



Delegated Action of the Executive Director

PROJECT Joint Base Andrews Taxiway Whiskey Joint Base Andrews Camp Springs, Maryland	NCPC FILE NUMBER 7711
SUBMITTED BY United States Department of Defense, Department of the Navy	NCPC MAP FILE NUMBER 3207.00(38.00)45140
	ACTION TAKEN Approve final site development plans
	REVIEW AUTHORITY Federal Projects in the Environs per 40 U.S.C. § 8722(b)(1)

The United States Department of the Navy, on behalf of the Joint Base Andrews, proposes to construct a new taxiway connection (TWY W6) in the southwestern area of the airfield at Joint Base Andrews. The taxiway will connect an existing hangar apron to another north-south taxiway. The new development will require the removal of an existing stormwater pond, which will be replaced with an underground structural stormwater treatment system consisting of two sedimentation basins, underground sand filters, and concrete detention basins. NCPC previously reviewed preliminary plans of this project at its meeting on March 5, 2020. The project is included in the Joint Base Andrews Installation Development Plan, which was reviewed by NCPC for draft comments in January 2018.

The new taxiway will be constructed with reinforced concrete, measuring approximately 1,100 feet long and 75 feet wide, with new edge lighting and guidance signs, located to the south and parallel to another similar taxiway connection. The project is designed to comply with current Air Force criteria for modified heavy load aircraft, intended to bring the taxiway network up to Air Force requirements.

The project will not require any tree/vegetation removal but will remove 4,210 square feet of emergent wetlands and a stormwater management pond. The total limit of disturbance is 13.64 acres, with an increase of 0.83 acres of impervious area, which includes the new taxiway pavement and removal of existing pavement associated with a Compass Calibration Pad. The Navy plans to replace the stormwater management pond with an underground structural stormwater treatment system consisting of two sedimentation basins, underground sand filters, and concrete detention basins. The Navy elected not to mitigate the wetland removal, which is allowable under MDE rules since the size of the impact area is considered to be minor (less than 5,000 square feet) by the State. The Navy reached its decision after meeting with MDE staff to review the project.

NCPC staff has reviewed this proposal for compliance with relevant guidance and has determined that it is not inconsistent with policies established in the Federal Elements of the Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital. Despite its decision to not mitigate the project's

wetland impacts, the Navy did coordinate the project design with State officials pursuant to the following NCPC Water Bodies and Wetlands policy F.E.E.4: *Coordinate wetland activities with federal, state, and local government programs and regulations, including the Chesapeake Bay Program.* For projects outside of the District of Columbia, NCPC does not have a National Environmental Protection Act or Section 106 review responsibility.

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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 development plans for a new taxiway connection, known as Taxiway Whiskey, in the southwestern area of the airfield on Joint Base Andrews in Camp Springs, Maryland.



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Executive Director



Date