

**WALTER REED ARMY MEDICAL CENTER  
SECURITY GATE UPGRADES  
PRELIMINARY AND FINAL SITE AND BUILDING PLANS  
Forest Glen Annex, Montgomery County, Maryland**

**Delegated Action of the Executive Director**

December 30, 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 security gate upgrades, at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Forest Glen Annex, Montgomery County, Maryland, as shown on NCPC Map File No. 3120(38.00)-41273.

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The Department of the Army (Army) has submitted preliminary and final site and building plans for upgrading three of the existing perimeter gates at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center's (WRAMC) Forest Glen Annex in Montgomery County, Maryland. The three gates that would be affected are the Stephen Sitter Avenue and Brookville Road gate, the Stephen Sitter Avenue and Linden Lane gate, and the Research Drive and Brookville Road gate. Currently, these gates contain a series of temporary security elements that primarily include jersey barriers and prefabricated guardhouses that were installed immediately after September 11, 2001. The proposal would provide for permanent brick guardhouses, widened inspection lanes, fencing, gates, brick walls and piers, traffic control and pedestrian amenities. Each guard house would be 7 feet – 8 inches wide by 10 feet deep, have brick columns that support overhanging eaves at the front and back to provide shelter for guards during inclement weather. Standing-seam metal roofs would be on all of the guardhouses. Additionally, brick-faced concrete planters would be placed at each end of the guardhouses to serve as a security barrier from entering vehicles and to visually soften the structures. New fencing would be a combination of black steel pickets with brick piers. All of the permanent improvements are consistent with the WRAMC installation design guidelines and are consistent with the design of the entrance gates at the WRAMC main campus in Washington.

Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act, the Army has provided an Environmental Assessment with a Finding of No Significant Impact for the proposed security upgrades. Further, the Maryland State Historic Preservation Officer has concurred with the Army's determination of No Effect, pursuant to the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966.

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Executive Director