



Delegated Action of the Executive Director

PROJECT Route 1 – Perimeter Security Fence Fort Belvoir 8725 John J. Kingman Road Fort Belvoir, Virginia	NCPC FILE NUMBER 7244
	NCPC MAP FILE NUMBER 2204.10(38.40)44442
SUBMITTED BY United States Department of Defense, Department of the Army	ACTION TAKEN Approve as requested
	REVIEW AUTHORITY Advisory per 40 U.S.C. § 8722(b)(1)

The United States Department of the Army has submitted preliminary and final site development plans to construct a new section of security fence along the south side of Route 1 (Richmond Highway) on Fort Belvoir, in Fairfax County, Virginia. NCPC previously reviewed a fence in the area on July 7, 2011; however, the project was not implemented due to uncertainty regarding plans to widen Route 1 and the need for additional planning work related to the Potomac Heritage Trail through the area.

The current project will construct an eight-foot high, decorative, security fence between the eastern South Post boundary along Route 1, to a point located approximately 440 feet to the west of Belvoir Road. The new fence will be black, with triad finials. In the future, the Army will extend the fence to the west (to the Gunston Road bridge) along the alignment previously approved by the Commission in 2011. The Army has plans to install additional security fencing around the remainder of the Fort Belvoir perimeter in 2023.

The project is included in the current Fort Belvoir Master Plan, adopted for use by the Commission in January 2017. The fence is designed to accommodate the re-aligned section of Route 1, which will be completed on June 1, 2017, as well as the planned Potomac Heritage Trail alignment. Trees and new vegetation will be installed pursuant to Fort Belvoir's tree replacement policies, and the project's stormwater management design complies with applicable federal and state regulations.

Pursuant to its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Army analyzed this project within the Environmental Assessment for the Route 1 realignment and issued a Finding of No Significant Impact. The project was also evaluated as part of the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure Act (BRAC) Environmental Impact Statement, for which a Record of Decision was adopted. As this project is in the environs, NCPC does not have any responsibilities under NEPA.

Pursuant to its responsibilities under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, the Army determined that the project will have "no adverse" effect on historic properties. The fence will be visible from the Woodlawn Historic District and several historic resources located within the District, including the Quaker Meetinghouse and the Woodlawn Baptist Church Cemetery.

However, the Army designed the fence in such a way that it would not block views of the athletic fields to the south, in accordance with recommendations from the Woodlawn Historic District Viewshed Study. The Army also conducted archeological resources identification in the project area and the Area of Potential Effects (APE), and determined that no archeological sites are present. The Army submitted its determination to the Virginia State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) for review, which concurred with the Army's finding of no adverse effect. As this project is in the environs, the Commission does not have any responsibilities under Section 106.

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Pursuant to delegations of authority adopted by the Commission on October 3, 1996 and per 40 U.S.C. § 8722(b)(1), I approve the preliminary and final site development plans for 1,558 linear feet of black ornamental security fence along the south side of Route 1, between Fort Belvoir's eastern boundary and a point 440 feet to the west of Belvoir Road, located on Fort Belvoir, South Post, in Fairfax County, Virginia.

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February 24, 2017

Marcel Acosta
Executive Director

Date