

**FORT BELVOIR,
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD,
REGIONAL TRAINING INSTITUTE**

Fairfax County, Virginia

Delegated Action of the Executive Director

March 30, 2006

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 District of Columbia Army National Guard Regional Training Institute at Fort Belvoir, Virginia., as shown on NCPC Map File No. 2204.10(38.00)-41982.

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The District of Columbia (DC) Army National Guard requests approval of preliminary and final site and building plans for a new Regional Training Institute complex at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. The Commander of Fort Belvoir has authorized the DC Army National Guard to submit the project to NCPC for an agreed Army location at the North Post of the fort.

The new facility consist of a 47,000 square-foot brick and precast concrete and steel frame structure located at the intersection of Abbot and Gunston Roads, on a two acre site that is currently a large asphalt parking area.

The building will serve as an educational/training location for the DC Army National Guard and would include space for 31 staff and instructors and 78 students. Interior functions would consist of administrative offices, an auditorium, classrooms, a dining area, and a small barracks area. Site development would involve a small 110-space parking area for commuting trainees and staff, sidewalks, exterior lighting, and a loading area. The site development would include landscape and tree preservation at the site perimeter, additional tree planting adjacent to the parking area, and creation of a center landscaped courtyard. Security gates are provided at the parking area entrance only. A site stormwater management and erosion control plan, which meets Virginia standards, is provided in the submission and maintains the required surface water quality control. An existing stormwater retention basin is utilized for all site discharge.

The training facility features several connected forms that assist in breaking-up the overall massing of the structure and serves to reduce its scale and presence. The exterior light brown

with greystone brick facing and medium bronze standing seam metal roof adhere to the post's architectural design guidelines. All windows and doors will exhibit a medium bronze finish.

The Army National Guard has reviewed the project and has established a determination of Categorical Exclusion for the action in accordance with its criteria for National Environmental Policy Act provisions at 32 CFR, Part 651 as defined in section 651.29(b) where no extraordinary circumstances exist. This determination was also analyzed in a separate review by Fort Belvoir environmental officials. Under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) in accordance with the Fort Belvoir Programmatic Agreement covering the development of its 2001 Integrated Cultural Resources Management Plan filed with the Virginia State Historic Preservation Office, the existing asphalt parking area and nearby site area have been determined not to be historic or archeological resources.

NCPC staff has reviewed this proposal in accordance with 40 U.S.C. § 8722(b)(1) and notes that no significant environmental impacts are anticipated from the planned action. NCPC staff review finds that the final project design complements the building massing and maintains the visual theme of the post's overall composition. The project does not propose a significant increase in Army personnel by completing the project, which has been scheduled for funding over many years by the Guard for training and education purposes. The location of the training facility is consistent with the fort's master plan by being located in a mission administrative land use area.

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