



**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
INTERPRETIVE SIGNAGE FOR GREENING EPA
Constitution Avenue between 12th and 14th Streets, NW
Washington, D.C.**

Delegated Action of the Executive Director

August 30, 2007

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 four freestanding interpretive signs in the building yards south of the EPA East and EPA West Buildings facing Constitution Avenue between 12th and 14th Streets, NW, as shown on NCPC Map File No. 1.25(38.00)42302.

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The General Services Administration has submitted preliminary and final site development plans for four interpretive signs located within the building yards of the EPA East and West Buildings facing south. On September 4, 2003, NCPC's Executive Director approved plans for landscape improvements to add low impact development features to the landscaping for the same location. Interpretive signs will flank the two main entrances of the East and West Buildings facing Constitution Avenue where the bio retention cells and rain gardens are planted. Sign Panels, set at a 45 degree angle and supported on a black steel base 32 inches above the ground, will be 24 by 36 inches with a porcelain finish, with light characters against a dark background and color graphics, to illustrate how the environmentally sound landscaping will help to improve the quality of the stormwater runoff and reduce the peak volume and discharge rates.

The project was coordinated by all agencies attending the August 15, 2007 Coordinating Committee meeting. Per the DC State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), this sign project was covered under a programmatic agreement between GSA and the SHPO, and thus had been programmatically excluded from requiring further Section 106 consultation. However, the SHPO also made no objections to the project as submitted to the Commission of Fine Arts (CFA) for its July 19, 2007 meeting, when as part of its consent calendar; it received no objection from CFA. GSA determined that the project would be categorically excluded under its NEPA procedures, and staff finds it to be covered by Categorical Exclusion 2 under NCPC's Environmental and Historic Preservation Policies and Procedures.

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