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Subject: Project Route 1 Improvements at Fort Belvoir  
Fairfax County, Virginia  
Request for Concurrence with Determinations of Eligibility of Architectural  
Properties and Areas of Potential Effect

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.

The FHWA, in consultation with interested parties, has been investigating the potential for the proposed undertaking to have adverse impacts on historic properties. Architectural and archaeological surveys have been conducted in the vicinity of the project, and five meetings have been held to discuss the concerns of the consulting parties.

The FHWA respectfully requests your concurrence with the following determinations of eligibility and with the architectural and archaeological Areas of Potential Effect (APE) for the proposed undertaking (See Attachment 1). A request for concurrence with determinations of eligibility for archaeological properties will be sent in a separate correspondence.

**Properties Recommended as Not Eligible**

Based on findings by Coastal Carolina Research (CCR) that have been documented in the architectural survey report, the newly recorded architectural properties listed in Attachment 2 are recommended as not eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP).

Additionally, due to a lack of historical or architectural focus for a district, and the area's lack of integrity, the FHWA recommends that the Village of Accotink be considered not eligible for inclusion in the NRHP as an historic district.

Due to loss of architectural integrity, CCR did not recommend the Accotink Methodist Church and Cemetery (029-5697), or Odd Fellows Hall (029-5691), as eligible for inclusion on the NRHP. Due to concerns expressed by the consulting parties about the methods used to determine the church's eligibility, the FHWA recommends that additional studies be done before a determination of eligibility is made for the property. However, the FHWA does not propose to conduct further studies at this time, as the architectural APE for the project does not include either property. (Please see the attached APE description and map.)

#### Recommendations for Properties Contributing to the Woodlawn National Register Eligible Historic District

According to Virginia Department of Historic Resources Data Sharing System (DSS) records, current contributing resources to the Woodlawn National Register Eligible Historic District (Woodlawn Historic District; 029-5181) include (see Attachment 3):

- a. Woodlawn Plantation (029-0056).
- b. Grand View (029-0062).
- c. Woodlawn Baptist Church and Cemetery (029-0070). The modern church building is not eligible for listing on the NRHP, and the FHWA does not recommend it for inclusion as a contributing resource to Woodlawn Historic District. Please see below for the FHWA's recommendation for the cemetery (44FX1212).
- d. George Washington's Distillery and Gristmill (029-0330).
- e. Woodlawn Quaker Meeting House (029-0172).
- f. Community of Gum Springs.

The FHWA recommends the following additions and modifications to the list of architectural properties contributing to the Woodlawn Historic District:

1. Otis Tufton Mason House (029-5181-0006). While the house represents a common design for the period of construction and place, and is not recommended as individually eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP), the exterior of the house retains a high level of integrity.
2. Pope-Leighey House (029-0058). The house is currently listed as individually eligible for inclusion in the NRHP. Woodlawn Historic District's period of significance currently extends to include the Antebellum Period (1830 – 1860), while Pope-Leighey House was constructed in 1939, and moved to its current location in 1965. However, the FHWA and consulting parties feel that the house has significance to the nation's historic preservation movement, and thus should be considered a contributing element of Woodlawn Historic District. The National Register nomination package that the FHWA will prepare for Woodlawn Historic District will recommend expansion of the district's period of significance to include this more recent component.

3. Woodlawn Baptist Church Cemetery (44FX1212). While the modern church building on the Woodlawn Baptist Church property is not historic, the cemetery should be considered a contributing resource to the historic district.
4. Woodlawn Quaker Meeting House Cemetery (44FX1211). The cemetery is recommended as a contributing element of Woodlawn Historic District.
5. Woodlawn Baptist Church property. While the modern church building is not historic and is not recommended as a contributing resource to the historic district, the FHWA recommends that the limits of the Woodlawn Baptist Church property be included within the boundaries of Woodlawn Historic District.
6. Sharpe Stable Complex Dairy, Corncrib, Stable and Bank Barn (029-5181-0005). The dairy building has been extensively altered, but still retains most of its overall exterior appearance. The corncrib retains a higher level of integrity, but has also been slightly altered. Neither the dairy building, nor the corncrib, are recommended as individually eligible for inclusion on the NRHP. The bank barn is recommended as a contributing element of Woodlawn Historic District and also as individually eligible (see below).

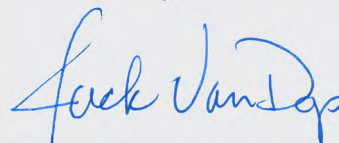
While the Community of Gum Springs has historic ties to the Woodlawn Quaker Meeting House, and may be eligible for inclusion on the NRHP as its own historic district or property, the two properties are physically separated by a considerable distance. Therefore, the FHWA recommends that it not be considered a contributing resource to the Woodlawn Historic District.

#### Properties Recommended as Individually Eligible

The Sharpe Stable Complex Bank Barn (029-5181-0005) is a rare example of a bank barn in Fairfax County, and retains a high level of architectural integrity. Therefore, the FHWA recommends that it be considered eligible for individual listing in the NRHP, as well as being a contributing resource to the Woodlawn Historic District.

Enclosed you will find descriptions and maps of the architectural APE and proposed boundaries of Woodlawn Historic District to facilitate your review. A copy of the final architectural and archaeological survey reports will be forwarded to you as soon as they are available. The FHWA respectfully requests the favor of your response within 15 days of receiving the survey report. If you have any questions, please contact either Mr. Ryan Kimberley, Environmental Protection Specialist, at [Ryan.Kimberley@dot.gov](mailto:Ryan.Kimberley@dot.gov) or (703) 404-6211, or Ms. Lana Lau, Environmental Protection Specialist, at [Lana.Lau@dot.gov](mailto:Lana.Lau@dot.gov) or (703) 404-6314.

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