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NCPC Approves Joint Base Andrews Child Development Center Preliminary Plans

Washington, DC—At its [November 7, 2024 meeting](#) the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) approved preliminary site and building plans for a Child Development Center at Joint Base Andrews in Camp Springs, Maryland. Plans submitted by the U.S. Department of Defense are for a new 23,000 square foot facility. It will be located at the intersection of Arkansas Road and California Avenue in the Installation's Administrative and Support District.

For the final submission, Commissioners made several recommendations and requests including adding detailing (including windows), public artwork, and/or landscaping to the building's primary façade to make it more appealing for the children; adding sidewalks along the project's frontage to promote walkability to the rest of the base; and installing permeable paving in the parking stalls to promote stormwater infiltration and reduce runoff. Consistent with NCPC policies, 1.27 acres of trees will be planted at a nearby site as replacement for the 0.82 acres of trees removed to construct the building.

[Commission actions and related materials are available online.](#)

The Commission approved five items on the Consent Calendar (no presentations were made). Unless otherwise noted, the projects are in Washington, DC.

1. Preliminary site and building plans for the National Mall Carousel Site Improvements, 900 Jefferson Drive, SW. (8590)
2. Comments on concept plans for the Deep Energy Retrofit Program - Project 7.2 - Veterans Affairs Headquarters, Lafayette Building. (8592)
3. Preliminary and final site and building plans for a Communications Tower Replacement, 6001 Georgia Avenue, NW. (8595)
4. Preliminary site and building plans for the National Institutes of Health Building 102 A and B Wings Conversion, 16701 Elmer School Road Dickerson, Maryland. (8586)
5. Preliminary building plans for the Wolf Trap Park for the Performing Arts - Main Gate Replacement, 1551 Trap Road Vienna, Virginia. (8593)

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The Executive Director approved four items under authority delegated by the Commission. Unless otherwise noted, the projects are in Washington, DC.

1. Preliminary and final site development plans for the Internal Revenue Service Building Entrance E Accessible Ramp, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW. (8588)
2. Preliminary and final building plans for the Deep Energy Retrofit, Project 6 - Wright Buildings, Prettyman Courthouse, Bryant Courthouse Annex. (8591)
3. Final site and building plans for the Pentagon Center Courtyard Stage and Stairs Modifications, 1155 Defense Pentagon, Arlington, Virginia. (8524)
4. Preliminary and final site and building plans for the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center Building 005 Modernization, 10500 Baltimore Avenue, Beltsville, Maryland. (8539)

The National Capital Planning Commission is the federal government's central planning agency in Washington, DC and surrounding counties of Maryland and Virginia. The Commission provides overall guidance for federal land and buildings in the region. It also reviews the design of federal projects and memorials, oversees long-range planning for future development, and monitors capital investment by federal agencies.