



## Delegated Action of the Executive Director

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<b>PROJECT</b> <b>Joint Base Andrews Military Working Dog Kennels</b> Joint Base Andrews Camp Springs, Maryland	<b>NCPC FILE NUMBER</b> 8087
	<b>NCPC MAP FILE NUMBER</b> 3207.00(38.00)45229
<b>SUBMITTED BY</b> United States Department of Defense, Department of the Navy	<b>ACTION TAKEN</b> Approved final site and building plans
	<b>REVIEW AUTHORITY</b> Advisory Review of Federal Projects in the Environs per 40 U.S.C. § 8722(b)(1)

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The United States Department of Defense, Naval Facilities has submitted final site and building plans for a new military working dog kennel facility in the southern part of Joint Base Andrews. The existing use must be relocated further away from the airfield area based on aircraft-related noise, which is being expanded as part of the Presidential Aircraft Recapitalization. The new site was previously developed with a residential neighborhood; however, the housing has since been demolished and only the street network remains. Once the new kennel facility is operational, the previous facility would be demolished.

The new kennel facility consists of separate administrative and kennel buildings, with a connecting covered walkway. In addition, the facility includes two smaller storage buildings, an outdoor training/exercise area, two smaller holding pens, a service/emergency access road (to the rear of the site), two new surface parking lots, stormwater management areas, and new landscaping. The new facility will be fully enclosed with a perimeter security fence. One parking lot will be located within the fenced-in area, with a total of 7 spaces to be used as security vehicle parking. The second lot, located outside of the perimeter security fence, will have a total of 31 private vehicle spaces (to be used by employees and visitors), 2 government vehicle spaces, and 2 handicapped spaces.

Staff finds the project to be consistent with the current 2018 Joint Base Andrews Installation Development Plan and relevant policies contained within the Federal Environment and Transportation Elements of the NCPC Comprehensive Plan. In particular, the Navy previously submitted the project for preliminary review by NCPC in September 2019, and the Commission requested additional information related to parking allocation, tree replacement, and change in impervious area on the site. The applicant has included the information as requested in the final submission.

Regarding parking, the facility would be staffed by a total of 40 full-time personnel (in addition to temporary military personnel who would be on-site for training), with a projected employment level of 70 staff in five years. Future anticipated employment would result in a parking ratio of 1:2.3, which is consistent with NCPC's 1:2 parking ratio goal for Joint Base Andrews. Proposed

tree replacement consists of a 1:1 replacement (42 trees removed and replaced) with a mix of ornamental and evergreen trees around the site. The replacement ratio is consistent with NCPC's previous tree replacement policy, which was in effect at the time of the project's initial preliminary submission in September 2019. Finally, the project would only increase impervious surface area by 1,038 feet (+1.7%) to 61,698 square feet since the new development would largely use existing roadways and curb cuts to minimize the amount of new paved area.

The project was included in an Environmental Impact Statement for the larger Presidential Aircraft Recapitalization project, which was concluded through a 2019 Record of Decision. The submission includes documentation that the project was reviewed by the Maryland Historic Trust, which made the determination that there are no historic properties affected by this undertaking. For projects outside of the District of Columbia, NCPC does not have formal review responsibilities under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act or the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA).

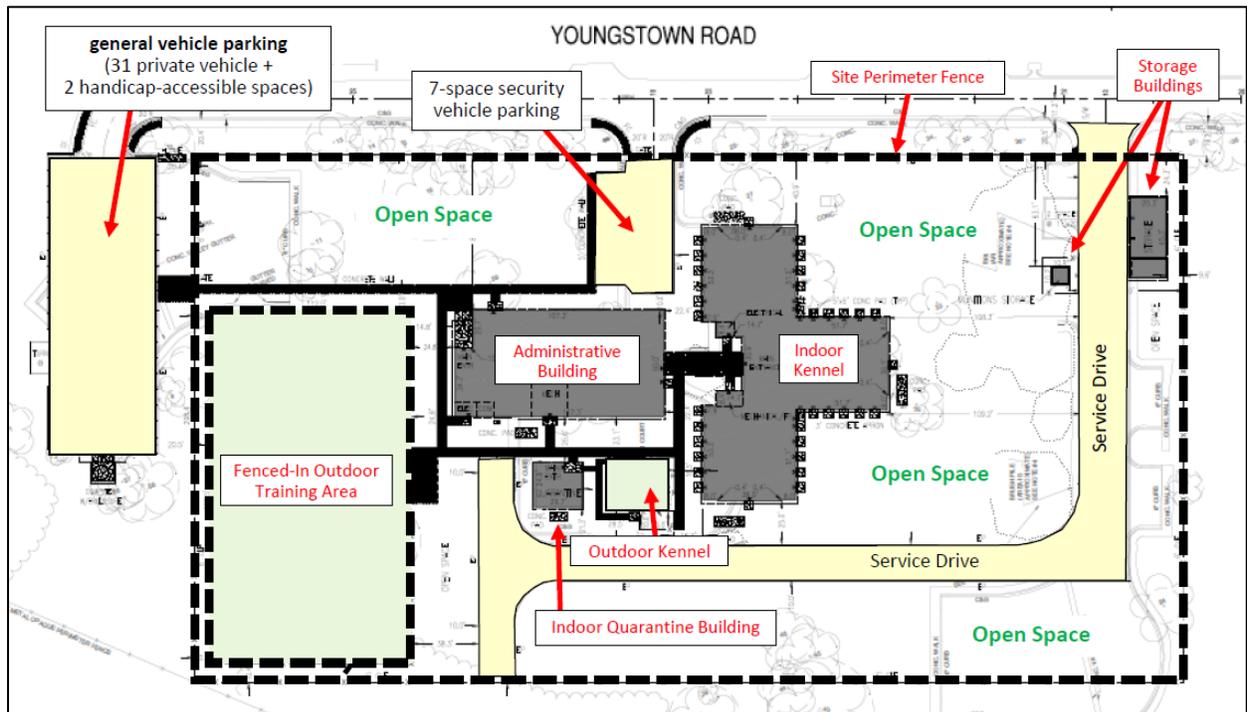


Figure 1: Final Site Plan

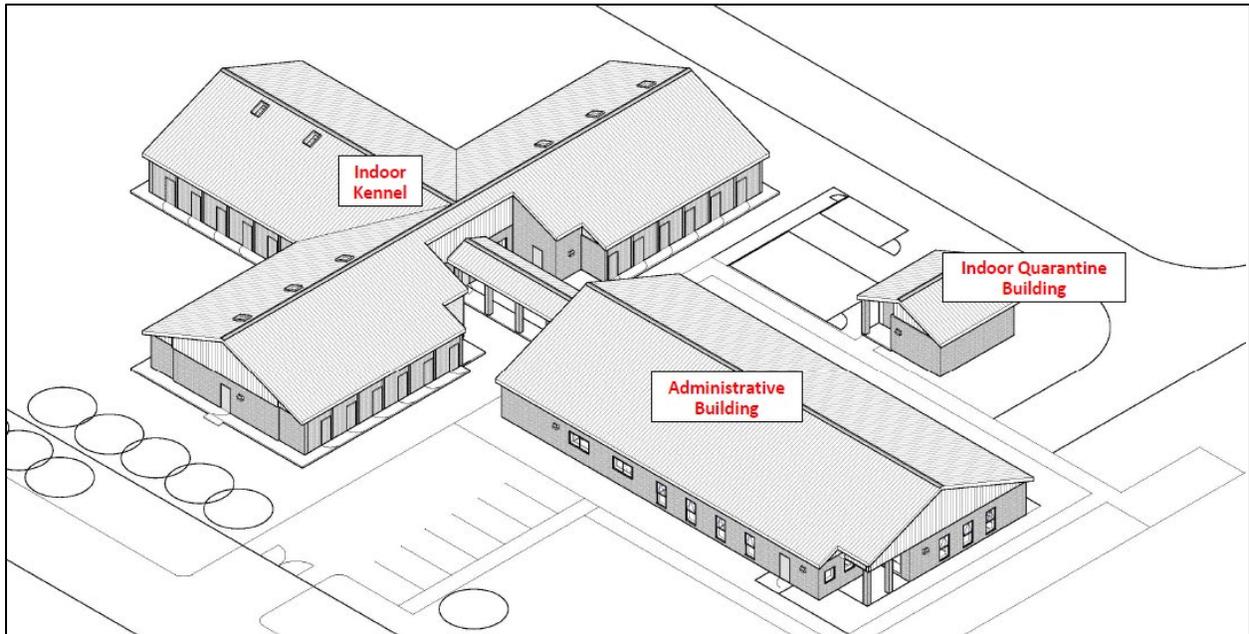


Figure 2: Main Administrative Building and Kennels Building Rendering

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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 final site and building plans for a new military working dog kennels facility on Joint Base Andrews in Camp Springs, Maryland.

Marcel Acosta  
Executive Director

11/25/2020

Date