

COMMISSION ACTION

NCPC File Nos. MP02/6482/6483



NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH
MASTER PLAN UPDATE, COMMERCIAL VEHICLE INSPECTION FACILITY, AND
GATEWAY CENTER PROJECT
Bethesda, Montgomery County, Maryland

Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services

January 6, 2005

Commission Action Requested by Applicant

Approval of revised master plan, and approval of preliminary and final site and building plans, pursuant to Section 5 of the National Capital Planning Act (40 U.S.C. § 8722(b)(1)).

Commission Action

Approves the 2003 Master Plan Update for the National Institutes of Health, as specified in the report, *Draft Master Plan 2003 Update*, dated September 2004, but requests revision of the Plan's identified employee parking ratio to conform to the Commission adopted 2004 Comprehensive Plan, no later than one year after this approval, and submittal to the Commission of a Forest Conservation Plan that will include all of the items the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission staff asked to be addressed, as soon as possible.

Commends NIH on preparing a comprehensive master plan update.

Recommends that NIH implement telecommuting objectives at the Bethesda Campus which could assist to meet the adopted employee parking ratio during a substantial portion of the federal work week. The specific strategies to be achieved to address the newly adopted parking ratio should be presented in a submission of the next preliminary plans for any new construction evolving from the 2003 Master Plan Update, and should be developed and provided as a separate addendum to the master plan and fully documented regarding all analysis and conclusions.

Approves the preliminary and final site and building plans for the Commercial Vehicle Inspection Facility and the Gateway Center Project, as shown on NCPC Map File No. 3101.20(38.00)-41525 and NCPC Map File No. 3101.20(38.00)-41524, respectively, with the strong recommendation that the Commercial Vehicle Inspection Facility perimeter street-side planting be developed with trees of no less than four-inch to six-inch caliper diameter, and that the 12 Scholartrees be replaced with American Linden or similar species.

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Secretary to the National Capital Planning Commission