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Subject: DHR File #2001-007: Route 1 Improvements at Fort Belvoir
Fairfax County, Virginia
Request for Concurrence with Determinations of Eligibility and Effect on
Archaeological Properties

Dear Mr. Holma:

The Eastern Federal Lands Highway Division, of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), acting as the lead federal agency for the purposes of consultation with your agency under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. § 470), in cooperation with the U.S. Army Garrison, Fort Belvoir, the County of Fairfax, Virginia, and the Virginia Department of Transportation, is proposing improvements to Richmond Highway (Route 1) in Fairfax County, Virginia.

On March 6, 2012, the Virginia Department of Historic Resources (VDHR) submitted comments related to the draft report titled *Archaeological Survey of Proposed Area of Potential Effects Route 1 Improvements at Fort Belvoir (Telegraph Road to Mount Vernon Memorial Highway), Fairfax County, Virginia*. The correspondence contained concurrence with the following determinations:

- Sites 44FX0220, 0833, 1680, 1708, 1811, 1904, 1905, 1918, 1937, 2134, 2461, 3256, and 3634 are *not eligible* for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP);
- Sites 44FX1657, 1679, and 1936 are *potentially eligible* for listing in the National Register, but do not retain within the APE significant deposits that would contribute to the overall eligibility of the site; and
- Sites 44FX1146, 1212, and 2330 are *eligible* for listing in the NRHP as contributing resources to listed properties.

On April 23, 2012, FHWA submitted an amended archaeological report containing revised determinations due to the proposed construction of two storm water management ponds. One of the ponds would impact portions of site 44FX1936 that may contain NRHP eligible deposits. Previously it had been determined that the potentially eligible portions of the site would remain completely outside of the Area of Potential Effect (APE). A second storm water management pond would affect site 44FX1810, a site that has been recommended for Phase II evaluation, but

was not included in the original report. Additional surveys will be required to determine the significance and potential impacts to these two sites, as reflected in the draft Programmatic Agreement (PA) for this undertaking.

The proposed construction of sound walls near the intersection of Telegraph Road has the potential to impact an archaeological site, 44FX2135, that was previously considered to be outside of the APE. The site was previously found *not eligible* for listing in the NRHP by VDHR staff.

FHWA has determined that the NRHP *eligible* sites 44FX1212 and 44FX2330, more commonly known as the Woodlawn Baptist Church Cemetery and the Pohick Church Cemetery, will not be adversely affected by this undertaking.

A determination of effect cannot be made at this time for Woodlawn Plantation archaeological deposits (44FX1146). This site will undergo additional archaeological surveys to delineate its boundaries and ensure avoidance, minimization of impacts, or mitigation for impacts that could result from proposed relocation of utilities or other mitigation measures. The PA will also contain provisions for actions to be taken should FHWA determine that there may be unavoidable impacts.

The FHWA respectfully requests your concurrence with the determinations contained in this correspondence within 15 days. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Ryan Kimberley, Environmental Protection Specialist, at Ryan.Kimberley@dot.gov or (703) 404-6211.

Yours sincerely,



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Enclosure:
Concurrence sheet

The Department of Historic Resources concurs with FHWA's determination that:

- Sites 44FX0220, 0833, 1680, 1708, 1811, 1904, 1905, 1918, 1937, 2134, 2135, 2461, 3256 and 3634 are *not eligible* for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Sites 44FX1657 and 1679 are *potentially eligible* for listing in the National Register of Historic Places, but do not retain within the APE significant deposits that would contribute to the overall eligibility of the site.
- Additional survey will be required to determine the significance and potential impacts to archaeological sites 44FX1810 and 44FX1936.
- 44FX1212 and 44FX2330 will not be adversely affected by this undertaking.
- A determination of effect cannot be made at this time for the Woodlawn Plantation archaeological deposits (44FX1146). This site will undergo additional archaeological survey to delineate its boundaries and ensure avoidance, minimization of impacts, or mitigation for impacts that could result from proposed relocation of utilities or other mitigation measures.

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Date