



Maryland DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING

December 28, 2020

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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE RECOMMENDATION

State Application Identifier: MD20201120-0988

Applicant: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District

Project Description: Pre-Environmental Assessment Request for Early Input: Proposed Action Includes Design and Construction of Adequate, Safe and Modern Housing on Fort George G. Meade (FMMD) for 1,600-1,800 Active Duty Enlisted Personnel (Ranks E1-E6) Assigned to Units at FMMD and the National Security Agency at FMMD

Project Address: York Avenue, Taylor Avenue, and Dutt Road, Fort Meade, MD 20755

Project Location: Anne Arundel County

Recommendation: Consistent with Qualifying Comments

Dear Ms. Ramsey:

In accordance with Presidential Executive Order 12372 and Code of Maryland Regulation 34.02.02.04-.07, the State Clearinghouse has coordinated the intergovernmental review of the referenced project. This letter constitutes the State process review and recommendation.

Review comments were requested from the Maryland Departments of General Services, Natural Resources, Transportation, and the Environment; the Maryland Military Department; Anne Arundel County; and the Maryland Department of Planning, including the Maryland Historical Trust. The Maryland Military Department did not have comments; and Anne Arundel County did not provide comments.

The Maryland Departments of General Services, Natural Resources, and Transportation; and the Maryland Department of Planning, including the Maryland Historical Trust found this project to be consistent with their plans, programs, and objectives.

The Maryland Historical Trust has determined that the project will have “no effect” on historic properties and that the federal and/or State historic preservation requirements have been met.

The Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) found this project to be generally consistent with their plans, programs, and objectives, but included certain qualifying comments summarized below.

1. “If the applicant suspects that asbestos is present in any portion of the structure that will be renovated/demolished, then the applicant should contact the Community Environmental Services Program at (410) 537-3215 to learn about the State's requirements.
2. Construction, renovation and/or demolition of buildings and roadways must be performed in conformance with State regulations pertaining to ‘Particulate Matter from Materials Handling and Construction’ requiring that during any construction and/or demolition work, reasonable precaution must be taken to prevent particulate matter, such as fugitive dust, from becoming airborne.
3. During the duration of the project, soil excavation/grading/site work will be performed; there is a potential for encountering soil contamination. If soil contamination is present, a permit for soil remediation is required from MDE. Please contact the New Source Permits Division at (410) 537-3230 to learn about the State's requirements.
4. Any above ground or underground petroleum storage tanks, which may be utilized, must be installed and maintained in accordance with applicable State and federal laws and regulations. Underground storage tanks must be registered and the installation must be conducted and performed by a contractor certified to install underground storage tanks by the Land Management Administration in accordance with COMAR 26.10. Contact the Oil Control Program at (410) 537-3442 for additional information.
5. If the proposed project involves demolition – Any above ground or underground petroleum storage tanks that may be on site must have contents and tanks along with any contamination removed. Please contact the Oil Control Program at (410) 537-3442 for additional information.
6. Any solid waste including construction, demolition and land clearing debris, generated from the subject project, must be properly disposed of at a permitted solid waste acceptance facility, or recycled if possible. Contact the Solid Waste Program at (410) 537-3315 for additional information regarding solid waste activities and contact the Waste Diversion and Utilization Program at (410) 537-3314 for additional information regarding recycling activities.
7. The Waste Diversion and Utilization Program should be contacted directly at (410) 537-3314 by those facilities which generate or propose to generate or handle hazardous wastes to ensure these activities are being conducted in compliance with applicable State and federal laws and regulations. The Program should also be contacted prior to construction activities to ensure that the treatment, storage or disposal of hazardous wastes and low-level radioactive wastes at the facility will be conducted in compliance with applicable State and federal laws and regulations.
8. Any contract specifying ‘lead paint abatement’ must comply with Code of Maryland Regulations. If a property was built before 1950 and will be used as rental housing, then compliance with COMAR 26.16.02 is required. Additional guidance regarding projects where lead paint may be encountered can be obtained by contacting the Environmental Lead Division at (410) 537-3825.
9. The proposed project may involve rehabilitation, redevelopment, revitalization, or property acquisition of commercial, industrial property. For specific information about these programs and eligibility, please contact the Land Restoration Program at (410) 537-3437.
10. Borrow areas used to provide clean earth back fill material may require a surface mine permit. Disposal of excess cut material at a surface mine may require site approval. Contact the Mining Program at (410) 537-3557 for further details.”

The State Application Identifier Number must be placed on any correspondence pertaining to this project.

Please remember, you must comply with all applicable state and local laws and regulations. If you need assistance or have questions, contact the State Clearinghouse staff person noted above at 410-767-4490 or through e-mail at sylvia.mosser@maryland.gov.

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Thank you for your cooperation with the MIRC process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Dubow', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jason Dubow, Manager
Resource Conservation and Management

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cc:

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