

**WALTER REED ARMY MEDICAL CENTER, MAIN SECTION  
MOLOGNE HOUSE LANDSCAPE PROJECT  
14<sup>th</sup> Street and Main Drive, NW  
Washington, D.C.**

**Delegated Action of the Executive Director**

Pursuant to delegations of authority adopted by the Commission on October 3, 1996 and 40 U.S.C. § 8722 (b)(1) and (d), I approve the preliminary and final site development plans for landscaping behind the Mologne Guest House consisting of soft and hardscape elements connected for accessibility to provide backyard-type amenities for recuperating soldiers, including two patios with barbecue grills, a pergola, a paved walkway, and a gazebo, as depicted on NCPC Map File No. 62.10(38.00)-42262.

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The Department of the Army has submitted preliminary and final site development plans for two patio terraces and accessible connections including paved walkways and ramps for universal access from the Mologne House to an existing aquatic reflecting pool and garden in the center of the Quadrangle south of historic Building 40 (historic Walter Reed Institute of Research) and northeast of Building 20 (Mologne House). The Commission approved the existing reflecting pool and central courtyard landscape in November 1996.

The proposed patios will provide backyard type amenities and accessibility to wounded soldiers who are recuperating at the Main Section. The level terraces, which will replace eroded and rutted dirt paths, will be accessible from both higher and lower levels of the Guest House where soldiers reside, and from existing and new paved walkways. The south terrace will connect the Mologne House to the existing reflecting pool plaza and garden area by providing universal ramp access the width of the portal through the Mologne House on axis towards Building 40.

Patios will be bordered by low retaining and seat walls faced to simulate roughly coursed stone in a sandy color. Patio floors and new walkways will be paved with concrete bricks in reds, browns and oranges to simulate the brick colors and bond patterns used in the Mologne House facade. Handrails will match existing wrought iron and bronze in the quadrangle. Both patios

will contain outdoor kitchens with cook-top counters and grills, and fireplaces, whose bases will be faced with buff colored simulated stone block similar to the seat walls. A pergola on the larger southern patio will have timbers clad in cedar and copper supported on columns clad in exterior synthetic ornamental Greek Doric design. The gazebo will have lumber framing and trim with white steel columns to reflect the Mologne House white metal marquee trim. Foundation planting and flowers will soften and buffer the patios and retaining walls in addition to absorbing storm water.

The applicant has determined that the action is categorically excluded from the Department of the Army's requirements to prepare an environmental impact statement or environmental assessment under 32 CFR 651. NCPC staff has reviewed the proposed action and determined that the action is categorically excluded under §8(C)(2) of NCPC's Environmental and Historic Preservation Policies and Procedures.

Pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, the Army has determined that the project would have no adverse effect on historic resources. On May 31, 2007, the DC SHPO advised that a response concurring with the determination of no adverse effect had been mailed.

The project location is consistent with the 2003 Commission approved facility master plan and therefore adheres to the necessary criteria as a delegated action. The Coordinating Committee reviewed the proposal on June 13, 2007, and forwarded the proposal to the Commission with the statement that the project has been coordinated with all participating agencies.

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