



**U.S. NAVAL OBSERVATORY**  
**FENCE REPLACEMENT**  
Massachusetts Avenue at 34<sup>th</sup> Street, NW  
Washington, DC

**Delegated Action of the Executive Director**  
September 2, 2004

Pursuant to delegations of authority adopted by the Commission on October 3, 1996, I approve the preliminary and final site plans and details to replace a fence around Quarters A at the U.S. Naval Observatory, as shown on NCPC Map File No. 71.20(38.00)-41431.

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The Department of the Navy has submitted preliminary and final site plans and details to replace a non-historic metal picket fence at the U.S. Naval Observatory. The fence is located along Massachusetts Avenue, NW between the gates at 34th Street and Observatory Circle, NW and it continues inside around the perimeter of Quarters A. The new fence will be of the same material, design and finish color as the existing fence with the exception of height in order to meet security criteria. The fence height along Massachusetts Avenue will be raised from 8 feet to 10 feet and the inside fence height will be raised from 5 feet to 8 feet.

The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, under a Programmatic Agreement (PA) for Section 106 review with the Department of the Navy in which it acts in lieu of the D.C. State Historic Preservation Office, has concurred with the Navy's determination of No Adverse Effect for the fence replacement. Staff has determined that the project qualifies as a categorical exclusion as specified by Section 8 of the NCPC Environmental Procedures. The Coordinating Committee reviewed the proposal on August 18, 2004, with all participating agencies agreeing to coordinate this project. The Navy will be submitting the project for review to the Commission of Fine Arts at its meeting on September 21, 2004.

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Executive Director