

Historical Marker Dedication

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Observatory Park at The Turner Farm June 24, 2017



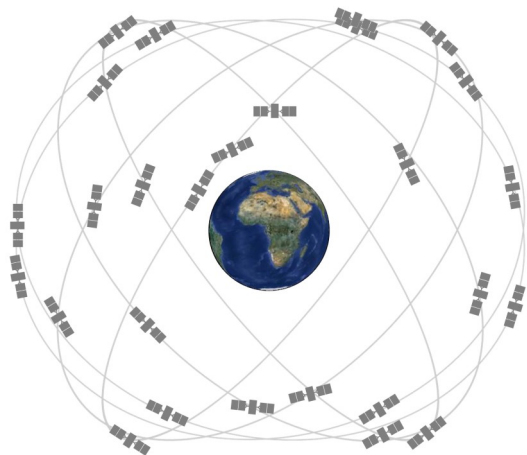
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U. S. Army Map Service

This former Nike missile site served as a support facility for geo-location and navigation beginning in 1961, establishing precise geographical reference points on the Earth's surface.

In 1963, the U.S. Army Map Service initiated a significant satellite tracking program that became part of the Defense Mapping Agency in 1972. The satellite tracking system contributed fundamentally to the Global Positioning System or GPS.

Until 1993, the data gathered at this facility also enabled geospatial scientists to further refine both their estimates of the Earth's true shape and variations in its gravity field.



Welcome and Introductions

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