

WALKER-JONES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
NEW CONSTRUCTION
PRELIMINARY AND FINAL SITE AND BUILDING PLANS
100 L Street, NW
Washington, DC

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 the new Walker-Jones Elementary School at 100 L Street, NW, Washington, DC, as shown on NCPC Map File No. 31.30(38.00)-41279.

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The Army Corps of Engineers, on behalf of the District of Columbia Public Schools, proposes to construct a new Walker-Jones Elementary School in Northwest Washington at the intersection of 1st Street, K Street and New Jersey Avenue. The new school will be constructed adjacent to the existing Walker-Jones School on a site that also includes the R.H. Terrell Jr. High School and the Southern Baptist Church. The new school will be constructed on the school's existing play fields and, once vacated, the existing school will provide swing space for students at Terrell Jr. High during its modernization. Following the modernization of the Junior High school DCPS intends to demolish the existing school and return that site to play fields for the elementary school.

The new Walker-Jones Elementary School will be three stories in height and will contain approximately 93,000 square feet of space. The school will house 636 students in grades pre-kindergarten through sixth grade and will have a staff of 80 employees. The exterior of the building will be clad with split-faced CMU, brick and EFIS. There is a tower feature at the school's main entrance at the southeast corner of the site which contains the school's media center. Shared uses, such as the cafeteria and gymnasium, are located along the New Jersey Avenue side of the building and may be publicly accessible during non-school hours. Drop off lanes will be provided along K Street and parking will be shared with the adjacent church during non-school hours.

Pursuant to the regulations implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has reviewed the project plans in accordance with the provisions of the NEPA and determined the project qualifies as a Categorical Excluded action. The Army has also determined that the existing Walker-Jones Elementary School does not meet the criteria for listing in the National Register of Historic Places and therefore no further Section 106 is required. The Coordinating Committee reviewed this item at its meeting on December 10, 2003, and forwarded the proposal to the Commission with the statement that the project has been coordinated with all agencies participating.

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Executive Director