

**FORT BELVOIR – SOUTH POST  
FISHER HOUSE**

Woodbury Road  
Fairfax County, Virginia

Submitted by the United States Department of Defense, Department of the Army

**Delegated Action of the Executive Director**

August 4, 2011

Pursuant to delegations of authority adopted by the Commission on October 3, 1996 and 40 U.S.C. § 8722(b)(1), I approve the preliminary and final site and building plans for the construction of a Fisher House on the South Post of Fort Belvoir, Fairfax County, Virginia, as shown on NCPC Map File No. 2204.10(38.00)43387.

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The United States Department of the Army has submitted, on behalf of the Fisher Foundation, preliminary and final site and building plans for a proposed Fisher House on the South Post of Fort Belvoir. The Fisher Foundation will fund, design, and construct the new home. The Fisher House program is a private-public partnership that provides complimentary living accommodations for veterans and their families who are receiving care at Department of Defense and Veterans Affairs' medical facilities, in this case the Fort Belvoir Community Hospital.

The Department of the Army granted permission for the Fisher Foundation to build the Fisher House on a 1.5 acre site located on Woodbury Road between the Community Center and the new Child Development Center. The Fisher House will be located across Belvoir Road from the new Community Hospital. The proposed one-story Fisher House includes twelve private rooms with private bathrooms, and common areas that include a kitchen, a dining room, a family room, a living room, and a laundry. The building will have a red brick veneer, front porches, shutters, and traditional six over six double-hung windows. The proposed building is approximately 10,000 square feet in area.



### **Proposed Fisher House**

The project site will provide exterior patios, accessed directly from the family room and the common corridors. Seventeen designated parking spaces will be provided for Fisher House guests, staff, and visitors.

To fulfill its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Department of the Army concluded that the project can be categorically excluded pursuant to its NEPA provisions, CX (c)(1), AR 200-2, 32 CFR part 651, appendix B, section ii, for new construction that will disturb no more than five cumulative acres of previously undisturbed surface. Due to the project location in the environs, NCPC does not have an independent NEPA responsibility.

Pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, the Department of the Army determined that the project would not adversely affect historic properties. The Virginia State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) concurred with the Army's determination of "No Adverse Affect" on historic properties. Due to the project location outside the District of Columbia, NCPC does not have independent Section 106 responsibility.

The project is consistent with the community land use designated in the 1993 Fort Belvoir Master Plan. The Army is currently updating the Fort Belvoir Master Plan and the update will continue to designate this area as community land use. The Army defines community uses as "land use that encourages a mix of uses. Facilities allowed include religious, family support, personnel services, professional services, medical, community, housing, commercial and recreational services. Users live both on- and off-post and may include soldiers, dependents, retirees, and other civilian personnel." The Army coordinated the project with Fairfax County, which concluded that it had no objections to the project moving forward.

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Executive Director