



PENTAGON
MALL TERRACE ENTRANCE – RAMP
100 Boundary Channel Drive
Arlington, Virginia

Delegated Action of the Executive Director

May 25, 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 construction of an accessible pedestrian ramp adjacent to the Mall Terrace entrance to the Pentagon, 100 Boundary Channel Drive, Arlington, Virginia, as shown on NCPC Map File No. 1.62(3.00)42018.

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The Department of Defense has submitted preliminary and final site and building plans for the construction of a pedestrian ramp adjacent and connected to the Mall Terrace Entrance of the Pentagon. The ramp provides accessible entry to the Mall Terrace entrance (the north-facing side of the building). The ramp extends in a switchback run from the side of the terrace and fully complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act in that it allows an equal entrance experience through the same doors to all pedestrians. It is faced with matching limestone and detailed in the same manner as the entrance and the building, and has a bronze guardrail and handrail that match the code-compliant railing installed elsewhere at the building's entrances in recent years.

The Department of Defense executed a record of environmental consideration on April 19, 2006. Staff has reviewed the current submission and has determined that the project is in conformance with the Commission's categorical exclusion criteria of §8(C)(21) of the Commission's Environmental and Historic Preservation Policies and Procedures. The Virginia State Historic Preservation Office concurred on April 11, 2006 with the Department of Defense's determination of No Adverse Effect to the Pentagon, a determination with which the staff also concurs. The Pentagon, completed in 1943 to house the rapid expansion of the military during World War II, became the headquarters of the Department of Defense when it was created in 1947. The building is a National Historic Landmark

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