

## GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Department of Energy and Environment

### February 14, 2017

Laura Cooper, Environmental Scientist Stantec 6110 Frost Place Laurel, MD 20707

Re: Section 7 Consultation – Smithsonian South Mall Campus Master Plan, Washington, DC Project

Dear Ms. Cooper:

The Department of Energy and Environment (the Department) has reviewed Stantec's request for a consultation regarding section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act (the Act) of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) in connection with **Smithsonian South Mall Campus Master Plan, Washington, DC project**. The response to this request is written below. Please be advised that this response is not an assessment of potential impacts.

### Interagency Cooperation

Sec. 7.

(c) BIOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT.—(1) To facilitate compliance with the requirements of subsection (a)(2), each Federal agency shall, with respect to any agency action of such agency for which no contract for construction has been entered into and for which no construction has begun on the date of enactment of the Endangered Species Act Amendments of 1978, request of the Secretary information whether any species which is listed or proposed to be listed may be present in the area of such proposed action. If the Secretary advises, based on the best scientific and commercial data available, that such species may be present, such agency shall conduct a biological assessment for the purpose of identifying any endangered species or threatened species which is likely to be affected by such action. Such assessment shall be completed within 180 days after the date on which initiated (or within such other period as is mutually agreed to by the Secretary and such agency, except that if a permit or license applicant is involved, the 180-day period may not be extended unless such agency provides the applicant, before the close of such period, with a written statement setting forth the estimated length of the proposed extension and the reasons therefor) and, before any contract for construction is entered into and before construction is begun with respect to such action. Such assessment may be undertaken as part of a Federal agency's compliance with the requirements of section 102 of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4332). (2) Any person who may wish to apply for an exemption under subsection (g) of this section for that action may conduct a biological assessment to identify any endangered species or threatened species which is likely to be affected by such action. Any such biological assessment must, however, be





conducted in cooperation with the Secretary and under the supervision of the appropriate Federal agency.

In accordance with the Act the Department finds that the following species are known to occur in or may occur in the District of Columbia.

Scientific Name	Common Name	Status
Acipenser brevirostrum	Shortnose sturgeon	Endangered
Acipenser oxyrinchus oxyrinchus	Atlantic sturgeon	Endangered
Alasmidonta heterodon	Dwarf wedgemussel	Endangered
Clemmys muhlenbergii	Northern bog turtle	Threatened
Myotis septentrionalis	Northern long-eared bat	Threatened
<u>Stygobromus hayi</u>	Hay's Spring amphipod	Endangered
<u>Stygobromus kenki</u>	Kenk's amphipod	Candidate

### **Evaluation**

According to current observations, surveys, and data derived from the District's *Wildlife Action Plan*, the proposed project area does not harbor any listed species. As a result, the following actions are suggested.

- The Department and Stantec shall monitor the proposed and surrounding project areas regularly for the duration of the project.
- If either the Department or Stantec identifies any changes regarding the presence of federally threatened or endangered species it shall notify the other immediately to determine further actions.
- This response does not characterize nor quantify the presence of more common species that may be federally protected (e.g. migratory birds).
- 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 <a href="mailto:bryan.king@dc.gov">bryan.king@dc.gov</a>.

Sincerely,

Bryan D. King Associate Director

IPAC U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

# IPaC resource list

# Project information

#### NAME

Smithsonian Campus Master Plan - South Mall

#### LOCATION

District of Columbia County, District of Columbia



#### DESCRIPTION

Restore and rehabilitate historic Smithsonian buildings and landscapes, revise Master Plan

## Local office

Chesapeake Bay Ecological Services Field Office

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(410) 266-9127

177 Admiral Cochrane Drive Annapolis, MD 21401-7307

http://www.fws.gov/chesapeakebay/

http://www.fws.gov/chesapeakebay/endsppweb/ProjectReview/Index.html

# **Endangered species**

This resource list is for informational purposes only and should not be used for planning or analyzing project level impacts.

<u>Section 7</u> of the Endangered Species Act **requires** Federal agencies to "request of the Secretary information whether any species which is listed or proposed to be listed may be present in the area of such proposed action" for any project that is conducted, permitted, funded, or licensed by any Federal agency.

A letter from the local office and a species list which fulfills this requirement can only be obtained by requesting an official species list either from the Regulatory Review section in IPaC or from the local field office directly.

For project evaluations that require USFWS concurrence/review, please return to the IPaC website and request an official species list by creating a project and making a request from the Regulatory Review section.

Listed species are managed by the Endangered Species Program of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

 Species listed under the <u>Endangered Species Act</u> are threatened or endangered; IPaC also shows species that are candidates, or proposed, for listing. See the <u>listing status page</u> for more information.

THERE ARE NO ENDANGERED SPECIES EXPECTED TO OCCUR AT THIS LOCATION.

# Migratory birds

Birds are protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act<sup>1</sup> and the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act<sup>2</sup>.

Any activity that results in the take (to harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect, or to attempt to engage in any such conduct) of migratory birds or eagles is prohibited unless authorized by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service<sup>3</sup>. There are no provisions for allowing the take of migratory birds that are unintentionally killed or injured.

Any person or organization who plans or conducts activities that may result in the take of migratory birds is responsible for complying with the appropriate regulations and implementing appropriate conservation measures

- 1. The Migratory Birds Treaty Act of 1918.
- 2. The Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act of 1940.
- 3. 50 C.F.R. Sec. 10.12 and 16 U.S.C. Sec. 668(a)

Additional information can be found using the following links:

- Birds of Conservation Concern <a href="http://www.fws.gov/birds/management/managed-species/birds-of-conservation-concern.php">http://www.fws.gov/birds/management/managed-species/birds-of-conservation-concern.php</a>
- Conservation measures for birds <a href="http://www.fws.gov/birds/management/project-assessment-tools-and-guidance/conservation-measures.php">http://www.fws.gov/birds/management/project-assessment-tools-and-guidance/conservation-measures.php</a>
- Year-round bird occurrence data <a href="http://www.birdscanada.org/birdmon/default/datasummaries.jsp">http://www.birdscanada.org/birdmon/default/datasummaries.jsp</a>

The migratory birds species listed below are species of particular conservation concern (e.g. <u>Birds of Conservation Concern</u>) that may be potentially affected by activities in this location, not a list of every bird species you may find in this location. Although it is important to try to avoid and minimize impacts to all birds, special attention should be made to avoid and minimize impacts to birds of priority concern. To view available data on other bird species that may occur in your project area, please visit the <u>AKN Histogram Tools</u> and <u>Other Bird Data Resources</u>.

NAME	SEASON(S)
American Bittern Botaurus lentiginosus http://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/6582	Wintering
American Oystercatcher Haematopus palliatus http://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/8935	Year-round
Bald Eagle Haliaeetus leucocephalus http://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/1626	Year-round
Black-billed Cuckoo Coccyzus erythropthalmus http://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9399	Breeding
Blue-winged Warbler Vermivora pinus	Breeding
Cerulean Warbler Dendroica cerulea http://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/2974	Breeding
Fox Sparrow Passerella iliaca	Wintering
Gull-billed Tern Gelochelidon nilotica http://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9501	Breeding
Kentucky Warbler Oporomis formosus	Breeding
Least Bittern   Ixobrychus exilis http://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/6175	Breeding
Peregrine Falcon Falco peregrinus http://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/8831	Wintering
Pied-billed Grebe Podilymbus podiceps	Breeding

Prairie Warbler Dendroica discolor Breeding

Prothonotary Warbler Protonotaria citrea Breeding

Purple Sandpiper Calidris maritima Wintering

Red-headed Woodpecker Melanerpes erythrocephalus Year-round

Rusty Blackbird Euphagus carolinus Wintering Wintering

Saltmarsh Sparrow Ammodramus caudacutus Year-round

Short-eared Owl Asio flammeus Wintering http://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9295

Snowy Egret Egretta thula Breeding

Willow Flycatcher Empidonax traillii Breeding http://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/3482

Wood Thrush Hylocichla mustelina Breeding

Worm Eating Warbler Helmitheros vermivorum Breeding

## What does IPaC use to generate the list of migratory bird species potentially occurring in my specified location? Landbirds:

Migratory birds that are displayed on the IPaC species list are based on ranges in the latest edition of the National Geographic Guide, Birds of North America (6th Edition, 2011 by Jon L. Dunn, and Jonathan Alderfer). Although these ranges are coarse in nature, a number of U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service migratory bird biologists agree that these maps are some of the best range maps to date. These ranges were clipped to a specific Bird Conservation Region (BCR) or USFWS Region/Regions, if it was indicated in the 2008 list of Birds of Conservation Concem (BCC) that a species was a BCC species only in a particular Region/Regions. Additional modifications have been made to some ranges based on more local or refined range information and/or information provided by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service biologists with species expertise. All migratory birds that show in areas on land in IPaC are those that appear in the 2008 Birds of Conservation Concern report.

#### Atlantic Seabirds:

Ranges in IPaC for birds off the Atlantic coast are derived from species distribution models developed by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association (NOAA) National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science (NCCOS) using the best available seabird survey data for the offshore Atlantic Coastal region to date. NOAANCCOS assisted USFWS in developing seasonal species ranges from their models for specific use in IPaC. Some of these birds are not BCC species but were of interest for inclusion because they may occur in high abundance off the coast at different times throughout the year, which potentially makes them more susceptible to certain types of development and activities taking place in that area. For more refined details about the abundance and richness of bird species within your project area off the Atlantic Coast, see the Northeast Ocean Data Portal. The Portal also offers data and information about other types of taxa that may be helpful in your project review.

About the NOAANCCOS models: the models were developed as part of the NOAANCCOS project: Integrative Statistical Modeling and Predictive Mapping of Marine Bird Distributions and Abundance on the Atlantic Outer Continental Shelf. The models resulting from this project are being used in a number of decision-support/mapping products in order to help guide decision-making on activities off the Atlantic Coast with the goal of reducing impacts to migratory birds. One such product is the Northeast Ocean Data Portal, which can be used to explore details about the relative occurrence and abundance of bird species in a particular area off the Atlantic Coast.

All migratory bird range maps within IPaC are continuously being updated as new and better information becomes available

# Can I get additional information about the levels of occurrence in my project area of specific birds or groups of birds listed in IPaC? Landbirds:

The <u>Avian Knowledge Network (AKN)</u> provides a tool currently called the "Histogram Tool", which draws from the data within the AKN (latest, survey, point count, citizen science datasets) to create a view of relative abundance of species within a particular location over the course of the year. The results of the tool depict

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the frequency of detection of a species in survey events, averaged between multiple datasets within AKN in a particular week of the year. You may access the histogram tools through the Migratory Bird Programs AKN Histogram Tools webpage.

The tool is currently available for 4 regions (California, Northeast U.S., Southeast U.S. and Midwest), which encompasses the following 32 states: Alabama, Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North, Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wisconsin.

In the near future, there are plans to expand this tool nationwide within the AKN, and allow the graphs produced to appear with the list of trust resources generated by IPaC, providing you with an additional level of detail about the level of occurrence of the species of particular concern potentially occurring in your project area throughout the course of the year.

For additional details about the relative occurrence and abundance of both individual bird species and groups of bird species within your project area off the Atlantic Coast, please visit the Northeast Ocean Data Portal. The Portal also offers data and information about other taxa besides birds that may be helpful to you in your project review. Alternately, you may download the bird model results files underlying the portal maps through the NOAANCCOS Integrative Statistical Modeling and Predictive Mapping of Marine Bird Distributions and Abundance on the Atlantic Outer Continental Shelf project webpage.

## **Facilities**

# Wildlife refuges

Any activity proposed on National Wildlife Refuge lands must undergo a 'Compatibility Determination' consultation conducted by the Refuge. Please contact the individual Refuges to discuss any questions or concerns.

THERE ARE NO REFUGES AT THIS LOCATION.

## Fish hatcheries

THERE ARE NO FISH HATCHERIES AT THIS LOCATION.

# Wetlands in the National Wetlands Inventory

Impacts to NWI wetlands and other aquatic habitats may be subject to regulation under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, or other State/Federal statutes.

For more information please contact the Regulatory Program of the local U.S. Army Corps of Engineers District.

WETLAND INFORMATION IS NOT AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME

## **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  $high\ altitude\ imagery.\ We tlands\ are\ identified\ based\ on\ vegetation,\ visible\ hydrology\ and\ geography.\ A$ 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 intertical and subtidal zones of estuaries and nearshore coastal waters. Some deepwater reef communities (coral or tuberficid 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.



February 13, 2017

## Mr. Bryan King

Associate Director, Fish and Wildlife Division DC Department of Energy and Environment 1200 First Street NE Washington, DC 20002 doee@dc.gov

Reference: Request for threatened and endangered species information for Smithsonian South Mall Campus Master Plan, Washington, DC.

Dear Mr. King,

The Smithsonian Institution (SI), in coordination with the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC), is planning to implement the Master Plan for the South Mall Campus, including the museums and gardens along Independence Avenue between 7th and 12th Streets, NW. Please find attached an aerial photo of the project area.

SI and NCPC are preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for the implementation of the Master Plan.

We would like to request a review of the District of Columbia's natural resource database to determine the potential presence of any District-listed protected species on or within the vicinity of the project site, in accordance with NEPA and Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act.

If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (301) 220-1892 or via email at laura.cooper@stantec.com.

Regards,

Laura Cooper

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Figure 1. Smithsonian Institution South Mall Campus Master Plan Project Area



# **United States Department of the Interior**

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE Chesapeake Bay Ecological Services Field Office 177 ADMIRAL COCHRANE DRIVE ANNAPOLIS, MD 21401

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URL: www.fws.gov/chesapeakebay/;
www.fws.gov/chesapeakebay/endsppweb/ProjectReview/Index.html



January 31, 2017

Consultation Code: 05E2CB00-2017-SLI-0642

Event Code: 05E2CB00-2017-E-01048

Project Name: Smithsonian Campus Master Plan - South Mall

Subject: List of threatened and endangered species that may occur in your proposed project

location, and/or may be affected by your proposed project

## To Whom It May Concern:

The enclosed species list identifies threatened, endangered, proposed and candidate species, as well as proposed and final designated critical habitat, that may occur within the boundary of your proposed project and/or may be affected by your proposed project. This species list fulfills the requirements of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) under section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act (Act) of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

New information based on updated surveys, changes in the abundance and distribution of species, changed habitat conditions, or other factors could change this list. Please feel free to contact us if you need more current information or assistance regarding the potential impacts to federally proposed, listed, and candidate species and federally designated and proposed critical habitat. Please note that under 50 CFR 402.12(e) of the regulations implementing section 7 of the Act, the accuracy of this species list should be verified after 90 days. This verification can be completed formally or informally as desired. The Service recommends that verification be completed by visiting the ECOS-IPaC website at regular intervals during project planning and implementation for updates to species lists and information. An updated list may be requested through the ECOS-IPaC system by completing the same process used to receive the enclosed list.

The purpose of the Act is to provide a means whereby threatened and endangered species and the ecosystems upon which they depend may be conserved. Under sections 7(a)(1) and 7(a)(2) of the Act and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 402 et seq.), Federal agencies are required to utilize their authorities to carry out programs for the conservation of threatened and endangered species and to determine whether projects may affect threatened and endangered species and/or designated critical habitat.

A Biological Assessment is required for construction projects (or other undertakings having similar physical impacts) that are major Federal actions significantly affecting the quality of the human environment as defined in the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4332(2) (c)). For projects other than major construction activities, the Service suggests that a biological evaluation similar to a Biological Assessment be prepared to determine whether the project may affect listed or proposed species and/or designated or proposed critical habitat. Recommended contents of a Biological Assessment are described at 50 CFR 402.12.

If a Federal agency determines, based on the Biological Assessment or biological evaluation, that listed species and/or designated critical habitat may be affected by the proposed project, the agency is required to consult with the Service pursuant to 50 CFR 402. In addition, the Service recommends that candidate species, proposed species and proposed critical habitat be addressed within the consultation. More information on the regulations and procedures for section 7 consultation, including the role of permit or license applicants, can be found in the "Endangered Species Consultation Handbook" at:

http://www.fws.gov/endangered/esa-library/pdf/TOC-GLOS.PDF

Please be aware that bald and golden eagles are protected under the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 668 *et seq.*), and projects affecting these species may require development of an eagle conservation plan

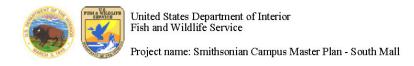
(http://www.fws.gov/windenergy/eagle\_guidance.html). Additionally, wind energy projects should follow the wind energy guidelines (http://www.fws.gov/windenergy/) for minimizing impacts to migratory birds and bats.

Guidance for minimizing impacts to migratory birds for projects including communications towers (e.g., cellular, digital television, radio, and emergency broadcast) can be found at: http://www.fws.gov/migratorybirds/CurrentBirdIssues/Hazards/towers/towers.htm; http://www.towerkill.com; and

http://www.fws.gov/migratorybirds/CurrentBirdIssues/Hazards/towers/comtow.html.

We appreciate your concern for threatened and endangered species. The Service encourages Federal agencies to include conservation of threatened and endangered species into their project planning to further the purposes of the Act. Please include the Consultation Tracking Number in the header of this letter with any request for consultation or correspondence about your project that you submit to our office.

Attachment



# Official Species List

### Provided by:

Chesapeake Bay Ecological Services Field Office 177 ADMIRAL COCHRANE DRIVE ANNAPOLIS, MD 21401 (410) 573-4599

http://www.fws.gov/chesapeakebay/

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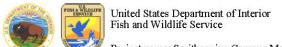
Project Type: DEVELOPMENT

Project Name: Smithsonian Campus Master Plan - South Mall

Project Description: Restore and rehabilitate historic Smithsonian buildings and landscapes, revise

Master Plan

**Please Note:** The FWS office may have modified the Project Name and/or Project Description, so it may be different from what was submitted in your previous request. If the Consultation Code matches, the FWS considers this to be the same project. Contact the office in the 'Provided by' section of your previous Official Species list if you have any questions or concerns.



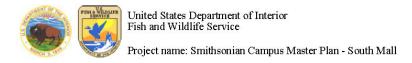
Project name: Smithsonian Campus Master Plan - South Mall

## **Project Location Map:**



**Project Coordinates:** MULTIPOLYGON (((-77.02807543338359 38.887573623360126, -77.02807156912901 38.88865721075374, -77.02752021696433 38.88868677740844, -77.02687148841554 38.888927542255644, -77.02640966732945 38.88904106251369, -77.02596395218784 38.88907323283624, -77.02554691565844 38.88904449798929, -77.02433919866546 38.888770721041155, -77.02399680614697 38.88872168158918, -77.02190864669292 38.888745438297626, -77.0219179707958 38.887570654345105, -77.02807543338359 38.887573623360126)))

Project Counties: District of Columbia, DC



# **Endangered Species Act Species List**

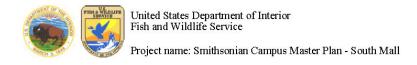
There are a total of 0 threatened or endangered species on your species list. Species on this list should be considered in an effects analysis for your project and could include species that exist in another geographic area. For example, certain fish may appear on the species list because a project could affect downstream species. Critical habitats listed under the **Has Critical Habitat** column may or may not lie within your project area. See the **Critical habitats within your project area** section further below for critical habitat that lies within your project. Please contact the designated FWS office if you have questions.

There are no listed species identified for the vicinity of your project.



# Critical habitats that lie within your project area

There are no critical habitats within your project area.



# Appendix A: FWS National Wildlife Refuges and Fish Hatcheries

There are no refuges or fish hatcheries within your project area.



# **Appendix B: NWI Wetlands**

Wetlands data for your project area was not available at the time of this species list request.

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# Federal Emergency Management Agency

Washington, D.C. 20472

# LETTER OF MAP REVISION DETERMINATION DOCUMENT

	COMMUNITY AND REVISION	INFORMATION	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	BASIS OF REQUEST
COMMUNITY		of Columbia ngton, DC	LEVEE	HYDRAULIC ANALYSIS HYDROLOGIC ANALYSIS LEVEE CERTIFICATION UPDATED TOPOGRAPHIC DATA
	COMMUNITY NO.: 110001			
IDENTIFIER	17Th Street Levee, Potomac	- Federal Triangle Area	APPROXIMATE LATITUDE AND LO SOURCE: USGS QUADRANGLE	
	ANNOTATED MAPPING EN	ICLOSURES	ANNOTATED S	TUDY ENCLOSURES
TYPE: FIRM* TYPE: FIRM* TYPE: FIRM*	NO.: 1100010018C NO.: 1100010019C NO.: 1100010057C	DATE: September 27, 2010 DATE: September 27, 2010 DATE: September 27, 2010	NO REVISION TO THE FLOOD INSU	RANCE STUDY REPORT

Enclosures reflect changes to flooding sources affected by this revision.

\* FIRM - Flood Insurance Rate Map

\* BFEs - Base Flood Elevations

## FLOODING SOURCES AND REVISED REACHES

See Page 2 for Additional Flooding Sources

Constitution Gardens Pond - just southwest of the intersection of Constitution Avenue Northwest and 17th Street Northwest.

Federal Triangle Ponding Areas - an area approximately bounded by 17th Street Northwest to the east, E Street Northwest to the north, New Jersey Avenue Southeast to the east, and the Potomac River to the south.

	SUMMARY OF REVISIONS			
Flooding Source	Effective Flooding	Revised Flooding	Increases	Decreases
Constitution Gardens Pond	Zone X (shaded)	Zone AE	YES	NONE
	No BFEs*	BFEs	YES	NONE
Federal Triangle Ponding Areas	Zone A	Zone AE	YES	YES
	Zone A	Zone X (shaded)	NONE	YES

## **DETERMINATION**

This document provides the determination from the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) regarding a request for a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) for the area described above. Using the information submitted, we have determined that a revision to the flood hazards depicted in the Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report and/or National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) map is warranted. This document revises the effective NFIP map, as indicated in the attached documentation. Please use the enclosed annotated map panels revised by this LOMR for floodplain management purposes and for all flood insurance policies and renewals in your community.

This determination is based on the flood data presently available. The enclosed documents provide additional information regarding this determination. If you have any questions about this document, please contact the FEMA Map Information eXchange toll free at 1-877-336-2627 (1-877-FEMA MAP) or by letter addressed to the LOMC Clearinghouse, 847 South Pickett Street, Alexandria, VA 22304-4605. Additional Information about the NFIP is available on our Web site at http://www.fema.gov/national-flood-insurance-program.

Patrick "Rick" F. Sacbibit, P.E., Branch Chief Engineering Services Branch

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# LETTER OF MAP REVISION DETERMINATION DOCUMENT (CONTINUED)

## OTHER FLOODING SOURCES AFFECTED BY THIS REVISION

### FLOODING SOURCES AND REVISED REACHES

Federal Triangle Ponding Areas - an area approximately bounded by 17th Street Northwest to the east, E Street Northwest to the north, New Jersey Avenue Southeast to the east, and the Potomac River to the south.

	SUMMARY OF REVISIONS			
Effective Flooding	Revised Flooding	Increases	Decreases	
No BFEs*	BFEs	YES	NONE	

\* BFEs - Base Flood Elevations

This determination is based on the flood data presently available. The enclosed documents provide additional information regarding this determination. If you have any questions about this document, please contact the FEMA Map Information eXchange toll free at 1-877-336-2627 (1-877-FEMA MAP) or by letter addressed to the LOMC Clearinghouse, 847 South Pickett Street, Alexandria, VA 22304-4605. Additional Information about the NFIP is available on our Web site at http://www.fema.gov/national-flood-insurance-program.

Patrick "Rick" F. Sacbibit, P.E., Branch Chief Engineering Services Branch Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration

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# LETTER OF MAP REVISION DETERMINATION DOCUMENT (CONTINUED)

## COMMUNITY INFORMATION

#### APPLICABLE NFIP REGULATIONS/COMMUNITY OBLIGATION

We have made this determination pursuant to Section 206 of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) and in accordance with the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended (Title XIII of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, P.L. 90-448), 42 U.S.C. 4001-4128, and 44 CFR Part 65. Pursuant to Section 1361 of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended, communities participating in the NFIP are required to adopt and enforce floodplain management regulations that meet or exceed NFIP criteria. These criteria, including adoption of the FIS report and FIRM, and the modifications made by this LOMR, are the minimum requirements for continued NFIP participation and do not supersede more stringent State/Commonwealth or local requirements to which the regulations apply.

### COMMUNITY REMINDERS

We based this determination on the 1-percent-annual-chance discharges computed in the submitted hydrologic model. Future development of projects upstream could cause increased discharges, which could cause increased flood hazards. A comprehensive restudy of your community's flood hazards would consider the cumulative effects of development on discharges and could, therefore, indicate that greater flood hazards exist in this area.

Your community must regulate all proposed floodplain development and ensure that permits required by Federal and/or State/Commonwealth law have been obtained. State/Commonwealth or community officials, based on knowledge of local conditions and in the interest of safety, may set higher standards for construction or may limit development in floodplain areas. If your State/Commonwealth or community has adopted more restrictive or comprehensive floodplain management criteria, those criteria take precedence over the minimum NFIP requirements.

We will not print and distribute this LOMR to primary users, such as local insurance agents or mortgage lenders; instead, the community will serve as a repository for the new data. We encourage you to disseminate the information in this LOMR by preparing a news release for publication in your community's newspaper that describes the revision and explains how your community will provide the data and help interpret the NFIP maps. In that way, interested persons, such as property owners, insurance agents, and mortgage lenders, can benefit from the information.

This revision involves an accredited levee system. Your community is responsible for maintaining and disseminating information, such as the estimated level of protection provided (which may exceed the 1-percent-annual-chance level) and Emergency Action Plan, for the levee system shown as providing protection. To mitigate flood risk in residual risk areas, property owners and residents are encouraged to consider flood insurance and flood proofing or other protective measures. For more information on flood insurance, interested parties should visit the FEMA Website at http://www.fema.gov/national-flood-insurance-program.

This determination is based on the flood data presently available. The enclosed documents provide additional information regarding this determination. If you have any questions about this document, please contact the FEMA Map Information eXchange toll free at 1-877-336-2627 (1-877-FEMA MAP) or by letter addressed to the LOMC Clearinghouse, 847 South Pickett Street, Alexandria, VA 22304-4605. Additional Information about the NFIP is available on our Web site at http://www.fema.gov/national-flood-insurance-program.

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We have designated a Consultation Coordination Officer (CCO) to assist your community. The CCO will be the primary liaison between your community and FEMA. For information regarding your CCO, please contact:

Mr. Eugene K. Gruber
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#### STATUS OF THE COMMUNITY NFIP MAPS

We will not physically revise and republish the FIRM for your community to reflect the modifications made by this LOMR at this time. When changes to the previously cited FIRM panels warrant physical revision and republication in the future, we will incorporate the modifications made by this LOMR at that time.

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## **PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF REVISION**

A notice of changes will be published in the Federal Register. This information also will be published in your local newspaper on or about the dates listed below and through FEMA's Flood Hazard Mapping Web site at https://www.floodmaps.fema.gov/fhm/Scripts/bfe\_main.asp.

LOCAL NEWSPAPER

Name: The Washington Times Dates: June 2, 2016 and June 9, 2016

Within 90 days of the second publication in the local newspaper, a citizen may request that we reconsider this determination. Any request for reconsideration must be based on scientific or technical data. Therefore, this letter will be effective only after the 90-day appeal period has elapsed and we have resolved any appeals that we receive during this appeal period. Until this LOMR is effective, the revised flood hazard information presented in this LOMR may be changed.

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