



Delegated Action of the Executive Director

PROJECT
Land Mobile Radio Antenna on Building 503
 Fort Detrick, Forest Glen Annex
 2460 Linden Lane
 Silver Spring, MD

NCPC FILE NUMBER
 7948

NCPC MAP FILE NUMBER
 3102.10(38.30)44677

ACTION TAKEN
 Approve as requested

SUBMITTED BY
 Department of Defense,
 Department of the Army

REVIEW AUTHORITY
 Advisory
 per 40 U.S.C. § 8722 (b)(1)

The Department of the Army (Army) submitted preliminary and final site development plans for a land mobile radio (LMR) antenna at Building 503 on the Forest Glen Annex of Fort Detrick located in Silver Spring, Maryland. The 15-foot tall, four-inch diameter whip antenna will transmit and receive information, which will improve first responder communications at the Forest Glen Annex installation. The Army states it will mount the antenna approximately four feet from the northern edge of the roof of Building 503, which is an administrative building. An equipment cabinet for the antenna will be located inside an existing penthouse on the roof. The Army notes that the antenna can not be placed farther away from the edge as this will reduce its effectiveness. Building 503 is located in the interior of the installation and the rooftop antenna will be approximately 900 feet from Brookville Road and 1,200 feet from Linden Lane, the two nearest public streets. The antenna will only be marginally visible from Linden Lane and not visible at all from Brookville Road.

The Army submitted a categorical exclusion to fulfill its responsibility under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and a no adverse effect determination to fulfill its responsibility under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (Section 106). As this project is located in the environs, NCPC does not have an independent NEPA or Section 106 responsibility.

Staff has reviewed the project and has determined that it is not inconsistent with the applicable polices contained within the Federal Elements of the Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital.

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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 the Land

Mobile Radio Antenna on the roof of Building 503 on the Forest Glen Annex of Fort Detrick located in Silver Spring, MD.

Marcel Acosta
Executive Director

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