



**PENTAGON RESERVATION
MALL TERRACE RAMP FOR THE PHYSICALLY DISABLED
Arlington County, Virginia**

Delegated Action of the Executive Director

April 27, 2006

Pursuant to delegations of authority adopted by the Commission on October 3, 1996, I approve the concept site development plans for the ramp (design option B) at the Pentagon Mall (David O. Cooke) Terrace to allow the physically disabled to enter the Pentagon's ceremonial entrance on its northeast face, in Arlington County, Virginia, as shown on NCPC Map File No. 1.62(38.00)42018.

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The Department of Defense has submitted concept site plans for a ramp on the west side of the portico at the David O. Cooke (Mall) Terrace. The ramp would allow the physically disabled to enter the Pentagon at this ceremonial entrance on its northeast face and is compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The ramp would have granite pavers to match those of the existing portico. By engaging the portico's side rather than the entry face, "Option B" would appear least intrusive to the Mall Terrace. Bronze guardrails matching other ADA compliant rails approved for the Reservation would replace existing non-ADA compliant guardrails on the portico's side. A March 2, 1995 Commission Action approved a similar plan for a handicapped ramp (never built), and a mechanical lift, installed as part of the River Terrace renovation on the Pentagon's east face. The proposed ramp at the Mall Terrace would replace the malfunctioning mechanical lift. The applicant has initiated consultation with the Virginia State Historic Preservation Office (VA SHPO) and expects concurrence for no adverse effect. The applicant has not submitted documentation for compliance with the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) yet, as this is a concept submission, but documentation of a NEPA determination is required with the preliminary submission.

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