

FORT BELVOIR
K-9 KENNEL
Fairfax County, Virginia

Delegated Action of the Executive Director

October 31, 2003

Pursuant to delegations of authority adopted by the Commission on October 3, 1996, I approve the preliminary and final site and building plans for a new K-9 Kennel at Fort Belvoir, Fairfax County, Virginia, as shown on NCPC Map File No. 2204.10(38.00) 41247.

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The Department of the Army (Army) has submitted preliminary and final site and building plans for the construction of a new K-9 kennel at Fort Belvoir. The animals quartered in this facility are highly trained in the detection of illegal drugs, explosives, and other contraband. The existing kennel was constructed in 1948 and the new replacement facility would be located on the same site. The site is located in the southwest portion of Fort Belvoir at the end of Pratt Road. It is bounded on the north and east by sparsely wooded areas, on the south by low-rise industrial buildings and on the west by a wooded area and the nearby Accotink Bay. This remote area of the base contains a series of one and two-story structures that are used for shop and/or warehouse functions.

The new kennel would be a one-story, 3,616-square-foot structure. It would accommodate a K-9 unit of 14 persons and 13 dogs. The building would be configured in a "T"-shape with primary staff areas located in the southern portion and the kennels located in the north end. The façade would be comprised of a variety of concrete masonry units punctuated with vinyl casement windows. The roof would be covered with asphalt shingles. This design is consistent with the Fort Belvoir design guidelines and is similar to other one- and two-story industrial-type buildings in the immediate vicinity. The Army has determined that the project qualifies as a Categorical Exclusion under its procedures to implement the National Environmental Policy Act. The Army further advises that there are no historic resources in the immediate vicinity. The proposal is consistent with the Master Plan for Fort Belvoir.

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