



## Delegated Action of the Executive Director

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<b>PROJECT</b> <b>East Shaft Pumping Station Rehabilitation</b> McMillan Park Reservoir Washington, DC	<b>NCPC FILE NUMBER</b> 7696
	<b>NCPC MAP FILE NUMBER</b> 32.10(38.00)44258
<b>SUBMITTED BY</b> US Department of Defense, Army Corps of Engineers	<b>ACTION TAKEN</b> Preliminary and final approval of site and building plans
	<b>REVIEW AUTHORITY</b> Approval per 40 U.S.C. § 8722(b)(1) and (d)

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The United States Department of Defense, Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has submitted preliminary and final site and building plans for the rehabilitation of the east shaft pumping station at the McMillan Park Reservoir. The pumping station building was constructed in 1901 in the Romanesque Revival style, and is a contributing element to the McMillan Park Reservoir Historic District, which is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

The scope of the project includes the replacement of the existing electrical substation and mechanical equipment, both exterior and interior, with a new system. The new exterior equipment will be located in approximately the same location as the existing apparatuses on the southeast-side of the building. The equipment will be slightly larger than the existing equipment, and will be partially visible from 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Street, NW. To screen the equipment and reduce the visual impacts, landscaping will be installed on the southeast-side of the building.

As part of the project, a chemical storage room will be located on the southwest-side of the interior of the building. The chemicals are used to treat and clean the water entering the reservoir. To provide adequate ventilation to this room, louvers will be added to two windows on the southwest corner of the building. There are existing louvers in three windows in the building, and the new louvers will match the existing windows, and be placed behind the stone tracery at the top-arched portion of the windows. Along with the modifications to two windows, the entry doors along the southwest façade will also be replaced with doors based on the original design drawings of the building.

The project includes work on the non-historic intake structure on the east-side of the reservoir. Existing water screens will be replaced, along with gates, ancillary piping, and operating and control systems. New stop logs will be installed, deteriorated concrete will be repaired, and all iron surfaces painted.

Pursuant to its regulations implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), USACE submitted a record of environmental consideration that indicated the project meets the criteria of a categorical exclusion per the USACE regulation 33 CFR § 230.9 (b). NCPC also has an

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independent responsibility to comply with NEPA. NCPC staff has independently reviewed the project information and has determined that the project meets NCPC's categorical exclusion §8(C)(21) of the Commission's Environmental and Historic Preservation Policies and Procedures. Prior to applying this categorical exclusion, NCPC staff determined that no extraordinary circumstances were present as required by the Commission's NEPA procedures.

In compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act, USACE conducted Section 106 consultation with the DC State Historic Preservation Office (DC SHPO). The DC SHPO concurred with USACE that the undertaking will have no adverse effects on historic properties. NCPC has an independent responsibility to comply with Section 106 of the NHPA and has elected to designate the USACE as lead agency to satisfy the Commission's responsibility.

The Coordinating Committee reviewed the proposal at its November 10, 2015 meeting. The Committee forwarded the proposal to the Commission with the statement that it has been coordinated with all participating agencies. The participating agencies were: NCPC; the District of Columbia Office of Planning; the District of Columbia Department of Transportation, the General Services Administration; the National Park Service and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority.

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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 site and building plans for the rehabilitation of the east shaft pumping station at the McMillan Park Reservoir.

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Marcel Acosta  
Executive Director

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