

COMMISSION ACTION

NCPC File No. 7094



FORT BELVOIR – NORTH POST
NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY

Fairfax County Parkway and John J. Kingman Highway
Fairfax County, Virginia

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

July 7, 2011

Commission Action Requested

Approval of preliminary site and building plans pursuant to 40 U.S.C. § 8722(b)(1).

Commission Action

The Commission:

Approves the preliminary site and building plans for the National Museum of the United States Army on the North Post of Fort Belvoir, in Fairfax County, Virginia, as shown on NCPC Map File No. 2204.10(38.00)43364.

Recommends that the Army incorporate the following in the final project design:

- Opportunities for restoration, to a natural state, for the portion of Swank Road that is not being used to access the project site;
- An architectural or sculptural element at the end of the entrance drive aisle to provide a focal point;
- Pedestrian amenities, such as seating, along the walkway adjacent to the parade field;
- Additional landscaping to minimize erosion of the hillside;
- Reconfiguring or redesigning the parking lot in order to minimize impervious surfaces.

Recommends that prior to submitting the project for final design, the Army coordinate with Fairfax County and NCPC to address comments received from the County, particularly:

- Determining the effects the project has on the Environmental Quality Corridor;
- Providing information to and coordinating on stormwater management techniques and Total Maximum Daily Loads (TDMLs) in relationship to the project; and
- Identifying opportunities for alternative modes of transportation including bicycle and pedestrian amenities and bus connections.

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