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Mr. Chris A. Wilson,
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RE: Comments on the Staff Draft of the Historic Sites and Districts Plan (HSDP) for Prince George's County

Dear Mr. Wilson:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Staff Draft of the Historic Sites and Districts Plan (HSDP) for Prince George's County. Our review focused on issues that may affect the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC), including our review responsibilities as the central planning agency for the federal government in the National Capital Region (NCR), and on the assessment of master plans and area plans proposed by state, regional and local agencies for their potential impact on the federal establishment.

We enjoy regular contact with your agency's staff in our project and master plan reviews of federal facilities such as Andrews Air Force Base, the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center, and the Goddard Space Flight Center, as well as evaluation of transportation and infrastructure projects. We also have a continuing interest and review role for proposed developments within the stream valley parks created through the Capper-Cramton Act.

Overall, we find the draft Historic Sites and Districts Plan (HSDP) for Prince George's County recommendations to be consistent with the planning principles and policies of the *Comprehensive Plan of the National Capital: Federal Elements* (Comprehensive Plan). We note that the HSDP represents a variation from other county master plans and is a functional plan focusing on a specific issue. As such, it is a countywide policy plan for a specific element of the

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General Plan. As there are no major policy conflicts between the proposed HSDP and the federal Comprehensive Plan, we find the proposed document acceptable and commendable.

We appreciate your efforts in ensuring that the federal government is engaged in your planning endeavors. We look forward to future coordination with the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission for Prince George's County. Please contact Eugene Keller at (202)482-7251 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael A. Sherman", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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