
APPENDIX A

PART II

CORRESPONDENCE AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT DURING SCOPING

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA, which are codified in Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1500 (40 CFR 1500) require public involvement during all stages of an environmental impact statement (EIS) preparation. The scoping process, which is part of the public involvement, allows the federal agency undertaking the action to determine the scope of issues to be addressed in an EIS and identify the significant issues. Through a public scoping meeting a federal agency preparing an environmental documentation can inform the public of a proposed action and the alternatives and receive comments.

2.0 PUBLIC SCOPING NOTIFICATION

National Navy Medical Center (NNMC) in Bethesda, Maryland has actively sought to engage the public at all stages of the EIS for the implementation of the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC), which involves the relocation of Walter Reed Army Medical Center activities to the NNMC. To ensure that the full range of issues related to the proposed action is addressed, the Navy published in the Federal Register a notice of intent (NOI) to prepare an EIS and to announce public scoping meetings. The NOI was published on 21 November 2006. The Navy also published a public meeting notice in three local papers: The Bethesda Gazette on 22 November 2006, The Washington Post on 26 November 2006, and The Washington Times on 26 November 2006.

The notice provided general information on the Navy's proposed action, an announcement of four planned public scoping meetings concerning the action, a point of contact for providing comments, and the duration of the scoping period from 21 November 2006 to 4 January 2007. In addition, scoping notification letters were mailed to 293 local community associations and 21 local government entities. The scoping notification was also posted on the NNMC website. In addition to the publication of Notice of Availability (NOA) of the Draft EIS in the Federal Register and public notices in the newspapers, letters will be sent to notify the local community associations of the availability of the Draft EIS.

Additionally, Montgomery County distributed the Notice of Public Scoping Meetings to approximately 2,000 members on its distribution list by email and information was also posted on Montgomery County's Website. It is assumed that Montgomery County will follow similar measures to inform those members of the availability of the Draft EIS.

3.0 PUBLIC SCOPING MEETINGS

To ensure that the public was provided adequate opportunities to attend the public scoping meeting, the Navy conducted four public scoping open houses on 12, 19, and 21 December 2006. Two different sessions were conducted on 21 December 2006. All four open houses were held at the Pooks Hill-Bethesda Marriott in Bethesda, Maryland.

The first open house meeting was held on 12 December 2006, between 7:00 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Project related information, including the NEPA process and the timeline, were presented at the open house in the format of poster board displays. A summary of the proposed action and contact information were also provided in brochures. Pre-addressed comment sheets were available for the attendees to fill in at the meeting or to mail back at their convenience. Navy representatives were on hand to answer questions as well as to receive comments from the attendees. All attendees were invited to sign the Open House Comment Sign-In roster and were given an Open House Sign-in and Address Card with the option to check if the interested party would like to be notified of the availability of the Draft EIS by mail or email.

A total of 39 people attended the first open house that included representatives of federal, state, and local agencies, NIH, community organizations, neighborhood associations, schools and the general public. All 39 of the attendees signed up to be notified of the availability of the Draft EIS, with thirty-four opting to receive the document via email and five through regular mail.

The second open house meeting was held on 19 December 2006, between 6:30 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. Project related information, including the NEPA process and the timeline, were presented at the open house in the format of poster board displays. A summary of the proposed project and contact information was also provided in brochures. Pre-addressed comment sheets were available for the attendees to fill in at the meeting or to mail back at their convenience. At 7:30 pm, the Navy conducted a formal presentation of the proposed action followed by an open Q/A forum. During the Q/A forum, six attendees made public comments. Navy representatives responded to the comments. A court reporter transcribed the presentation and oral public comment period that followed.

A total of 34 people attended the second open house and included representatives of federal, state, and local agencies, community organizations, neighborhood associations, and the general public. All 34 attendees signed up to receive the Draft EIS, with twenty eight opting to receive the document via email and six through regular mail.

A copy of the power point presentation given by the Navy during the second public scoping meeting and a transcript of the speech was made available in the following website:

http://www.bethesda.med.navy.mil/Professional/Public_Affairs/BRAC/index.aspx. The public was informed of the website during the public meetings. Montgomery County also informed the public of the website.

The third and fourth open house meetings were held on 21 December 2006, the first one between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. and the second one between 7:00 p.m. and 9 p.m. Both open house sessions were conducted in the same format as the previous open house on 12 December 2006.

A total of 20 people attended the first open house and 14 people attended the second open house on 21 December 2006. The participants included representatives of federal, state, and local agencies, community organizations, neighborhood associations, schools and the general public. All 20 attendees opted to be notified of the availability of the Draft EIS by email at the first open house. Likewise, at the second open house, 11 attendees asked to be notified of the availability of the Draft EIS by email and three opted for regular mail.

The Scoping Period for the EIS ended on 4 January 2007. However, in response to the request from elected state and local officials, NNMC issued a press release on 5 January 2007 to inform the public that it would extend the scoping comment period to 3 February 2007. The Navy also agreed to hold well-publicized public information meetings to provide interested individuals and neighborhood associations another overview of the Proposed Action and the EIS and to present a summary of the results of the scoping period. NNMC also notified all its employees of the expanded comment period and the public information meetings.

Two additional public meetings were also held at the Pooks Hill - Bethesda Marriott in Bethesda, Maryland on 30 January and 1 February 2007.

At the Public Information Meetings, project related information, including the NEPA process and the timeline and the results of the scoping period was presented as poster board display. During both meetings, the Navy also presented the information in a formal overview.

Similar to the open houses during the scoping period, a summary of the proposed action and contact information were also provided in brochures. Pre-addressed comment sheets were available for the attendees to fill in at the meeting or to mail-in at their convenience. Navy representatives were on hand to answer questions as well as receive comments from the attendees. All attendees were invited to sign the Open House Comment Sign-In roster and were given an Open House Sign-in and Address Card with the option to check if the

interested party would like to be notified of the availability of the Draft EIS by mail or email.

A total of 54 persons attended the two public information meetings. Thirty-five people attended the public meeting on 30 January 2007 and 19 people attended the public meeting held on 2 February 2007. The participants included representatives of federal, state, and local agencies, community organizations, neighborhood associations, schools and the general public. At the first public meeting on 30 January 2007, 24 and 10 attendees requested to be notified of the availability of the Draft EIS via email and mail, respectively. One attendee opted not to provide contact information. At the second public meeting on 2 February 2007, 14 and five attendees signed to be notified of the availability of the Draft EIS via email and regular mail, respectively.

4.0 COMMENTS RECEIVED DURING THE SCOPING PERIOD

The following presents an overview of the comments received during the scoping period. The written and verbal comments were received during the public open houses, via email, and postal service mail. Verbal comments received during the open houses were transcribed. The official correspondence from the local, state, and federal agencies is included in the comments.

Fifteen comment cards were submitted during the four public scoping meetings and a total of 10 attendees provided verbal comments during the open house on 19 December 2007. In addition, 69 and 12 comments were submitted via email and mail, respectively. Additionally, NNMC received a total of 45 phone calls, including voice messages and calls.

The Navy received a total of 56 comments between 4 January and 3 February 2007. Eleven comment cards were submitted during the two public information meetings. In addition, the Navy received 38 comments via emails, two by mail, and 15 phone calls, including voice messages and calls. Many attendees provided comments during an impromptu Question and Answer session during the Navy presentations.

4.1 SUMMARY OF THE COMMENTS AND RESPONSES

The following presents a summary of the comments received during the scoping period and expanded comment period as well as the a summary of responses to the comments.

The majority of the comments from the state and local agencies and the local residents reflected concerns for the potential traffic increase in an already highly congested area. The comments can be grouped into the following four major categories:

- Transportation
- External Coordination

- Compatibility with Other Community Planning Efforts
- Other Environmental Issues

The comments on coordination / collaboration focused on the need for the NNMC to communicate with community organizations, neighborhood associations and schools, NIH, other state and federal agencies, and local government.

Comments regarding compatibility with other planning efforts listed a number of planning initiatives underway such as the White Flint and Woodmont Master Plans, existing plans for Bethesda Central Business District, and NIH. The comments also emphasized the need to incorporate modern urban concepts in the implementation of the Proposed Action, such as pedestrian and transit oriented development. The comments also highlighted the need to keep residents informed and involved in decisions on any improvements being considered that would affect their neighborhoods.

Comments on other environmental issues included: noise from construction and helicopter operations, air pollution from traffic, Rock Creek and stormwater management, open space, cultural resources and National Historical Preservation Act (NHPA) Section 106, and utilities capacity.

The correspondence from local, state, and federal agencies and elected officials and a list of the people making comments is included in this appendix.

Table A-1 presents a summary of the comments received during the scoping and expanded comment periods and the responses. As discussed previously, the comments are categorized into four main categories and are further divided into subcategories as applicable.

5.0 ONGOING PUBLIC OUTREACH

As a part of the Master Planning process, NNMC has met with a Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC), composed of affected state and local agencies and organizations. These include the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT), Maryland State Highway Administration (MSHA), Montgomery County Government, Montgomery County Department of Public Works, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA), and Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NNCPPC). The TAC is collaborating on traffic analysis methods.

To date, the Navy has also received two additional comments from the general public after the closing of the comment period on 3 February 2007.

6.0 ATTACHMENTS

The following attachments provide supporting documentation for the Scoping Period and Expanded Comment Period:

Attachment 1: Formal correspondence - local, state, and federal agencies, and elected officials.

Attachment 2: List of commenters that provided comments during the scoping period and expanded comment period.

Attachment 3: List of Scoping Meeting and Public Information Meeting attendees.

Attachment 4: Federal Register Notice of Intent, public notice, and U.S. Congress notice.

Attachment 5: List of community associations and government entities that were mailed the notification of the public scoping meetings.

Table A-1: Summary of Comments Received During the Scoping Period and Expanded Comment Period

COMMENT CATEGORIES	RESPONSES
TRANSPORTATION ISSUES	
Roadway/Traffic	
Potential road improvements for main thoroughfares (Rockville Pike, Jones Bridge Road, or I-495)	DEIS indicates high traffic volumes on several intersections. Potential improvements identified in the DEIS include additional turn lanes (left and right) and potentially traffic signals at intersections along Rockville Pike and Jones Bridge Road. (Ref: DEIS Sec. 4.7).
Rockville Pike (Wisconsin Avenue) corridor is severely congested	DEIS indicates high traffic volumes per comment. Potential improvements identified in the DEIS include additional turn lanes (left and right) and potentially traffic signals at intersections along Rockville Pike and Jones Bridge Road. (Ref: DEIS Sec. 4.7).
Cedar Lane rush hour backups prevent neighborhood access	DEIS results show high traffic volumes at West Cedar Lane and Rockville Pike. Potential improvements such as new east-west turning lanes and additional turn lanes on Rockville Pike have been identified in the DEIS. (Ref: DEIS Sec. 4.7).
Neighborhood streets illegally used as cut-through (Glenbrook Parkway, Chelsea, Maryland) to avoid Rockville Pike/Jones Bridge Road intersection	Cut-through movements are a result of high traffic volumes on arterials and identified improvements would help alleviate the reasons for avoiding Rockville Pike/Jones Bridge Road intersection. (Ref: DEIS Sec. 4.7).
Neighborhood streets used by traffic are narrow/substandard	Solutions to these problems are not within the authority of the Navy. (Ref: DEIS Sec. 4.7).
Traffic congestion can affect emergency vehicles	DEIS analysis confirms high traffic volumes on arterials. (Ref: DEIS Sec. 4.7).
Rush hour congestion on Rockville Pike keeps east-west traffic from crossing on green signal	DEIS indicates high volumes at key intersections. DEIS potential improvements include additional left or right turn lanes (Ref: DEIS Sec. 4.7).
Cedar Lane intersection with Rockville Pike is already one of the worst traffic-congested intersections in Montgomery County	DEIS indicates high volumes per comment. DEIS identified potential improvements that include additional left turn lanes on Cedar Lane (Ref: DEIS Sec. 4.7).
NIH will open a new vehicle inspection facility on Rockville Pike across from NMMC, which will increase traffic.	This station would not change results of the traffic analysis.

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NIH will be putting a parking garage in the buffer zone by the Metro Station, entering from Rockville Pike, which will increase traffic	This station would not change results of the traffic analysis.
Funding source for roadway improvements (changes in transportation infrastructure)	The EIS has provided potential traffic improvement measures for the 2011 implementation of the alternatives. However, off Base projects are under the jurisdiction of either Montgomery County or the State of Maryland. The Navy has coordinated the traffic analysis and recommendations with these agencies.
Do not use Glenbrook Parkway or other neighborhood streets to access NNMC (it will split the neighborhood in two and severely damage neighborhood streets)	DEIS does not identify neighborhood roads as ways to access NNMC. Improvements are identified for arterials (Ref: DEIS Sec. 4.7)
Reopen 2 of the 3 gates closed after 9/11 entrances on Jones Bridge Road. Expansion of existing entrances along Rockville Pike and Jones Bridge Road	DEIS identified improvements for all gates. (Ref: DEIS Sec. 4.7).
Widen Jones Bridge Road between Rockville Pike and Connecticut Avenue and Connecticut Avenue between Jones Bridge Road and I-495	DEIS is not considering widening Jones Bridge Road or Connecticut Avenue.
Do not widen Jones Bridge Road unless it is by using land owned by the Navy	DEIS is not considering widening Jones Bridge Road or Connecticut Avenue. DEIS potential improvements include additional left or right turn lanes at selected intersections. (Ref: DEIS Sec. 4.7).
Add turning lanes to Rockville Pike	DEIS potential improvements include additional left or right turn lanes at Rockville Pike intersections (Ref: DEIS Sec. 4.7).
More lanes/improve entrances to NNMC	DEIS identified improvements for all gates. (Ref: DEIS Sec. 4.7).
Dedicated I-495 ramp to NNMC with adequate queuing space on NNMC; reorient NNMC to front along northeast	DEIS potential improvements investigated the impact of slip ramps off/on EB I-495. Capacity analysis results for total future conditions show that slip ramps do not improve traffic conditions caused by the BRAC alternatives in a significant way; the intersections above capacity would continue to operate near or above the County capacity standards. (Ref: DEIS Sec. 4.7).
Access from I-495 would only create worse problems on I-495.	See the answer above.

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Traffic signal phasing / use Synchronization model	This model would be appropriately used in the design phase of any projects that are approved. (Ref: DEIS Sec. 4.7).
Traffic Studies: add intersections, insure up to date maps, take cut-through/inspection station/new vehicle center into consideration	The number of intersections studied included 27 intersections. These locations were selected for traffic analysis based upon their proximity to the proposed development parcels, roadway traffic volumes, potential effect of the development scenarios on each location, and requirements from the M-NCPPC. In addition, transportation Study considered potential future roadway improvements based on information received from different government agencies. (Ref: DEIS Sec. 4.7).
Grade separate Cedar Lane/Rockville Pike	DEIS has not considered grade-separation. Potential improvements identified in the DEIS include additional left or right turn lanes at selected intersections. (Ref: DEIS Sec. 4.7).
Other roadway and intersection recommendations, such as Dupont Circle-style underpasses at Rockville Pike intersections	DEIS has not considered underpasses. Potential improvements identified in the DEIS include additional left or right turn lanes at selected intersections. (Ref: DEIS Sec. 4.7).
Pedestrian/Bicycle	
Crossing Jones Bridge Road or Rockville Pike to Metro is dangerous	DEIS identifies alternative to link NNMC (and east side of Rockville Pike) with the Metro Station. (Ref: DEIS Sec. 4.7).
Many residents expressed safety concerns due to the lack of sidewalks in their neighborhoods, especially with cut-through traffic	The Navy evaluated the pedestrian infrastructure in the vicinity of NNMC as part of the Transportation Study (See Section 3.7). However, the Navy is not the action proponent for any improvements that would occur off base, including any pedestrian infrastructure improvements.
To the north of NNMC, sidewalk is too close to Rockville Pike -a safety issue, badly cracked and broken in places, obstructed by telephone poles. To the south of NNMC, sidewalk is a rough, narrow asphalt path. These sidewalks are impassable in places for the handicapped and are a danger to pedestrians and cyclists	See the answer above.

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Build a pedestrian bridge or tunnel across Rockville Pike/Jones Bridge Road for pedestrians crossing to use Metro	DEIS identifies alternative to link NNMC (and east side of Rockville Pike) with the Metro Station. (Ref: DEIS Sec. 4.7).
Traffic studies include effects on pedestrians	DEIS Appendix C, Transportation Study discusses current pedestrian features and potential improvements.
Provide for bicycle trail around NNMC and linking to other trails	NNMC survey identified current bicycle facilities. Even though the network is observed to provide good coverage, recommendations are made to provide missing links to improve bicycle access (Ref: Appendix C, Transportation Study,).
New urbanist concepts for facility designs; develop southwest corner	The siting of the BRAC facilities has largely been dictated by the need for compatibility and integration with the existing functions as well as consideration for the Historic District at NNMC. current NNMC campus is pedestrian-oriented and maintains a shuttle service throughout the campus. It is also in close proximity to sources of public transportation.
Expected more specific information on proposed roadway improvements	Section 4.7 of the DEIS provides information on potential roadway improvements (Appendix C, Transportation Study).
Parking	
Adjoining/surrounding communities Patients and staff; Parking availability (long term and short term); has additional parking for USUHS been considered?	USUHS parking, which is not a BRAC project, is not addressed in the DEIS. DEIS addresses BRAC parking needs as part of the projects considered in the EIS. (Ref: DEIS Sec. 4.7.2.5).
Residents are concerned about parking in their neighborhood by military personnel workers, as well as construction workers during the construction phase. Residents south of NNMC – neighborhood has become a “wait” area to pick up employees from work; NNMC expansion will make worse.	Parking at NNMC will be limited for construction workers; however the contractor storage are will be managed to avoid off Base disruptions. (Ref DEIS Section 4.7.2.4).
Parking/Traffic Demand Management Underground parking to conserve green space.	BRAC parking uses multi-story garages that minimize footprint.
Parking for patients; constrain staff parking to encourage non-single occupant vehicle solutions; examples of NRC, NIH, EPA, NCPC	As DEIS notes, 1,800 spaces net are provided for the new employees and patients/visitors.

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Satellite parking with shuttle buses	All transportation measures are being considered and will be addressed by the Transportation Management Plan. (Ref: Appendix C, Transportation Study, Sec. 4.6).
Public Transportation	
Complete Purple Line - WRAMC employees coming from that direction	DEIS includes transportation projects expected to be completed by relevant agencies within the study area. The funded projects do not include plans for the Purple Line.
Improved signage to Metro at NNMC	NNMC Master Plan surveyed pedestrian and bicycle facilities. Potential alternatives to link NNMC (and east side of Rockville Pike) with the Metro Station are being considered. (Ref: Appendix C, Transportation Study).
Direct tunnel access to Metro station from NNMC	Potential measures to link NNMC (and east side of Rockville Pike) with the Metro Station are identified (Ref: Appendix C, Transportation Study).
Affordable housing near public transit	The Proposed Action under this EIS includes bachelors enlisted quarters but does not propose housing off Base; employees transferring from WRAMC who live off Base are assumed to remain in their current residences.
Shuttle buses along Rockville Pike	Current shuttle buses are provided between NNMC and the Metro and other military installations.
EXTERNAL COORDINATION COMPATIBILITY WITH OTHER PLANS	
Coordination / Collaboration Requested Community organizations, neighborhood associations and schools, NIH, agencies and local government	The Navy encourages participation in the DEIS public meetings.
Planning Initiatives - master plans underway at White Flint and Woodmont areas; existing for Bethesda Central Business District, NIH; modern urban concepts	The DEIS discusses other planning initiatives in the vicinity of NNMC, but does not anticipate conflicts with existing plans. (DEIS Section 4.10 and 4.12).
Keep residents informed / involved in decisions on any improvements being considered, such as for roadways, affecting their neighborhoods.	The DEIS lays out roadway improvements identified; none off Base are under the purview of the Navy to implement.

COMMENT CATEGORIES	RESPONSES
Establish a specific liaison with Montgomery County DPWT to ensure that any changes made on NNMC are complemented by changes to the surrounding transportation network.	Montgomery County DPWT is part of the Transportation Advisory Committee, which has collaborated on traffic analysis methods for the Transportation Study.
OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES	
Noise - EIS needs to study any additional helicopter flights and associated noise	Both current and future helicopter operations at NNMC are for emergencies only. Future emergency operations are expected to increase by only 1-2 flights per month from the current operations of approximately 12.6 flights per month. Resultant noise would be temporary and does not represent a significant change from existing conditions. (Ref: DEIS Sec. 4.5 and 4.7).
Noise - vehicles, construction, NNMC trash pick up and lawnmowers	Traffic volumes must double to produce a three dBA increase. The traffic levels projected for the proposed action are not anticipated to double and would not significantly increase noise. Construction and demolition contractors would adhere to Montgomery County and Maryland requirements. Noise impacts during the construction phase would be reduced by using noise reduction measures if necessary. (Ref: DEIS Sec. 4.5).
Air Pollution - traffic volume will further compromise air quality, health-related issues	Air quality analysis for the DEIS determined that pollutant emissions from the proposed action do not exceed the <i>de minimis</i> levels or standards established by USEPA and therefore would not cause significant air quality impacts. (Ref: DEIS Sec. 4.4).
Storm Water Management - work with new facility at Woodmont/Wisconsin; concerns regarding increase in runoff to Rock Creek	Only a small overall increase in impervious surfaces occurs and runoff from this would be managed by stormwater management plan and BMPs approved by the State. (Ref: DEIS Sec. 4.2).
Stormwater generated on NNMC will increase runoff flows through Stone Ridge, possibly exceeding the capacity of their current stormwater conveyance systems.	See previous response.
Preserve open space	The Proposed Action only develops over existing development such as parking lots or on landscaped areas; open space impacts are minimized. (Ref: DEIS Sec. 4.3).
Historic Preservation - follow NHPA Section 106 procedures.	The Navy will conduct formal consultation under Section 106 of NHPA with appropriate agencies.

COMMENT CATEGORIES	RESPONSES
Utilities - evaluate peak demand	Movement of functions from WRAMC does not increase regional demand. Providers indicate new demand at NNMC can be met. (Ref: DEIS Sec. 4.6).
Impacts to the delivery of public services to nearby communities	Because no employees currently living off Base are expected to change their current residences, they will have minimal impact on local community services. (Ref: DEIS Sec. 4.10).
SCOPE OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT	
Change BRAC Law to not move Walter Reed Army Medical Center medical services to National Naval Medical Center Bethesda	Comment noted.
Ensure cumulative effects of other plans and actions in Bethesda are considered	The DEIS discusses other planning initiatives in the vicinity of NNMC, but does not anticipate conflicts with existing plans. (DEIS Section 4.10 and 4.12).
Master Plan should be ahead of the EIS	Master Plan has been delayed and will follow EIS, but EIS has been coordinated with ongoing planning for the master plan. (Ref: DEIS Sec. 1).
Follow new urbanist principles in siting and design	The siting of the BRAC facilities has largely been dictated by the need for compatibility and integration with the existing functions as well as consideration for the Historic District at NNMC. current NNMC campus is pedestrian-oriented and maintains a shuttle service throughout the campus. It is also in close proximity to sources of public transportation.

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**Attachment 1: Formal Correspondence - Local, State
and Federal Agencies and Elected Officials**

**Formal Correspondence from Local, State and Federal
Agencies and Elected Officials**



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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE REVIEW PROCESS

State Application Identifier: MD20061212-1240

Reviewer Comments Due By: December 30, 2006

Project Description: Notification of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement at the National Naval Medical Center

Project Location: Montgomery County

Clearinghouse Contact: Bob Rosenbush

Dear Mr. Zulick:

Thank you for submitting your project for intergovernmental review. Participation in the Maryland Intergovernmental Review and Coordination (MIRC) process helps ensure project consistency with plans, programs, and objectives of State agencies and local governments. MIRC enhances opportunities for approval and/or funding and minimizes delays by resolving issues before project implementation.

The following agencies and/or jurisdictions have been forwarded a copy of your project for their review: the Maryland Departments of Transportation, the Environment, Natural Resources; the County of Montgomery; the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission in Montgomery County; and the Maryland Department of Planning, including the Maryland Historical Trust. They have been requested to contact your agency directly by **December 30, 2006** with any comments or concerns and to provide a copy of those comments to the State Clearinghouse for Intergovernmental Assistance. Please be assured that after **December 30, 2006** all MIRC requirements will have been met in accordance with Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR 14.24.04). The project has been assigned a unique State Application Identifier that should be used on all documents and correspondence.

If you need assistance or have questions, contact the State Clearinghouse staff noted above at 410-767-4490 or through e-mail at brosenbush@mdp.state.md.us. Thank you for your cooperation with the MIRC process.

Sincerely,

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December 28, 2006

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Dear LCDR Eckenrode:

We are writing regarding the proposed expansion of the National Naval Medical Center (NNMC) required by the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990, as amended.

Under the National Environmental Policy Act, the public must have sufficient opportunity to share its concerns over the proposed relocation of the Walter Reed Army Medical Center (WRAMC) services onto the NNMC campus. However, the open houses for public comment were recently held over a two week period during the busy holiday season, which made it difficult for many local residents and community association representatives to attend.

The scoping period is currently scheduled to conclude on January 4, 2007. As elected representatives for the neighborhoods surrounding NNMC, we respectfully request that the scoping period be extended for 30 days, until February 3, 2007. We ask that you use this additional time to host well-publicized public forums to give interested individuals and neighborhood associations greater opportunities to learn about the full scope of this BRAC project and to express their views during this crucial scoping period.

The challenges in combining the operations of the WRAMC and the NNMC will be significant, but with the requisite cooperation of the various governmental agencies involved, we believe that this project can provide numerous benefits to our community. Most importantly, it will create a world-class campus for delivery of the finest medical services available for treating our troops. In doing so, it will also increase the opportunities for collaboration between NNMC and the other neighboring medical institutions -- the National Institutes of Health and Suburban Hospital.

Despite the benefits that we hope will inure to our community, we share many of the concerns that our constituents have expressed regarding the potential impacts of the merger of these two institutions. For instance, people who live and work in the Bethesda area already face heavily clogged roads surrounding the NNMC campus, and there are estimates that car trips could increase by as much as 40 percent as a result of the proposed expansion. Traffic increases of this magnitude, and concerns about pedestrian-traffic safety, noise, and air quality, create

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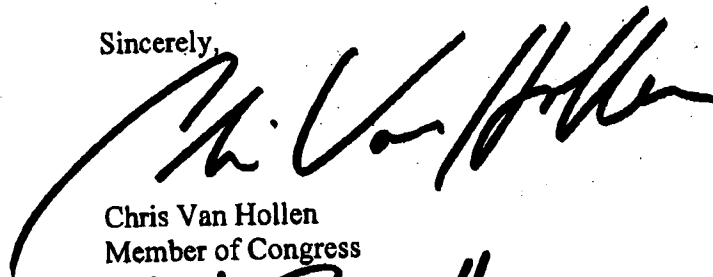


legitimate apprehension among our community members that their quality of life could be irreparably damaged as a result of the proposed expansion.

Accordingly, we request that the Environmental Impact Statement address these and the full range of potential community and environmental concerns and identify the precise manner in which these concerns will be mitigated by the federal government. For example, additional traffic of this magnitude may require significant transportation infrastructure enhancements, potentially including a new exit ramp off the Capital Beltway, expanded public transit, and enhancements for both bicycle and pedestrian safety and accessibility. It would be unfair for the federal government -- in pursuit of the economic efficiencies that drive the BRAC process -- to shift to local and state governments a significant financial burden that flows directly from this proposed consolidation.

Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this matter of serious concern to us and to our constituents.

Sincerely,



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Dear Commander Eckenrode:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the preparation of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Master Plan for the National Naval Medical Center (NNMC). Representatives of County government attended each of the scoping meetings held during the month of December, and were impressed by the amount of military and consultant staff available to answer questions and discuss the EIS. Even given this level of effort, though, I am concerned that the timing of the scoping period during the holiday season did not provide the broadest opportunities for public input. I request that the EIS preparers continue to accept and consider public input during the entire EIS process. Our citizens are interested and well informed and should be considered as a resource during the preparation of the EIS and Master Plan.

In addition, it will be important to have continued and frequent communication with staff from various government agencies so that staff can work along with your staff to be sure that citizens are fully informed of progress during the process. This includes those in Congress, state and county transportation agencies, WMATA, and our economic development and workforce partners.

County staff has been closely following the recommendations of the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) committee, including the realignment of Walter Reed Army Medical Center in D.C. and the transfer of Walter Reed's functions to other locations. The County is proud to be home to NNMC which, combined with the National Institutes of Health and Suburban Hospital, creates an unparalleled healthcare location. The modernization and expansion of all of these facilities, however, creates major challenges to maintaining the quality of life in the surrounding neighborhoods and the broader community.

The 1990 NNMC Master Plan update states that "the level of traffic around the facility has increased significantly and resulted in congestion at many intersections, creating a level of service of F on Wisconsin Avenue at its intersections with both Jones Bridge Road and Cedar Lane." In the 16 years since this statement was written, traffic congestion has continued and the intersections mentioned in the 1990 Plan are two of the most congested intersections in the County.

Planning for the proposed increase of staff, patients, and visitors needs to carefully evaluate the impacts of the new trips on the road network. We recommend that in your evaluation, the number of intersections studied be expanded to include the Beltway exit to the north at MD355 as well as intersections at Connecticut Avenue and Jones Bridge Road and at Old Georgetown Road and Cedar Lane. Because of the constraints of the existing roadway system, roadway transportation improvements will necessarily be of a limited to moderate impact. The one major roadway improvement that should be studied is a possible direct connection with the Capital Beltway at the northeastern campus boundary.

It is extremely important that any recommended roadway improvements be coupled with a strong effort to increase use of public transit and other alternatives to the single occupancy vehicle arrival at NNMCM. This should include pedestrian improvements within the campus and along its perimeter, possibly including a grade separated pedestrian crossing for Wisconsin Avenue or a direct tunnel access under Wisconsin Avenue to the Medical Center Metro stop. Use of expanded public transportation options such as satellite parking locations, shuttle buses within the campus, and additional Ride-On or Metrobus service should be investigated, as well as providing transit subsidy funds and education and promotion of public transportation use at NNMCM. We will be coordinating with our federal and state elected officials to be sure that financial resources will be made available to complete recommended off-site improvements.

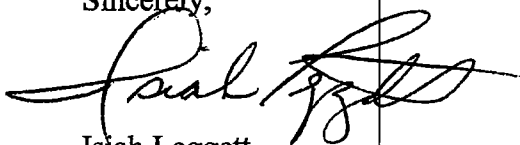
Coordination of off-site transportation options with the NIH should be considered, along with items such as preferential parking for carpools, telecommuting options, and providing bike racks and showers for bike commuters. Many of the trips to the facility will be from patients and visitors who regularly travel to the base. Scheduling appointments at off-peak hours and providing information on public transportation to visitors should be pursued, as well as any other potential mechanisms to decrease the congestion on the surrounding roadway network.

Any planning for the facility should seek to maintain and enhance the buffer zone around the facility. This includes creation of a plan for parking for construction workers during the building phase of the proposed expansion. Lighting and noise impacts on the community must be minimized. Location of the helipad and use of helicopters to and from the facility must be planned with a minimum of impact on the surrounding community.

Lt. Commander John Eckenrode
January 3, 2007
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We look forward to continuing a dialogue with the military as your plans continue to evolve for the realignment of Walter Reed and NNMC. The County's main point of contact for BRAC issues is Lisa Rother, Planning Manager in the Office of the County Executive. She can be reached by phone at 240-777-2593 or by email at lisa.rother@montgomerycountymd.gov.

Sincerely,

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Isiah Leggett
County Executive

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Mr. J. A. Zulick
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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE REVIEW – ADDITIONAL REVIEWER COMMENTS RECEIVED

State Application Identifier: MD20061212-1240

Project Description: Notification of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement at the National Naval Medical Center

Project Location: Montgomery County

Clearinghouse Contact: Bob Rosenbush

Dear Mr. Zulick:

We are forwarding the comments made by the Maryland Departments of Natural Resources, Transportation, and this Department, including the Maryland Historical Trust regarding the referenced project for your information.

The Maryland Historical Trust (the Trust) stated that the proposed undertaking has potential to affect historic properties. The Trust's finding of consistency is contingent upon the requirement that further consultation between the Applicant, and the Trust take place: pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

The Maryland Department of Transportation found the project to be generally consistent with its plans, programs, and objectives, but included these qualifying comments. The Maryland Department of Transportation affirmed that "as far as can be determined at this time, the subject has no unacceptable impacts on the plans or programs of the Department of Transportation."

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources, and the Maryland Department of Planning found the project to be consistent with its plans, programs, and objectives.

Should you have any questions, contact the State Clearinghouse staff person noted above at 410-767-4490 or through e-mail at brosenbush@mdp.state.md.us. Your cooperation and attention to the review process is appreciated

Sincerely,

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Linda C. Janey, J.D., Director
Maryland State Clearinghouse for Intergovernmental Assistance

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cc: Ray Dintaman - DNR
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January 4, 2007

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Commander John Zulick
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National Naval Medical Center
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Bethesda, MD 20889

Commander Zulick,

As a federal neighbor, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) shares many things with the National Naval Medical Center (NNMC). The two facilities share: borders that abut Rockville Pike between Cedar Lane and Jones Bridge Road; intersections that provide access to both our facilities (i.e., South Drive/Rockville Pike); a local transit center (i.e., Medical Center Metrorail Station) that offer rapid rail and regional bus service; and a long and distinguished history of service to the nation and world. We support your need for expansion to meet the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) required closures yet need to voice some concerns for the record.

The BRAC proposal to relocate Walter Reed Army Medical Center (WRAMC) to the National Naval Medical Center has environmental implications for NIH, and therefore we ask that you address these in your Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) implementing the 2005 BRAC decision to relocate WRAMC to the NNMC. Among the issues of concern to us are:

1. Potential increases in peak hour traffic congestion on Rockville Pike (Route 355), Jones Bridge Road, Cedar Lane, and possibly Old Georgetown Road (Route 187), the principal access roads to our Bethesda campus. Planned improvements to I-495, I-270, Route 355, or Maryland 187, including interchange upgrades, intersection improvements, or traffic signalization changes needed for BRAC that could impact our employees' and patients' ability to access the campus. Due to potential traffic congestion, NNMC is encouraged to work with the State Highway Administration and the county to expedite the three Route 355 (Rockville Pike) highway projects that are "closest" to NIH and maximize use of Jones Bridge Road entrances for patients and employees.
2. Greater transit usage at the Medical Center Metrorail Station. Because WMATA operates the station on the Bethesda campus under an easement, any changes to the station and the supporting facilities (e.g. bus lanes, kiss-and-ride area, sidewalks, escalators) have the potential to affect NIH employees or operations. The Department of Navy should consider improvements to the South Drive Metro entrance, coordinating these with the NIH in advance. Navy, WMATA,

Ride-On, and NIH share the South Drive/Route 355 intersection so it is extremely important that this area function properly. This needs to be addressed in the Draft EIS. Furthermore, we expect that with the development of our Gateway Center just south of this point, pedestrian and vehicular traffic at this intersection will grow, further increasing the potential for congestion.

3. Traffic demand management (TDM) and the measures Navy proposes to put in place to lessen the impact of the planned BRAC action are of interest to us as well. These should be in place prior to the opening of the new WRAMC. NIH has a comprehensive TDM program and we'd be happy to share it with you if you would like to discuss this further.
4. The plans for establishing a centralized information source for carpooling, vanpooling, public and other alternative transportation options will be important to lessening traffic effects. The NIH has a similar Employee Transportation Services Office (ETSO) which has been very successful in reducing Single Occupant Vehicles (SOVs) and can coordinate with the NNMC's office on this.
5. As you know, WRAMC generates significant air traffic in terms of helicopters coming and going, which means possible additional noise and safety issues that could impact NIH patients and buildings.
6. Infrastructure upgrades, enhancements, and improvements are or will need to be planned to improve pedestrian and bicyclist' pathways leading to the Metro facility and to and from the Bethesda Central Business District.
7. Several joint ventures with the NIH have been discussed or eluded to Navy's scoping presentation. Please identify those resources you would readily consider for shared implementation with the NIH and how you would implement if the NIH is not able to share said resources.
8. We expect an increase demand on local utilities in the area of NNMC due to BRAC-related expansion. This expansion could impact peak usage and available capacity within existing lines. Please indicate how Navy will minimize this potential.
9. Increases to impervious surface at NNMC could lead to further deterioration of our local streams which flow to Rock Creek. The NIH has undertaken several major actions to reduce stormwater flows and improve water quality. We would encourage the NNMC to follow our lead in development of your site.

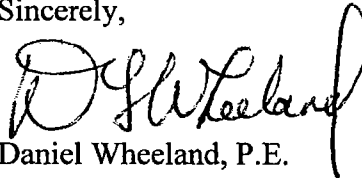
Finally, the proposed BRAC action offers opportunities for us to work closer in coordinating the development of our respective sites and lessen the impact of the planned move of WRAMC to Navy Medical. Based on our recent experience with the update to our NIH Bethesda Master Plan, we believe the National Capital Planning Commission, the State Highway Administration, Montgomery County, and MNCPPC will expect this of us.

Some of the things that we should explore include:

- coordinating the highway signing of our two facilities so that employees, patients, and visitors are directed to travel routes that can best accommodate their needs;
- emergency planning and strategies to coordinate evacuation routes and plans;
- investigating opportunities for sharing support services and facilities where they are present and can absorb additional demands (e.g. NIH's Commercial Vehicle Inspection Facility);
- coordinating any needed infrastructure changes so that the changes meet both our needs as the improvements are planned and designed; and
- looking into employee housing needs created by the BRAC action (particularly for lower salaried employees) in addition to short-term housing for patients and patient families.

As federal agencies that share resources in the Bethesda area (e.g. roadways, utility lines) and with special expertise relevant to Navy's BRAC action, we request that Navy designate NIH as a Cooperating Agency for purposes of its NEPA action. Additionally, we suggest regular meetings between our two agencies to discuss common issues as you conduct your master planning and BRAC planning processes. Please let me know if you would like to discuss this further. We look forward to working with you on a more collaborative approach to minimize impacts and increase the efficiencies of our two operations.

Sincerely,

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January 19, 2007

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RE: State Application Identifier: MD20061212-1240
Project: Notification of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement at the
National Naval Medical Center

To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for providing the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) with the opportunity to comment on the above-referenced project. Copies of the documents were circulated throughout MDE for review, and it has been determined that this project is consistent with MDE's plans, programs and objectives.

Again, thank you for giving MDE the opportunity to review this project. If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to call me at (410) 537-4120.

Sincerely,

Joane D. Mueller
MDE Clearinghouse Coordinator
Technical and Regulatory Services Administration

cc: Bob Rosenbush, State Clearinghouse

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Ellyn Goldkind

NCPC File No. 6759



WALTER REED NATIONAL MILITARY MEDICAL CENTER MEDICAL FACILITY ADDITIONS

8901 Rockville Pike
Montgomery County, Bethesda, Maryland

Submitted by the United States Department of the Navy

September 27, 2007

Abstract

The United States Department of the Navy has submitted concept designs for new medical facility additions to the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, located at 8901 Rockville Pike in Bethesda, Maryland. The project will include renovation of existing facilities as well as construction of two new buildings to accommodate the medical service expansion required by the 2005 BRAC recommendations. The new buildings and related utility/site upgrades will accommodate a new outpatient facility and expanded diagnostic and critical care functions of the Medical Center.

Commission Actions Requested by Applicant

Approval of concept design for the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center at Bethesda pursuant to 40 U.S.C. § 8722(a) and (b)(1).

Executive Director's Recommendation

The Commission:

Comments favorably on the concept design for the new medical facility additions to the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, Bethesda, with the exception of the fenestration pattern, as shown on NCPC Map File No. 3101.30(38.00)42383.

Requires that the following items be included in the preliminary design submission:

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- Samples of the proposed finish materials.
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- A summary of planned staffing and related parking accommodations, as will be determined by the completed Environmental Impact Statement, Master Plan, and Transportation Management Plan.
- Completed Section 106 consultation for the project and a final determination of effect from the Maryland Historical Trust.

Notes that during project development the applicant should address the following comments by other affected State and county entities:

- The proposed buildings are generally consistent with agency plans, programs, and objectives.
- The Maryland Historical Trust accepted the concept design with regard to location, footprint, and massing; and requested Section 106 consultation to move forward with fenestration design, materials selection, and other design and planning details.
- Environmental effects of the proposed project require additional review, coordination, and compliance with applicable regulations. Areas of potential effect include, but are not limited to, traffic and parking; hazardous materials and waste; construction materials and methods; energy sources; and emissions.
- The project has not yet been commented on by the Montgomery County Planning Board, and recommendations of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission are subject to, and contingent upon, the comments of the Planning Board.

Notes that the Commission's final action will take into account the findings of the Environmental Impact Statement, and the content of the Master Plan and Transportation Management Plan for the Medical Center, currently under development.

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Background

As a result of the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) recommendations, the existing Walter Reed Army Medical Center (WRAMC) located in Washington, D.C., will be closed and military medical services in the National Capital Area (NCA) will be realigned between two primary facilities serving the northern and southern portions of the NCA. The southern NCA will be served by a new hospital at Ft. Belvoir, Virginia; and the existing National Naval Medical Center (NNMC), Bethesda, Maryland will be expanded and renovated to serve the northern NCA. All existing tertiary (sub-specialty and complex care) medical services currently provided at WRAMC will be relocated to this northern facility. The expanded NNMC will be renamed the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, Bethesda (WRNMMC) and is the location of the current project. As a funded project associated with BRAC, work is required to be completed by September 2011.

The Navy is currently in the process of updating the Master Plan, including a Transportation Management Plan (TMP) for the site, as well as preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in response to the pending expansion related to BRAC. Due to the ambitious timeline to implement BRAC recommendations, this concept design has been submitted prior to completion of the Master Plan update and environmental analysis, and has therefore been referred to affected agencies through the Maryland State Clearinghouse. The agencies that have been included in that referral are the Maryland Departments of Transportation, the Environment, and Natural Resources; the County of Montgomery; the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission in Montgomery County; the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, and the Maryland Department of Planning; including the Maryland Historical Trust.

The 20-story main tower with connecting L-shaped wings (“Building One”) of the NNMHC was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1978; part of its significance is due to its design concept that originated with a vision of President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Inspired by the Nebraska State Capitol (Lincoln, NE, 1924), President Roosevelt sketched a rough plan and elevation on White House stationery for the new Naval Hospital – the spirit of his design was brought to fruition by Architect Paul Cret and the Navy architectural staff under Fredrick W. Southworth. The integrity of the tower remains largely intact, and is a highly visible landmark and one of the key defining elements of the campus.

Site

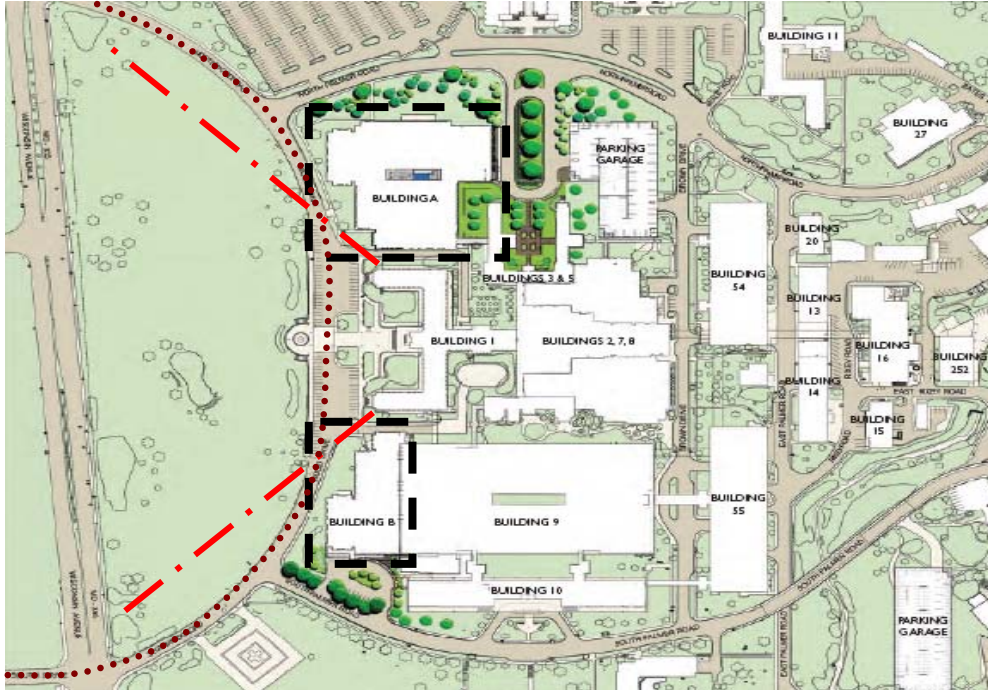
The gradually sloping landscape and terraces of the Medical Center were also designed by Paul Cret as part of the original construction. The tower and wings of Building One are centered on a circular drive (Wood Road) that spans between the north and south gates marking the Campus entry points from Wisconsin Avenue. Wood Road, along with the north and south retaining walls that extend 215 feet from the central terrace, define the edge of the semicircular central terrace that extends 130 feet from the building entrance.

In the center of the front lawn lie a granite and bronze flagpole and base, together reaching a height of 90 feet. Two large anchors rest to the north and south of the flagpole, and on the western side of the base there are three steps leading down the hillside.

Proposal

The United States Department of the Navy has submitted concept designs for additions and site/utility improvements to the medical facility at the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center (WRNMMC) at Bethesda; the proposal is the result of thorough assessment of the BRAC requirements and subsequent master planning. As such, the general size, scale, massing and architectural character is not expected to change significantly and the concept design as presented will proceed through design and construction.

The proposed concept includes renovation of 261,000 square feet of the existing medical facility, construction of a new six-story building (Building A) of 533,000 square feet, and construction of a four-story addition (Building B) of 157,000 square feet to the west of Building Nine. The new buildings will flank the existing Building One of the campus, and each will have symmetrical facades, western footprints around Wood Drive, and roof heights.



SITE/LANDSCAPING PLAN

The new buildings will be constructed of pre-cast concrete with a stone base and aluminum-frame windows; incorporation of recessed vertical window openings will be used relate to the geometry in the fenestration pattern of Building One. It is important to note that the windows shown in the proposal are schematic in nature and are likely to change with the next phase of design. Due to the difference in floor-to-floor heights between Buildings A and B, creation of symmetrical fenestration of both buildings is an acknowledged design challenge.

Site improvements related to the new buildings will include landscaping and utility/infrastructure improvements to the central equipment plant. The courtyards to the rear of Building One are contributing elements of the National Historic Landmark and will be preserved; neither construction from this project, nor from future projects anticipated as part of the pending Master Plan update, will alter the existing courtyard configurations or materials, and any landscaping that is disturbed will be replaced in-kind.



SITE PERSPECTIVE – APPROACH ON WOOD DRIVE

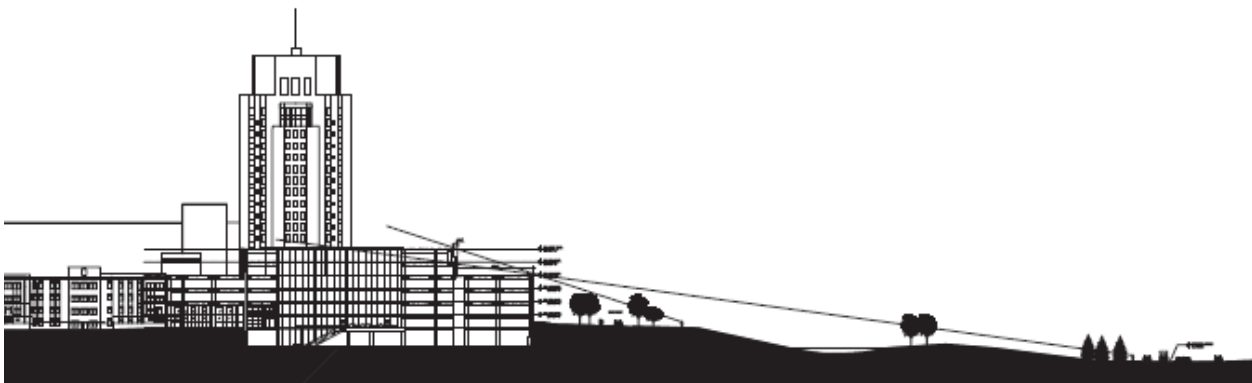
Several design parameters evolved as a result of design consultation with NCPC and MD-SHPO staffs, including the following:

- The buildings must be symmetrical about Building One.
- The adjacent front planes of Building A (Outpatient Care Pavilion) and Building B (Inpatient Addition) cannot be forward (west) of the front of the wings of Building One.
- The view shed west of Building One is to remain unobstructed. The west footprints of Buildings A and B, along Wood Drive, are to step away from the wings of Building One.
- The front walls of Buildings A and B cannot be higher than the wings of Building One.
- Building heights may be permitted to be higher than the wings of Building One provided their front walls are set back to minimize visibility from within the site.
- The overall heights of Buildings A and B are to be the same.
- New construction should respect, and enhance where possible, the historical importance of the other buildings and courtyards on the site.

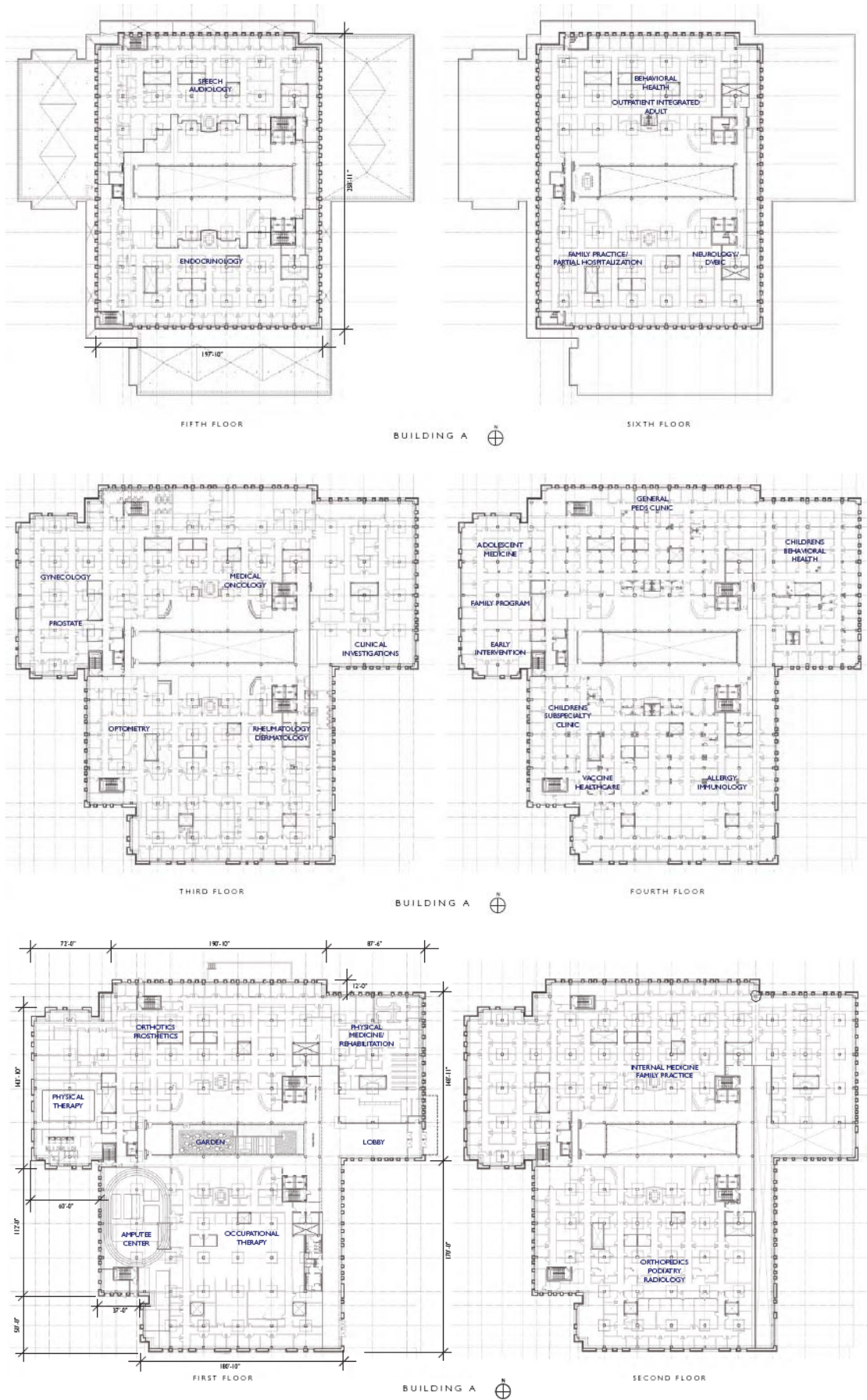
Additionally, a number of sustainable design features and energy efficient systems will be incorporated into all new construction; the buildings will be certified according to the US Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) program.



BUILDING ELEVATIONS



SITE SECTION – SIGHT LINES TO NEW BUILDINGS



FLOOR PLANS – BUILDING “A”

PROJECT ANALYSIS

Staff finds that the proposed building additions meet the design parameters that were formulated as part of consultation with NCPC and MD-SHPO staffs with regard to footprint, building frontage/setbacks, symmetry, building heights, and preservation of view sheds and historic landscapes. Additionally the scale, massing, and material selection for the new buildings are well developed and appropriate additions to the WRNMMC medical facility; the applicant and design team are to be commended for their ongoing consultation and responsiveness to NCPC and MD-SHPO staffs, including site analysis to minimize visibility of upper portions of the new buildings from within the site.

Staff requests that the applicant provide, with the preliminary site and building plans, revised elevations that include more compatible fenestration patterns; additional information with regard to the building's overall size and height; a more fully developed site and landscaping plan; and information on proposed exterior building/site lighting (including proposed fixtures, locations, and foot-candle levels). Information and samples of the proposed finish materials should also be submitted.

A summary of planned staffing should be included at the preliminary and final design stages, as will be determined by the ongoing EIS and Master Planning processes. Related parking accommodations for the proposed buildings will be reviewed under subsequent submissions, and should comply with parking ratios established in the current Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital.

Staff encourages the applicant to initiate Section 106 consultation as soon as possible, as requested by the Maryland Historical Trust, in order to define the undertaking and "area of potential effect," to identify all eligible historic properties in the area of potential effect, and to provide a determination of effect. The Section 106 review should result in a determination of the impacts to historic structures/landscapes that will result from this undertaking, as well as any actions to minimize/mitigate those impacts.

CONFORMANCE

Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital

Staff has determined that the proposed project is consistent with the *Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital: Federal Elements*, in particular policies in the Federal Workplace Element.

Federal Capital Improvements Program

This project is not included in the current list of projects included in the FCIP for the WRNMMC. The applicant should add this project to the 2009-2014 version of the FCIP, along with other projects that are identified as the current Master Plan update is completed.

National Environmental Policy Act

An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is currently being prepared for the WR-NMMC campus; this work is related to a Master Plan update that is being carried out concurrently. While an EIS is not required at the Concept Design review stage, a completed EIS will be required as part of the preliminary design submission. Since the EIS is used to inform decisions for the campus as a whole, findings presented in that document have the potential to change the Staff analyses and/or recommendations at later reviews.

National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA)

Review of the proposed project, per Section 106 of the NHPA, is not required at the concept design stage. However, the applicant has been in consultation with the Maryland Historic Trust (SHPO) and has made several design changes as a result of that consultation. Formal Section 106 consultation with the SHPO is required as part of the preliminary design submission; the SHPO has requested that this formal review process be initiated in the short term.

CONSULTATION

Maryland Historical Trust (MHT)

The MHT accepted the concept design with regard to location, footprint, and massing; and requested Section 106 consultation to move forward with fenestration design, materials selection, and other design and planning details.

Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission in Montgomery County (M-NCPPC)

The proposed project is generally consistent with M-NCPPC plans, programs, and objectives; however, there are some concerns with future parking and traffic impacts. Since the Montgomery County Planning Board has not yet commented on this project, M-NCPPC's recommendation is contingent on the Applicant considering and addressing any problems or conditions that are identified by the Planning Board.

Maryland Department of Transportation

The proposed project is generally consistent with Maryland Department of Transportation plans, programs, and objectives, and without any unacceptable impact that could be determined at this stage of the project.

Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE)

Comments from the MDE identified various potential environmental effects of the proposed project that require additional review, coordination, and compliance with applicable regulations. Areas of potential effect include, but are not limited to, traffic and parking; hazardous materials and waste; construction materials and methods; energy sources; and emissions.

Maryland Department of Planning

The proposed project is generally consistent with Maryland Department of Planning plans, programs, and objectives. Qualifying comments are anticipated, but have not yet been received, from the Maryland Department of Planning.

Maryland Department of Natural Resources

The proposed project is generally consistent with Maryland Department of Natural Resources plans, programs, and objectives.

Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments

The proposed project is generally consistent with plans, programs, and objectives of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments.

COMMISSION ACTION

NCPC File No. 6759



**WALTER REED NATIONAL MILITARY MEDICAL CENTER
MEDICAL FACILITY ADDITIONS
8901 Rockville Pike
Montgomery County, Bethesda, Maryland**

Submitted by the United States Department of the Navy

October 4, 2007

Commission Action Requested by Applicant

Approval of concept design pursuant to 40 U.S.C. § 8722(a) and (b)(1).

Commission Action

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Deborah B. Young
Secretary to the National Capital Planning Commission

**Formal Correspondence from the Navy to Local, State
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IN REPLY REFER TO

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January 9, 2006

The Honorable Chris Van Hollen
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Dear Representative Van Hollen:

This is in response to your inquiry of December 28, 2006 regarding the proposed expansion of the National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, MD (NNMC) by the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990, as amended. The proposed expansion is being analyzed under the National Environmental Policy Act using an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), supplemented by an updated Installation Master Plan.

One of our responsibilities throughout this process is to ensure that BRAC-related work is completed by the mandated deadline of September 15, 2011. Backward planning directs that an aggressive schedule will be required for completion of this significant undertaking. To maintain that schedule, yet ensure we receive comments from all who wish to contribute during this early stage of the process, the Scoping Period officially closed on January 4, 2007. However, we will continue to accept public comments through your requested date of February 3, 2007. During this period we will also publicize and hold at least one Public Availability Session to solicit additional public comments.

To ensure potential impacts are properly addressed, we will utilize all comments received and will continue meeting with Federal, State and Local officials to discuss items pertinent to their respective areas. As mentioned in your letter, traffic, bicycle and pedestrian safety and accessibility, noise, air quality, effects on public transit, and other issues will be considered during the process. Mitigation recommendations will be included in the analysis, commensurate with the changes brought on by this proposal. Additional public comments will be solicited next in this process with the publication of the Draft EIS, slated for June 2007.

If I can be of further assistance, my point of contact is Lieutenant Commander John Eckenrode, NC, USN, BRAC Officer in Charge, at DSN 295-6799 or commercial (301)295-6799.

Sincerely,

Adam Robinson

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The Honorable William A. Bronrott
Maryland House of Delegates, District 16
Room 411 Lowe House Office Building
84 College Avenue
Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

Dear Delegate Bronrott:

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If I can be of further assistance, my point of contact is Lieutenant Commander John Eckenrode, NC, USN, BRAC Officer in Charge, at DSN 295-6799 or commercial (301)295-6799.

Sincerely,

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A. M. ROBINSON, JR.
Rear Admiral, Medical Corps
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The Honorable Roger Berliner
Member, Montgomery County Council, District 1
100 Maryland Avenue
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Dear Council Member Berliner:

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Mr. John P. Wolfin
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Subject: ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR ACTIVITIES TO IMPLEMENT
THE 2005 BRAC ACTIONS AT NATIONAL NAVAL MEDICAL CENTER, BETHESDA,
MARYLAND

Dear Mr. Wolfin:

The Department of the Navy is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to examine the potential environmental impacts of the relocation of Walter Reed Army Medical Center (WRAMC) activities from the District of Columbia to the National Naval Medical Center (NNMC) in Bethesda, Maryland per Public Law 101-510, the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990 (BRAC Law) as amended in 2005. The specific BRAC recommendation is to:

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The purpose of this correspondence is to request a list of federally listed species that may be impacted by this proposed project. Because of its location in a highly urbanized environment in Montgomery County, Maryland and previous studies indicating the only species of concern are transient migrating birds, it is unlikely that the proposed realignment actions at NNMC will affect any federally endangered or threatened species or locally sensitive species. NNMC

is currently doing additional site investigations. However, we would appreciate input from your office. A project area map that shows the installation location is attached as well as maps showing the two action alternatives (Enclosures 1, 2, and 3).

A letter is also being sent to the Maryland Department of Natural Resources to solicit their input.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact either Sam Brandt at (301) 295-2527 or Laura Broussard at (301) 295-2528. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

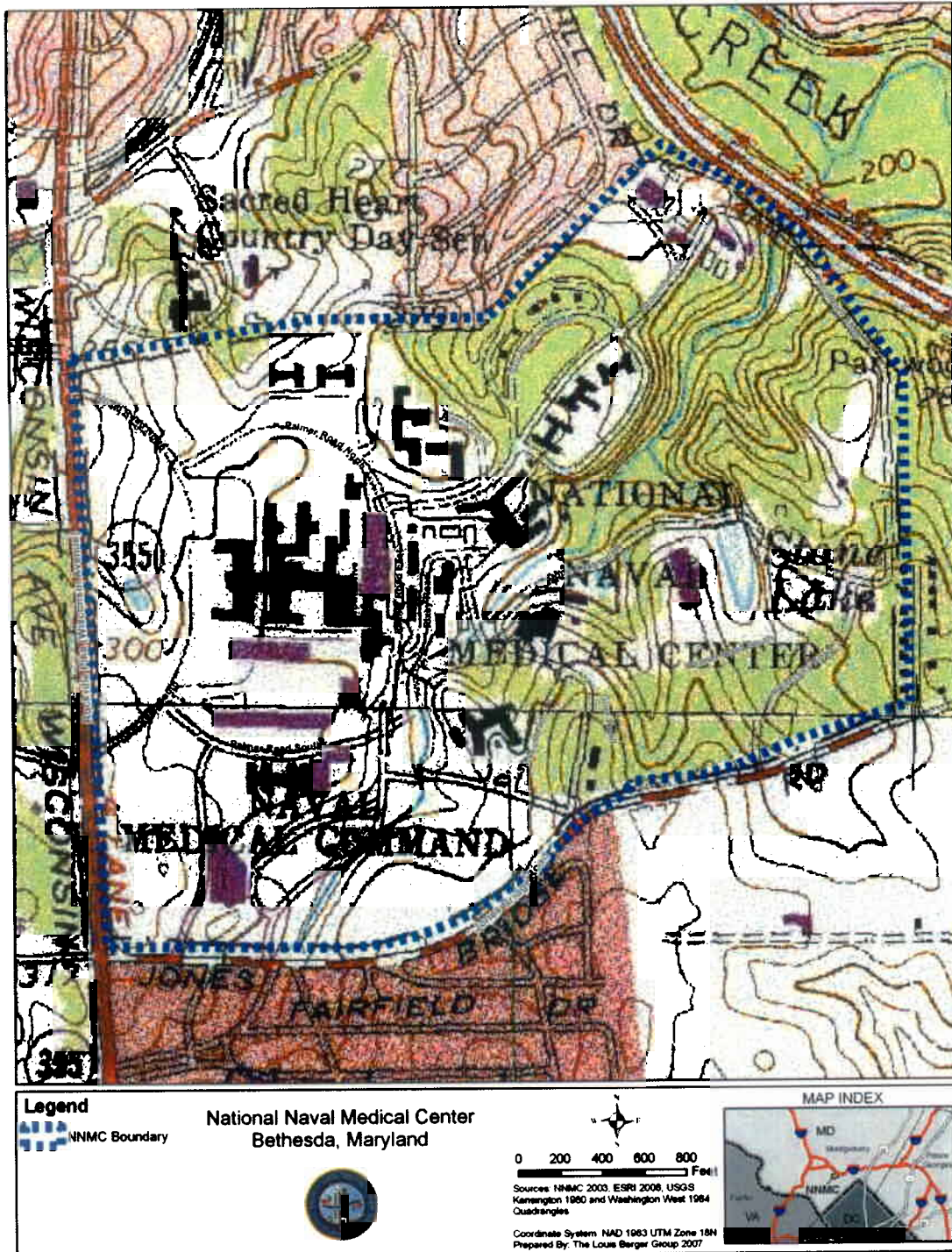
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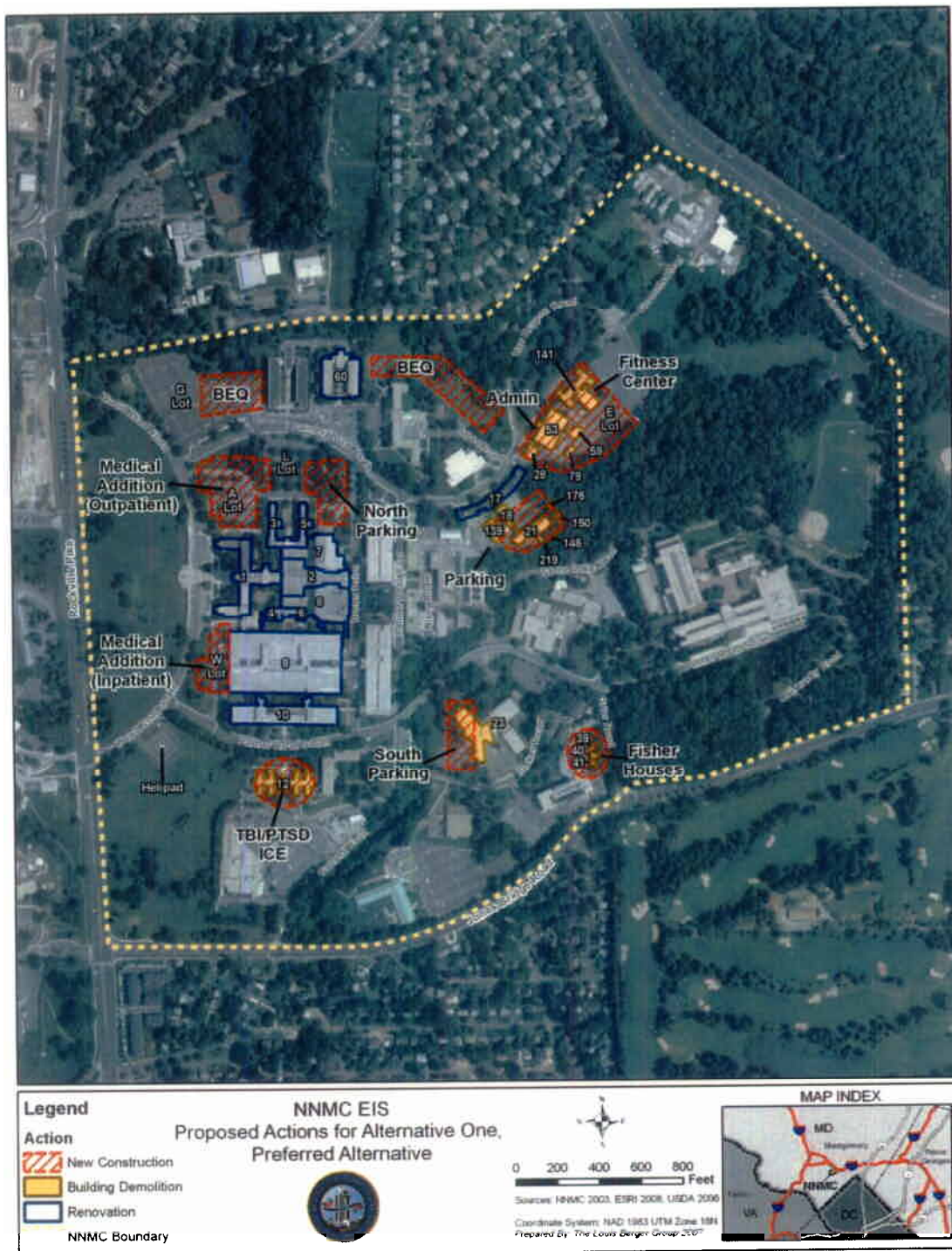
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Enclosures: 1 - Location of NNMC
2 - Alternative One, Preferred Alternative
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Location of NNMC



Alternative One, Preferred Alternative



Alternative Two





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Mr. J. Rodney Little
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Crownsville, MD 21032

Subject: **MARYLAND STATE APPLICATION IDENTIFIER 20061212-1240**, ENVIRONMENTAL
IMPACT STATEMENT FOR ACTIVITIES TO IMPLEMENT THE 2005 BRAC ACTIONS AT
NATIONAL NAVAL MEDICAL CENTER, BETHESDA, MARYLAND

Dear Mr. Little:

As you are aware, the 2005 round of decisions taken in accordance with the Base Realignment and Closure Act (BRAC) directed the realignment of many activities from the Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, DC to the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Montgomery County, Maryland. The resulting integrated complex is to be known as the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center at Bethesda.

The Navy has been engaged for over a year in the planning of this major BRAC directed move.

Activities have included efforts to revise the master plan for the property, an early concept design for the Medical Additions project, and an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act.

The National Naval Medical Center has been thoroughly evaluated for National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) resources in accordance with Section 110 of NHPA. Notable architectural resources include the Central Tower Block (Building 1) listed on the NRHP, which was designed by Paul P. Cret and inspired by a sketch by President Franklin Roosevelt, and the National Naval Medical Center Bethesda Historic District, determined eligible for the NRHP. Areas of archaeological potential are limited to the northeast portion of the installation due to the extensive disturbance of the majority of the installation land. The front lawn of the Central Tower Block, long recognized as significant for the setting of the landmark building, is the framework for an important view shed.

As noted above, a concept design for the project entitled Medical Additions has already been developed. This project will construct approximately 638,000 SF of new medical care space in the form of a

new Outpatient Building to the north of Building One and an Inpatient Addition that will extend Building 9 to the west as well as renovate existing space in Building 1. A new parking structure is also planned to the east of the new Inpatient Building. Because this project evidently has the greatest potential to impact the historic core complex of the Central Tower Block and its setting, the Navy consulted informally with your staff and others prior to submitting the concept design for review by the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) at its October 4, 2007 meeting. NCPC commented favorably on the concept design while noting certain design parameters intended to minimize the impact of the development on historic properties that were to be adhered to during the further development of the design. We appreciate the cooperation of your staff in the formulation of these design parameters. A copy of the NCPC action is enclosed for your information (Enclosure 1).

The BRAC development at Bethesda will include a number of projects with elements of demolition, new construction, and renovation of existing facilities. Several other projects besides the Medical Additions have the potential to affect NRHP eligible cultural resources. All are currently at a master planning or pre-design stage, and some, though not the Medical Additions, have alternative sitings or configurations which will not be resolved until the conclusion of the EIS process.

At this time, the Navy would like to formally initiate consultation in accordance with 36 C.F.R. 800.3 under Section 106 of NHPA on the "Activities to Implement the 2005 BRAC Actions at National Naval Medical Center". We are not yet, however, prepared to make a formal determination of effect within the Section 106 process.

The best available information on this undertaking may be found in the enclosed Description of Proposed Action and Alternatives prepared for the *Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for Activities to Implement the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure Actions at National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda*, which is anticipated for release in mid December 2007. The Description of Proposed Action and Alternatives, a map of NNMC and its vicinity, maps of the two action alternatives, and a map of historic resources at NNMC are enclosed as Enclosures 2 through 6.

We look forward to the opportunity to consult with your agency on the next steps in the Section 106 process on this important undertaking.

I would like to thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter. Our points of contact are Latonya Nimmons who can be reached at (301) 295-2511 or Laura Broussard at (301) 295-2528.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures: 1 - NCPC Action
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3 - NNMC and Vicinity
4 - Alternative One, Preferred Alternative
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6 - NNMC Historic District

COMMISSION ACTION

NCPC File No. 6759



**WALTER REED NATIONAL MILITARY MEDICAL CENTER
MEDICAL FACILITY ADDITIONS
8901 Rockville Pike
Montgomery County, Bethesda, Maryland**

Submitted by the United States Department of the Navy

October 4, 2007

Commission Action Requested by Applicant

Approval of concept design pursuant to 40 U.S.C. § 8722(a) and (b)(1).

Commission Action

The Commission:

Comments favorably on the concept design for the new medical facility additions to the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, Bethesda, with the exception of the fenestration pattern, as shown on NCPC Map File No. 3101.30(38.00)42383.

Requires that the following items be included in the preliminary design submission:

- Revised elevations indicating a more compatible fenestration pattern, and including dimensions and material notations.
- Information regarding the buildings' related site features, including lighting (proposed fixtures, locations, and foot-candle levels).
- Samples of the proposed finish materials.
- Completed Environmental Impact Statement, Master Plan, and Transportation Management Plan for the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center.
- A summary of planned staffing and related parking accommodations, as will be determined by the completed Environmental Impact Statement, Master Plan, and Transportation Management Plan.
- Completed Section 106 consultation for the project and a final determination of effect from the Maryland Historical Trust.

Notes that during project development the applicant should address the following comments by other affected State and county entities:

- The proposed buildings are generally consistent with agency plans, programs, and objectives.

- The Maryland Historical Trust accepted the concept design with regard to location, footprint, and massing; and requested Section 106 consultation to move forward with fenestration design, materials selection, and other design and planning details.
- Environmental effects of the proposed project require additional review, coordination, and compliance with applicable regulations. Areas of potential effect include, but are not limited to, traffic and parking; hazardous materials and waste; construction materials and methods; energy sources; and emissions.
- The project has not yet been commented on by the Montgomery County Planning Board, and recommendations of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission are subject to, and contingent upon, the comments of the Planning Board.

Notes that the Commission's final action will take into account the findings of the Environmental Impact Statement, and the content of the Master Plan and Transportation Management Plan for the Medical Center, currently under development.

Deborah B. Young
Secretary to the National Capital Planning Commission

Proposed Action and Alternatives

The Navy's Proposed Action is to provide necessary facilities to implement the BRAC 2005 realignment actions.

To implement the actions directed by the 2005 BRAC 2005 law, the Navy proposes to provide:

- Additional space for inpatient and outpatient medical care as well as necessary renovation of existing medical care space to accommodate the increase in patients
- An Intrepid Center of Excellence (ICE) to meet an urgent need for Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) care
- Medical administration space
- Clinical and administrative space for the Warrior Transition Unit to deliver transitional aftercare and associated patient education programs
- Bachelor Enlisted Quarters to accommodate the projected increase in permanent party enlisted medical and support staff as well as provide transitional lodging required to support aftercare patients receiving treatment on an extended basis
- A fitness center for staff as well as the rehabilitation of patients
- Parking for the additional patients, staff, and visitors
- Two Fisher Houses™ that would support short-term lodging and a home-like reintegration experience for the service members and their family member/care taker while they participate in education and treatment programs in the ICE. Fisher Houses™ are "comfort homes" donated to DoD and Veterans' Administration installations to address short-term lodging needs of patients and their families in hospital or requiring extended aftercare treatment.

To implement the Proposed Action, the Navy has identified two action alternatives that differ in their siting of the required facilities within the installation and in their use of new construction versus renovation of existing buildings to obtain some of the needed administrative space.

Under both action alternatives, the proposed action would provide at NNMC approximately 1,622,000 square feet (SF) or 150,684 square meters (m²) of building construction and renovation, as

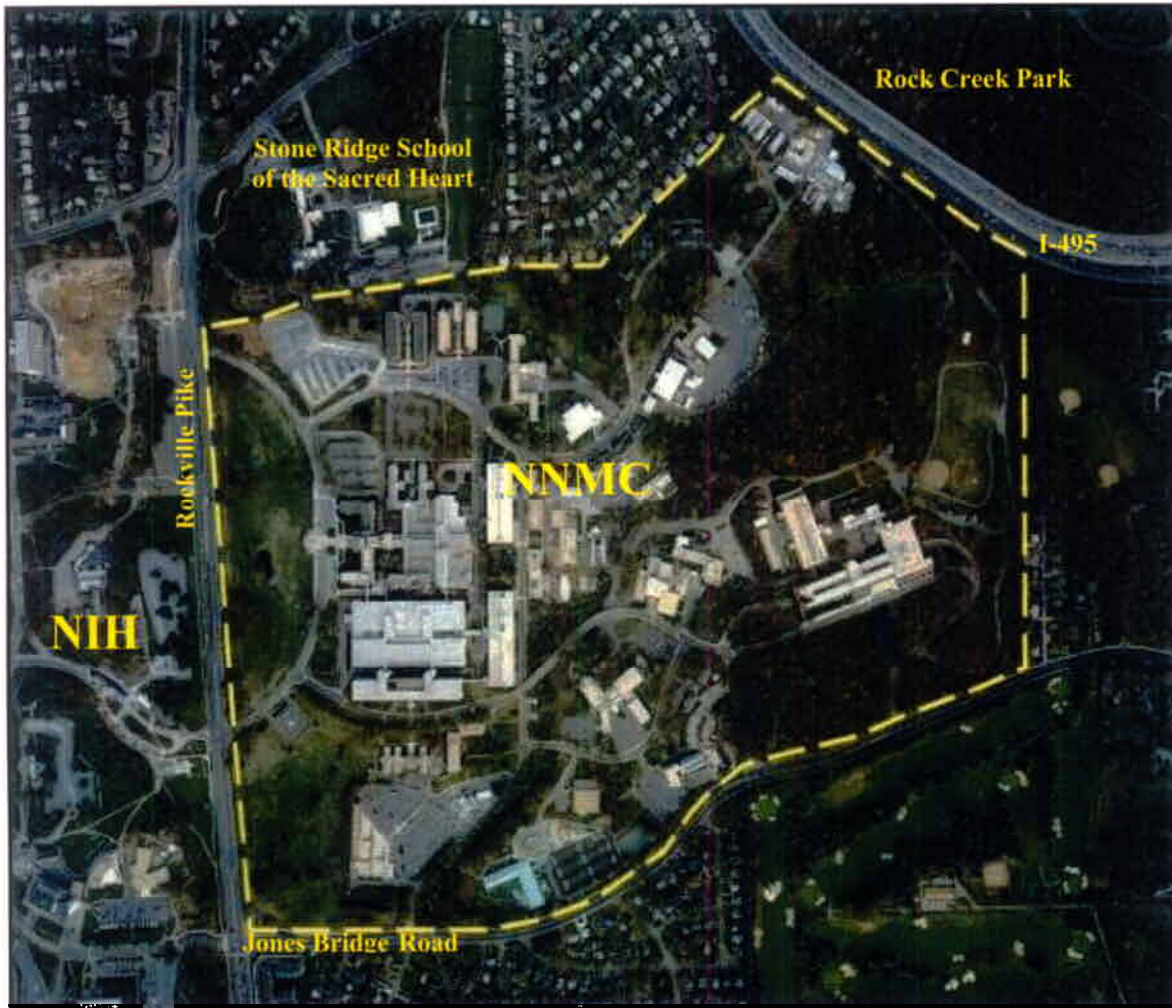
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The alternatives being evaluated in the EIS are:

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The third alternative is the No Action Alternative, which is required by statute and will evaluate the impacts at NNMC in the event that additional growth from BRAC actions does not occur. NNMC would continue to maintain and repair facilities in response to requirements from Congressional action or revisions to building codes. Implementation of the No Action Alternative would require the Congress to change the existing BRAC Law.

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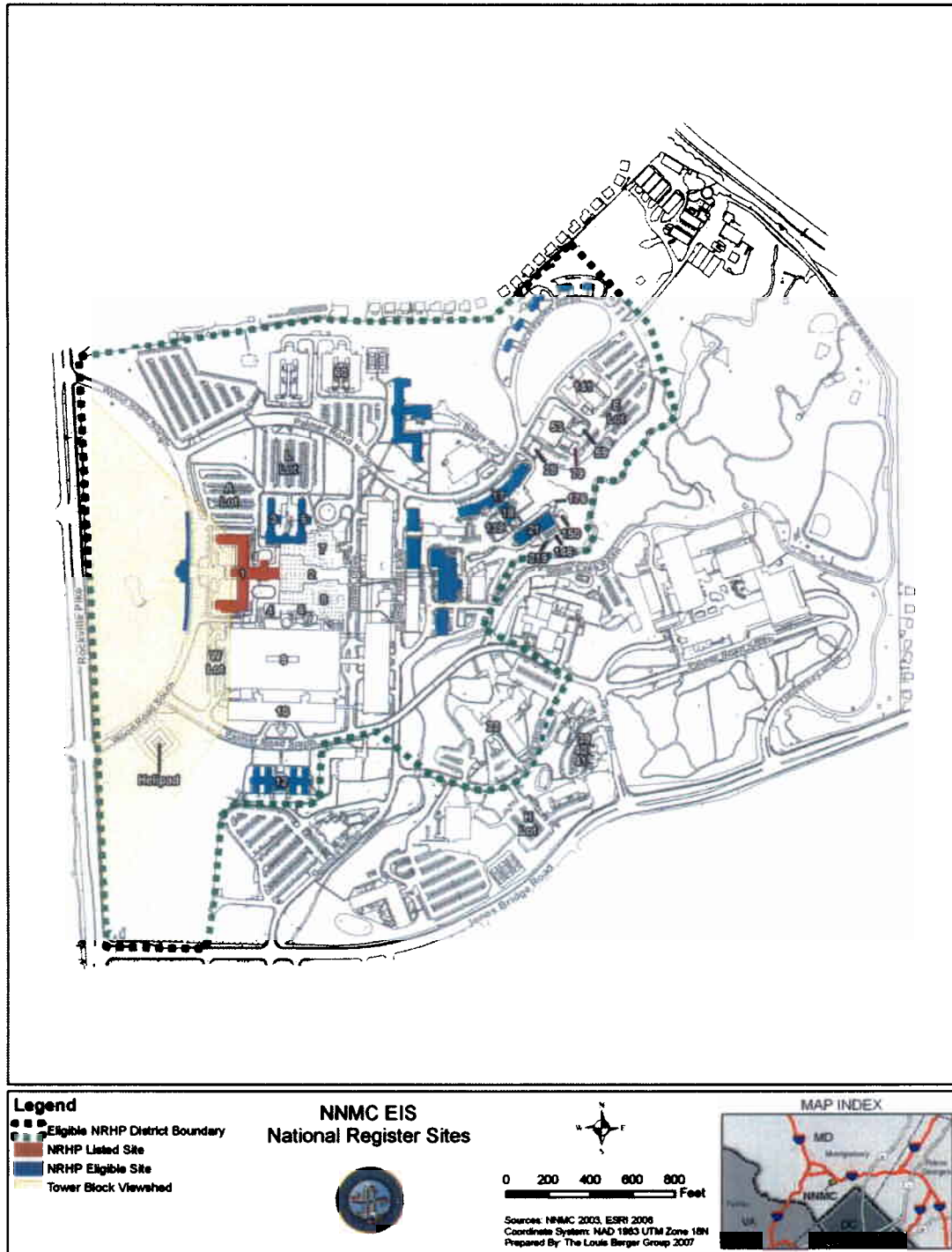
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NNMC Historic District





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The purpose of this correspondence is to determine if there are any local species of concern that may be affected by this proposed project and to solicit your input or concerns related to these species. Studies conducted have not identified any endangered or

threatened species and no state-rare species present on the installation other than transitory migrating species. We have three planted specimens of the state-rare species Mossy Cup Oak or Bur Oak (*Quercus macrocarpa*) on the installation. We would appreciate information from your office regarding that state-rare species and presence or absence of any other local species of concern in the installation. A project area map that shows the installation location is attached as well as maps showing the two action alternatives (Enclosures 1, 2, 3).

An information request is also being sent to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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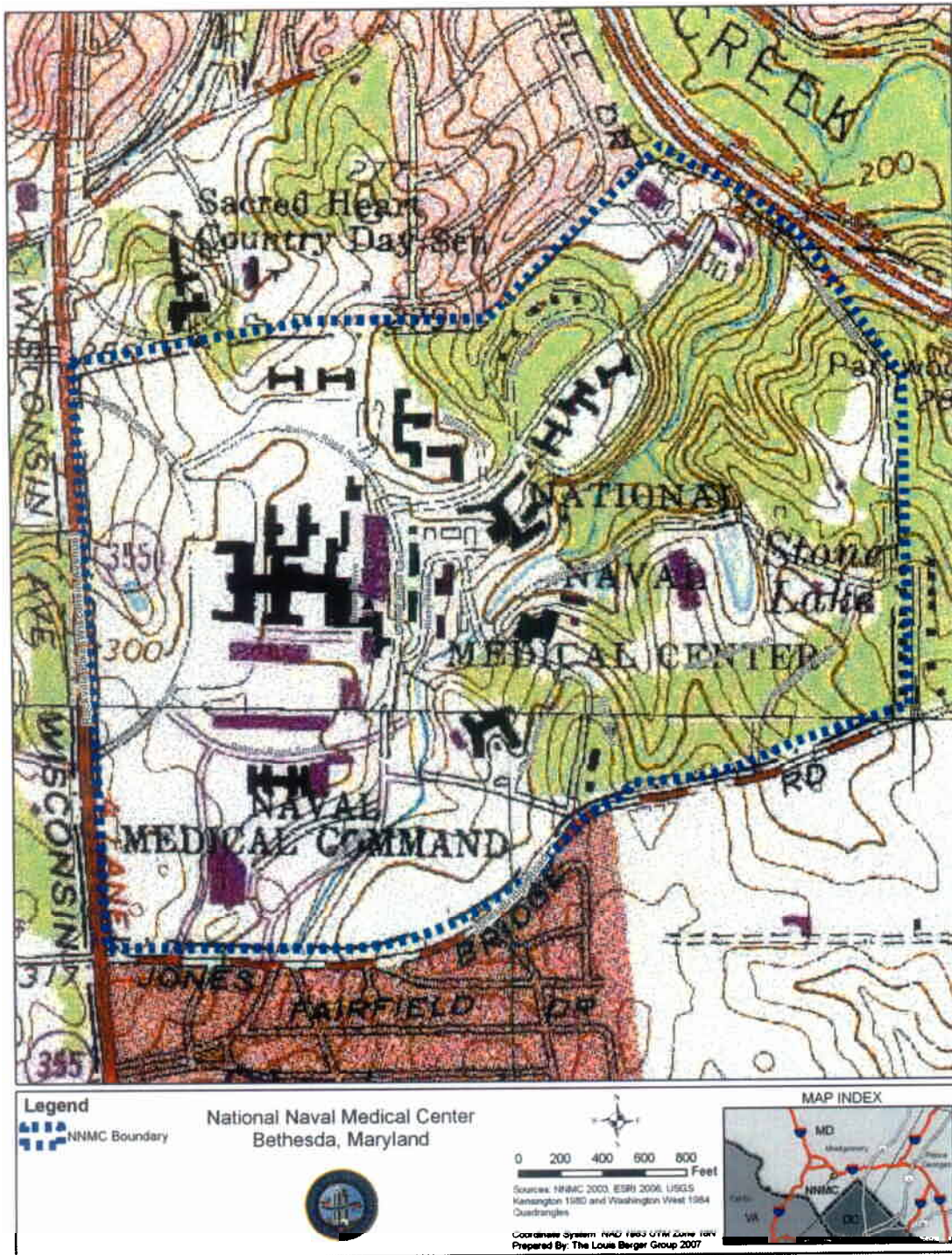
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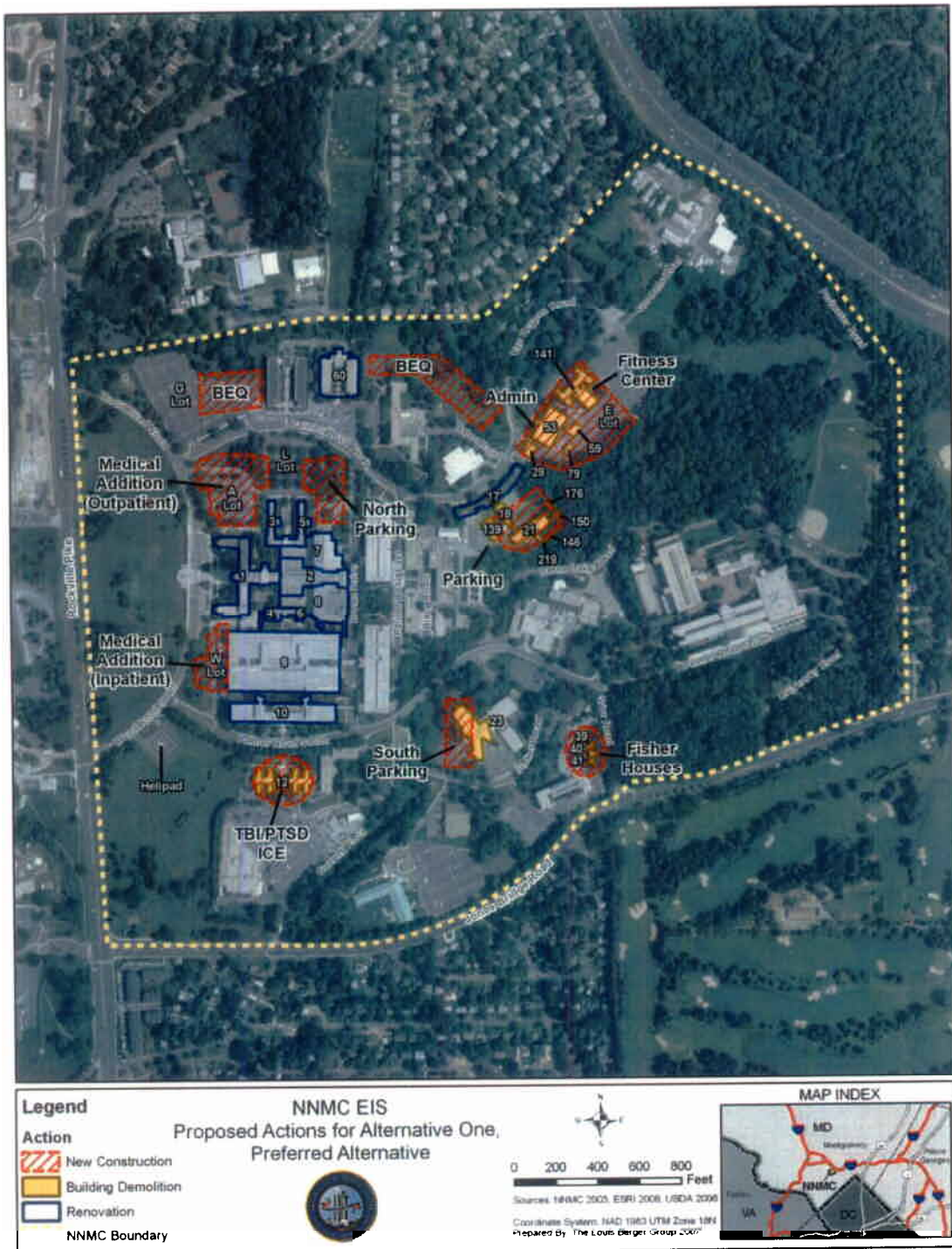
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Location of NNMC



Alternative One, Preferred Alternative



Alternative Two





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Dear Mr. Wheeland:

SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR ACTIVITIES TO
IMPLEMENT THE 2005 BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE (BRAC)
ACTIONS AT NATIONAL NAVAL MEDICAL CENTER (NNMC),
BETHESDA, MARYLAND

The Navy appreciates the National Institutes of Health (NIH) correspondence of January 4, 2007, provided during scoping, regarding the proposed expansion of the National Naval Medical Center (NNMC) by the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990, as amended in 2005. As you highlighted, NNMC and NIH have many commonalities, including our shared location in Bethesda.

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We believe that the issues expressed in your January 4, 2007 letter are answered by the analysis presented in the Draft EIS, which will be distributed for your review as well as public review in mid-December. However, we would like to take this opportunity to address your issues here as well.

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The following responses correspond to the list in your letter:

1. NNMC has evaluated potential traffic impact from the Proposed Action. The evaluation includes coordinating with the Maryland State Highway Administration (MSHA) and Montgomery County to evaluate traffic according to their requirements. Potential improvements have been identified to address vehicular impacts from the Proposed Action and additional measures to improve pedestrian and bicycle traffic. Implementation of these improvements would be under the jurisdiction of either Montgomery County or the State of Maryland.
2. NNMC has committed to coordination with Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) to allow for a possible metro elevator exit as well as the potential pedestrian bridge or tunnel between NNMC and NIH, as well as to the Metro Station at the northeastern corner of Maryland Route 355 (Rockville Pike) and Jones Bridge Road. These projects would not be paid for with DoD funds; however, the projects would be mission-enhancing and are highly desired for reasons of homeland security, for the safety of base personnel, and for public safety. The projects would require easements and changes to fencing and security at NNMC and would involve close cooperation with local and state agencies as well as with NIH and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).
3. As a part of the project, the Navy team has coordinated traffic analysis with the Transportation Advisory Commission (TAC), composed of affected state and local agencies and organizations. These include the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT), MSHA, Montgomery County, Montgomery County Department of Public Works, WMATA, and Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission. The Navy is considering the TAC suggestion that the Navy (NNMC) bring on board a Transportation Demand Management (TDM) coordinator to implement elements of the TDM before the BRAC action is completed.
4. As stated above in Response #3, the Navy is considering TAC suggestion of contracting a TDM coordinator for NNMC.
5. Currently, the helicopter traffic at NNMC averages approximately twelve flights per month. The relocation of WRAMC

to NNNMC would result in the addition of one to two flights per month and therefore, would not result in a significant increase over the current number of flights.

6. Infrastructure upgrades for sidewalks along Route 355 to increase pedestrian safety have been identified in the EIS.

7. As stated previously, NNNMC is committed to coordination with WMATA to allow for a possible Metro elevator exit as well as the potential pedestrian bridge between NNNMC and NIH as well as to the metro station at the northeastern corner of Maryland Route 355 (Rockville Pike) and Jones Bridge Road. The Navy has welcomed the participation of NIH contractors during TAC meetings.

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9. All the proposed projects under Alternative One, the Preferred Alternative, or Alternative Two would convert lands with either existing development or landscaped areas into developed facilities and associated landscape vegetation.

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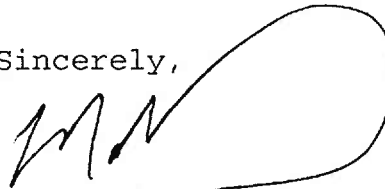
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Mr. Daniel Wheeland, P.E.
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Building 13, Room 201
Bethesda, MD 20892

Dear Mr. Wheeland:

SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR ACTIVITIES TO
IMPLEMENT THE 2005 BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE (BRAC)
ACTIONS AT NATIONAL NAVAL MEDICAL CENTER (NNMC),
BETHESDA, MARYLAND

The Navy appreciates the National Institutes of Health (NIH) correspondence of January 4, 2007, provided during scoping, regarding the proposed expansion of the National Naval Medical Center (NNMC) by the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990, as amended in 2005. As you highlighted, NNMC and NIH have many commonalities, including our shared location in Bethesda.

As you are aware, the Department of the Navy is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to examine the potential environmental impacts of the relocation of Walter Reed Army Medical Center (WRAMC) activities from the District of Columbia to NNMC.

The Navy's Proposed Action is to provide necessary facilities to implement BRAC 2005 actions at NNMC. This Proposed Action is changed from the one presented in the Notice of Intent published in the November 21, 2006 Federal Register, which included evaluation of some non-BRAC actions in addition to the BRAC actions. The Department of Defense has subsequently decided to concentrate entirely on implementation of the BRAC-directed actions and Warrior Care in this EIS.

We believe that the issues expressed in your January 4, 2007 letter are answered by the analysis presented in the Draft EIS, which will be distributed for your review as well as public review in mid-December. However, we would like to take this opportunity to address your issues here as well.

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The following responses correspond to the list in your letter:

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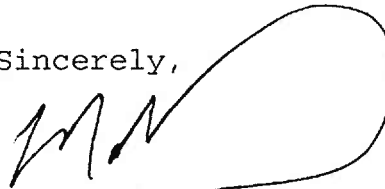
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Attachment 2: List of Commenters

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ID Number	First Name	Last Name	Organization	Comment Category
1	Lucy	Wilson	Avenel Community Association	Whether the scope of project could impact the community
2	Amy	Royden-Bloom	Individual	Traffic/Pollution
3	Richard	Blumstein	Western Montgomery County Citizen's Advisory Board Transportation Committee	Traffic/Construction
4	Vera	White Harris	Individual	Request for inclusion on the mailing list
5	Debbie	Michaels	Glenbrook Village Home Owners Association	Community Impact/Traffic/Noise
6	Pete	Kennedy	Locust Hill Estates	Traffic/Location Qualms/Demographics of Military Personnel
7	Stephanie	Yanovitz	Maryland State Highway Administration - District 3 Traffic	Traffic and Pedestrian Issues/Pre-Build Visualization
8	Joe	Davies	Individual	Traffic
9	Rena	Godfrey	Locust Hill Estates	Traffic
10	Richard	Hoye	Office of Councilmember Duchy Trachtenberg	Access to 12/19/06 Open House powerpoint presentation
11	W. C.	Chen	Individual	Traffic/Construction/Noise
12	Tim	Stelzig	Individual	Request for inclusion on the mailing list
13	Malcolm	Rivkin	Individual	Article for "Meeting Records"
14	Phil	Alperson	Office of Congressman Chris Van Hollen	Request for inclusion on the mailing list
15	Ellen	Paul	Individual	Traffic concerns
16	Karen and Rick	Metchis and Piltz	Individual	Traffic/Pedestrian concerns
17	Howard	Youth	Individual	Traffic/Community concerns/Environmental concerns
18	Leslie and Mike	Weber	Individual	Traffic/Congestion/Pedestrian Safety
19	Susan	Stein	Individual	Congestion/Traffic
20	Sharon	Andrulot	Individual	Environment/Community/Property Value
21	Ellen	Liberman	Individual	Traffic/Metro/Community
22	Warren	Bernard	Individual	Traffic
23	Audrey	Fanjoy	Individual	Traffic/General Safety

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24	Austin	O'Connor	Individual	Traffic/Construction/Noise
25	Richard	Barbieri	Stone Ridge School of the Sacred Heart	Traffic/Noise/Air Quality
26	Darrell	Lemke	Individual	Traffic/Changing Traffic Patterns
27	Baraba	Carey	Individual	Traffic/Environment
28	Lemuel B.	Thomas	Individual	Traffic/Metro/Community
29	Lorraine	Driscoll	Huntington Terrace Citizens' Association	Traffic/Pedestrian concerns/Metro Access
30	Tim	Stelzig	Individual	Traffic/Coordination with community/Construction impact
31	George	Oberlander	Individual	Environment
32	Lisa	Vogt	Individual	Construction/Traffic/Neighborhood
33	Maria	Green Cowles	Individual	Traffic/Pedestrian safety
34	Andrew	Forsyth	Individual	Traffic/Pedestrian issues/Overall community issues
35	Elizabeth	Jenkins	Individual	Traffic
36	William	White	Individual	Traffic/Increase in visitor flow
37	Ilaya	Hopkins	Individual	Traffic
38	John	Knab	Individual	Neighborhood/Traffic
39	Judith	McGuire	Individual	Traffic
40	Ted	Winstead	Individual	Traffic
41	Llana	Knab	Individual	Traffic
42	Patricia	Friedman	Individual	Traffic/congestion
43	Marilyn and George	Mazuzan	Individual	Traffic/Pollution
44	Eden	Segal	Individual	Traffic/Community concerns
45	Grace	Palladino	Individual	Traffic
46	Sandy		Individual	Traffic
47	Stephen	Baldwin	Individual	Traffic/Public transportation
48	Jamie	Yepez	Individual	Pedestrian Bridge and Metro
49	Nadine	Kim	Individual	Traffic
50	Jon	Alterman	Parkview Community Association	Switching Traffic Patterns

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51	Amanda	Phillips Manheim	Individual	Traffic/Congestion/Pollution
52	Audrey	Georges	Individual	Accessibility to hospital
53	Kathryn	Bender	Individual	Traffic/Exhaust/Traffic tunnel or Pedestrian bridge for Wisconsin Avenue crossing
54	Kathryn	Floyd	Individual	Traffic/Lack of off-site improvement information in the NOI/Impacts to air quality, residential property, biological resources/homeland security/emergency vehicle access
56	Robert	Lipman	Individual	Traffic/Public transportation
57	Karen	Dietrich	Individual	Traffic
58	Michael	Campbell	Individual	Neighborhood and Traffic
59	Amy	Berrington	Individual	Neighborhood and Traffic
60	Anne	Fernandez	Individual	Request for inclusion on the mailing list
61	Vicki	Seed	Individual	Traffic
63	Tom	Progar	Individual	Traffic
64	Isiah	Leggett	Montgomery County Executive	Continued Communication/Traffic concerns/Public Transit/Direct Connection to I-495/Expansion of Traffic Study Scope/Tunnel or grade separation at Wisconsin Avenue/Coordination with NIH on off-site transportation options/Parking for construction workers/Lighting and noise impacts on community
65	Joane D.	Mueller	State Clearinghouse Coordinator, Maryland Department of Environment	MDE-Project consistent with its plans, programs, and objectives
66	Daniel	Wheeland	Director, Office of Research Facilities, National Institutes of Health	Traffic increase in peak hours/Transit usage/Transportation Demand Management/Increase in helicopter flights/Increase in demand on local utilities/Impervious surface increase/Coordination with NIH/Request to be a cooperating agency for the EIS
67	Tim	Stelzig	Individual	Information Flow/Communication/Traffic/Pedestrian concerns/Construction concerns

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68	Kira	Lueders	Parkwood Residents Association	Traffic/Communication concerns
69	Allen	Myers	Maplewood Citizens Association, Inc.	Traffic concerns
70	Howard	Iams	Individual	Traffic concerns
71	Kristen	Hohman	Locust Hill Citizens Association	Traffic concerns/Pedestrian concerns
72	Marilyn and George	Mazuzan	Individual	Traffic/Pollution
73	Jodi and Josh	Barr	Individual	Traffic/Congestion/Pollution
74	Peter	Kennedy	Individual	Traffic concerns
75	Peter	Stogis	Individual	Research facility inquiry
76	Sandra	Spadoni	Individual	Traffic/Congestion/Pollution
77	Miebeth	Janssens	Individual	Traffic/Noise/Congestion/Pollution
78	Lois	Nienaber	Individual	Traffic/Noise/Congestion/Pollution
79	Austin	O'Connor	Individual	Traffic/Noise/Congestion/Pollution
80	Linda	Janey	Director, Maryland State Clearinghouse for Intergovernmental Assistance	Acknowledgement of the notice to prepare an EIS/MD Intergovernmental Review and Coordination/State Application Identifier
81	Linda	Janey	Director, Maryland State Clearinghouse for Intergovernmental Assistance	MHT-Consistency contingent upon the Section 106 consultation/MDOT-Project generally consistent with its plans, programs and objectives/MDNR and MDP-Project consistent with its plans, programs, and objectives.
82	Dave	Dabney	Individual	Traffic/Storm care management/Pedestrian concerns
83	Richard	Barbieri	Stone Ridge School of the Sacred Heart	Construction and traffic impacts on Stone Ridge School
84	Anonymous		Individual	Traffic
85	Patrick	Spalm	Individual	Traffics/Pedestrian concerns/Metro access/Environmental concerns
86	Eleanor M.	Rice	Individual	Transportation/Traffic concerns
87	Patricia	Belling	Individual	Work with the Smithsonian to incorporate military museums under the institute umbrella

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88	Anonymous		Individual	Traffic
89	Delegate Bill	Bronrott	Maryland General Assembly	Traffic/Pedestrian concerns/Safety/Noise/Air quality/Water resource/Hazardous waste/Transit usage
90	Anonymous		Individual	Pedestrian bridge
91	Susan	Spring	Individual	Traffic/Aircraft
92	Liz	Donaldson	Individual	Traffic/Air Pollution/Aircraft traffic/Noise
93	Renate	Baumer	Individual	Retiree benefits/Traffic
94	Jim	Kirkland	Individual	High real-estate prices/Increased patients
95	Kathy	Bender	Individual	Traffic/Environmental concerns/Need for innovative engineers
96	Gail	Becker	Individual	Increase bus service
97	Judy	Daniel	Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission	Traffic mitigation/New housing/Alternative modes of transit
98	George	Oberlander	Huntington Terrace Citizens' Association	Traffic increases/Appeal for community input/Effects of development/Museum effects
99	Debrah	Michaels	Huntington Parkway Citizens Association	Congestion/Timing of traffic study/Noise pollution/Stormwater facility concerns
100	John	Alterman	Parkview Citizens Association	Traffic/Lack of interaction/Homeowner concerns/Pedestrian traffic/Helicopter traffic
101	Mal	Rivkim	Battery Park Citizen Association	BRAC Law without impact statement
102	Delegate Bill	Bronrott	Maryland General Assembly	Traffic concerns/Pedestrian safety/Air quality/Noise/Disposal of hazardous waste/Funding concerns/Housing concerns/Transit system concerns
103	Dan	Fox	East Bethesda Citizen Association	Reorientation of Campus/Purple Metro Line/Relocation of Walter Reed Museum
104	Eleanore	Rice	Resident, Locust Hills	Purple Metro Line
105	Holly	Elwood	Resident, Glenbrook Village	Montgomery County Update

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106	Peggy	Schwartz	Director, Transportation Action Partnership	Neighborhood Traffic and Parking concerns/Importance of the Metro/Support for Pedestrian Tunnel or Bridge
107	Mal	Rivkim	Individual	Documents including pages from Bethesda 1990 CBD Sector Plan and Mr. Rivkim's Gazette Article regarding BRAC
108	George	Oberlander	Huntington Terrace Citizens' Association	Request Concerning Scoping Comments
109	Andrew	Forsyth	Individual	Traffic Congestion and It's Impact
110	Victoria	Hall	Resident, Glenbrook Village	Traffic
111	Ralph	Schofer	Maplewood Citizens Association, Inc.	Traffic
112	Robert	Lipman	Individual	Traffic
113	Captain Paul	Seder	Individual	Infrastructure overcapacity/Timing of the project
114	Howard	Youth	Individual	Traffic/Information flow/Environmental issues
115	Bradford	Booth	Individual	Traffic/Parking/Noise
116	Nadim	Ahmed	Individual	Glenbrook Parkway/Traffic
117	John	Neave	Individual	Traffic/Housing/Environmental issues
118	Donna	Kane	Individual	Traffic/Metro riders
119	Jonas	White	Market Intelligence Associate	WRAMC initiative
120	Ellis	Turner	Individual	Traffic
121	Lila	Asher	Individual	Traffic/Size of Campus

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122	Lisa	Cordell	Individual	Traffic
123	Peter	Galvin	Individual	Traffic/Parking/Pedestrian issues
124	Kathleen	Holmay	Individual	Traffic
125	Ethel	Klavan	Individual	Traffic
126	Chris	Bruch	Individual	Traffic
127	Mike	Hannan	Individual	Neighborhood traffic
128	Edward	Kelty	Individual	Traffic/Decision to merge facilities
129	Elizabeth	Spencer	Individual	Traffic/Safety
130	John	Kraus	Individual	Purple and Red Metro lines
131	Richard	Barbieri	Stone Ridge School of the Sacred Heart	Traffic/Noise pollution/Air pollution/Stormwater runoff/Security
132	Dianne	Bloom	Individual	Traffic/Patient Access
133	Howard	Kaplan	Individual	Aircraft Traffic/Air Pollution/Sewage/Housing/Environmental Issues/Traffic
134	Nancy	Holland	Individual	Traffic/Transportation Options/Green Space/Buildings/Property Value
135	Mindy	Garfinkel	Individual	Traffic
136	Theodore	Goldstock	Individual	Traffic
137	Mindy	Garfinkel	Individual	Traffic
138	Tami	Mark	Individual	Traffic/Neighborhood concerns

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139	Anonymous		Individual	Parking/Neighborhood concerns/Noise
140	Richard	Lashley	The Palisades Apartments	Environmental Issues
141	Robert and Frances	Lawrence	Individual	Environmental Issues
142	Sheldon	Lipson	Individual	Environmental Issues
143	The Smiths		Individual	Funding/Communication
144	Patricia	Baptiste	Individual	Environmental Issues
145	Laurens	van der Tak	Oakmont Citizens Committee	Traffic/Transportation/Noise/Pollution
146	David	Cooney	Individual	Transportation/BRAC law
147	Anonymous		Individual	Impacts of traffic on Navy's ability to hire quality personnel/On quality of life in the area
148	Gary	Repp	Individual	Improve infrastucture to handle the increase in traffic
149	Gail	Becker	Individual	Air pollution/Traffic congestion/Road maintenance/Pedestrian safety/Bus and shuttle service
150	Jill	Mckay	Individual	Traffic/Pedestrian safety
151	Del. Bill	Bronrott	Individual	Transportation infrastructure/Traffic/Pedestrians/Green space
152	Nathaniel	Milton	Individual	Pedestrian safety
153	Lee	Schroeder	Individual	Traffic congestion
155	Richard	Hoye	Office of Montgomery County Councilmember Duchy Trachtenberg	Build a transit oriented military facility

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156	Will	Blacklow	Individual	Traffic congestion
157	Nancy	Holland	Individual	Pedestrian safety/Environmental issues
158	Sheldon	Lipson	Individual	Environmental issues
159	LCDR Michael	Tiller	Individual	Traffic/Low impact commuter
160	Charles	Lucey	Individual	Traffic/Cost of living/Decentralize hospitals from congested areas

Note: Comments from public officials and agencies are highlighted.

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**Attachment 3: List of Attendees at the Public
Scoping and Public Information Meetings**

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Public Scoping Meeting Attendees

Number	First Name	Last Name	Organization
Public Scoping Open House on 12/12/2006 7-9pm			
1	J Franklin	Groff	Falkswood Apartment Condominium
2	Amany	El Difrawy	Falkswood Apartment Condominium
3	Sarah	Holstine	Office of United States Congressman Chris Van Hollen
4	Dave	Boss	
5	Stephanie	Yanovitz	Maryland State Highway Administration - District 3
6	A.	Noe	
7	Dave	Dabney	The Bethesda Urban Partnership
8	Giwanne M.	Italiano	Greater Bethesda - Chevy Chase Chamber
9	Chris	Williams	The Gazette
10	Jon	Alterman	Parkview Citizens Association
11	Dennis	Coleman	National Institutes of Health
12	David	Contois	Navy Red Cross
13	Peter	Stocs	
14	Rochelle	Follender	
15	Anita	Centofanti	
16	Mary Lou	Doneski	
17	Gretchun	Brewer	
18	Ron	Wilson	National Institutes of Health, Division of Facilities Planning
19	Eugene	Thomas	
20	Rebecca	Lord	Office of Montgomery County Councilmember Roger Berliner
21	Sue	Knapp	Western Montgomery County Citizen Advisory Board
22	Ki H.	Kim	Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission
23	Richard	Barbieri	Stone Ridge School of the Sacred Heart
24	Lisa	Rother	Montgomery County Government
25	Paul	Lobo	The Washington Group
26	Herbert	Stone	
27	Leslie	Hamm	Center
28	Barb	Cooper	Montgomery County Workforce Services
29	David	Wade	National Capital Area Multi Service Market Office
30	Eleonor	Rice	Locust Hill Citizens Association
31	Patrick	Spahn	
32	Peter	Kennedy	

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Number	First Name	Last Name	Organization
33	Steve	Vogel	The Washington Post
34	Winnie	Feldman Lindauer	
35	Ilaya	Hopkins	East Bethesda Citizens Association
36	Barbara	Reinike	
37	Lorraine	Driscoll	Huntington Terrace Citizens' Association
38	Stephen	Adams	National Naval Medical Center
39	Malcolm	Rivkin	Rivkin Associates
39			
Public Scoping Open House on 12/19/2006 6:30-10pm			
1	Tim	Wittig	SAIC
2	David	Wade	National Capital Area Multi Service Market Office
3	Ellen	Lambert	Marriott Executive Stay
4	Richard	Hoye	Office of Montgomery County Councilmember Duchy Trachtenberg
5	Marc	Elrich	Montgomery County Council
6	Mike	Hayes	State of Maryland
7	James	Burke	Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, United States Navy
8	Peggy	Schwartz	North Bethesda Transportation Center
9	Deborah	Snead	Montgomery County Government Bethesda-Chevy Chase Regional Services Center
10	Anne	Delp	Walter Reed Army Medical Center
11	Randy	Treiber	Walter Reed Army Medical Center
12	Cathy	Bokman	Marriott Executive Stay
13	Ruwan	Salgado	Gables on Tuckerman
14	Bill	Bronrott	Maryland General Assembly
15	Holly	Elwood	
16	Kristen	Hohman	Locust Hill Citizen Association
17	Tom	Peeling	United States Navy Base Realignment and Closure Project Manangement Office
18	Tom	Mahulek	
19	Patricia	Belling	
20	John	Murray	National Naval Medical Center

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Number	First Name	Last Name	Organization
21	Kathleen	Pierce	Office of Integration, National Naval Medical Center
22	Judy	Daniel	
23	Michael	Pun Gan	United States Navy
24	George H.F.	Oberlander	Huntington Parkway Citizen Association
25	Barb	Cooper	Montgomery County WF Services
26	Deborah	Michaels	Glenbrook Village Home Owners Association
27	Jay	Blumenwantz	
28	Steve	Henske	Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences
29	Rick and Wer	Schieke	
30	Dan	Fox	East Bethesda Citizens Association
31	Eleonor	Rice	Locust Hill Citizens Association
32	Sarah	Holstine	Offices of Congressman Chris Van Hollen and County Council Member Marc Elrich
33	John	Alterman	Parkview Citizens Association
34	Malcolm	Rivkin	Rivkin Associates
34			
Public Scoping Open House on 12/21/2006 1-4pm			
1	W	Wallert	Potomac Falls Home Association
2	Ellyn	Goldkind	National Capital Planning Commission
3	Ron	Spalding	Maryland Department of Transportation
4	Stephen	Baldwin	Western Montgomery County Citizens Advisory Board
5	David Scott	Smith	
6	Veronica	Robinson	WTOP
7	Gerald and P	Baumer	
8	Eric	Dickson	Waste Water Management
9	Susan	Spring	Whitehall Condominium
10	George	Milne	Stone Ridge School of the Sacred Heart
11	Wendy	Burdine	National Institute for the Severely Handicapped
12	Liz	Donaldson	
13	Jessica	Damon	National Naval Medical Center contractor
14	Allan	Glass	

Public Scoping Meeting Attendees

Number	First Name	Last Name	Organization
15	Tom	Fitzpatrick	United States Army
16	Jerry	Vignon	United States Army
17	Sarah	Miller	Montgomery County Department of Economic Development
18	David	Moss	Montgomery County Department of Public Works and Transportation
19	Virginia A.	Miller	Wyndate Citizens Association; Co-Chairperson National Institutes of
20	Anonymous		
20			
Public Scoping Open House on 12/21/2006 7-9pm			
1	Jim	Kirkland	
2	David	Wade	National Capital Area Multi Service Market Office
3	Kathryn	Bender	East Bethesda Citizen Association
4	Joan	Kleinman	Office of United States Congressman Chris Van Hollen
5	Lorraine	Driscoll	Huntington Terrace Citizens' Association
6	John	Neave	Locust Hill Association
7	Sandra	Brecher	Montgomery County Commuter Services
8	Marles K.	Haurahan	
9	Pam	Wingfield	
10	B.	Flint	Office of Integration, National Naval Medical Center
11	William P.	Hanrahan, Jr.	
12	Ghassem S.	Mobin	IMD Inc.
13	Richard	Blumstein	Western Montgomery County Citizens Advisory Board
14	Dale	Tibbitts	Office of Montgomery County Councilmember Marc Elrich
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Public Information Meeting on 01/30/2007 7-9pm			
1	Richard E.	Lashley	The Palisades Apartments
2	W.	Blacklow	Office of Delegate William Bronrott, Maryland General Assembly
3	Peter	Kennedy	
4	Carmen Gastilo	Machuja	
5	Leslie	Hamm	Montgomery County Government Bethesda-Chevy Chase Regional Services Center
6	Rebecca	Lord	Office of Montgomery County Councilmember Roger Berliner
7	Patrick	O'Neil	Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chamber
8	Dianne	Seffert	
9	Joan D.	Kleinman	Office of United States Congressman Chris Van Hollen
10	David	Bates	Stone Ridge School of the Sacred Heart
11	George	Milne	Stone Ridge School of the Sacred Heart
12	Ryan	Hunter	WUSA - TV 9
13	Nancy	Holland	
14	Jill	McKay	
15	Liz	Vitchock	
16	Sheldon R.	Lipson	
17	David	Cooney, MD	
18	Adam	Hochman	
19	Patricia Aiken	O'Neill	Stone Ridge School of the Sacred Heart
20	Nat	Milton	United States Navy
21	Frances V.	Lawrence	
22	Robert J.	Lawrence	
23	Gerald	Hodges	
24	A. J.	New	
25	William	Bronrott	Delegate, Maryland General Assembly
26	Adda	Millon	
27	Marian	Bradford	Camelot Mews Home Owners Association
28	Ken	Reichard	Office of United States Senator Ben Cardin
29	Lee	Schroeder	
30	Richard	Hoye	Office of Montgomery County Councilmember Duchy Trachtenberg
31	Gail	Becker	

Public Information Meeting Attendees

Number	First Name	Last Name	Organization
32	Jenny	Dunner	Citizens Coordinating Committee for Friendship Heights
33	Patricia	Baptiste	Citizens Coordinating Committee for Friendship Heights
34	William	White	
35	Sue	Tabach	Office of United States Senator Barbara Mikulski
35			
Public Information Meeting on 02/01/2007 7-9pm			
1	Michael	Cubano	National Naval Medical Center
2	Ann-Marie	Regan	National Naval Medical Center
3	Moses	Otuyelu	
4	Jeff	Kidwell	
5	Gary	Repp	
6	David	Cooney, MD	
7	Ken	Reichard	Office of United States Senator Ben Cardin
8	Jane	Yafee	
9	Carol	Crout	Resident Northwest of National Naval Medical Center
10	Mindy Richman	Garfinkel	
11	David	Smith	
12	Corinne R.	Haslett	
13	Steve	Philpott	
14	Audrey	Dutton	The Gazette
15	Win	Blacklow	Office of Delegate William Bronrott, Maryland General Assembly
16	Jeff	McCoy	
17	Gail	Becker	
18	Ed	Krauze	
19	Deborah	Snead	Montgomery County Government Bethesda-Chevy Chase Regional Services Center
19			
54	Total number of attendees for both Public Information Meetings		

**Attachment 4: Federal Register Notice of Intent,
the Public Notice, and the U.S. Congress Notice**

in New London, CT, was not properly announced in the local newspaper, and the Navy will hold another meeting as follows: Wednesday, November 29, 2006, 5 p.m.–8 p.m., Radisson Hotel New London, 35 Governor Winthrop Boulevard, New London, CT. Written public comments submitted during the November 2, 2006, meeting are a part of the record and do not need to be resubmitted.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The scoping meeting will consist of an informal, open house session with information stations staffed by DON representatives. Additional information concerning the meetings will be available on the EIS/OEIS Web page located at: <http://AFASTEIS.GCSAIC.COM>.

Dated: November 14, 2006.

M. A. Harvison,

Lieutenant Commander, Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Implementation of the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Decision To Relocate Walter Reed Army Medical Center (WRAMC) Activities from Washington, DC to the National Naval Medical Center (NNMC) in Bethesda, MD and To Announce Public Scoping Meetings

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section (102)(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, the regulations implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality (40 CFR parts 1500–1508), and the Department of the Navy NEPA regulation (32 CFR part 775), the Department of the Navy (DON) announces its intent to prepare an EIS to evaluate the potential environmental impacts associated with relocation of certain WRAMC activities from Washington, DC, to the NNMC in Bethesda, MD per Public Law 101–510, the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990 (BRAC Law). Potential impacts associated with normal future growth expected from changes in mission, force protection, improved security, and accessibility for disabled persons will also be evaluated

and will contribute to the alternatives considered.

The DON will hold public scoping meetings for the purpose of further identifying the scope of issues to be addressed in the EIS. Written and recorded comments will be accepted during this time. To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action will be addressed, representatives from NNMC Bethesda will be available to answer questions and solicit public comments from interested parties during the scheduled public scoping meetings. Following publication of the draft EIS, at a time to be determined, further public meetings will be held to address comments on the draft document.

DATES: The DON will conduct public scoping meetings in Bethesda, Montgomery County, MD, to receive oral and/or written comments. The public meetings will be conducted in English. Both comment sheets and a recorder will be made available to document individual comments received at the public scoping meetings scheduled below:

1. *Open House:* Tuesday, December 12, 2006, 7 p.m.–9 p.m., Bethesda Marriott, 5151 Pooks Hill Road, Bethesda, MD.
2. *Open House:* Tuesday, December 19, 2006, 6:30 p.m.–10 p.m., Bethesda Marriott, 5151 Pooks Hill Road, Bethesda, MD. Open house will begin at 6:30 p.m. followed by a brief Navy presentation at 7:30 p.m.
3. *Open House:* Thursday, December 21, 2006, 1 p.m.–4 p.m., Bethesda Marriott, 5151 Pooks Hill Road, Bethesda, MD.
4. *Open House:* Thursday, December 21, 2006, 7 p.m.–9 p.m., Bethesda Marriott, 5151 Pooks Hill Road, Bethesda, MD.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Officer in Charge—BRAC, NNMC, 8901 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20889, telephone 301–295–2722, fax 301–474–5419, e-mail: NNMCEIS@bethesda.med.navy.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Defense BRAC Commission was established by Public Law 101–510, the BRAC Law, to recommend military installations for realignment and closure. Recommendations of the 2005 BRAC Commission were included in a report presented to the President on September 8, 2005. The President approved and forwarded this report to Congress on September 16, 2005, which became effective as public law on November 9, 2005, and must be implemented in accordance with the requirements of the BRAC Law.

The BRAC Law exempts the decision-making process of the Commission from the provisions of NEPA. The Law also relieves the DoD from the NEPA requirement to consider the need for closing, realigning, or transferring functions, and from looking at alternative installations to close or realign. The DON is preparing environmental impact analyses during the process of relocating functions from military installations being closed or realigned to other military installations after the receiving installations have been selected, but before functions are relocated. The analyses will consider direct and indirect environmental and socioeconomic effects of these actions and cumulative impacts of other reasonably foreseeable actions affecting receiving installations.

The BRAC recommendations for realignment of WRAMC, Washington, DC, are as follows: Relocate all tertiary (sub-specialty and complex care) medical services to NNMC, Bethesda, MD, establishing it as the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center Bethesda, MD; relocate Legal Medicine to the new Walter Reed National Military Medical Center Bethesda, MD; relocate sufficient personnel to the new Walter Reed National Military Medical Center Bethesda, MD, to establish a Program Management Office that will coordinate pathology results, contract administration and quality assurance, and control of DoD second opinion consults worldwide; relocate all non-tertiary (primary and specialty) patient care functions to a new community hospital at Ft. Belvoir, VA.

NNMC Bethesda is a Navy-owned 243-acre military health care, medical education, and research installation located in Bethesda, MD. The National Institutes of Health main campus is directly west of NNMC. Other neighbors surrounding NNMC include Stone Ridge School of the Sacred Heart, residential housing, North Chevy Chase Recreation Center, Rock Creek Park, and the Columbia Country Club. Interstate 495 is adjacent to the northeastern corner of NNMC.

The proposed action for this EIS is to accommodate the BRAC 2005 law. The BRAC-directed action includes various mission relocations from WRAMC which result in movement of medical, educational, and support services to NNMC. The BRAC-directed action must be completed on or before September 15, 2011. Upon completion of the merger, the existing WRAMC will close and the new premier medical center will be renamed the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center at Bethesda.

The EIS will consider the possible combinations of locations on base that are reasonable to accomplish the proposed action: The adaptive reuse of existing facilities through renovation, with emphasis on preservation of the historic context and integrity of existing buildings; the use of new construction; the potential long-term growth in installation missions; and identification of cost-effective and timely means of meeting mission requirements, the BRAC deadline, and other deadlines. These factors are currently under evaluation by an Installation Master Plan effort, which will cover a 10-year planning period that extends to the year 2016. The Master Plan and the EIS are subject to a formal review process under the authority of the National Capitol Planning Commission (NCPC). The Master Plan will include a separate document, referenced in the EIS, to comply with NCPC traffic management analysis requirements.

Alternatives were developed to assess the proposed action and potential additional development that may occur at NNMC. Alternatives to be considered include: (1) Implement the BRAC recommendation; (2) implement the BRAC recommendation and provide for future anticipated growth, support activities, and changes to the installation; and (3) no action, with NNMC continuing to maintain and repair existing facilities without additional growth.

Alternative 1 will meet the requirements of the BRAC Law by providing additions and alterations to NNMC such as additional parking and alterations to administrative and physical training facilities to accommodate functions and activities relocating from WRAMC. Road and utility improvements would be included. Additional facilities and infrastructure needed to re-establish the relocating mission and allow the installation to function are provided in this alternative. These include temporary and permanent lodging facilities, and improvements to access gates to accommodate added traffic volume and meet current Anti-terrorism/Force Protection standards. It is anticipated that completion of this action will result in NNMC facility additions and alterations totaling approximately 1,100,000 square feet, additional appropriate parking facilities totaling about 900,000 square feet, the addition of approximately 1,400 full-time staff members, and about 435,000 additional patients and visitors using the facilities per year.

Alternative 2 includes all items considered under Alternative 1 and

adds anticipated future growth of other missions performed at the installation. This will include expansion of DoD medical education and research facilities, improved or replacement athletic facilities, a potential pedestrian bridge across Wisconsin Avenue, security enhancements, and added retail space. It is anticipated that Alternative 2 would result in the following increases over those described in Alternative 1: Facility additions and alterations totaling approximately 650,000 square feet; additional appropriate parking facilities totaling approximately 130,000 square feet; the addition of approximately 1,100 full-time staff members; and about 100,000 additional patients and visitors using the facilities per year.

Alternative 3 is required by statute and will evaluate the impacts at NNMC in the event that additional growth from BRAC and non-BRAC action does not occur. NNMC would continue to maintain and repair facilities in response to requirements from Congressional action or revisions to building codes. Implementation of Alternative 3 would require the Congress to change the existing BRAC Law.

The EIS will address potential direct, indirect, short-term, long term, and cumulative impacts to the human and natural environment, to include potential impacts to topography, geology, and soils, water resources, biological resources, air quality, noise, infrastructure and utilities, traffic, cultural resources, land use, socioeconomic, environmental justice, and hazardous waste and materials. Known areas of concern associated with the BRAC action include providing required space and facilities at NNMC in consideration of historic characteristics, and impacts to local traffic and on-base parking associated with increases in personnel and patient visits.

The DON is initiating the scoping process to identify community concerns and issues that should be addressed in the EIS. Agencies and the public are encouraged to provide written comments in addition to, or in lieu of, oral comments at scheduled public scoping meetings. Comments should clearly describe specific issues or topics that the EIS should address. Written comments must be postmarked or e-mailed by midnight January 04, 2007, and should be sent to: Officer in Charge—BRAC, NNMC, 8901 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20889, telephone 301-295-2722, fax 301-474-5419, e-mail: NNMCEIS@bethesda.med.navy.mil. Requests for

inclusion on the EIS mailing list may also be submitted to this address.

Requests for special assistance, sign language interpretation for the hearing impaired, language interpreters, or other auxiliary aids for scheduled public scoping meetings must be sent by mail or e-mail by December 06, 2006, to Ms. Amanda Goebel, The Louis Berger Group, Inc., telephone 202-912-0267, e-mail: agoebel@louisberger.com.

Dated: November 15, 2006.

M.A. Harvison,

Lieutenant Commander, Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The IC Clearance Official, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before January 22, 2007.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The IC Clearance Official, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g. new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SCOPING OPEN HOUSES
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR BRAC ACTIONS AT THE
NATIONAL NAVAL MEDICAL CENTER, BETHESDA, MARYLAND**

The Navy will conduct public scoping open houses in Bethesda, Maryland to further identify the issues to be addressed in developing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) under the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act. The proposed Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) action at the National Naval Medical Center (NNMC) in Bethesda, Maryland will involve the transfer of tertiary health care services (sub-specialty and complex care) currently provided at Walter Reed Army Medical Center (WRAMC) in Washington, DC to NNMC. The EIS will assess environmental impacts from construction and operations to accommodate increases in health care facilities and personnel at NNMC.

The open houses are scheduled for 12, 19, and 21 December as follows:

1. Open House: Tuesday, December 12, 2006, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm, Bethesda Marriott, 5151 Pooks Hill Road, Bethesda, MD.
2. Open House: Tuesday, December 19, 2006, 6:30 pm – 10:00 pm, Bethesda Marriott, 5151 Pooks Hill Road, Bethesda, MD. Open house will begin at 6:30 pm followed by a brief Navy presentation at 7:30 pm.
3. Open House: Thursday, December 21, 2006, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm, Bethesda Marriott, 5151 Pooks Hill Road, Bethesda, MD.
4. Open House: Thursday, December 21, 2006, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm, Bethesda Marriott, 5151 Pooks Hill Road, Bethesda, MD.

Following publication of the draft EIS in the future, at a time to be determined, the Navy will conduct a second set of public meetings to address comments on the draft document.

Navy representatives will be available to answer questions and solicit public comments orally or in writing from all interested parties during each of the open houses. Agencies and the public are also encouraged to provide written comments in addition to, or in lieu of, comments at the open houses. To be most helpful, comments should clearly describe specific issues or topics that the EIS should address. Written comments may be submitted without attending the open house and must be postmarked no later than 04 January, 2007. They should be sent to:

Officer in Charge – BRAC
NNMC
8901 Wisconsin Avenue
Bethesda, MD 20889

e-mail: NNMCEIS@bethesda.med.navy.mil
telephone 301-295-2722
fax 301-474-5419

Requests for language interpreters or an interpreter for the hearing impaired, or other special communication needs, should be made to Ms. Amanda Goebel, The Louis Berger Group, Inc., (202) 912-0267, or email agoebel@louisberger.com at least one week prior to the meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Officer in Charge – BRAC, NNMC, 8901
Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20889, telephone 301-295-2722, fax 301-474-5419, e-mail:
NNMCEIS@bethesda.med.navy.mil.



Wednesday, January 10, 2007

Contact: Marilyn Campbell, (202) 641-6628

Navy Extends Scoping Period for Public Comments on BRAC-Related Expansion

United States Representative Chris Van Hollen (D-MD), Maryland Delegate William A. Bronrott (District 16, Bethesda) and Montgomery County Councilman Roger Berliner (District 1) today announced the Department of the Navy's decision to extend the public comment period for the proposed expansion of the National Naval Medical Center (NNMC) for 30 days, until February 3, 2007. The public comment period, which is required by the National Environmental Policy Act, will give the public an additional opportunity to share its concerns over the proposed relocation of the Walter Reed Army Medical Center (WRAMC) services onto the NNMC campus.

At the request of the elected officials who represent the neighborhoods surrounding NNMC, the Navy also agreed to use the additional time to host well-publicized public forums to give interested individuals and neighborhood associations greater opportunities to learn about the full scope of this BRAC project and to express their views during this crucial scoping period.

"I am pleased by the Navy's decision to grant additional time to hear the concerns of the community regarding this expansion," said Congressman Van Hollen. "I believe that by working together in good faith, the Navy can address our community concerns while at the same time providing a world-class campus to deliver the finest medical services available for treating our troops."

"I am grateful for this additional opportunity for everyone to learn about and respond to this very extensive Bethesda BRAC project that will surely have enormous impacts on our area," said Delegate Bill Bronrott. "But we also must be assured that an impact study will focus on the entire surrounding community, and not just the National Naval Medical Center campus itself. While BRAC may provide a tremendous opportunity for extraordinary medical and scientific collaborations between the military, NIH and Suburban Hospital, we must be assured that transportation and environmental impacts to the surrounding community do not diminish the quality of our lives."

"I am gratified that the Navy recognizes how important it is for the affected communities to have

every opportunity to share their concerns about this project," said Councilman Roger Berliner.

<http://vanhollen.house.gov/HoR/MD08/Newsroom/Press+Release+by+Date/2007/01-10-07+Navy+Extends+Scoping+Period+for+Public+Comments+on+BRAC-Related+Expansion.htm>

**Attachment 5: List of Community Associations and
Government Entities That Were Mailed the
Notification of the Public Scoping Meetings**

List of Public Agencies that were mailed the Notice of Intent and the Public Scoping Meetings

Title	FirstName	LastName	Job Description	Organization	Address	Address2	City	State	ZIP
Mr.	John V.	Cogbill, III	Chairman	National Capital Planning Commission	401 Ninth Street, N.W., Suite 500		Washington	DC	20576
Ms.	Patricia E.	Gallagher	Executive Director	National Capital Planning Commission	401 Ninth Street, N.W., Suite 500		Washington	DC	20576
Ms.	Stephanie	Sechrist	Community Planner	National Capital Planning Commission	401 Ninth Street, N.W., Suite 301		Washington	DC	20576
Ms.	Pearl	Young	US EPA Office of Federal Activities	EIS Filing Section	Mail Code 2252-A Room 7241	1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.	Washington	DC	20460
Ms.	Karen	Del Grosso	Environmental Planning & Assessment	US EPA, Region III 3ES50	1650 Arch Street		Philadelphia	PA	19103-2029
			Maryland State Clearinghouse	Department of State Planning	301 West Preston Street, Room 1104		Baltimore	MD	21201
Mr.	Matthew	Power	Director	Maryland Office of Planning	301 W. Preston Street		Baltimore	MD	21201-2305
Ms.	Marilyn	Clemens	Planner, Community Planning	Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission	8787 Georgia Avenue		Silver Spring	MD	20910
Ms.	Deborah	Snead	Director	Bethesda-Chevy Chase Regional Services Center	4805 Edgemoor Lane		Bethesda	MD	20814
Mr.	David	Robertson	Executive Director	Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments	777 North Capital Street, N.E., Suite 300		Washington	DC	20002-4239
Mr.	Royce	Hanson	Chairman	Montgomery County Planning Board	8787 Georgia Avenue		Silver Spring	MD	20910
Ms.	Faroll	Hamer	Acting Director	Montgomery County Planning Department	8787 Georgia Avenue		Silver Spring	MD	20910

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List of Elected Officials that were mailed the Notice of Intent and the Public Scoping Meetings

Title1	FirstName	LastName	Title2	Group	Address	City	State	ZIP
Senator	Barbara	Mikulski	Honorable	Brown's Wharf	1629 Thames Street	Baltimore	MD	21231
Senator	Paul	Sarbanes	Honorable	Tower 1, Suite 1710	100 South Charles Street	Baltimore	MD	21201
Senator-Elect	Benjamin	Cardin	Honorable		600 Windhurst Avenue Suite 230	Baltimore	MD	21201
Congressman	Albert R.	Wynn	Honorable		18401 Woodfield Road	Gaithersburg	MD	20879
Congressman	Steny	Hoyer	Honorable	U.S. District Courthouse	6500 Cherrywood Lane, Suite 310	Greenbelt	MD	20770
Congressman	Elijah	Cummings	Honorable		1010 Park Avenue, Suite 105	Baltimore	MD	21201
Congressman	Christopher	VanHollen	Honorable		51 Monroe Street, Suite 507	Rockville	MD	20850
Governor	Robert	Ehrlich	Honorable		100 State Circle	Annapolis	MD	21401-1995
Governor – Elect	Martin	O'Malley	Governor-Elect	Gubernatorial Transition Office	William Donald Schaefer Tower 6 St. Paul Street, Suite 2000	Baltimore	MD	21202
Senator	Sharon M.	Grosfeld	Honorable	Maryland State Senate	James Senate Office Building, Room 203	Annapolis	MD	21401-1991
Senator-Elect	Richard S.	Madaleno, Jr.	Honorable	Lowe House Office Building, Room 223	84 College Ave.	Annapolis	MD	21401-1991
Senator	Brian E.	Frosh	Honorable	Maryland State Senate	Miller Senate Office Building, 2 East Wing	Annapolis	MD	21401-1991
Delegate	Marilyn R.	Goldwater	Honorable	Maryland House of Delegates	Lowe House Office Building, Room 221	Annapolis	MD	21401-1991
Delegate	William A.	Bonrott	Honorable	Maryland House of Delegates	Lowe House Office Building, Room 221C	Annapolis	MD	21401-1991
Delegate	Susan C.	Lee	Honorable	Maryland House of Delegates	Lowe House Office Building, Room 221	Annapolis	MD	21401-1991
Delegate	Jane	Lawton	Honorable	Maryland House of Delegates	Lowe House Office Building, Room 223	Annapolis	MD	21401-1991
Delegate-Elect	Jeff	Waldstreicher	Honorable		4017 Lawrence Avenue	Kensington	MD	20895
Delegate	Ana Sol	Gutierrez	Honorable	Maryland House of Delegates	Lowe House Office Building, Room 219	Annapolis	MD	21401-1991
County Executive	Isaiah	Leggett	Honorable		101 Monroe Street	Rockville	MD	20850
Councilmember	Howard A.	Denis	Councilmember	Stella B. Werner Office Building	100 Maryland Avenue	Rockville	MD	20850

List of Elected Officials that were mailed the Notice of Intent and the Public Scoping Meetings

Title1	FirstName	LastName	Title2	Group	Address	City	State	ZIP
Councilmember	Roger	Berliner	Councilmember	Stella B. Werner Office Building	100 Maryland Avenue	Rockville	MD	20850
Councilmember	Nancy	Floreen	Councilmember	Stella B. Werner Office Building	100 Maryland Avenue	Rockville	MD	20850
Councilmember	George	Leventhal	Council President	Stella B. Werner Office Building	100 Maryland Avenue	Rockville	MD	20850
Councilmember	Steven	Silverman	Councilmember	Stella B. Werner Office Building	100 Maryland Avenue	Rockville	MD	20850
Councilmember	Michael	Subin	Councilmember	Stella B. Werner Office Building	100 Maryland Avenue	Rockville	MD	20850
Councilmember	Marc	Elrich	Councilmember	Stella B. Werner Office Building	100 Maryland Avenue	Rockville	MD	20850
Councilmember	Duchy	Trachtenberg	Councilmember	Stella B. Werner Office Building	100 Maryland Avenue	Rockville	MD	20850
Councilmember	Marilyn	Praisner	Council Vice President	Stella B. Werner Office Building	100 Maryland Avenue	Rockville	MD	20850

List of Municipalities that were mailed the Notice of Intent and the Public Scoping Meetings

Title	First Name	Last Name	Title2	Group	Address	City, State, ZIP
Mr.	Todd	Hoffman	Town Manager	Town of Chevy Chase	4301 Willow Lane	Chevy Chase, MD 20815
Ms.	Linna	Barnes	Mayor	Town of Chevy Chase	4301 Willow Lane	Chevy Chase, MD 20815
Mr.	Geoffrey B.	Biddle	Village Manager	Chevy Chase Village	5906 Connecticut Avenue	Chevy Chase, MD 20815
Mr.	Douglas B.	Kamerow	Board of Managers Chair	Chevy Chase Village	5906 Connecticut Avenue	Chevy Chase, MD 20815
Mr.	Andy Leon	Harney	Village Manager	Section 3 of the Village of Chevy Chase	P.O. Box 15281	Chevy Chase, MD 20815
Mr.	Mike	Shannon	Village Council Chairman	Section 3 of the Village of Chevy Chase	P.O. Box 15281	Chevy Chase, MD 20815
Ms.	Frances L.	Higgins	Village Manager	Section 5 of the Village of Chevy Chase	P.O. Box 15120	Chevy Chase, MD 20815
Mr.	Andrew	Smith	Council Chair	Section 5 of the Village of Chevy Chase	P.O. Box 15120	Chevy Chase, MD 20815
Mr.	Robert	Weesner	Village Manager	Village of North Chevy Chase	P.O. Box 15887	Chevy Chase, MD 20815
Ms.	Shannon	Dorman	Council Chair	Village of North Chevy Chase	P.O. Box 15887	Chevy Chase, MD 20815
Mr.	Tom	Carter	Clerk-Treasurer	Town of Somerset	4510 Cumberland Avenue	Chevy Chase, MD 20815
Mr.	Walter	Behr	Mayor	Town of Somerset	4510 Cumberland Avenue	Chevy Chase, MD 20815
Mr.	Ted	Pratt	Town Administrator	Town of Garrett Park	P.O. Box 84	Garrett Park, MD 20896
Ms.	Carolyn	Shawaker	Mayor	Town of Garrett Park	P.O. Box 84	Garrett Park, MD 20896
Ms.	Bonnie	Baugh	Village Manager	Village of Martin's Additions	P.O. Box 15267	Chevy Chase, MD 20815
Mr.	Julian	Mansfield	Village Manager	Village of Friendship Heights	4433 South Park Avenue	Chevy Chase, MD 20815
Ms.	Melanie Rose	White	Mayor	Village of Friendship Heights	4433 South Park Avenue	Chevy Chase, MD 20815
Mr.	Maurice	Trebach	Council Chairman	Village of Friendship Heights	4433 South Park Avenue	Chevy Chase, MD 20815
Ms.	Cathie	Polak	Town Manager	Town of Glen Echo	6106 Harvard Avenue	Glen Echo, MD 20812
Ms.	Debbie	Beers	Mayor	Town of Glen Echo	6106 Harvard Avenue	Glen Echo, MD 20812

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List of Community Organizations that were mailed the Notice of Intent and the Public Scoping Meetings

Title	Contact Name	Association/Organization
Mr.	Wallace Hutchins	4620 North Park Condo.
Ms.	Brenda Holt	Al Marah Neighborhood Assn.
Mr.	Augustus Alzona	Alta Vista Gardens/North Bethesda
	Contact	Amberfield Homeowners Assn.
Mr.	Steve Kudla	Ashleigh Community Assn.
Mr.	Marvin Burt	Avenel Community Assn.
Ms.	Lucy Wilson	Avenel Community Assn.
Mr.	Alan Sterling	Bannockburn Citizens Assn.
Mr.	Stuart Brown	Bannockburn Citizens Assn.
Mr.	Stanley Sigel	Bannockburn Co-op, Inc.
Mr.	John Wetmore	Barrett and Audubon Ad Hoc
Mr.	John Murgolo	Battery Lane Tenants
Mr.	Steven Teitelbaum	Battery Park Citizens Assn.
Ms.	Diana Bruhn	Battery Park Citizens Assn.
Mr.	Malcolm Rivkin	Battery Park Citizens Association
Ms.	Nancy Bowen	Bells Mill Civic Assn.
Ms.	Marilyn Forrest	Bellwood Community Council, Inc.
Ms.	Connie Beck	Belvedere Neighbors Assn.
Mr.	Marc Meltzer	Bentley Place Condo
Mr.	Ray Longerbeam	Bethesda Court Condo
Mr.	Stefan Grewe	Bethesda Overlook Homeowners Assn.
Mr.	Hirsch Davis	Bethesda Park A Condo.

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Title	Contact Name	Association/Organization
Mr.	Jon Alterman	Bethesda Parkview Citizens Assn.
Mr.	Henry Jacob	Bethesda Place Community Council, Inc.
Mr.	Philip Gallas	Birnam Wood Community Assn.
Ms.	Linda Kauskey	Bradley Boulevard Citizens Association
Mr.	Nelson Rosenbaum	Bradley Hills Civic Assn.
Ms.	Robin DeSilva	Bradley House Condo. Assn.
Ms.	Joanna Neal	Bradley Park Homeowners Assn.
Mr.	Charles Doran	Brickyard Road Citizens Assn.
Mr.	Thomas Carlson	Bristol Square Condominium
Mr.	Steven Heyman	Brookside Citizens Assn., Inc.
Mr.	George Springston	Burning Tree Civic Assn.
Mr.	Peter Beveridge	Byeforde-Rock Creek Highlands
Ms.	Sue Polis	Camelot Mews Homeowners Assn.
Ms.	Barbara Barracato	Camelot Mews Homeowners Assn.
Mr.	Keith Woodard	Carderock Springs South Homeowners Ass
Mr.	Alvan Morris	Carleton of Chevy Chase A Condo.
Ms.	Sarah Davis	Carmelita Homeowners Assn.
Mr.	Kit Pardee	Carroll Knolls and McKenny Hills Civic
Ms.	Shireen Ambush	Castle Gate Homeowners Assn.
Ms.	Susanna Barber	Chadsberry Homeowners Assn.
Ms.	Doreen Winkler	Chelsea Tower Condo. Assn.
Mr.	Steven Lanksman	Cherington Condominium

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Mr.	Edward Oh	Cherrington Condominium
Mr.	John Steele	Chevy Chase Hills Civic Assn.
Ms.	Susan Merryman	Chevy Chase Lake Apts.
Ms.	Julia Andrews	Chevy Chase Park Condo. Assn.
Mr.	Ken Strickland	Chevy Chase Valley Citizens Assn
Ms.	Janet Coe	Chevy Chase View
Mr.	Geoffrey Biddle	Chevy Chase Village
	City Manager	Chevy Chase Village, Section III
Mr.	Bill Lewis	Chevy Chase West Neighborhood Assn.
Mr.	Mark Fernandez	Chevy Chase West Neighborhood Assn.
Ms.	Sue Anderson	Chevy Chase West Neighborhood Assn.
Mr.	Avi Adler	Chevy Chase West Neighborhood Asso.
Mr.	Steven Wishnow	Christopher Condominium
Mr.	Marty Hutt	Churchhill Community Foundation
Mr.	Duane Thompson	Citizens United to Save the Circle
	Property Manager	City Commons of Bethesda
Mr.	David O'Bryon	City Homes of Edgemoor HOA
Mr.	Hank Jacob	City Homes of Edgemoor HOA
Mr.	Ronald Tripp	Citz. Cord. Committee on Friendship Hgts
Mr.	Jeff Spiegel	Civic Assn. of River Falls
Mr.	David Silver	Coldspring Civic Assn.
Mr.	Bruce Blumberg	College Square Condos

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Mr.	Fred Thomas, Jr.	Congressional Forest Community Assn.
Mr.	Guy Chamberlin	Copenhaver Homes Corporation
Mr.	Eric Peek	Coquelin Run Citizens Assn.
Mr.	William Ratcliff	Country Place Citizens Assn.
Mr.	Louis Pettey	Crestberry Homeowners Assn., Inc.
Mr.	Cyril Draffin	Deerfield-Weathered Oak Citizens
Ms.	Seena King	Drumaldry Homes Assn.
	Contact	Drummond Citizens Assn.
Mr.	Lawrence Funt	East Edgemoor Property Owners
Mr.	Charlie Fleischer	East Gate II Homes Assn.
Mr.	Alan Privot	East Gate III Homeowners Assn., Inc.
Ms.	Cheryl Wetter	East Gate III Homes Assn., Inc.
Mr.	Shepard Sheinkman	Edgemoor Citizens Association
Mr.	Steve Sawicki	Edgewood/Glenwood Citizens Assn.
Mr.	John Wolf, Jr.	Edson Lane Citizens Assn.
Ms.	Katie Wyrsh	Eight One Zero One (8101)
Mr.	John Barpoulis	Eldwick Homes Assn.
Ms.	Elizabeth Haven	Elizabeth Condominium Assn., Inc.
Mr.	Roger Mitchell	Elm Street-Oakridge-Lynn Civic Assn.
Ms.	Lynn Barclay	English Village Assn.
Ms.	Marcia Sullivan	English Village Assn.
Ms.	Shireen Ambush	Fairhill Condo, Inc.

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Mr.	Henry Jacob	Falls Ridge Homeowners Assn.
Ms.	Marianne Cordier	Falls Ridge Homeowners Assn.
Dr.	Steven Janowitz	Fallsbend Homeowners Assn.
Mr.	John Saveland	Fallsmead Homes Corp.
Mr.	Michael Spalletta	Fallsreach and Fallsberry Civic
Mr.	Bernie Brill	Fallsreach Homeowners Assn.
Ms.	Sarah Fitzpatrick	Fallstone Condominium
Mr.	Phil Corn	Fallstone Homeowners Assn.
Mr.	Charles Lileikis	Fallswick Homeowners Assn., Inc.
Mr.	Robert Fogel	Fallswick Homeowners Assn., Inc.
Mr.	David L'Heureux	Fallswood Civic Assn.
Mr.	Franklin Groff	Fallswood Condominium Assn.
Ms.	Dolores Milmoie	For A Rural Montgomery (F.A.R.M)
Ms.	Ann Fink	Forty Seven Twenty CC Drive Condo
Ms.	Barbara McCall	Forty Seven Twenty CC Drive Condo
Mr.	Joesph Fitzgerald	Forty Sevent Twenty CC Condo Assn.
Mr.	Gary Digges	Forum Council of Co-Owners
Mr.	Henry Jacob	Fox Chapel North Homes Assn. Inc.
Mr.	Steve Goldhill	Fox Den Homeowners Assn.
Mr.	Patrick McDonough	Friendship Heights Village Civic Assn.
Ms.	Barbara Tauben	Friendship Heights Village Civic Assn.
Mr.	Frank Valeo	Friendship Heights Village Council

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Title	Contact Name	Association/Organization
Mr.	Julian Mansfield	Friendship Heights Village Council
Ms.	Melanie White	Friendship Heights Village Council
Dr.	Alfred Muller	Friendship Village Civic Assn.
Mr.	Ruwan Salgado	Gables on Tuckerman Condo. Assn.
Ms.	Suzanne Hudson	Garrett Park Estates-White Flint
Mr.	Ed Reich	Georgetown Village Condominium
Mr.	Jacob Philip	Glen Park of Potomac
Mr.	Robert Steinwustzel	Glenmore Homeowners Assn.
Mr.	Steven Schram	Goldsboro Homeowners Assn.
Ms.	Barbara Shea	Grand Bel Manor Condo Sec. III
Ms.	Shireen Ambush	Greencastle Manor Condominium #2, Inc
Mr.	Hank Jacob	Greenhills Condo I
	Property Manager	Greens of Warther
Mr.	Stephen Burks	Greenwich Forest Citizens Assn.
Ms.	Elizabeth Dane	Grosvenor Park Townhouse Condominiu
Mr.	Richard Rose	Grosvenor Homeowners Assn.
Mr.	James Meister	Grosvenor Homeowners Association
Ms.	Claudia Smith	Grosvenor Mews Condominium Assn.
Ms.	Vicki Gomez	Grosvenor Park Condo I
Mr.	Dan Robinson	Grosvenor Park Condo. Citizens Assn.
Ms.	Harriet Arshawsky	Grosvenor Park Condo. Citizens Assn.
Mr.	Musco Barber	Grosvenor Park Homeowners Assn.

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Ms.	Linda Aley	Grosvenor Park III Condo.
Mr.	Louis Berlin	Grosvenor Square Homeowners Assn.
	Contact	Hadley Farms Community Assn.
Ms.	Ann Davis	Hamlet Citizens Assn. of Chevy Chase
Ms.	Susanne Mitchell	Hamlet House Condo.
Mr.	Alan Ward	Hamlet Place Owners, Inc.
Mr.	Wesley Stubbs	Hamlet Place Owners, Inc.
Mr.	David Oblon	Heritage Farm Homeowners Assn.
Mr.	Bruce Blumberg	Heritage Green Condo., Inc.
Mr.	Bob Fogel	Heritage Walk Homes Corporation
Mr.	Robert Oshinsky	Heritage Walk Homes Corporation
Mr.	Ben White	Highlands Homeowners Assn.
Mr.	Tom Whiteman	Hillmead Citizens Assn.
Mr.	Larry Friend	Hilltop Estates Civic Assn.
Ms.	Shireen Ambush	Homeland Village at Olney Condo.
Mr.	David Hill	Hungerford Civic Assn.
Mr.	George Oberlander	Huntington Parkway Citizens Assn.
Mr.	Jonathan Isaacs	Huntington Parkway Citizens Assn.
Ms.	Ann Dorough	Huntington Terrace Citizens Assn.
Mr.	Edgar Hanley	Inverness Knolls Assn., Inc.
Ms.	Judy Starr	Inverness North Homeowners Assn., Inc.
Ms.	Marilyn Plevin	Jefferson Square Homeowners Assn.

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Title	Contact Name	Association/Organization
Mr.	William Wallace	Jones Mill Road Citizens Assn., Inc.
	Neil & Cynthia McMullen	Kendale Neighborhood Coalition
Ms.	Karen Jackson-Knight	Ken-Gar Civic Assn.
Mr.	Wayne Goldstein	Kensington Heights Citizens Assn.
Ms.	Donna Savage	Kensington Heights Citizens Assn.
Mr.	Bill Jackson	Kensington Ridge Homeowners Assn., Inc.
Mr.	Bob McNeil	Kensington Terrace Citizens Group
Ms.	Elizabeth Quinn	Kensington View Citizens Assn.
Mr.	J. Thomas Nolan	Kensington Woods Homeowners Assn.
Mr.	Gary Abramson	Kentsdale Estates Civic Assn.
Mr.	Benjamin Porto	Kenwood Court Homes Assn., Inc.
	Property Manager	Kenwood Forest Condo. II
Mr.	Richard Berney	Kenwood Park Citizens Assn.
Mr.	Neil Hazard	Lake Potomac Civic Assn.
	President	Lakeside Terrace Condo.
Ms.	Kristen Hohman	Locust Hill Citizens Assn.
Ms.	Judy Morenoff	Luxmanor Citizens Assn.
Mr.	Myers Allen	Maplewood Citizens Assn.
Ms.	Sharon Constantine	Maplewood Citizens Assn.
Ms.	Dorothy Bloomfield	Maplewood Park Place Community Assn.
Ms.	Lyn Brown	Marwood Homeowners Assn.
Mr.	Ray Nightingale	Maryknoll Citizens Assn.

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Ms.	Nancy Mudd	Marymount Citizens Assn.
Mr.	Gary Rosch	Massachusetts Avenue Forest Assn.
	Lisa & Neal Martin	Mazza Wood Homeowners Assn.
Mr.	Steve Baldwin	Merrimack Park Citizens Assn. - Sec. II
Mr.	Bernard Wortman	Merrimack Park Citizens Assn. Sec 1
Mr.	Tyler Abell	Merry-Go-Round Farm Cluster
Mr.	Louis Fireison	Merry-Go-Round Farm Homeowners Assn.
Mr.	Bruce Blumberg	Middlebrook Commons Condominium
Mr.	Henry Jacob	Montclair Manor Homeowners Assn.
Mr.	Bill Breslyn	Montgomery Century Condo.
Mr.	Robert Gross	Montgomery Square Citizens Assn.
Ms.	Charlotte Joseph	Montrose Civic Assn.
Mr.	Colin Furtaw	Montrose Forest Homeowners Assn.
Mr.	Steve Goldstein	Montrose Woods Condo. Assn.
Ms.	Shireen Ambush	Montrose Woods Condo. Assn.
Ms.	Barbara Phillips	Newbridge Citizens Assn.
Ms.	Miriam Wilson	Normandy Falls Homeowners Assn.
Mr.	Raymond Schmidt	North Ashburton Citizens Assn.
Mr.	Michael Garson	North Farm Citizens Assn.
Mr.	Sol Gnatt	Northern Chevy Chase Citizens Assn.
Ms.	Connie Jacobson	Old Farm Civic Association
Ms.	Karen Harris	Old Georgetown Village Condo. Assn.

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Mr.	John DePalma	Old Georgetown Village Homeowners
Ms.	Victoria Cargill	Olde Coach Square Homeowners Assn.
Ms.	Maxine Schwartzman	Oldfield Homeowners Assn.
Mr.	John Coggins	Palisades Assn., Inc.
Mr.	Barry Cohen	Palisades Citizens Assn.
Mr.	David Gonzalles	Paloma Court Homeowners
Ms.	Marietta Ethier	Parc Somerset Condo
Dr.	Niki Zaldivar	Park View Citizens Assn
	President	Parkside Condo. Assn.
Ms.	Kira Lueders	Parkwood Residents Assn.
Ms.	Julie Withers	Penbrook Community Assn.
Ms.	Karen Kamachaitis	Penbrooke Community Assn.
Mr.	Hank Jacob	Pooks Hill Condominium Inc.
Mr.	Henry Jacob	Pooks Hill Homeowners Assn.
Ms.	Susan Kim	Pooks Hill Square Condo Assn.
Mr.	Gerry Levenberg	Potomac Crest Homeowners Assn.
Ms.	Brenda Gehan	Potomac Crest Homeowners Assn.
Mr.	Monte Gingery	Potomac Falls Homeowners Assn.
	George and Ginny Barnes	Potomac Glen Assn.
Ms.	Jacki Frank	Potomac Glen Homeowners Assn.
Mr.	Richard Sternberg	Potomac Green Civic Association
Mr.	Bill Conway, Jr.	Potomac Manor II Homeowners Assn.

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Mr.	Neil Sherman	Potomac Pond Homeowners Assn.
Mr.	Benjamin Israel	Potomac Springs Civic Assn.
Dr.	Harvey Rubenstein	Potomac Station Homeowners Assn.
Mr.	Alan Seldin	Potomac Towne Homeowners Assn.
Mr.	David Kerlina	Potomac Woods Citizens Association
Mr.	David Bach	Potomac Woods Citizens Association
Ms.	Lucille Mannelly	Preston Place T.H./C.C.L. Apt.
Mr.	Bruce Blumberg	Quince Orchard Homeowners Assn.
Mr.	Kevin Kline	Randolph Civic Assn.
	President	Randolph Civic Assn.
Mr.	Jesse Baumgold	Rannoch Road Homeowners Assn.
Mr.	Jerry Garson	Regency Estates Citizens Assn.
Mr.	Richard Blumstein	Regency Estates Citizens Assn.
Mr.	Andrew Kavounis	Regency Estates Citizens Association
Mr.	Steven Mister	Ridgeleigh Homeowners Assn.
Mr.	Ian Knight	River Falls Community Center Assn.
Mr.	Martin Zamula	Riverhill Condominium Assn.
Mr.	John Tiernan	Riverhill Homeowners Assn.
Mr.	Thomas Durek	Riverhill Homeowners Assn.
Ms.	Anne Venzen	Riverhill Homeowners Assn.
Ms.	Linda Guest	Riverhill Homeowners Assn.
Mr.	David P. Fitch	Rivers Edge Homeowners Assn.

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Mr.	Roger Barth	Riverway Homeowners Assn.
	President/Board of Directors	Riviera of Chevy Chase Condo.
Ms.	Judith Koenick	Rock Creek Forest Citizens Assn.
Ms.	Shannon Hamm	Rock Creek Hills Citizens Assn.
Ms.	Jacquelyn Stevens	Rock Creek Hills Residents Assn.
Mr.	Alvin Geske	Rock Creek Palisades Citizens Assn.
Ms.	Shireen Ambush	Rolling Spring Homeowners Assn.
Ms.	Gabriele Gandal	Rollingwood Citizens Assn.
Ms.	Alicia Wattenberg	Sacks Neighborhood Assn.
Ms.	Miriam Israel	Sacks Neighborhood Assn.
Ms.	Marie Dray	Sacks Neighborhood Council
Mr.	David Berg	Saddlebrook Association
Ms.	Ella Cook	Scotland Community Development Assn.
Mr.	Francis L. Higgins	Section 5 of Village of Chevy Chase
Mr.	James Flood	Senecabrook Homeowners Assn.
Mr.	Jerrold Garson	Seven Locks Civic Assn
Mr.	Bruce Blumberg	Shady Grove Village III Condo.
Ms.	Virginia Mitz	Somerset Citizens Assn.
Mr.	Bernard Norwood	Somerset House II Condominium
Mr.	Peter Cody	Somerset House, A Condominium
Mr.	Jordan Goldstein	Sonoma Citizens Assn.
Ms.	Barbara Fichman	Sonoma Citizens Assn.

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Ms.	Joan Lunney	Sonoma Citizens Assn.
Ms.	Joy Rafey	Sonoma Citizens Assn.
Mr.	Al Beer	South Bradley Hills Neighborhood
Mr.	Marc Toplin	South Tuckerman-Inverness Citizens
Ms.	Bonnie Henderson	Spring Lake Condominium Assn.
	President	Spring Lake Condominium Assn.
Dr.	Andrew Muchmore	Spring Ridge Road Citizens Assn.
Mr.	Ali Koknar	Stoneybrook Homeowners Assn., Inc.
Mr.	David Sacks	Strathmore Park Condo Assn.
Mr.	William Fisher	Strathmore Park Condo Assn.
Mr.	Henry Jacob	Strathmore Place Homeowners Assn.
Mr.	Melvin Dickover	Strathmore Place Homeowners Assn.
	Property Manager	Sumner Square Condo. Assn.
Ms.	Laurie Lyons	Tara Citizens Assn.
Mr.	Vernon Ricks	Teversall Homeowners Assn., Inc.
Mr.	Bill Adler	The Mains Homeowners Assn.
	Property Manager	Three Oaks Homeowners Assn.
Ms.	Marta Vogel	Tilden Woods Citizens Assn.
Mr.	Herbert Maisel	Tildenwood Homeowners Assn., Inc.
Mr.	Steven Landsman	Tildenwood Homeowners Assn., Inc.
Mr.	Surinder Juneja	Timberlawn South/Tuckerman Walk HOA
Mr.	Nick Holst	Timberlawn South-Tuckerman Walk

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Mr.	Hank Jacob	Timberwood on the Park
Mr.	Todd Hoffman	Town of Chevy Chase - Section IV
Ms.	Kitty Raufaste	Town of Kensington
Mr.	Walter Behr	Town of Somerset
Ms.	Fern Brodney	Treasure Oak Community Association
Mr.	Henry Jacob	Trophy Court Homeowners Assn.
Mr.	Craig Windham	Tuckerman Station Condominium
Mr.	Martin Rush	Tuckerman Station Homeowners Assn.
Ms.	Bernadine Kalberer	Tuckerman Station Homeowners Assn.
Ms.	Shireen Ambush	Tuckerman Station Homeowners Assn.
Ms.	Susan Cameron	Turning Creek Homeowners Assn.
Mr.	Bernard Fisker	Village of Bethesda HOA
Mr.	Michael Cicero	Village of Drummond
Ms.	Jean Spurling	Village of Martin's Addition
Ms.	Sally Klippel	Village of North Chevy Chase
Mr.	Andy Miller	Vineyard Condo. Homeowners Assn.
Mr.	Chris Worch	Walnut Woods Citizens Assn.
Mr.	Henry Jacobs	Waterford Place Homeowners Assn.
Mr.	Jeffrey May	West Bethesda Park Homeowners Assn.
Mr.	Carl Kownig	West Bradley Citizens Assn.
Ms.	Sandy Vogelgesang	West Bradley Citizens Assn.
Ms.	Patricia Knowles-Stogoski	West Kensington Civic Assn.

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Ms.	Barbara Barracato	Westchester Condominium
Ms.	Barbara Barracato	Westchester Homeowners Assn.
Mr.	Bruce Blumberg	Westchester West Condo Assn.
Mr.	Alan Ehrlich	Westlake Park Condo Assn.
	General Manager	Westlake Park Condo. B Inc.
Mr.	Peter Kirchner	Westlake Terrace Civic Assn.
Mr.	Michael Laplaca	Westlake Terrace Condo. Assn.
Mr.	Jonathan Turak	Westlake Terrace Condominium Assn.
Mr.	Glen Loveland	Westlake Terrace Condominium Assn.
	Property Manager	Westlake Terrace Park Condo A
Ms.	Lynn Mangione	Westlake Towers Condo. Assn.
Mr.	Tony Zapata	Wetherstone Homeowners Assn.
	President	Wexford Homeowners Assn., Inc.
Ms.	Shireen Ambush	Wheaton Square East Condo. Assn.
Mr.	Michael Modesitt	Whitehall Condominium Association
Mr.	Michael Tardif	Whitehall Condominium Association
Ms.	Pam Miller	Whittier Woods Civic Assn.
Mr.	Dennis Cassidy	Wickford Community Assn.
Mr.	Jack Cochrane	Wildwood Hills Citizens Assn.
Mr.	Jay Etris	Wildwood Manor Citizens Assn.
Mr.	Steve Good	Wildwood Manor Citizens Assn.
Ms.	Martha Golden	Willoughby of Chevy Chase

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Mr.	Garry Plushnick	Willowbrook Cambridge Resident Assn.
Mr.	Alan Feld	Willowbrook Citizens Assn.
Ms.	Donna Ely	Winterset Civic Assn.
Mr.	Harold Weiss	Wisconsin Condo Homeowners Assn.
Ms.	Ann Fink	Woodfield at Manchester Farms
Ms.	Pam Blumenthal	Woodhaven Citizens Association
Mr.	Earl Kendrick	Woodmont Spring Condos
Ms.	Debbie Weinman	Woodrock Homeowners Assn., Inc.
Ms.	Virginia Miller	Wyngate Citizens Assn.

NOTE: Several Community Associations and Organizations are listed multiple times.