

Fort McNair Building 17 Renovation

100 C Street, SW, Washington DC

Approval of Preliminary Building Plans

United States Department of Defense

Project Summary

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Applicant Request: Approval of Preliminary Building Plans

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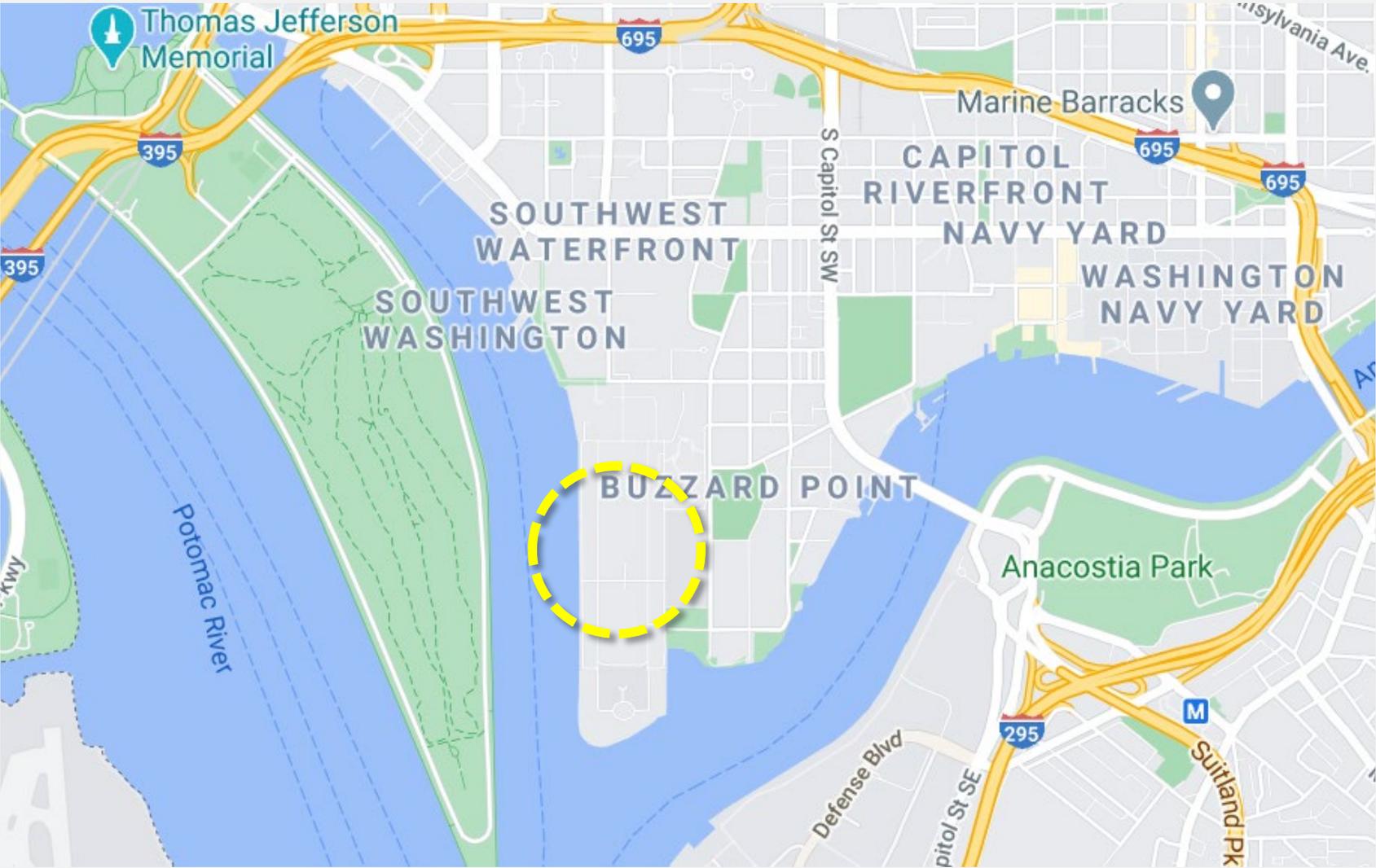
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The Department of Defense, Department of the Army, has submitted preliminary building plans for proposed renovations of Building 17 at Fort McNair in Washington, DC. The exterior scope of work includes removal of the non-original, wood-framed addition on the north rear side of the building; removal of the non-original, wood-framed addition on the southeast (rear) corner of the building; and the removal/in-kind replacement of the non-historic, frame ramp on the north end of the porch. Where additions have resulted in the conversion of window openings into door openings, the original window openings will be restored, as appropriate, using salvaged bricks. If missing or damaged beyond repair, new windows will be provided that match the existing historic units. All historic brick chimneys will be retained and examined for any needed repairs. The exterior of the building will be cleaned with a low-pressure water spray, and the painted brick and wood trim scraped, repaired, and repainted, as necessary. Two new masonry additions will be constructed on the northeast and southeast (rear) corners, adjoining the centrally located brick mechanical room. The mechanical room will revert to its original use as restrooms. The additions will be respectful of the massing, proportions, and details of the original building and will be slightly offset to differentiate them from the original building. Door openings, accessed by concrete steps, will be located on the east (rear) elevations of both new additions.

Site Location



Location Map

Vicinity Map



Existing Conditions

Photos of Current Conditions - Exterior



Figure 1: Building 17, west (front) elevation, facing east-northeast.



Figure 2: Building 17, general view looking northeast.

Attachment 3 – Current Conditions/Historical Information
Building 17



Figure 3: Building 17, west (front) elevation, facing east-southeast.



Figure 4: Building 17, detail of west (front) dormer, facing east-southeast.

Existing Conditions



Figure 5: Building 17, detail of northwest corner and the current wood ramp, facing southeast.



Figure 6: Building 17, north (rear) corner, showing frame addition (former communications space), facing southwest.



Figure 7: Building 17, northeast rear corner, showing the original center rear wing (former toilet room) (left) and the location of one of the proposed new additions (right), facing west.



Figure 8: Building 17, southeast (rear) corner, showing the non-historic frame addition to be removed and replaced with one of the proposed new additions, facing northwest. Note the chimney on the center rear wing.

Proposed Demolition

