



## Commission Action

March 7, 2019

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<b>PROJECT</b> <b>Washington DC VA Medical Center Oncology and Cancer Center - Renovations and Addition</b> 50 Irving Street, NW Washington, DC	<b>NCPC FILE NUMBER</b> 8038
<b>SUBMITTED BY</b> US Department of Veterans Affairs Veterans Health Administration	<b>NCPC MAP FILE NUMBER</b> 12.20(38.00)44866
<b>REVIEW AUTHORITY</b> Approval per 40 U.S.C. § 8722(b)(1) and (d)	<b>APPLICANT'S REQUEST</b> Approval of comments on concept plans
	<b>ACTION TAKEN</b> Approved comments on concept plans

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The Commission:

**Comments favorably** on the proposal to renovate and expand outdated facilities at the Washington DC Veterans Affairs Medical Center (DC VAMC) to better meet the treatment and support needs of patients and families at the Oncology and Cancer Center.

**Notes** that the project is not included in the 2010 master plan for the DC VAMC; however, there is an effort underway to update master plans across the system of Veterans Health Administration hospitals. The DC VAMC has requested to be included in the first round of master plan updates.

**Notes** that the project proposes the removal of eight trees, including two large, mature trees, and six smaller trees across the project area, and that seven new trees would be planted.

**Requires** that the applicant prevent a net loss of tree canopy for the project in accordance with the policies related to Tree Canopy and Vegetation in the Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital, which generally state that the caliper of trees lost as a result of a project must be replaced in-kind. This could be accomplished through the planting of additional trees, the planting of larger trees, or a combination of both.

**Requests** that the applicant considers low-impact development features or green infrastructure to retain and treat stormwater, such as bioswales or rain gardens with native stormwater plantings and a vegetated rooftop on the proposed building addition.

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**Notes** that a landscape and stormwater management plan that describes details, such as the proposed type and variety of trees and plantings, is required with the final submission, per NCPC Submission Guidelines.

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