Council, Owners of Record, and the Casco Bay Island Development between 1961 and 1969.

5. PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Area A:	Size, Acres:	Approximately 45
	Former Use:	Battery Steele
	Present Use:	S.T.A.R. Foundation/Residential
	Probable End Use:	Same as Above
	Ordnance Presence:	None
Area B:	Size, Acres:	Approximately 13
	Former Use:	Battery Caverns
	Present Use:	Residential
	Probable End Use:	Same as Above
	Ordnance Presence:	None
Area C:	Size, Acres:	Approximately 126
	Former Use:	Remaining Lands, Mine Casement, Anti-Motor-Torpedo-Boat Battery
	Present Use:	Residential

Probable End Use: Same as Above
Ordnance Presence: None

Area D: Size, Acres: Approximately 368,662
Former Use: Artillery Impact Area
Present Use: Fishing/Boating/Recreational
Probable End Use: Same as Above
Ordnance Presence: Potential
Type: Ctg., AP-T, M81A1, 40MM; 90MM;
3, 6, and 16 inch Projectiles

6. CURRENT STATUS: The Archives Search Report for Peaks Island Military Reservation was completed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island District, in December, 1994.

7. STRATEGY: Entire site: NOFA (RAC 5)

8. ISSUES AND CONCERNS:

a. The CEHNC Technical Advisory Group recommended no further action (NOFA) for Areas A, B and C. These areas are all residential now and there have not been any incidents where ordnance and explosives have been uncovered or witnessed since closure of this facility. Area D is not considered part of the original INPR and should be addressed as a separate project. In any case, underwater clean-up is limited to 100 yards off-shore of mean high tide.

b. Any hazards which may exist at this site concerning any hazardous, toxic, or radiological waste are being addressed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England Division, under DERP/FUDS CON/HTRW Project No. D01ME048901.

9. SCHEDULE SUMMARY: NOFA

10. FUNDING/BUDGET SUMMARY: NA NOFA