



# ***Facts About...***

Hagerstown Light and Heat Locust Street Plant  
State Master List Site (MD-246)

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## **Site Location**

The less than one-half acre Hagerstown Light and Heat Locust Street Plant was located at the southwest corner of the intersection of South Locust Street and Matthews Alley (now Avenue) in a residential/commercial section in central Hagerstown, Washington County, Maryland.

## **Site History**

According to Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) Land Restoration Program files, the Locust Street manufactured gas plant (MGP) was erected in 1861 and operated at the Locust Street site until 1891. The Locust Street plant was reported to have ceased operations when a new and larger plant was erected on Sycamore Street (MD-194) to meet demands and outfitted with the latest MGP technology.

## **Environmental Investigations**

In September 1986, MDE completed a Preliminary Assessment (PA) to research the plant history and reconnoiter the site to determine if further investigation was warranted. Historical research revealed that the plant operated from 1861 until 1891 and no other information was obtained regarding wastes generated or the plant's dismantling. The site reconnaissance did not identify any evidence of the MGP operation that existed 100 years prior. The PA recommended a low priority for further site investigation.

## **Current Status**

In December 1986, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) assigned "No Further Remedial Action Planned" status to the site and archived it from the inventory of active sites.

## **Contact**

For additional information, please contact the Land Restoration Program at (410) 537-3440.

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