



Delegated Action of the Executive Director

PROJECT

Washington Nationals Youth Baseball Academy – All-Star Improvements

3675 Ely Place, SE
Washington, DC

NCPC FILE NUMBER

7904

NCPC MAP FILE NUMBER

10.23(38.00)44596

SUBMITTED BY

District of Columbia Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development

ACTION TAKEN

Approve as requested

REVIEW AUTHORITY

Advisory
Per 40 U.S.C. § 8722(b)(1)

The District of Columbia Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development has submitted site and building plans for an All-Star Pavilion and associated landscape improvements at the Washington Nationals Youth Baseball Academy (YBA) in Southeast Washington, DC. The YBA sits on approximately nine acres of land in Fort Dupont Park, which is managed by the National Park Service (NPS) as part of the Civil War Defenses of Washington. Jurisdiction of the YBA land was transferred from NPS to the District of Columbia in 2010 to accommodate the facility.

The YBA features an 18,000-square-foot education center with seven classrooms, a teaching kitchen, and multi-purpose training and education space. It also includes three baseball/softball diamonds and a teaching garden. The proposed project would construct an approximately 3,100-square-foot, single story All-Star Pavilion on the site, which would include four batting cages and an open central area with picnic benches that could be used as weather protection during events. It could also be used to accommodate the YBA farmer's market that currently serves the local community.

The pavilion would be open-air on all sides, with lighting and ceiling fans inside. The landscaping would retain existing stormwater management features, and include a paved path and gathering area flanked by fruit trees, herb and vegetable gardens, pollinator gardens, and a composting area. It would also feature trees along the western edge to screen views from the adjacent parkland. Viewshed analyses indicate that the pavilion would be only minimally visible from a recreational trail to the south.

NCPC staff has reviewed the materials and finds that the project is not inconsistent with the Federal Elements of the *Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital*, and will not adversely affect any other federal interests. Since the Commission is advisory in its review of this project, compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act and National Historic Preservation Act is not required. The Government of the District of Columbia serves as the lead agency in local environmental and historic preservation compliance.

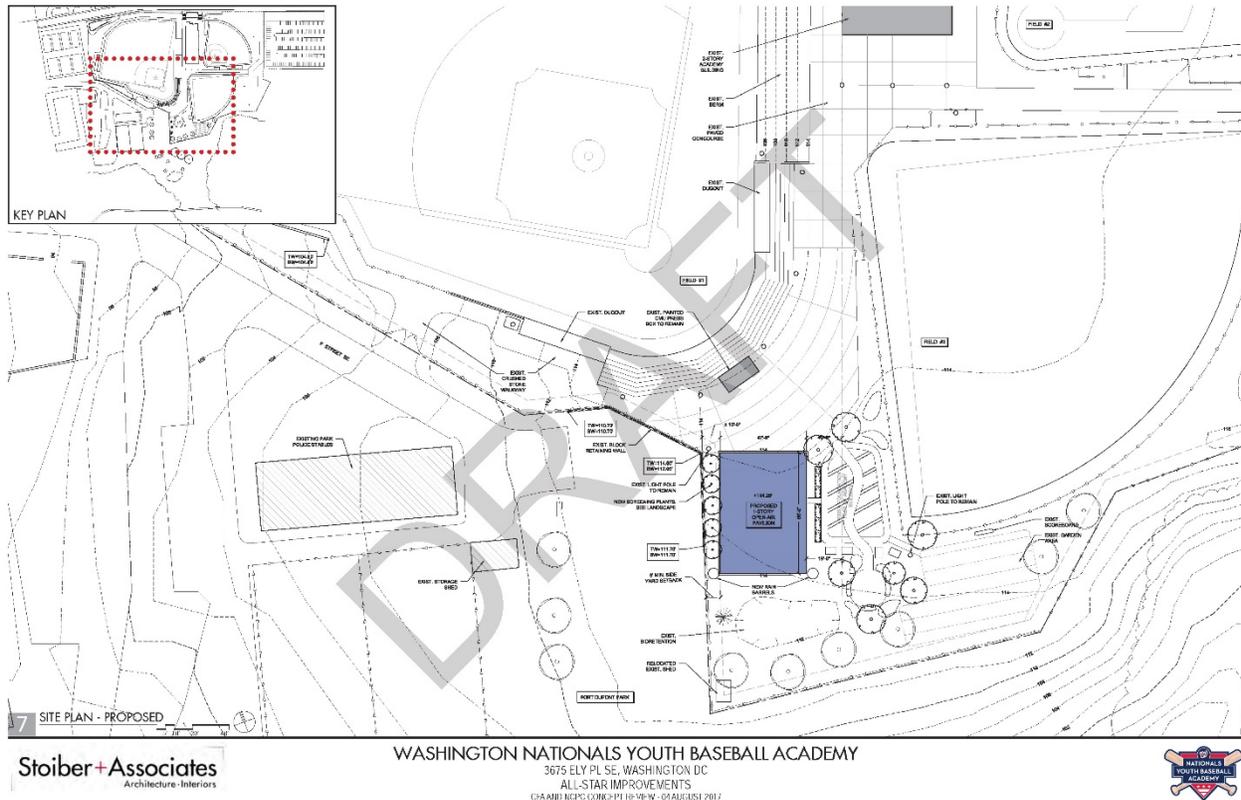


Figure 1. Proposed Site Plan

The Coordinating Committee reviewed the proposed project at its August 16, 2017 meeting. The Committee forwarded the proposal to the Commission with the statement that it has been coordinated with all participating agencies, except for the DC State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), which noted that the project had not yet been reviewed by SHPO staff. The applicant has since reached out to the SHPO, and is currently coordinating their review. While the NPS coordinated on the project, they noted that the terms of the covenant on the property require that public access is maintained through the YBA to the adjacent parkland, and that any signage must face away from Fort Dupont Park. They had also expressed an interest in minimizing the impacts of pavilion lighting. The applicant is currently working with the NPS to address these concerns, though changes to existing fence lines and public access are not being proposed as part of this project. The Coordinating Committee agencies included NCPC, the US General Services Administration; the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority; the NPS; the District of Columbia Office of Planning; the District Department of Transportation; the SHPO; and the District Department of Energy and Environment.

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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 find that the proposed All-Star Improvements at the Washington Nationals Youth Baseball Academy, located at 3675 Ely Place, SE, Washington, DC, would not be inconsistent with the Federal Elements of the *Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital*, nor would it adversely affect any other identified federal interest.

// Original Signed//

August 31, 2017

Marcel Acosta
Executive Director

Date