

COMMISSION ACTION

NCPC File No. 7244



FORT BELVOIR – SOUTH POST PERIMETER FENCE

Route 1 between Mount Vernon Memorial Highway and Gunston Road
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 development plans pursuant to 40 U.S.C. § 8722(b)(1).

Commission Action

The Commission:

Approves the preliminary and final site development plans for the portion of the Fort Belvoir perimeter fence located between Gunston Road and Belvoir Road, as shown on NCPC Map File No. 2204.10(38.40)43330, and **defers** action on the portion of the perimeter fence that runs from the installation boundary to Belvoir Road until further coordination takes place between the applicant, NCPC, the National Park Service, Fairfax County, and the Virginia Department of Transportation regarding the relationship of this portion of the fence with the widening of U.S. Route 1 and the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail.

Notes that the Department of the Army and the Virginia Department of Transportation have entered into a Memorandum of Agreement for the widening of U.S. Route 1 through Fort Belvoir and that the Virginia Department of Transportation and Fairfax County noted that the proposed fence location near Belvoir Road may conflict with the widening project.

Supports the extension of the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail through Fort Belvoir as an important national and regional trail amenity.

Request that prior to resubmitting the portion of the fence that the Commission is deferring action on, the Army:

- Evaluate aligning the fence to the south of Casey Road to lessen any potential conflict this portion of the fence would have on the U.S. Route 1 widening project and to allow for more flexibility on the location of the future Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail;
- Evaluate the use of Type C fencing for the area adjacent to Casey Road and the baseball field as this area is visible from public space;
- Evaluate opportunities for pedestrian access to allow Fort Belvoir employees access to future pedestrian and trail amenities associated with the U.S. Route 1 widening project and the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail;
- Provide information and timelines for any future plans for additional perimeter fences at Fort Belvoir.

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