



## Commission Action

December 5, 2019

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| <b>PROJECT</b><br><b>Joint Base Andrews Aircraft Hazardous<br/>Cargo Pad and Explosive Ordnance<br/>Disposal Range Relocation</b><br>Joint Base Andrews<br>Camp Springs, Maryland | <b>NCPC FILE NUMBER</b><br>8112  |
| <b>SUBMITTED BY</b><br>United States Department of Defense<br>Department of the Navy  | <b>NCPC MAP FILE NUMBER</b><br>3207.00(38.00)45004                                   |
| <b>REVIEW AUTHORITY</b><br>Advisory<br>per 40 U.S.C. § 8722(b)(1)   | <b>APPLICANT'S REQUEST</b><br>Approval of preliminary site and<br>building plans     |
|   | <b>ACTION TAKEN</b><br>Approved preliminary site and<br>building plans with comments |

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The Commission:

**Approves** the preliminary site and building plans for a new taxiway, cargo pad, Explosive Ordnance Disposal range, and access roads to the south of the East Runway on Joint Base Andrews in Camp Springs, Maryland.

**Notes** that the location and scope of the project is justified based on military planning requirements, the specialized function of the new development, and detailed consideration of potential feasible alternatives through the NEPA process.

**Notes** that the Air Force has reduced the project's impact to trees through site planning and application of a reduced clear zone requirement (150-foot rather 500-foot) surrounding the cargo pad and EOD bunker, resulting in a smaller tree removal area from approximately 24 to 15 acres.

**Recommends** that the Navy comply with NCPC's tree replacement policy (FE.G.2), which encourages smaller tree replacement (with 10-inch trunk diameters or less) at a one-to-one ratio and larger tree replacement (with trunk diameters of greater than 10-inches) based on local jurisdiction requirements, with the intent of preventing a net tree loss; however, the submission does not provide enough information to assess whether the proposed mitigation is consistent with NCPC's tree policy.

**Requests** the following additional information in the final project submission:

- Project plans at a 70 percent minimum design level, including detailed plans related to the new EOD bunker and observation bunker.

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- Tree impact information: more detailed tree removal inventory (size, species, quantities, locations), Forest Conservation Plan, detailed tree replacement (size, species, quantities, locations) inventory, and mitigation/landscape plan.
  - Documentation in the form of a summary table that demonstrates project compliance with Maryland and EISA Section 438 stormwater requirements related to runoff volume, peak flow, duration of discharge, pollutant loadings, and temperature.
  - Wetland/stream impact mitigation information related to how impact mitigation will occur through the wetland bank, mitigation(s) location, and scale of mitigation.

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