

**Appendix B**  
**Agency Coordination**

IN REPLY REFER TO:  
NCPC FILE No. 7610

September 17, 2014

Mr. David Maloney  
State Historic Preservation Officer  
for the District of Columbia  
1100 4<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Suite E650  
Washington, DC 20024

Re: Initiation of Section 106 Consultation, Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Library Renovation and Expansion

Dear Mr. Maloney:

The District of Columbia Public Library (DCPL) is proposing to renovate and rehabilitate the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial (MLK) Library located at 901 G Street, NW in Washington, DC. The National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) is writing to initiate consultation with the District of Columbia State Historic Preservation Officer (DC SHPO) in compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) (16 U.S.C. § 470f) and its implementing regulations (36 CFR § 800). The proposed project is subject to the review and approval of NCPC under the National Capital Planning Act and NCPC's approval of the project is considered an undertaking.

The purpose of the proposed project is to rehabilitate and modernize the MLK Library to provide a world-class and sustainable central city library. The project is needed because deferred maintenance has resulted in deficient building systems that do not meet current standards. In addition, the project is needed to meet the expectations of modern day library users and establish a truly 21<sup>st</sup> century central library for the District of Columbia. As the methods in which people use public libraries to navigate complex networks of information and convert that information into knowledge evolve, libraries have to adapt their operations and services accordingly. The DCPL has determined the following to be requirements of a 21st century central library: open floor plan that includes clear and well defined horizontal and vertical circulation; flexible interior and exterior spaces that promote collaboration and innovation, and that enhances library programming; destination spaces distributed throughout the facility to promote user movement; and connectivity to the city visually. To ensure the long-term viability of the MLK Library, the project may include the construction of additional space for non-library uses through the use of a public-private partnership.

As proposed, the project would be developed by DCPL and may entail leveraging the resources of a public/private partnership yet to be identified, allowing the property to remain as the permanent home of MLK Library. The project proposes to renovate the building; rehabilitate the building's exterior and interior

landmarked spaces; enhance the exterior plaza and public space; introduce a mix of uses; improve accessibility and visibility throughout the building; upgrade existing systems; and address the needs of the neighborhood, residents, and visitors.

To prepare for the Section 106 consultation process, DCPL and NCPC have developed the enclosed list of consulting parties and a graphic illustration of the proposed Area of Potential Effects (APE). These items are intended as a basis of discussion and are subject to modification through the consultation process. The proposed APE for this project includes the area from which the project site is readily visible and is generally bound by 7<sup>th</sup> Street, NW on the east, Eye Street and New York Ave, NW on the north, 13<sup>th</sup> Street, NW on the west, and F and E Streets, NW on the south. A preliminary list of historic resources within the APE includes portions of the Plan of the City of Washington (L'Enfant Plan; L'Enfant-McMillan Plan), Downtown Historic District, and Pennsylvania Avenue National Historic Site. It also includes the following historic resources individually listed in the National Register and/or the District of Columbia Inventory of Historic Sites: MLK Library, Victor Building, Mercantile Savings Bank, Daniel Webster School, Washington Hebrew Congregation (Greater New Hope Baptist Church), Greyhound Bus Terminal, Masonic Temple (National Museum of Women in the Arts), McLachlen Building, Woodward & Lothrop, Saint Patrick's Church, Equitable Cooperative Building Association, Old Masonic Temple, Patent Office, Ford's Theatre National Historic Site, Atlantic Building, National Union Building, Washington Loan and Trust Company, LeDroit Block, General Post Office (General Land Office), Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company Buildings (Old Main Building and Dial Exchange), and Homer Building. The General Post Office and Patent Office have been further designated National Historic Landmarks. Additionally, the APE encompasses a portion of the Downtown Historic District Amendment and Boundary Expansion, which is currently under consideration for status as a District of Columbia Historic District. The area in the vicinity of MLK Library has been extensively documented; therefore, it is not anticipated that additional survey to identify potentially affected resources will be required.

At this time, NCPC has determined that the project has the potential to have an adverse effect on the MLK Library. Constructed in 1969-1972, MLK Library was listed in the District of Columbia Inventory of Historic Sites and the National Register of Historic Places in 2007. The designation included the building exterior, surrounding plaza, and the interior public spaces on the building's first story. The nomination recognized the building's significance as the only example of the work of master Modernist architect Ludwig Mies van der Rohe in the District of Columbia, as well as his only executed library design. Although it was completed after the architect's death, MLK Library exhibits the formal, structural, and material qualities that were characteristic of his work. It is also significant as the first memorial to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in the District of Columbia following his assassination. Following the landmark designation, DCPL collaborated with the District of Columbia Historic Preservation Office and others to complete a set of Design Guidelines that would inform the continued maintenance and stewardship of this resource. The Design Guidelines were adopted by the District of Columbia Historic Preservation Review Board in 2012.

The proposed project seeks to reinvigorate the interior and exterior spaces of MLK Library while preserving its significant architectural character and features. Although alternative design concepts are still being

developed, including several alternative rooftop additions to the building, the proposed project intends to utilize a variety of preservation treatments that reflect the guidance of the National Register documentation and associated Design Guidelines. The proposed project will also address the multiple deficiencies inherent in the facility's operation, environmental performance, and use. Each of the proposed rooftop addition alternatives has been envisioned to respect the architectural character of MLK Library as well as the framework of the L'Enfant-McMillan Plan and its associated streets, views, and vistas. The site has been extensively disturbed and no significant excavation is being proposed; therefore, this project will not be evaluated for its potential to affect archaeological resources.

NCPC is prepared to work with the DC SHPO, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, and other consulting parties to finalize a formal determination of effect through the Section 106 consultation process. We welcome the opportunity to identify and evaluate modifications to the proposed project that will avoid, minimize, or mitigate potential adverse effects on historic properties within the APE.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and in cooperation with DCPL, NCPC is preparing an Environmental Assessment to analyze potential impacts associated with the range of alternatives under consideration. Three alternative concepts in addition to the no-action alternative will be analyzed in the EA:

- Rehabilitation with 5th floor curvilinear roof design
- Rehabilitation with 5th floor orthogonal roof design
- Rehabilitation with 5th floor roof design and three story addition

NCPC plans to coordinate the Section 106 and NEPA processes per the implementing regulations (36 CFR § 800.8) of the NHPA. A public scoping meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 7, 2014, from 6:30 until 8:30 pm at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Library located at 901 G Street, NW, Washington, DC. This public scoping meeting will act as the first consulting party meeting and will include an introduction to the Section 106 consultation process.

We look forward to beginning the Section 106 consultation process for this project. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Hirsch, Federal Preservation Officer, at (202) 482-7239 or at [jennifer.hirsch@ncpc.gov](mailto:jennifer.hirsch@ncpc.gov).

Sincerely,

// ORIGINAL SIGNED //

Marcel Acosta  
Executive Director

Enclosures

cc: Chris Wilson, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE



December 3, 2014

Ms. Jennifer Hirsch  
National Capital Planning Commission  
401 9th Street NW, Suite 500  
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Ms. Hirsch:

The District of Columbia State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) has reviewed the materials distributed at the Section 106 Consulting Party Meeting held on November 19, 2014 as well as the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Public Scoping Report dated November 2014, for the renovation of the Martin Luther King Jr Memorial Library. The Library, including the first floor public spaces, was designated a D.C. Landmark in 2007 and was subsequently listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

As a local landmark, the project is subject to review by the Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB), the official body of advisors appointed by the Mayor to guide the government and public on preservation matters in the District of Columbia. In addition, the National Capital Planning Commission has initiated a review under Section 106 of the National Preservation Act. Thus for the purposes of HPRB review, Section 106, and the NEPA planning process, the SHPO offers the following comments.

The SHPO believes that all alternatives except A (No Action) would have an adverse effect on the building due to loss of historic fabric, alterations to public spaces and circulation patterns, and construction of a rooftop addition. Of the remaining alternatives, the SHPO does not support the exterior work proposed in Alternative B4 or C, which deviate significantly from the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation. On the other hand, Alternatives B1, B2, or B3 - although they may have adverse effects - appear to meet the needs of the Library without diminishing the building's integrity to a degree that would compromise its historic status.

As general principles for the design process, the SHPO recommends the following:

1. Rather than thinking of this project as an opportunity for transformative design, the team should focus on ways to meet the Secretary of the Interior's Standards while accomplishing the Library's goals. Bear in mind that, much like public libraries, the National Historic Preservation Act and the regulations and standards that developed after it were also established for the benefit of the public.
2. The MLK Library Design Guidelines were created specifically to direct DCPL in making decisions related to adapting MLK Library for modern use. The Guidelines were formally adopted by the Historic Preservation Review Board and will therefore guide the Board in making decisions about the treatment of the building and its components. Any proposed plans for the building should expressly relate to the preservation zones of the building, which delineate the hierarchy of significant spaces as established and agreed to by DCPL and HPRB.
3. The Design Guidelines are a thorough and comprehensive document and should be used to avoid and minimize adverse effects relative to the established preservation zones. In addition to

addressing floorplans, open space, and circulation issues, the Guidelines should direct decisions about individual historic components, including such items as built-in shelving, information and circulation desks, furniture, phone booths, water fountains, signage, dumbwaiters, etc., for which very specific guidance has been provided.

We ask that consideration be given to the following specific aspects of the design for the MLK Library building:

### ***Exterior***

- DCPL should make a determination as soon as possible on whether there will be other uses in the building, a factor which is apparently driving the necessity of adding more than one floor.
- The size of any addition should be determined by Library's *minimum* space requirements, i.e. as small and unobtrusive as possible.
- Either a curved or rectilinear addition may meet the Standards as both are reversible and clearly distinguishable from original construction. However, a rectilinear form would be more in keeping with the Design Guidelines.
- More information is needed on plans for the building envelope, including the need for replacements, proposed replacement materials, benefits of replacement vs. rehabilitation, etc.
- More information is needed on proposed new exterior doors, which ideally should be on the alley side and/or rear, not the façade.
- If avoidance is not possible, exterior light wells should be located where there is the most need for basement light and should be designed to minimize adverse effects.
- More information is needed on the extent of removal/alterations to the site walls.
- Brick removal on the façade should not occur, although replacing metal panels in the side walls of the front projections with glass, may be a good opportunity to increase natural light.
- Consideration should be given to bike storage at the rear with a more engaging use at the west side alley.

### ***Interior***

- Consider comprehensive wayfinding tools and/or a signage program rather than wholesale removal of historic materials to resolve directional issues within the library.
- If avoidance is not possible, limited insertion of glass for visibility/vertical connectivity may be appropriate, rather than wholesale removal of historic materials.
- The MLK mural on the north wall of the lobby should remain. Consider avoidance or minimization of the removal of the wall beneath it for pivoting doors (i.e. leave all or some brick bays under mural intact).

- If avoidance is not possible, consider minimizing the loss of brick walls around the central core on upper floors though the use of partial walls, half walls, piers, lintels, etc.
- Avoid dividing up the landmarked first floor reading rooms unless the proposal is for use only, not a physical division of the space.
- Avoid or minimize the loss of fabric in the vestibule (i.e. enter stairs through center bay and leave outer bays of brick).
- Carefully study the informal performance space the in the loading dock area so that a two-level design does not preclude uses or accessibility.

As the project moves forward, the SHPO looks forward to a continued public review process that identifies ways to avoid, minimize, and mitigate adverse effects. If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Anne Brockett at [anne.brockett@dc.gov](mailto:anne.brockett@dc.gov) or 202-442-8842. Thank you for providing this office the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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David Maloney  
State Historic Preservation Officer



Stantec Consulting Services Inc.  
6110 Frost Place, Laurel MD 20707-2927

March 9, 2015

Hamid Karimi, PhD  
Deputy Director  
District Department of the Environment  
1200 First Street, NE  
Washington, DC 20037

Reference: Initiation of Section 7 Consultation for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Library Renovation

Dear Dr. Karimi:

The District of Columbia Public Library (DC Library) is proposing to renovate/rehabilitate the Martin Luther King Jr. (MLK) Memorial Library located at 901 G Street, NW, Washington, DC. The National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC), acting as lead agency in cooperation with the DC Library, is initiating work on an Environmental Assessment (EA) to analyze the environmental impacts of a range of alternatives, in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA); the Council on Environmental Quality's Regulations of Implementing NEPA (40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 1500-1508); and the National Capital Planning Act.

The purpose of the proposed project is to rehabilitate and modernize the MLK Memorial Library to provide a world-class and sustainable central city library. The project is needed because deferred maintenance has resulted in deficient building systems that do not meet current standards, the library does not meet the expectations of modern day library users, and the DC Library needs to ensure the long-term viability of the MLK Memorial Library. All alternatives being considered for the MLK Memorial Library include interior renovations and a fifth floor addition. The size and design of the fifth floor addition varies under each alternative.

On behalf of DC Library, Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. (Stantec) will be conducting informal consultation under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act. Stantec is requesting your office to provide a review of the project site for the potential occurrence of any federally threatened, endangered and proposed or candidate species or critical habitats. A map of the project location has been attached for your review.



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If you require any additional information please contact me via phone at (301) 982-2874 or via email at [Liz.Estes@stantec.com](mailto:Liz.Estes@stantec.com).

Regards,

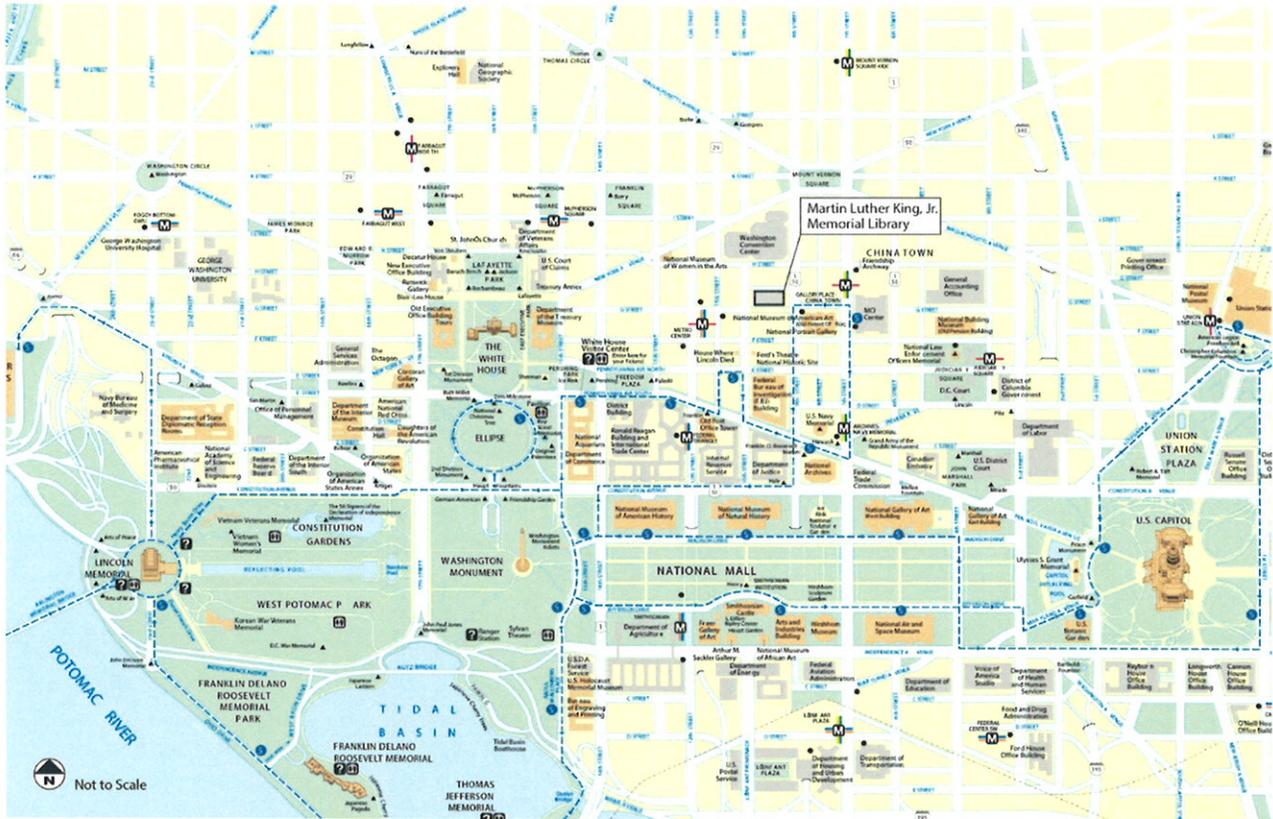
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Liz Estes  
Associate, Environmental Planning  
Stantec Consulting Services, Inc.

Attachment: Project Location Map



### Project Location Map:



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
Department of Energy and Environment

September 2, 2015

Ms. Liz Estes  
Stantec Consulting Services Inc.  
6110 Frost Place  
Laurel, MD 20707

Re: Initiation of Section 7 Consultation and Request for Species and Habitat Information for  
MLK Library Project

Dear Ms. Estes:

Please note that our agency name has changed. The Department of Energy & Environment (DOEE or the Agency) has reviewed Stantec's request for information regarding the presence of rare, threatened, and endangered species that may be located in the area of its proposed MLK Library Rehabilitation project. The response to this request is written below. Please be advised that this response is not an assessment of potential impacts, but merely a species account.

In response to this request DOEE finds that according to current observations, surveys, and data derived from the District's *Wildlife Action Plan*, the Agency's federally mandated blueprint for species conservation, the proposed project area does not harbor any species listed by the federal Endangered Species Act (ESA), any species classified by NatureServe as G1 (critically imperiled), any species classified by NatureServe as G2 (imperiled), nor any ecologically sensitive communities. Please monitor the project area regularly. Should any of these parameters change, please notify DOEE immediately. Additionally, this response does not characterize or quantify the presence of more common species that may be federally protected, nor species and habitats that may be considered important or valuable. Moreover, unless otherwise permitted by law, all District of Columbia and federal laws pertaining to fish and wildlife shall remain in effect for the duration of the project.

Finally, this correspondence in no way circumvents or nullifies any other permits or processes that may be required in connection with this project. For more information please contact me by phone at (202) 997-9607 or via email at [bryan.king@dc.gov](mailto:bryan.king@dc.gov).

Sincerely,



Bryan D. King  
Associate Director



Stantec Consulting Services Inc.  
6110 Frost Place, Laurel MD 20707-2927

March 9, 2015

Mr. Trevor Clark  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
Chesapeake Bay Field Office  
177 Admiral Cochrane Drive  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Reference: Initiation of Section 7 Consultation for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Library Renovation

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Regards,

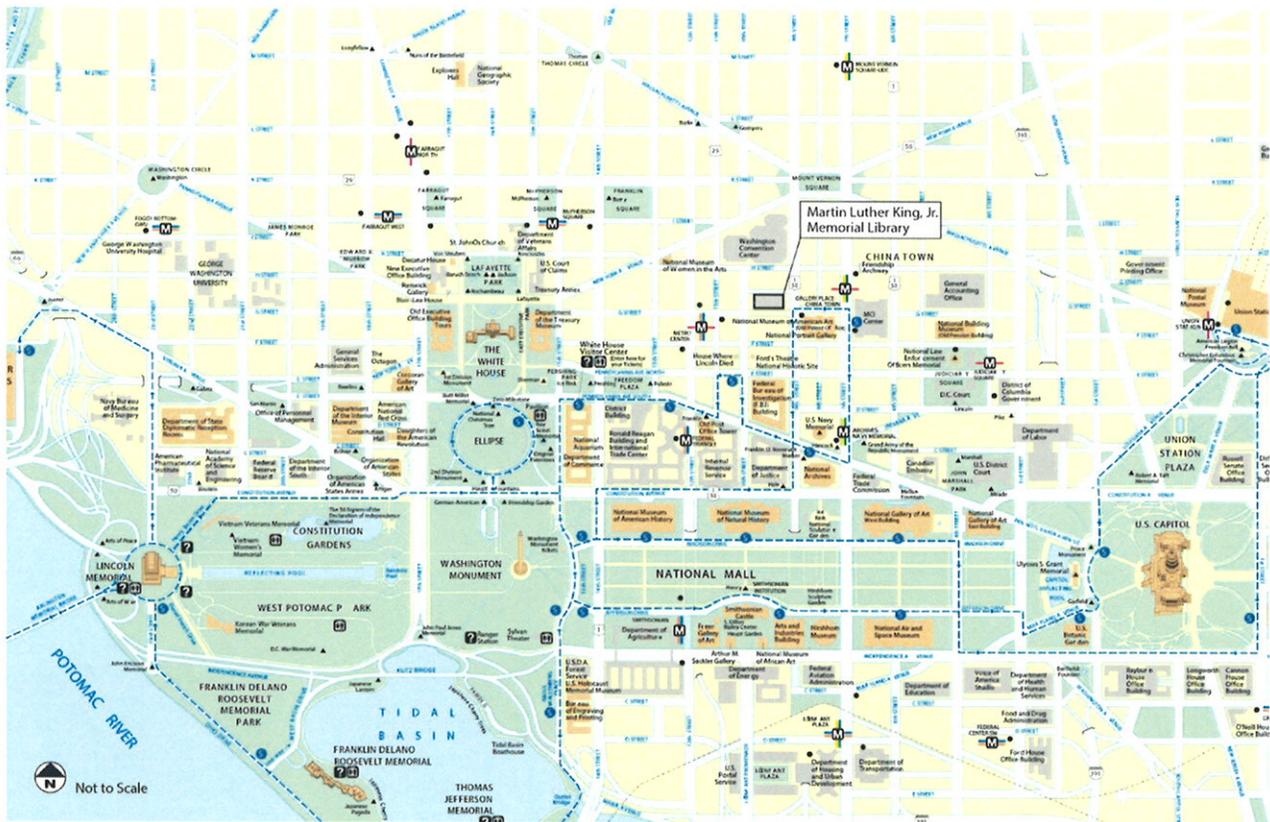
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Liz Estes  
Associate, Environmental Planning  
Stantec Consulting Services, Inc.

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**To:** [Estes, Liz](#)  
**Subject:** Initiation of Section 7 Consultation for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Library Renovation  
**Date:** Friday, March 13, 2015 2:26:02 PM  
**Attachments:** [Endangered Species Project Review letter for applicants.pdf](#)

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Dear Ms. Estes:

Please go to the following website to determine if federally endangered and/or threatened species within the Maryland, Delaware and Washington D.C. region have the potential to be impacted by your proposed project:

<<http://www.fws.gov/chesapeakebay/EndSppWeb/ProjectReview/Index.html>>

If you would please inform your associates about our automated online project review process by forwarding the above link to them, we would greatly appreciate it. In addition, the attached letter (Endangered Species Project Review letter for applicants) explains why the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service has automated the endangered and threatened species project review process. Please contact me if you have any questions. Thanks

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Trevor Clark  
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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
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# My project

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# IPaC Trust Resource Report



## Project Description

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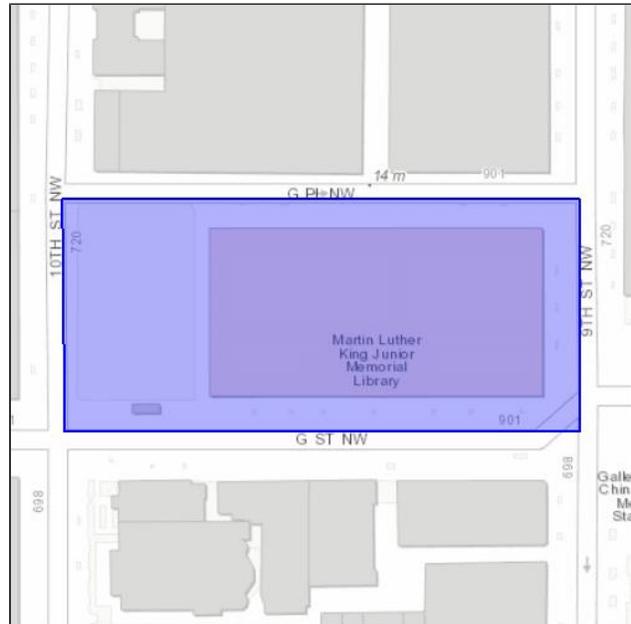
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**LOCATION**

District of Columbia County, District of Columbia

**DESCRIPTION**

No description provided



## U.S. Fish & Wildlife Contact Information

Species in this report are managed by:

**Chesapeake Bay Ecological Services Field Office**

177 Admiral Cochrane Drive

Annapolis, MD 21401-7307

(410) 573-4599

## Endangered Species

Proposed, candidate, threatened, and endangered species that are managed by the [Endangered Species Program](#) and should be considered as part of an effect analysis for this project.

There are no endangered species identified for this project area

## Critical Habitats

Potential effects to critical habitat(s) within the project area must be analyzed along with the endangered species themselves.

There is no critical habitat within this project area

# Migratory Birds

Birds are protected by the [Migratory Bird Treaty Act](#) and the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act.

Any activity which results in the take of migratory birds or eagles is prohibited unless authorized by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (1). There are no provisions for allowing the take of migratory birds that are unintentionally killed or injured.

You are responsible for complying with the appropriate regulations for the protection of birds as part of this project. This involves analyzing potential impacts and implementing appropriate conservation measures for all project activities.

## American Oystercatcher

This is a **bird of conservation concern** and has the highest priority for conservation

### SEASON

Year-round

### DESCRIPTION

No description available

## American Bittern

This is a **bird of conservation concern** and has the highest priority for conservation

### SEASON

Wintering

### DESCRIPTION

The American Bittern is a medium-sized heron of approximately 60-85cm in length. Adult plumage is brown with heavy white streaks. A distinguishing feature of this bird is a black streak that extends from the eye down the side of its neck. Males and females are similar in appearance, but males are slightly larger. Juveniles are distinguishable from adults by the lack of a black neck streak (Lowther et al. 2009). <p>Life History information provided for the American Bittern is summarized from t...

## Bald Eagle

This is a **bird of conservation concern** and has the highest priority for conservation

### SEASON

Year-round

### DESCRIPTION

A large raptor, the bald eagle has a wingspread of about 7 feet. Adults have a dark brown body and wings, white head and tail, and a yellow beak. Juveniles are mostly brown with white mottling on the body, tail, and undersides of wings. Adult plumage usually is obtained by the 6th year. In flight, the bald eagle often soars or glides with the wings held at a right angle to the body.

## Black-billed Cuckoo

This is a **bird of conservation concern** and has the highest priority for conservation

### SEASON

Breeding

### DESCRIPTION

The Black-billed Cuckoo is a slender and long-tailed cuckoo bird generally measuring 28-31 cm in length and 45-55 g in weight. This bird has a moderately long and curved bill, marked by a hooked tip on the upper-mandible of the darkly colored bill. Plumage on the upper part of the head and body are a grayish-brown while the under-plumage areas are a dull weight. The ring around the pupil of the eye is generally a bright orange-red color (Bent 1940, Oberholser 1974, Nolan 1975, National Geogra...

## Blue-winged Warbler

This is a **bird of conservation concern** and has the highest priority for conservation

### SEASON

Breeding

### DESCRIPTION

No description available

## Cerulean Warbler

This is a **bird of conservation concern** and has the highest priority for conservation

### SEASON

Breeding

### DESCRIPTION

No description available

## Fox Sparrow

This is a **bird of conservation concern** and has the highest priority for conservation

### SEASON

Wintering

### DESCRIPTION

No description available

## Gull-billed Tern

This is a **bird of conservation concern** and has the highest priority for conservation

### SEASON

Breeding

### DESCRIPTION

No description available

## Kentucky Warbler

This is a **bird of conservation concern** and has the highest priority for conservation

### SEASON

Breeding

### DESCRIPTION

No description available

## Least Bittern

This is a **bird of conservation concern** and has the highest priority for conservation

SEASON

Breeding

DESCRIPTION

No description available

## Pied-billed Grebe

This is a **bird of conservation concern** and has the highest priority for conservation

SEASON

Breeding

DESCRIPTION

No description available

## Prairie Warbler

This is a **bird of conservation concern** and has the highest priority for conservation

SEASON

Breeding

DESCRIPTION

No description available

## Prothonotary Warbler

This is a **bird of conservation concern** and has the highest priority for conservation

SEASON

Breeding

DESCRIPTION

No description available

## Purple Sandpiper

This is a **bird of conservation concern** and has the highest priority for conservation

SEASON

Wintering

DESCRIPTION

No description available

## Red-headed Woodpecker

This is a **bird of conservation concern** and has the highest priority for conservation

SEASON

Year-round

DESCRIPTION

No description available

## Rusty Blackbird

This is a **bird of conservation concern** and has the highest priority for conservation

SEASON

Wintering

DESCRIPTION

No description available

## Rusty Blackbird

This is a **bird of conservation concern** and has the highest priority for conservation

SEASON

Wintering

DESCRIPTION

No description available

## Saltmarsh Sparrow

This is a **bird of conservation concern** and has the highest priority for conservation

SEASON

Year-round

DESCRIPTION

No description available

## Short-billed Dowitcher

This is a **bird of conservation concern** and has the highest priority for conservation

SEASON

Wintering

DESCRIPTION

No description available

## Short-eared Owl

This is a **bird of conservation concern** and has the highest priority for conservation

SEASON

Wintering

DESCRIPTION

The short-eared owl is an owl of about 0.7 to 0.8 lbs with females slightly larger in size than males. Plumage is brown, buff, white and rust colors. Patches of brown and buff occur mostly on the back side, while the underside is colored more lightly, being mostly white. Females and males have similar plumage. Some distinguishing characteristics of this owl are its gray white fascial disk, and black coloring around yellow eyes. Juveniles have similar plumage to adults, but upper parts and head a...

## Snowy Egret

This is a **bird of conservation concern** and has the highest priority for conservation

SEASON

Breeding

DESCRIPTION

No description available

## Wood Thrush

This is a **bird of conservation concern** and has the highest priority for conservation

SEASON

Breeding

DESCRIPTION

No description available

## Worm Eating Warbler

This is a **bird of conservation concern** and has the highest priority for conservation

SEASON

Breeding

DESCRIPTION

No description available

## Refuges

Any activity proposed on [National Wildlife Refuge](#) lands must undergo a 'Compatibility Determination' conducted by the Refuge. If your project overlaps or otherwise impacts a Refuge, please contact that Refuge to discuss the authorization process.

There are no refuges within this project area

# Wetlands

Impacts to [NWI wetlands](#) and other aquatic habitats from your project may be subject to regulation under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, or other State/Federal Statutes.

Project proponents should discuss the relationship of these requirements to their project with the Regulatory Program of the appropriate [U.S. Army Corps of Engineers District](#).

## DATA LIMITATIONS

The Service's objective of mapping wetlands and deepwater habitats is to produce reconnaissance level information on the location, type and size of these resources. The maps are prepared from the analysis of high altitude imagery. Wetlands are identified based on vegetation, visible hydrology and geography. A margin of error is inherent in the use of imagery; thus, detailed on-the-ground inspection of any particular site may result in revision of the wetland boundaries or classification established through image analysis.

The accuracy of image interpretation depends on the quality of the imagery, the experience of the image analysts, the amount and quality of the collateral data and the amount of ground truth verification work conducted. Metadata should be consulted to determine the date of the source imagery used and any mapping problems.

Wetlands or other mapped features may have changed since the date of the imagery or field work. There may be occasional differences in polygon boundaries or classifications between the information depicted on the map and the actual conditions on site.

## DATA EXCLUSIONS

Certain wetland habitats are excluded from the National mapping program because of the limitations of aerial imagery as the primary data source used to detect wetlands. These habitats include seagrasses or submerged aquatic vegetation that are found in the intertidal and subtidal zones of estuaries and nearshore coastal waters. Some deepwater reef communities (coral or tubercid worm reefs) have also been excluded from the inventory. These habitats, because of their depth, go undetected by aerial imagery.

## DATA PRECAUTIONS

Federal, state, and local regulatory agencies with jurisdiction over wetlands may define and describe wetlands in a different manner than that used in this inventory. There is no attempt, in either the design or products of this inventory, to define the limits of proprietary jurisdiction of any Federal, state, or local government or to establish the geographical scope of the regulatory programs of government agencies. Persons intending to engage in activities involving modifications within or adjacent to wetland areas should seek the advice of appropriate federal, state, or local agencies concerning specified agency regulatory programs and proprietary jurisdictions that may affect such activities.

Wetland data is unavailable at this time.