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NCPC Adopts Comp Plan Federal Environment Element Policy Updates *Commission Disapproves Fort Belvoir Commissary Preliminary Site and Building Plans*

Washington, DC – At its monthly meeting today the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) adopted updated policies for the Federal Environment Element of the *Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital*. The policies in this element reflect current federal goals regarding sustainability, environmental issues, and best environmental planning practices. The element has updated existing policies as well as new policies that address light pollution, climate change, and energy conservation.

The policies in the updated element will not take effect until the Commission adopts updates to all seven existing elements and the new Urban Design Element under development. NCPC anticipates completing the update process for all elements by spring 2013.

The Commission disapproved preliminary site and building plans for a new commissary on Fort Belvoir's North Post. The 137,000 sq. ft. facility would be located next to the new PX facility currently under construction, and be part of the base's planned North Post Town Center. It is anticipated that the project will come back for further review before the Commission.

Before adjourning, the Commission heard an information presentation on the National Mall Design Competition winning concepts for Constitution Gardens and the Sylvan Theater, located on the Washington Monument Grounds. No action was taken on this agenda item. Additional information on these winning designs may be found here: <http://www.nationalmall.org/design-competition>.

This month's agenda also included two consent calendar items (no presentations were given):

- Preliminary and final approval of 35% site and building plans for an eleven-story mixed-use building on Parcel N at The Yards development in Southeast, Washington.
- Approval of a transfer of jurisdiction for a triangular portion of land (part of U.S. Reservation 5) bound by Constitution Avenue, Pennsylvania Avenue, NW and the National Gallery of Art's West Building from the National Park Service to the National Gallery of Art.

In addition, the Executive Director approved four items under authorities delegated by the Commission. Staff recommendations for each project are available on [NCPC's website](#).

The National Capital Planning Commission is the federal government's central planning agency in the District of Columbia 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.

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