

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA PUBLIC LIBRARIES
TENLEY-FRIENDSHIP BRANCH LIBRARY REPLACEMENT
4450 Wisconsin Avenue, NW
Washington, DC

Delegated Action of the Executive Director

December 23, 2004

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 replacement of the District of Columbia Tenley-Friendship Branch Public Library, 4450 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Washington, DC, as shown on NCPC Map File No. 10.05(38.00)41520.

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The District of Columbia Public Library system proposes to replace the existing Tenley-Friendship Branch library located at 4450 Wisconsin Avenue, NW. The new 16,000 square-foot replacement facility would be a contemporary brick, two-story structure. Vehicle access to the parking area would be from Wisconsin Avenue and exit onto Albemarle Street. The main pedestrian entrance would be from Wisconsin Avenue. The facility would contain reading rooms, meeting rooms, space for the collections and ancillary spaces such as restrooms and lobby areas. The District of Columbia advises that this branch is designed to accommodate a collection that ranges between 54,000 and 90,000 volumes. The replacement facility would be architecturally compatible with other in-fill contemporary structures along Wisconsin Avenue. The Coordinating Committee coordinated the proposal at its meeting on December 8, 2004.

As a District of Columbia agency project, outside of the central area of the District on non-federal property, the National Environmental Policy Act does not apply to the proposed construction. The District of Columbia has reviewed the action and determined that it qualifies as an exempted action in accordance with the implementing rules of the District of Columbia Environmental Policy Act of 1989. The existing library is not historic and therefore the provisions of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1996, as amended are not applicable.

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Executive Director