



Delegated Action of the Executive Director

PROJECT Building 434 Renovation and Additions Beltsville Agricultural Research Center 6900 Powder Mill Road Beltsville, Maryland	NCPC FILE NUMBER 8185
SUBMITTED BY United States Department of Agriculture Agricultural Research Service	NCPC MAP FILE NUMBER 3212.10(38.00)45145
	ACTION TAKEN Approved preliminary site and building plans
	REVIEW AUTHORITY Advisory Per 40 U.S.C. § 8722(b)(1)

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), at the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC), has submitted preliminary building plans for the renovation and expansion of Building 434 as a new Poultry Quarantine House (PQH). The site is located at 6900 Powder Mill Road, just west of the Baltimore Washington Parkway in Greenbelt, Maryland. Building 434, a former goat barn, is vacant and has not been in use as a barn since 2008.

USDA is transferring approximately 105 acres along Poultry Road to the U.S. Department of the Treasury (USDT) for construction of a new currency production facility for its Bureau of Engraving and Printing (BEP). While the majority of the buildings on this large parcel of land are vacant and no longer used by BARC, there is one existing function, the Poultry Quarantine operation, which will need to be relocated. Quarantining poultry is necessary to stabilize environmental and biosecurity conditions for a duration of time before live poultry, which are transported from various locations in the United States to BARC, are able to be placed at various research laboratories located at BARC. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers-Baltimore District, the project manager for the new BEP site, is assisting BARC with the design and construction efforts for the new PQH. BEP is evaluating the proposed construction of a BEP facility in an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and the project will be submitted to NCPC separately in the future.

The project will develop a new PQH for Tom Turkeys, Hen Turkeys, Laying Hens, and Broiler Breeders, each within their own physically separated spaces, which allows controlled and separate management of relevant quarantine conditions. The poultry quarantine program provides an essential step in BARC's research by assuring the health of the research flock housed on BARC. The project includes biosecurity measures to minimize threat of viruses, and manage environmental conditions such as light, temperature, feed, and water. The PQH are not used every day, but rather are utilized when out-of-industry poultry are selected to be added to the general research flock, which typically occurs a few times a year.

The original Building 434 has a brick exterior with a gambrel roof and a one-story wing on either side of the main building. It will be renovated and expanded in order to accommodate its new use as a poultry quarantine. The expansions are two, one story additions set perpendicular to the

existing building and attached at the rear of the building. The structural and aesthetic upgrades to the building would be designed to preserve the building's historic characteristics to the extent practicable.

This project is not specifically referred to in the master plan, however it is fully consistent with the BARC agricultural use. The project is consistent with Federal Environment, Historic Preservation, Federal Workplace Elements of the Comprehensive Plan. It will be sited on existing federal property, will be located in an open area and not require tree removal, and will minimize historic resource impacts by reusing the existing historic building that is currently vacant.



Figures 1 and 2 – Existing photographs of the historic Building 434: north elevation (left) and west elevation (right)



Figure 3 – Rendering of the proposed Poultry Quarantine House (Building 434)

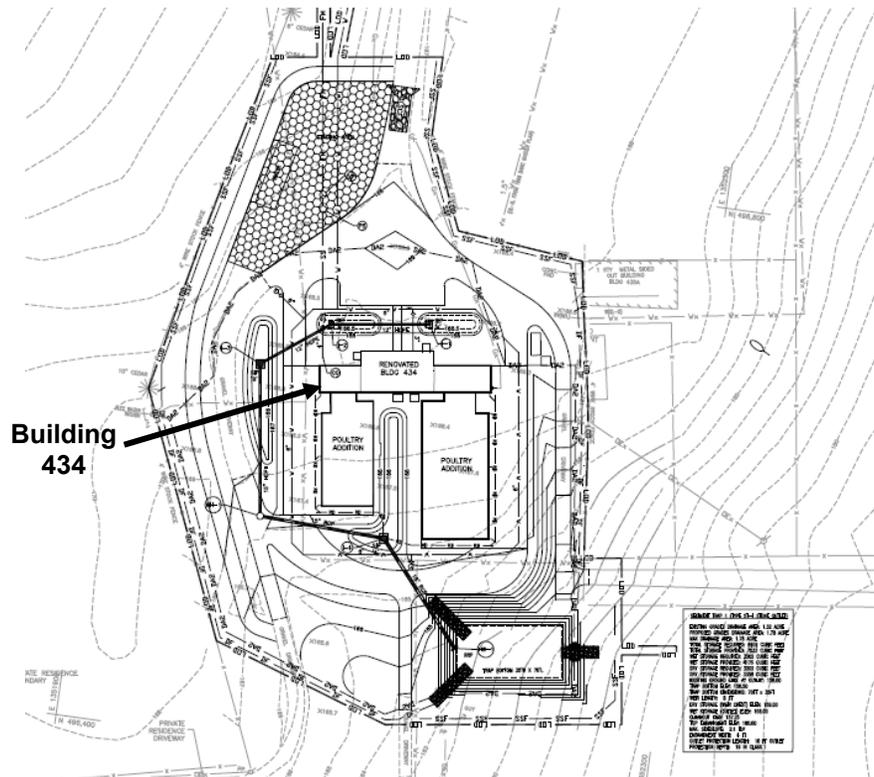


Figure 4 – Site Plan for the proposed Poultry Quarantine House (Building 434)

The USDA has initiated Section 106 consultation with the Maryland Historic Trust to fulfil its National Historic Preservation Act responsibilities. It will issue an environmental assessment (EA) pursuant to its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). As this project is in the environs, NCPC does not have independent Section 106 or NEPA responsibilities.

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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 preliminary building plans for the new Poultry Quarantine House to be located in Building 434, at 6900 Powder Mill Road, on a site west of the Baltimore Washington Parkway at the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center in Beltsville, Maryland.

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Executive Director

Date