



Delegated Action of the Executive Director

PROJECT Installation of an Interim Fence around the Hollies and Creamery at St. Elizabeths West Campus St. Elizabeths West Campus 2700 Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue, SE Washington, DC	NCPC FILE NUMBER 8045
	NCPC MAP FILE NUMBER 83.10(38.00)44877
SUBMITTED BY United States General Services Administration	ACTION TAKEN Approve preliminary and final site development plans
	REVIEW AUTHORITY Approval Per 40 U.S.C. § 8722(b)(1) and (d)

The U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) has submitted preliminary and final site development plans for the proposed interim installation of board fences around the Hollies (Buildings 28, 29, 30) and the Creamery (Buildings 44, 45, 46) on the St. Elizabeths West Campus. The fences will be eight feet in height and constructed of wood. The fences will require footers. DHS's requested to screen the two complexes from physical access by tenants to avoid creating an attractive nuisance. Given both funding and schedule constraints before occupancy of the Center Building in April 2019, GSA proposes the installation of 8-foot solid board fences with several gates around both complexes, placed sufficiently outboard of the brick facades to allow access to the buildings by GSA personnel on foot or by lift. Temporary wooden stairs would be constructed at door openings to allow entry to the buildings as needed.

Additional work includes the removal of severely deteriorated wood porches that have lost structural and architectural integrity, the removal and storage of metal elements for future reinstallation, and supplemental mothballing of both complexes. The St. Elizabeths East Master Plan suggests administrative uses for the buildings, as they in close proximity to the Center Building, however no permanent use has been identified at this time.

NCPC has designated GSA lead agency for the purposes of compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. The D.C. State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) concurred with GSA's determination that the proposed installation will have no adverse effect on the buildings or campus but provided conditions for the future treatment of the buildings and a five-year time limit on the fence installation. NCPC concurs with these findings. Additionally, GSA has fulfilled its National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) obligations through the preparation of a Categorical Exclusion Checklist for this project. NCPC has applied categorical exclusion #2, which allows for the approval of minor site elements, such as, but not limited to, identification signs, sidewalks, patios, and fences. NCPC further determined no extraordinary circumstances were present in the application of the categorical exclusion.

The Coordinating Committee reviewed the proposal at its February 13, 2019 meeting. Without objection, the Committee forwarded the proposed to the Commission with the statement that the proposal had been coordinated with all participating agencies. The participating agencies were: NCPC, the DC SHPO; the District Department of Transportation; the District Department of Energy and the Environment (DOEE); the National Park Service; the General Services Administration and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA). DOEE noted the project may require Erosion and Sediment Control permits.

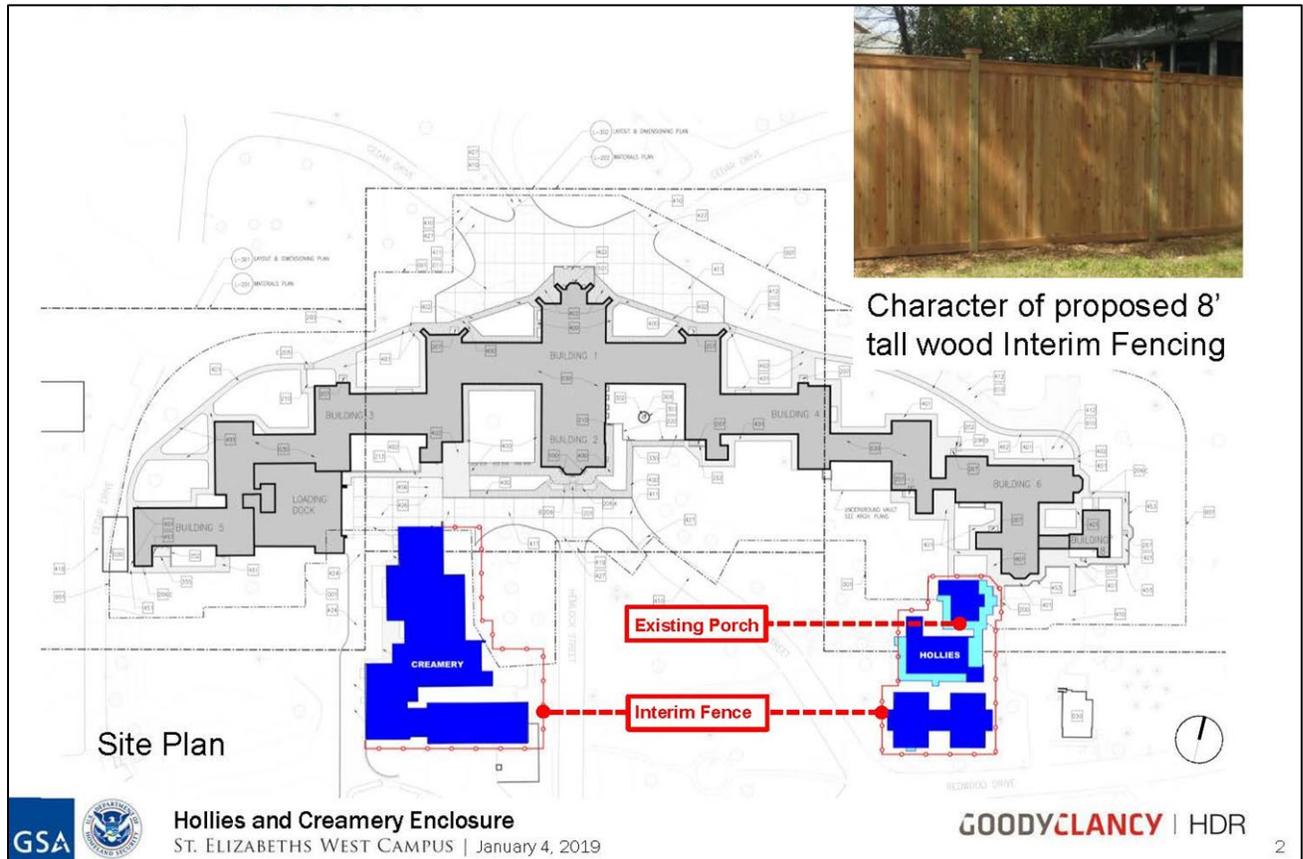


Figure 1: Proposed fencing location



Figure 2: View of buildings to be secured

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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) and (d), I approve the preliminary and final site development plans for the proposed interim installation of board fences around the Hollies (Buildings 28, 29, 30) and the Creamery (Buildings 44, 45, 46) on the St. Elizabeths West Campus, for a period not to exceed five (5) years.

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Marcel Acosta
Executive Director

March 1, 2019
Date