

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY
EAST SIDE PUMPING STATION REHABILITATION
Anacostia Park
Southeast Washington, DC**

Delegated Action of the Executive Director

February 26, 2004

Pursuant to delegations of authority adopted by the Commission on October 3, 1996, I approve the concept plans to construct a new East Side Pumping Station in Anacostia Park, including a new parking area and roadway, new landscaping and demolition of the existing pumping station as shown on NCPC Map File No. 80.00(38.00)-41312.

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The District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority (DC WASA), on behalf of the National Park Service, has submitted preliminary and final site and building plans for a new East Side pumping station within Anacostia Park along the west bank of the Anacostia River. The one-story pumping station is located adjacent to an existing DC WASA swirl facility. The project will construct a new 8,540-square-foot pumping station on 1.3 acres of National Park Service land. The project also includes a new parking area for four vehicles, an improved access road, landscaping and utilities. Utilities to be constructed include a new 42-inch force main to connect the new pumping station to existing sewer lines in the area. As part of the project, DC WASA will demolish the existing below-ground pumping station to the south of the project site and restore the area around the demolished facility to conditions acceptable to the National Park Service (NPS). The project has been approved by NPS, which will issue a Special Use Permit to allow construction to proceed.

The pumping station will be constructed of concrete block, clad in a combination of smooth and sand-blasted precast concrete panels. A decorative aluminum gate will be placed at the main entrance on the east side of the facility. A coiling overhead metal door will enclose the trash dumpster area on the southwest corner of the building. The building's flat roof will be covered with a bituminous membrane roofing system. The building is located adjacent to an existing swirl facility, situated between U.S. Reservation 13 on the west and Anacostia Park along the Anacostia River to the east. The project includes landscaping of the facility and its grounds.

The Coordinating Committee reviewed the proposal on February 11, 2004, and all participating agencies agreed to coordinate this project at the concept level.

Although DC WASA has requested preliminary and final site and building plan approval, the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process for this project is still underway. In conformance with NEPA compliance procedures and in coordination with NPS, DC WASA completed the draft Environmental Assessment (EA) in January 2003 and advertised the draft EA for public comment in February 2004. The public comment period will close on March 6, 2004, after which NPS will make a NEPA determination. Additionally, the District of Columbia Office of Planning has expressed concerns with the façade and landscape design for the project. The applicant will meet with DCOP to discuss their concerns prior to submitting this project for preliminary and final approval of site and building plans upon completion of the NEPA process. In the interim, the project is approved for conceptual site and building plans only.

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