



Commission Action

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| PROJECT Draft Installation Master Plan Naval Support Activity Bethesda 8901 Rockville Pike Bethesda, Montgomery County, Maryland | NCPC FILE NUMBER MP059 |
| | NCPC MAP FILE NUMBER 3101.30(05.14)43568 |
| SUBMITTED BY United States Department of Defense Department of the Navy | APPLICANT'S REQUEST Approval of comments on draft master plan |
| | ACTION TAKEN Approve with comments |
| | REVIEW AUTHORITY Advisory per 40 U.S.C. § 8722(b)(1) |

The Commission provides the following comments:

Supports the goals and objectives of the draft master plan

Recommends further study to mitigate adverse impacts on the existing landscape and views for the potential construction of an underground parking garage in front of Building 1 due to significant potential negative impacts to historic views of Building 1 and its associated landscape from Rockville Pike, and to traffic flows along Rockville Pike due to increased use of Gates 1 and 2 to access the facility

Recommends further study to mitigate adverse impacts on the existing landscape and views for Option 1 as a potential location for the expansion of the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences due to significant potential negative environmental and visual impacts resulting from construction on a steeply sloped site covered by mature forest along Jones Bridge Road

Recommends that in its completion of the master plan document, the Department of the Navy:

- Continue collaboration with local planning and regulatory agencies to develop and implement county, state and federally-funded traffic and transportation improvements related to the implementation of the master plan
- Incorporate a landscape framework plan that includes strategies to:
 - Preserve and enhance the landscaped buffer at the southern, eastern and northern perimeters, in accordance with planning objectives noted in Section 1.5
 - Increase the tree canopy to the extent possible
 - Minimize and mitigate tree loss, including but not limited to negative impacts to historic views from Rockville Pike, resulting from the construction of a new pedestrian tunnel and Metro entrance, the expansion of the helipad, the underground parking garage in front of Building 1, and a kiss and ride facility
 - Minimize and mitigate potential negative impacts to the view from Rockville Pike due to the placement of temporary structures in the northwest parking area during the construction of a new medical facility behind Building 1

Recommends the inclusion of stormwater management, forest conservation, historic resources and energy conservation in the master plan.

Commends the Department of the Navy for meeting the 1:3 parking ratio recommended in the Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital: Federal Elements

Recommends that in the implementation of the master plan, the Department of the Navy coordinate individual project reviews with the Montgomery County Planning Department for comments at the same time that they consult with the Maryland Historic Trust for the determination of effect on historic properties, and

Requires that future submissions include documentation demonstrating that they have done so prior to submitting to NCPC for review.

The Commission further:

Notes that a significant number of construction workers may be on the installation on any given day to complete various components of the proposed actions within the master plan, and encourages the use of alternative modes of transportation and staggered work hours for construction personnel to mitigate impacts on traffic in the surrounding community

Notes that staff will provide additional comments on the Draft Installation Master Plan, Draft Transportation Management Plan, and Draft Environmental Impact Statement to supplement these recommendations.

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