

**WALTER REED ARMY MEDICAL CENTER – MAIN SECTION
CENTENNIAL INTERPRETIVE SIGNAGE PROJECT**

6900 Georgia Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C.

Submitted by the Department of the Army

Delegated Action of the Executive Director

November 25, 2008

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 the construction of eleven small informational signs at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center – Main Section, in Washington, D.C., as shown on NCPC Map File No. 62.00(38.00)42644.

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The Department of the Army has submitted preliminary and final site development plans for eleven small signs, consisting of two different sign types, at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center (WRAMC), Main Section campus. The applicant intends to commemorate the centennial of the establishment of the WRAMC and has developed temporary signs that highlight the medical center and its history. The signs are predominately within the eligible historic district as determined by the District of Columbia State Historic Preservation Office (DC-SHPO).

The proposed work consists of the installation of interpretive signs throughout the 113-acre WRAMC. Each sign will narrate the history and development of the Garrison through text, historic images and graphics. The Garrison buildings, functions, development, and major events will be the focus of the each display rather than medical or organization highlights.

The proposal is consistent with the updated master plan of 2003, maintaining Post design guidelines for materials and colors. Pursuant to an existing WRAMC Programmatic Agreement Regarding Culture Resources, the Army addresses undertakings of the proposed type, and has worked with the District of Columbia State Historic Preservation Officer (DC-SHPO) on reviewing the planned placement of signs. In accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, the DC-SHPO determined that the signs would not cause or constitute an adverse effect upon the eligible historic district and individual resources on November 20, 2008.

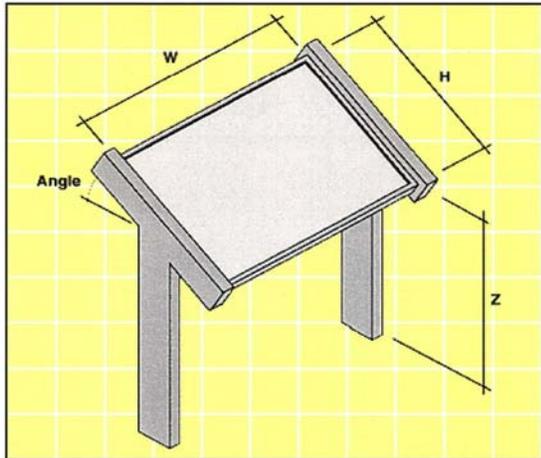
The Army issued a Categorical Exclusion in compliance with its National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) procedures in October 2008 for the proposal. Since NCPC has approval authority over this project, it has an obligation to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act. This project is categorically excluded from further environmental review under NCPC's Categorical Exclusion Section 8, item C.2, because the proposal involves only site information or building identification signs, with no extraordinary circumstances present.

The Coordinating Committee reviewed the project on November 12, 2008, and forwarded the proposal to the Commission with the statement that the project has been coordinated with all agencies represented. The participating agencies were: NCPC; the District of Columbia Office of Planning; the District Department of Transportation; the General Services Administration; the National Park Service; and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority.

Marcel C. Acosta
Executive Director

(TEN SIGNS)

Traditional Table-Top Profile Base



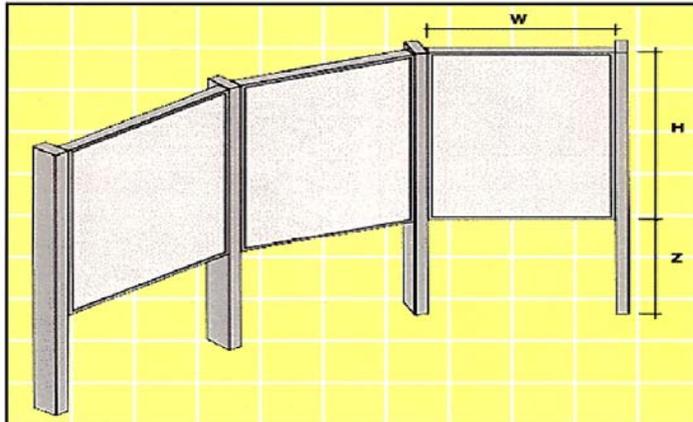
Panel Sizes (W x H): 36" x 24" Height (Z): 32"

Angle: 30 or 45 Degrees

Colors: Walter Reed Maroon

Materials: Metal tubular frame; Baked powder coat finish to match existing signage with fiberglass and polycarbonate signage board or equal

(ONE SIGN)



Upright Kiosk

•For Panel Sizes (W x H): 36" x 48", Bottom Edge Height above Grade (Z): 28"

•Angle: Vertical (configuration of flanking panels to adjusted in field)

•Colors: Walter Reed Maroon

•Materials: Metal tubular frame; Baked powder coat finish to match existing signage with fiberglass and polycarbonate signage board or equal