

SOUTHEAST FEDERAL CENTER
LAND TRANSFER BETWEEN THE GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
AND THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Isaac Hull Avenue and Tingey Street, SE
Washington, D.C.

Submitted by the General Services Administration

Delegated Action of the Chairman

April 29, 2009

Pursuant to delegations of authority adopted by the Commission on December 14, 1977 and 40 U.S.C. § 8124(a), I approve the land transfer between the General Services Administration and the U.S. Department of Defense (Department of the Navy), for approximately 2.1 acres of land at the Southeast Federal Center and at Isaac Hull Avenue, between M and Tingey Streets, SE at the Washington Navy Yard, as shown on NCPC Map File No. 41.10(63.00)42761.

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The General Services Administration (GSA) proposes to transfer two parcels totaling approximately 2.1 acres of land from GSA to the Department of Defense (Department of the Navy) at the Washington Navy Yard and adjacent to the Southeast Federal Center.

The two properties are currently used for a street, sidewalk, and fence at the Navy Yard, and for a Navy boiler plant and cooling tower, which are known as Buildings 116 and 118. The Navy Yard presently has custody and control of Buildings 116 and 118, but not the land under them. The sidewalk, fence and street are part of the Navy Yard's 6th Street, SE entrance. The proposal will transfer jurisdiction from GSA to the Navy and the land will continue to be used in the same manner that it is currently used and has been used since 1802.

The property is not currently used by GSA and GSA has no foreseeable use of the property for itself or its clients. GSA has determined the land transfer qualifies as a Categorical Exclusion in

accordance with its procedures for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), since no environmental conditions or existing land use activities are altered by the transfer.

The District of Columbia State Historic Preservation Officer executed the Programmatic Agreement for the Southeast Federal Center Revised Master Plan of 2007. The configuration of the Master Plan boundary remains the same as proposed in the 2007 plan. The Navy continues to be the responsible federal agency for the structures located on the parcel to be transferred, and the transfer alters no structure or physical development. Furthermore, the action also complies with the Washington Navy Yard Master Plan. Transfer of land from one federal agency to another does not require Section 106 review, since the standard for protection remains unchanged.

In accordance with NEPA and the Commission's Environmental and Historic Preservation Policies and Procedures (69 FR 41299) the transfer approval by NCPC qualifies as a Categorical Exclusion, under Section 8(C), 22 of the procedures for review and approval of land exchanges or transfers of jurisdiction that will not lead to anticipated changes in the use of land and that have no potential for environmental impact.

The Coordinating Committee reviewed the proposal on April 15, 2009, and forwarded it to the Commission with the statement that the action has been coordinated with all participating agencies. The participating agencies were NCPC; the National Park Service; the General Services Administration; the District of Columbia Office of Planning; the District Department of Transportation and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority.

The Commission of Fine Arts approved the land transfer at its April 16, 2009 meeting.

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Chairman