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November 1, 2017

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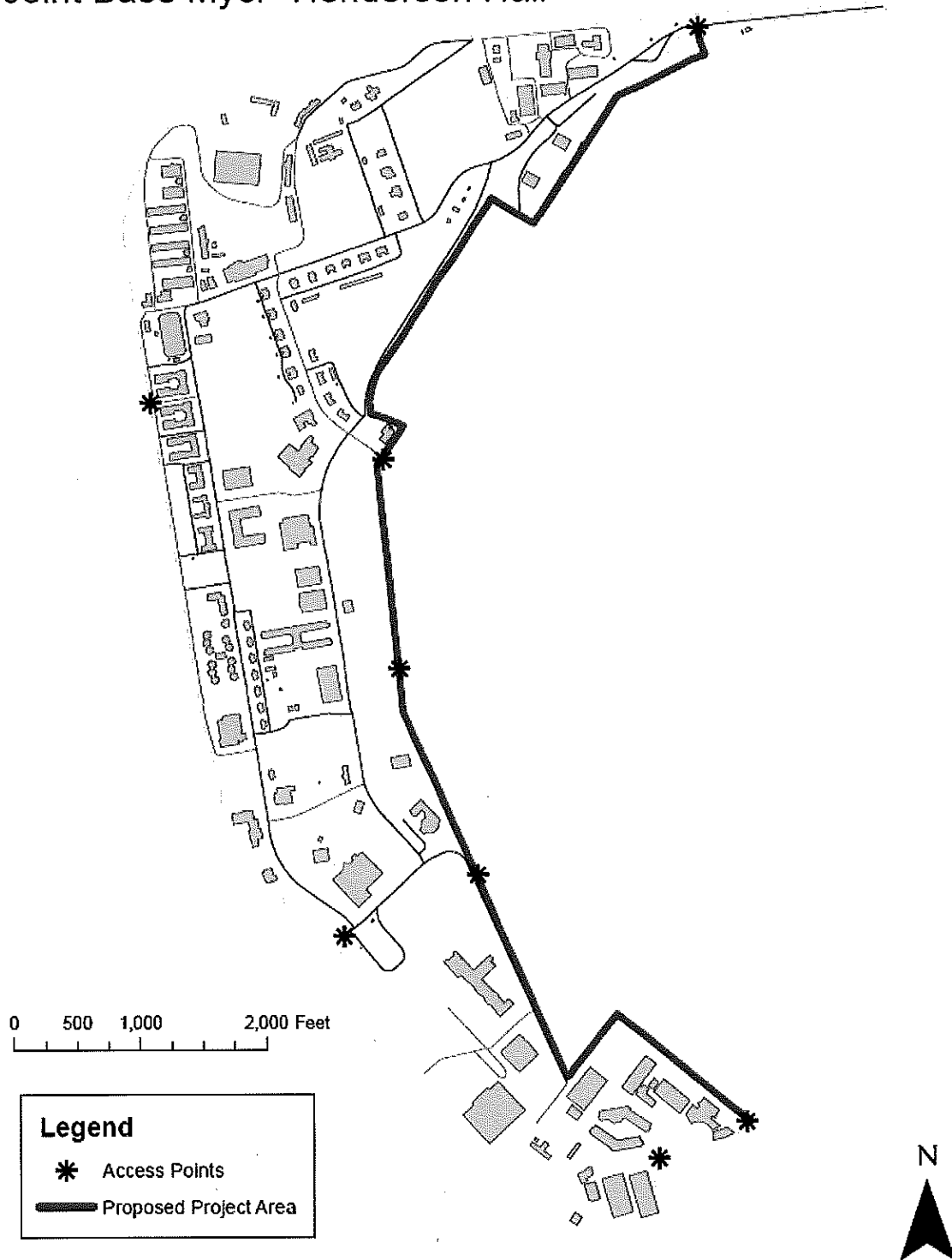


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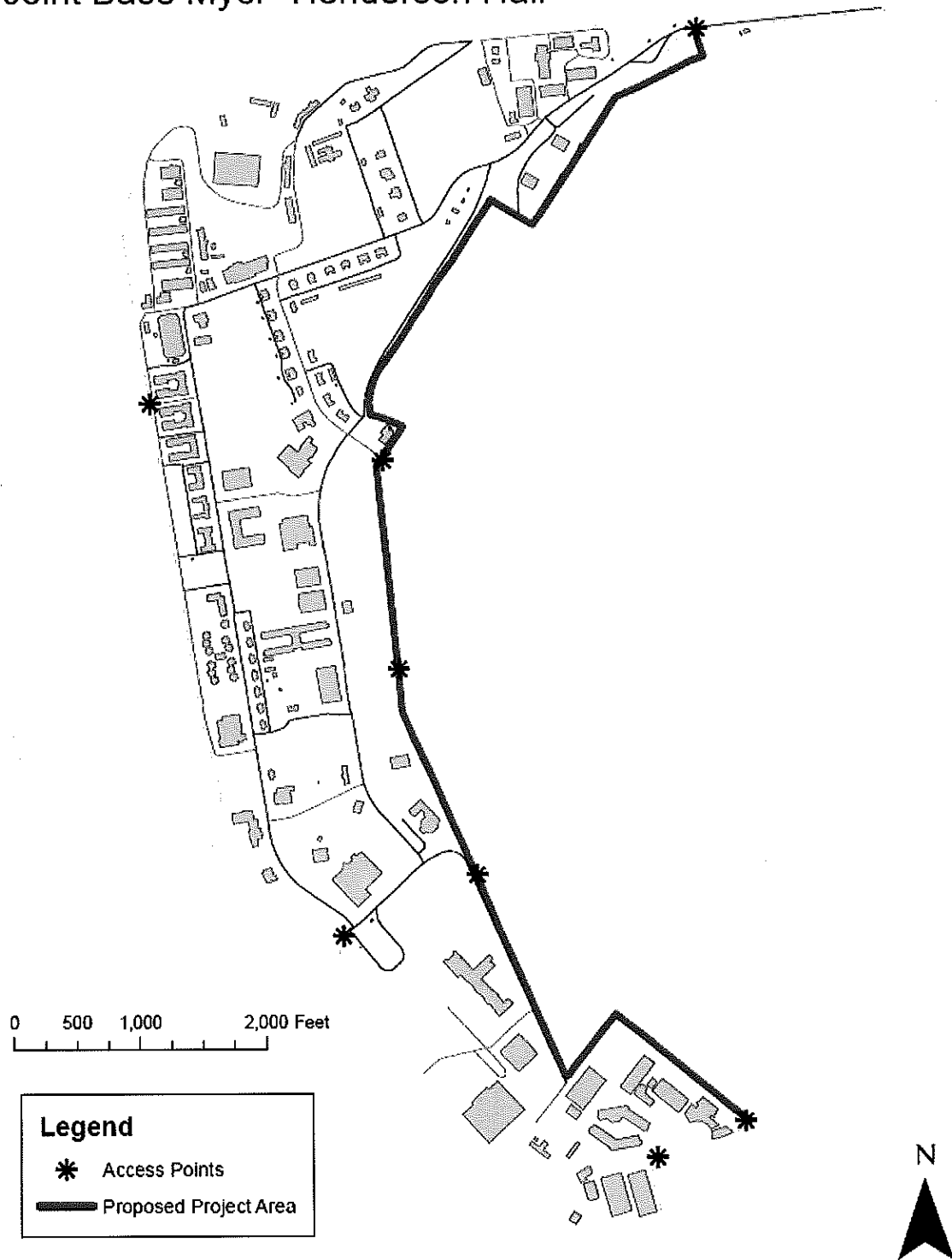
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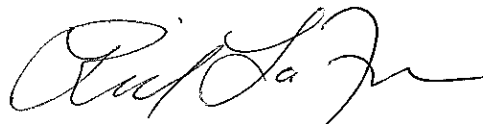


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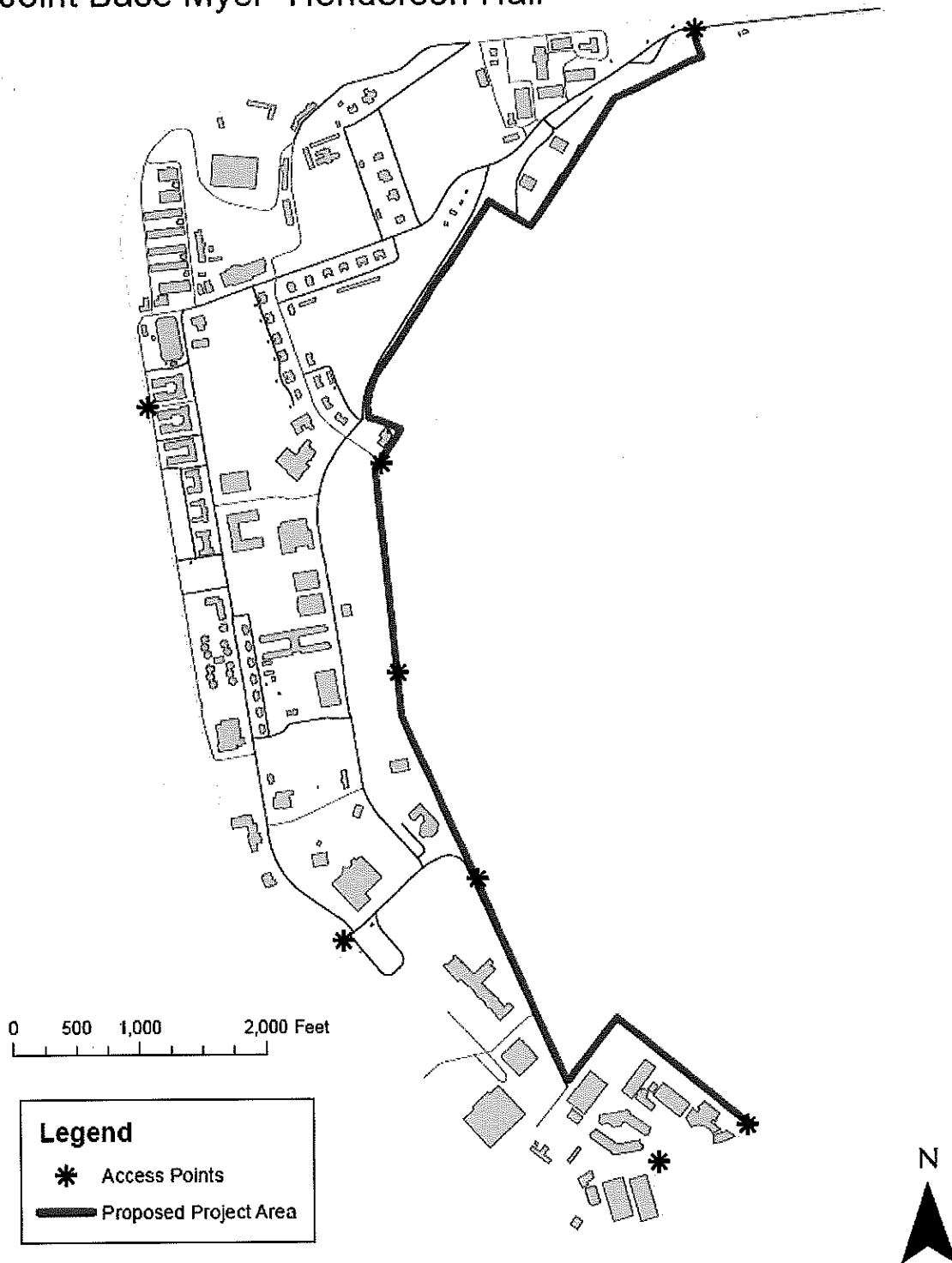
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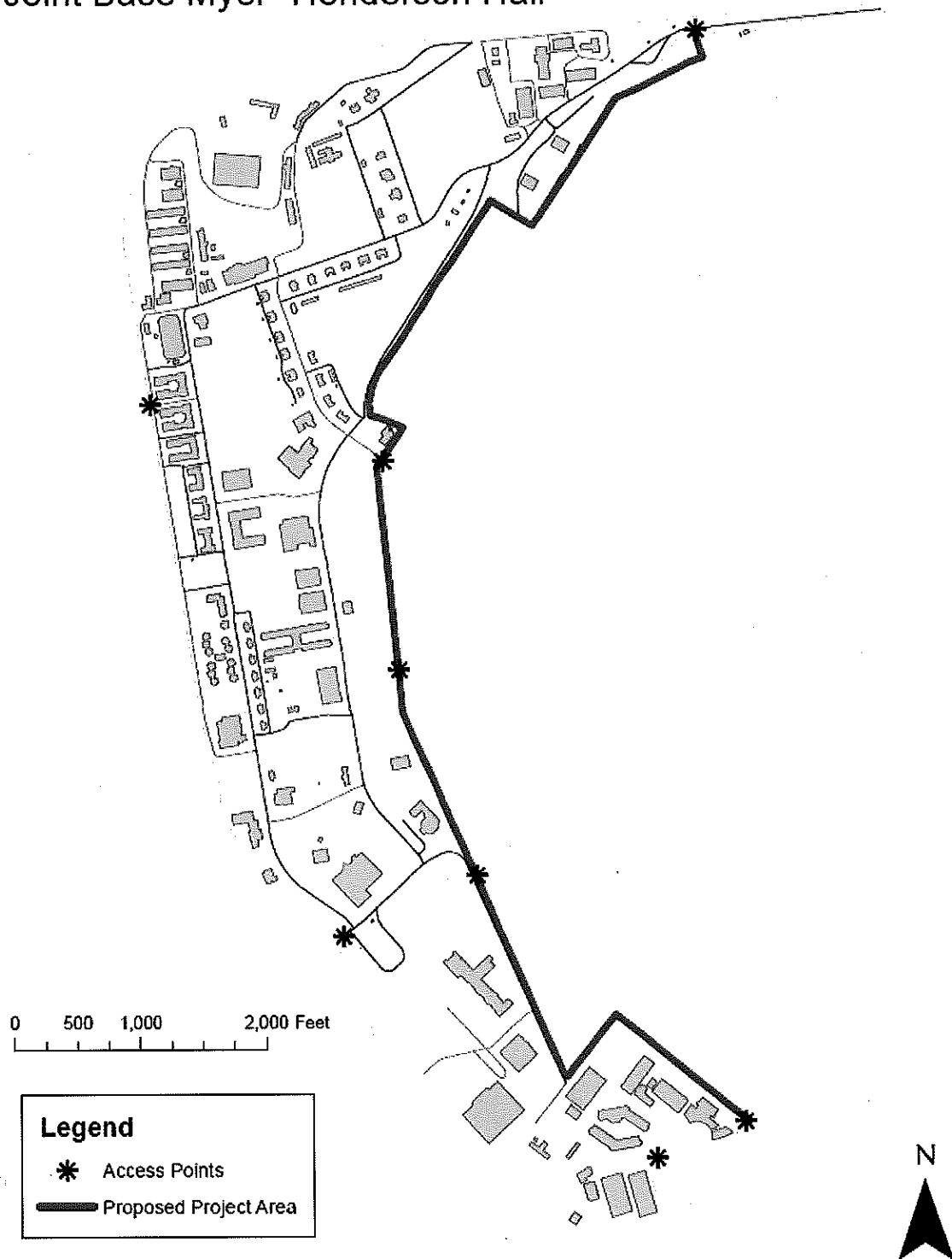
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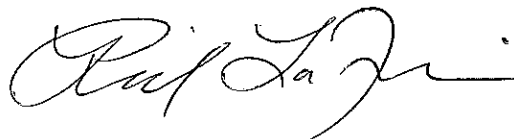


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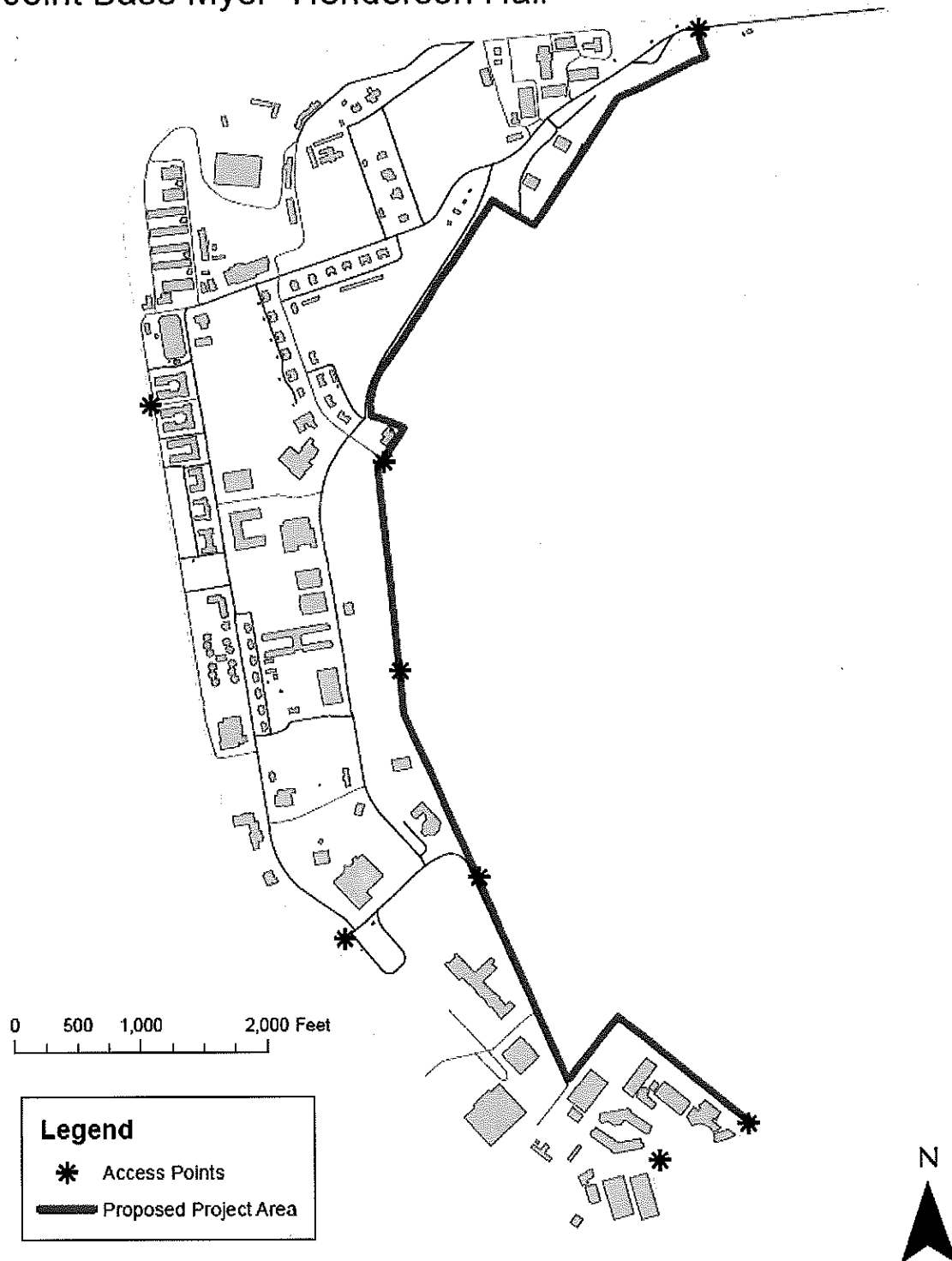
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Dear Mr. Holma:

The purpose of this letter is to continue consultation with your office in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and to request concurrence with JBM-HH's finding of effect regarding the proposed construction of a security fence along Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall (JBM-HH)'s eastern border. The border is shared with Arlington National Cemetery (ANC) in Arlington County, Virginia and is currently marked by a historic sandstone and bluestone wall (Enclosure 1). The purpose of this undertaking is to improve security in vulnerable areas along the JBM-HH and ANC boundary. Historic properties eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) have been identified by JBM-HH in the area of potential effect (APE) for this undertaking. JMB-HH has considered alternatives and modifications to the design of the security fence project that may avoid, minimize, or mitigate adverse effects to these historic properties, as required by Section 106 of the NHPA.

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### **Description of Undertaking**

The primary objective of the undertaking is the installation of a perimeter security fence along the boundary between Fort Myer, Henderson Hall and ANC. The fence, as detailed in the March 2018 design package, will form a continuous security barrier along the boundary and will be located entirely on the JBM-HH side of the existing boundary wall. No ground-penetrating activities will be performed on ANC property. The fence design includes a gate at the Old Post Chapel, which will be coordinated with the existing historic gate location. JBM-HH will retain and continue ceremonial use of the original Old Post Chapel gate. All other coordinated gate





locations will receive simplified, K-rated crash gates with little ornamentation that will be unobtrusive yet compatible with the new fence.

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### **Area of Potential Effect**

The APE for the security fence project is defined as the geographic areas within which this undertaking may cause changes in the character or use of historic properties. The APE includes all areas of ground disturbance, including the location of the proposed security fence, the construction of a new parking lot at Henderson Hall, the footprint of a new jogging path and retaining wall along the west side of McNair Road, and the locations of tree removal and planting. Direct, ground-disturbing effects are entirely limited to Fort Myer and Henderson Hall.

The APE also includes the locations from which elements of the project may be visible. In order to determine the APE for visual effects, JBM-HH conducted an examination of the entirety of the properties surrounding the security fence project area, including Fort Myer, Henderson Hall, ANC, and Arlington House. Using visual inspection and computer-generated topographic mapping, areas from which the undertaking will be visible were defined. This analysis determined the fence will be visible from the JBM-HH and ANC properties; it will not be visible from Arlington House. No other properties are reflected within the APE. Enclosure 2 shows the results of that survey and defines the APE for this undertaking. Enclosure 3 demonstrates the buildings at Fort Myer that are within the viewshed of the security fence.

### **Identification of Historic Properties**

Implementation of the security fence undertaking has the potential to create direct and indirect effects to historic properties, including archaeological sites, buildings, historic districts, and associated historic landscapes. JBM-HH has conducted efforts to identify historic properties in the project's APE, including archaeological and architectural resources. This research includes the Phase I Archaeological Resource Investigation, report dated February 2017 (DHR File No. 2016-0264).

No prehistoric archaeological sites have been identified on Ft. Myer to date, but they have been found on adjacent properties, so prehistoric use of the land is likely. A number of prehistoric lithic scatters have been identified in the area adjacent to the proposed action on ANC's property, although they were determined to be ineligible for listing in the NRHP. Regarding historic period archaeological sites, the Virginia Department of Historic Resources (VDHR; the State Historic Preservation Office) lists one archeological site, 44AR0045 within Fort Myer. This historic period site, a cobble-lined drain likely from nineteenth century, was identified during an archaeological investigation in 2011.

On October 4-6, 2016, USACE Baltimore District's cultural resource personnel, on behalf of JBM-HH, conducted a Phase I-level cultural resource investigation in accordance with Federal Regulation 36 CFR 800.4(a)(i) to identify historic archaeological properties within the

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An archaeological field investigation of the security fence area, including the excavation of shovel test pits, was also completed. No significant archaeological resources were identified in the investigation of the security fence area of potential effect. No prehistoric period artifacts were recovered, and the historic period artifacts that were found are either modern debris or non-diagnostic. The investigation concluded that implementation of the proposed project will have no effect on historic archeological properties, and no further investigations are recommended. VDHR concurred with this recommendation by letter dated March 14<sup>th</sup> 2017 (DHR File No. 2016-0264).

JBM-HH Fort Myer traces its historic period land ownership to George Washington Park Custis, the grandson of Martha Custis Washington, and its origins as a military installation to the Civil War. It became a post for the U.S. Cavalry in 1887, and most of the buildings at the north end of the installation were built during the ensuing twenty-two years. In 1972 the northern portion of JBM-HH Fort Myer was designated a National Historic Landmark (NHL) district, the National Park Service's highest recognition, primarily based on the exceptional significance of the facility's association with Orville Wright's flight demonstrations. These demonstrations led to the Army's first contract for airplanes and arguably the birth of the Army Air Corps. JBM-HH Fort Myer is also significant as the home of the Army and Deputy Army Chief of Staff, and for its association with the U.S. Army Signal Corps, Fort Whipple and the Civil War, and the Buffalo Soldiers of the 10<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Regiment.

JBM-HH Fort Myer's NHL district is a contiguous district of housing and administrative buildings and contains some of the first permanent construction at JBM-HH Fort Myer, dating from the 1890s. The boundaries of the NHL District remain the same as the original boundaries established in 1972. Enclosures 3 and 4 demonstrate the boundaries for an expanded NRHP district, which was first recommended in the 2000 edition of JBM-HH's Integrated Cultural Resource Management Plan (ICRMP). JBM-HH is not seeking concurrence at this time for the expanded district boundary. Twenty-one buildings, one site, and two objects were identified as part of the proposed expanded JBM-HH Fort Myer Historic District in 2014. A total of eighty-four buildings, two sites, and three objects have been identified as significant cultural resources at Fort Myer. All of these resources are either contributing resources to the NHL district or are contributing elements to the proposed NRHP district expansion. There are no identified architectural resources at Henderson Hall.

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within the current and historic functions of the installation due to its regular use for funeral and ceremonial purposes. In addition to the Old Post Chapel, areas of historic sensitivity include buildings in the Lower Post Area/300 Area and the Non-Commissioned Officers (NCO) Quarters along Sheridan Avenue, which were identified as containing a sufficient collection of resources that would merit inclusion in the proposed NRHP expansion district.

ANC is located directly adjacent to the east side of the project area, including the cemetery's stone boundary wall that separates ANC from Fort Myer and Henderson Hall. Formerly part of the estate of Mary Lee Custis, ANC was converted into a military cemetery in 1864 for casualties of the Civil War. It has since served as the country's most revered resting place for those who have served in the U.S. military. ANC was listed in the NRHP in 2014, as the preeminent cemetery for commemoration of the nation's war dead, and the burial place of people who made outstanding contributions to the nation's history. ANC is also significant as a Designed Historic Landscape. The late nineteenth century stone boundary wall between Fort Myer and ANC is a contributing resource to ANC's historic district.

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### **Assessment of Effects**

Components of the security fence undertaking have the potential to effect historic properties. The proposed relocation of the existing jogging path from the east side of McNair Road, adjacent to ANC's Millennium Project and north of the Old Post Chapel, to the west side of the road. This relocation will put the path within the Fort Myer NHL district boundary, resulting in a direct alteration to this historic property. However, the limited nature and intrusiveness of the jogging path relocation suggests the alteration will be minor alteration and will not diminish the property's integrity of location, setting, feeling, or association, so the effect will not be adverse. An additional direct alteration of the NHL district will be slope stabilization efforts along the western edge of the relocated jogging path. These efforts include the replacement of existing gabion baskets with a low-profile retaining wall. This wall has not yet been designed. Similar to the new jogging path, installation of the retaining wall will be a minor alteration that will not alter or diminish the property's integrity of location, setting, feeling, or association, therefore the effect will not be adverse.

Construction of the security fence in the area around the Old Post Chapel and gate will result in a direct impact to this proposed contributing resource to Fort Myer's NHL district and its surroundings. Installation of the fence and associated gate will occur between the Chapel and the existing boundary wall. This activity will alter the setting and feeling of the Old Post Chapel and its association with the Chapel Gate. No other aspect of the security fence project, including construction of a new parking lot at Henderson Hall, tree removal and planting, and the construction of the garden and pavilion outside Fort Myer's Memorial Chapel, will result in the physical alteration of historic properties, as these locations are all outside the existing and expanded historic districts.

Three historic properties are located within the viewshed of the proposed project, including the existing Fort Myer NHL district, the proposed Fort Myer NRHP historic district, and the ANC NRHP historic district. The new parking lot at Henderson Hall is screened by existing



buildings from any nearby historic districts. However, the new security fence will be within the viewshed of portions of all three historic districts. The viewshed analysis conducted in April 2018 determined that the security fence will be visible from the northern, eastern, and southern portions of Fort Myer, and the northern, western, and southern portions of ANC (Enclosure 2). The security fence will not be visible from any portion of Arlington House or its outbuildings, primarily due to the vegetative screening afforded by the heavily forested areas between Arlington House and the proposed security fence location.

The security fence undertaking will have an effect on historic properties through the removal of elements (trees) that contribute to the feeling and setting of these properties, and through the introduction of physical and visual elements (the security fence) that are out of character with the properties and will alter their design, feeling, and setting. ANC is eligible for the NRHP in part for the nineteenth century Rural/Picturesque design of the cemetery. ANC functions as a designed historic landscape, including mature trees arranged in a naturalistic way. Trees with a heavy canopy support the serene pastoral, ceremonial, and sacred nature of the cemetery. Although not on ANC property, mature trees on Fort Myer also contribute to the cemetery's setting. In addition, the introduction of a visual element such as the security fence is at odds with the bucolic setting and vistas looking from within and out of the cemetery. The security fence is expected to impact the park-like panoramic views and vistas in portions of the cemetery.

Regarding effects to Fort Myer, it should be noted that, although security fences are ubiquitous at military installations, there is a special and unique association between Fort Myer and ANC, including a shared history and overlapping mission that makes their interface and common border unique. The border between Fort Myer and ANC contributes to the historic significance of both properties. Although the majority of Fort Myer is already surrounded by a security fence, the boundary between Fort Myer and ANC has always been delineated by the historic stone boundary wall. The introduction of a physical and visual element such as the security fence is out of character with the existing setting and feeling at the boundary between the two properties. Locating the fence on the Fort Myer property will lessen the potential impacts to the setting, feeling, association, and design of the ANC.

Some of the actions associated with the security fence undertaking will be beneficial to historic properties. Parking spaces along U.S. Military Road at Henderson Hall directly abut ANC's historic boundary wall. Removal of these spaces will lessen the chance of the wall from being hit by vehicles, and will provide a more visually-appealing grass median between the road and the existing ANC wall. Removal of invasive species along ANC's boundary wall, including porcelain vine, tree of heaven, and Japanese honeysuckle near the Wright Gate will improve the aesthetics of the wall and open up vistas now obscured by this vegetation. Removal of the vegetation will increase the long-term condition and maintenance potential of the wall. Similarly, removal of the unsightly chain link fence near the JBM-HH motor pool will enhance the appearance of this area.

As part of this undertaking, some utility lines and exterior lighting will be added or relocated. Current designs have utility lines running along the new fence alignment or in previously disturbed areas. LED pole-mounted light fixtures will be installed by Virginia Power. Three new lights will be installed along McNair Road; eight existing lights will be relocated to other side of Carpenter Road; two new lights will be installed along Hobson Drive; and six new lights will be installed at the new Henderson Hall parking lot. Cameras will be placed periodically along the fence line to supplement border security. The cameras will be mounted on nineteen 16-foot galvanized, black steel round poles with concrete bases.

## Alternatives Analysis

JBM-HH has taken measures during the design process to proactively minimize or lessen potential adverse effects to historic properties resulting from the security fence undertaking.

At the request of the VDHR during a consultation telephone call on March 13, 2018, JBM-HH revisited the need for a security fence in the vicinity of ANC's Millennium Project along the east side of McNair Road. The VDHR suggested the possibility of installing some other type of physical barrier in that area that would be less visibly intrusive than a fence, such as dense vegetative plantings. This possibility was discussed with JBM-HH Directorate of Emergency Services' Physical Security Division. Enclosure 5 is a memorandum prepared by the Physical Security Division in response to those discussions, reiterating the need for a contiguous fence to meet the physical security requirements. Although a vegetative barrier cannot be used in lieu of a fence along McNair Road adjacent to ANC's Millennium Site, relocating the jogging path to west side of McNair Road will allow the new fence to be offset four feet east of curb. Trees will be planted between fence and wall at Millennium Site, minimizing the view of the security fence from the Millennium Site.

One proposed design of the security fence placed it on the west side of the Old Post Chapel, which would locate the Chapel on the ANC side of the security fence. This alternative would create a physical, operational, and cultural separation between the Old Post Chapel and JBM-HH, cutting the Old Post Chapel off from the rest of the NHL district, of which it is a proposed contributing resource. JBM-HH has rejected this alternative, largely due to the operational disruption it would cause to the use of the Chapel for funerals and ceremonial purposes. By locating the fence between the Chapel building and the existing boundary wall, an additional long-term adverse effect to historic properties may be avoided.

The new fence is designed to be separate from the existing wall and will require installation of new gates to correspond with existing gate locations. JBM-HH will retain and use the original Old Post Chapel gate. During visiting hours and during funerals, the new gate will be kept in the open position where it is less visible. The new gate will only be used (i.e., put in the closed position) after the close of visiting hours and funerals at ANC. All of the other new gates will be simplified, K-rated crash gates with little ornamentation that will be unobtrusive yet compatible with the new fence.

JBM-HH has limited the height of the fence to the minimum requirement of eight feet. The fence will be constructed using an unobtrusive, ornamental design with a simple, black, picket and post construction similar to other fences at ANC. This fence type is unlike all other fencing surrounding Fort Myer, which is chain-link fence topped with four strands of barbed wire. The security fence alignment will be physically angled to avoid as many mature canopy trees as possible. The angled alignment will also soften the visibility and apparent length of the fence.

JBM-HH has made an effort to minimize disturbance to as few mature canopy trees as possible. Sacrifice of some of the already limited parking spaces at the tri-service area at Old Post Chapel area will allow preservation of as many trees as possible and will provide more landscaping opportunities. Tree removal will be limited to approximately nineteen trees total, including two in the New Henderson Hall parking lot; three south of the Wright Gate and north of the Millennium Site; two on the northern end of the Millennium Site; eleven in the parking lot by the Old Post Chapel; one south of Old Post Chapel on the edge of parking lot, and one along Carpenter Road. Trees to be removed include five cedar, five locust, four maple, two oak and



three "deciduous" trees. The new jogging path on west side of McNair Road will be curved to avoid tree removal.

To mitigate the loss of these trees, new trees and shrubs will be planted along the fence alignment and in the vicinity of the tri-service parking area. New planting will include approximately 132 canopy trees, 104 ornamental trees, and 414 shrubs. In addition, approximately twenty-two canopy trees, fifteen ornamental trees, and twenty shrubs will be planted around the new Henderson Hall parking lot.

JBM-HH has conducted efforts to notify and involve the public in the undertaking. JBM-HH conducted an Open House Public Meeting to present the undertaking to the general public and federal stakeholders on April 18<sup>th</sup> 2018 at the Sheraton, Pentagon City from 6:00 to 8:00PM. The meeting included information on potential adverse effects to historic properties. The Public Meeting was advertised in The Washington Post and The Pentagongram on April 4<sup>th</sup> 2018, including references to potential adverse effects. No one from the public or invited consulting parties attended the Public Meeting. Prior to initiation of the undertaking, information on adverse effects will also be made available to the public through a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) under the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. The EA will include information on adverse effects and request comments from the general public and Federal, state and local agencies. The Draft EA will be made available to the public electronically and at local public libraries for 30 days.

In accordance with Section 106 of the NHPA and its implementing regulations found at 36 CFR 800, JMB-HH has determined that implementation of the security fence undertaking will constitute an adverse effect to historic properties, and requests your concurrence on this finding of effect. JBM-HH has determined that adverse effects will occur to the Fort Myer NHL District and proposed NRHP district, and the ANC NRHP historic district. The adverse effects result from the introduction of an intrusive physical and visual element (the security fence) and the removal of elements (trees) that contribute to the properties' historic significance.

JBM-HH continues to consult with the VDHR, the National Capitol Planning Commission, the National Park Service, the U.S. Commission on Fine Arts, and the public, under Section 106 to develop measures to lessen or mitigate adverse effects. We anticipate that such measures will be incorporated into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), including appropriate methods to inform the public and notify the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. We look forward to working with your office and the other consulting parties in developing the MOA.

Questions regarding this matter should be directed me at (703) 696-8055 or richard.p.lafreniere2.civ@mail.mil, or Mr. Scott C. Watson, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District at (410) 962-9500. Mr. Watson's mailing address is U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District, ATTN: CENAB-PL-I, 2 Hopkins Plaza, Baltimore, Maryland 21201. Thank you for your continued assistance with the security fence undertaking.

Sincerely,



Richard P. LaFreniere  
Chief, Environmental Management Division  
Directorate of Public Works  
Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall

Enclosures (to be provided)

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Dr. Dean Herrin, National Park Service

Ms. Cynthia Liccese-Torres, Arlington County, Virginia

Mr. Karl Van Newkirk, Arlington Historical Society

Mr. Robert Nieweg, National Trust for Historic Preservation

Ms. Katharine Kerr, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation

Mr. Frederick Lindstrom, U.S. Commission of Fine Arts

Mr. Carlton Hart, National Capitol Planning Commission

Ms. Rebecca Stevens, Arlington National Cemetery

w/o Enclosures

Mr. Scott C. Watson, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District

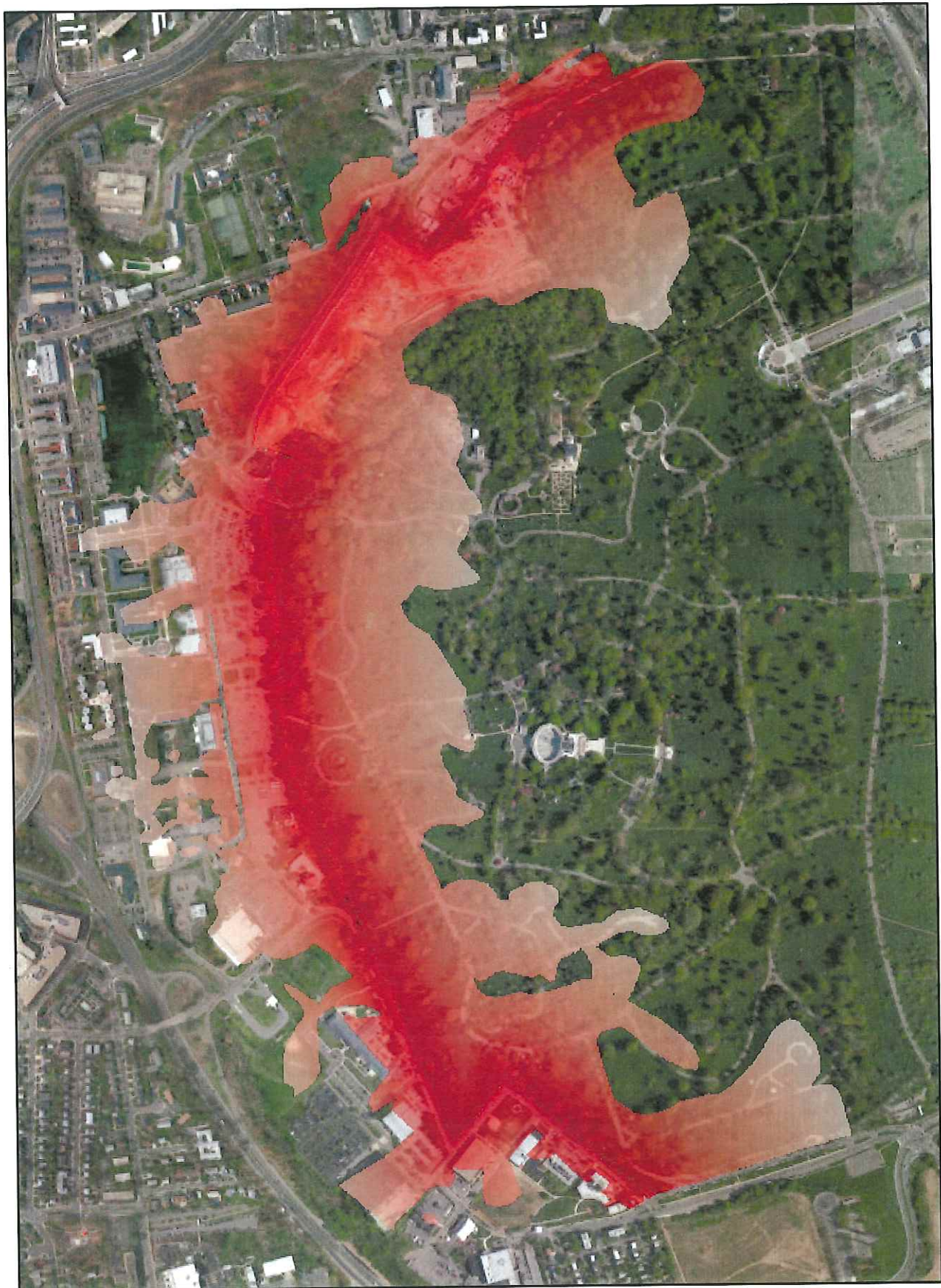


## Joint Base Myer- Henderson Hall



# Fort Myer Fenceline Area of Potential Effect

Enclosure 2



Viewshed (Meters from Boundary Wall)



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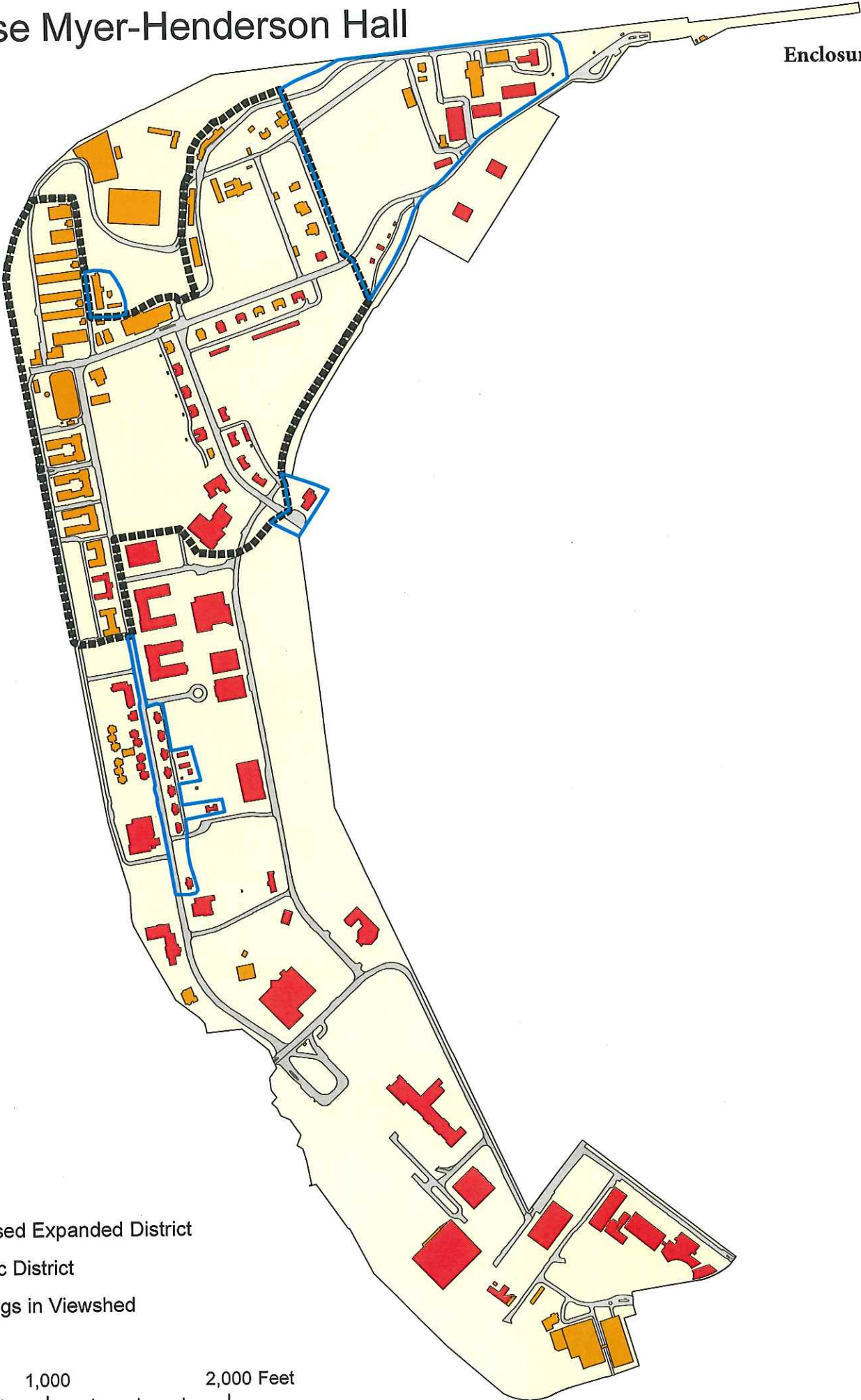
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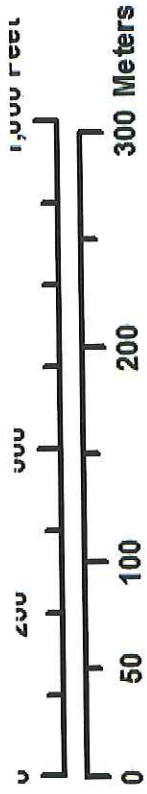
Enclosure 3

## Legend

-  Proposed Expanded District
-  Historic District
-  Buildings in Viewshed

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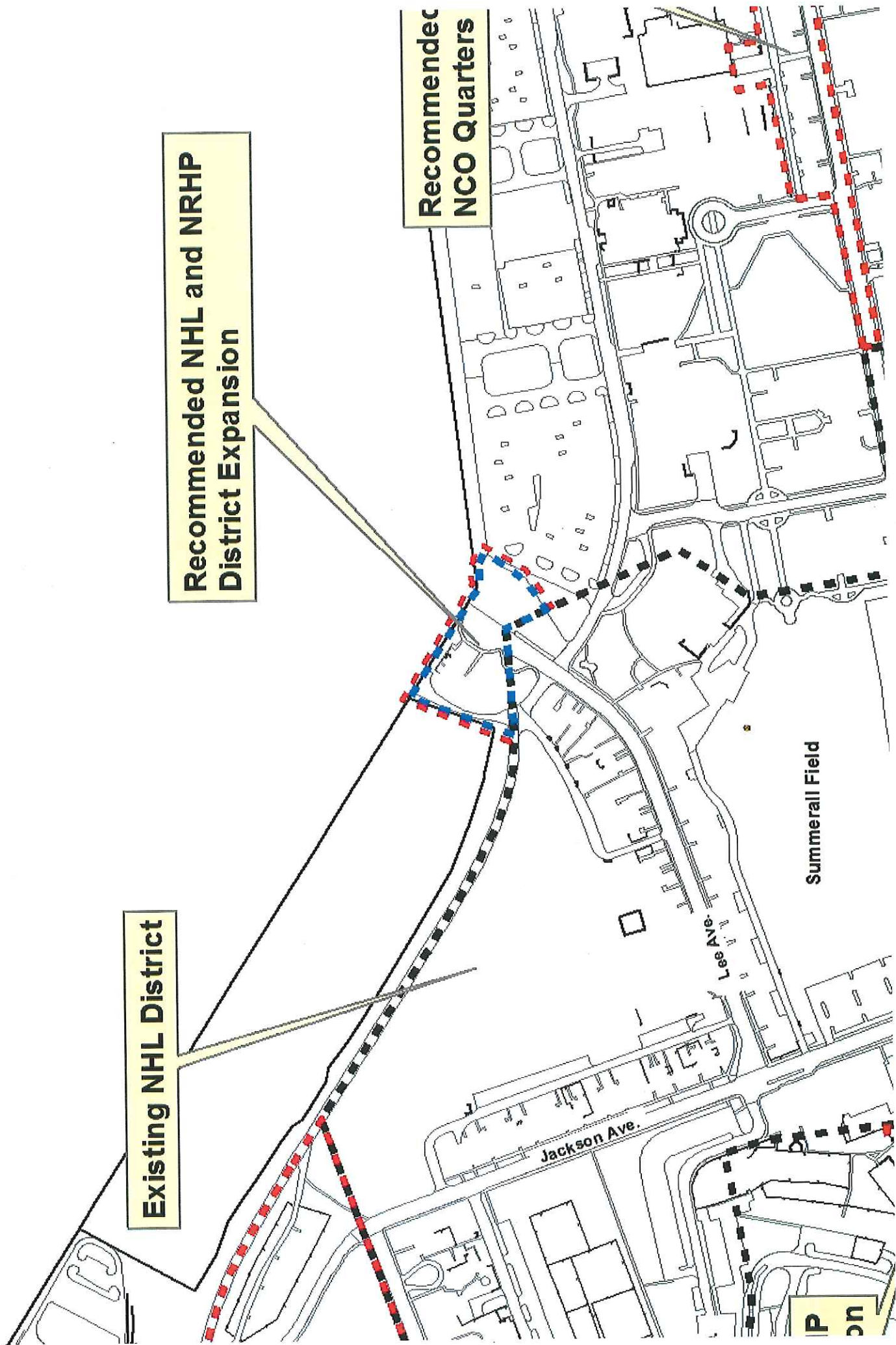




**Existing NHL District**

**Recommended NHL and NRHP District Expansion**

**Recommended NCO Quarters**







REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
JOINT BASE MYER-HENDERSON HALL  
204 LEE AVENUE  
FORT MYER, VIRGINIA 22211-1192

Enclosure 5

6 April 2018

IMHH-ES

MEMORANDUM FOR THE VIRGINIA STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER

SUBJECT: Security Fence between Fort Myer and Arlington National Cemetery

1. REFERENCES.

- a. AR 190-51, Security of Unclassified Army Property, 30 September 1993.
- b. AR 190-13, The Army Physical Security Program, 25 February 2011.
- c. AR 525 -13, Antiterrorism, 11 September 2008.
- d. DoD Manual 5200.01, Volume 3. DoD Information Security Program: Protection Of Classified Information
- e. DoDI O-2000.22, Designation and Physical Protection of DoD High Risk Personnel (HRP), change 1, 22 July 08.

2. The current physical security perimeter between Joint Base Myer – Henderson Hall (JBM -HH) and Arlington National Cemetery (ANC) does not meet the physical security requirements IAW AR 190-51 and AR 190-13 to protect U.S. Army property, personnel, high risk/mission critical personnel and national security. Current physical security posture does not meet the Army's Anti-Terrorism/Force Protection standards. A fence is required to separate the JBM-HH and ANC installations to meet this requirement.

3. The concern without a fence or a constructed barrier system between JBM-HH and ANC this will provide unauthorized personnel easy access to JBM-HH and to all MEVAS (Mission Essential Vulnerable Areas), personnel, high risk/mission critical personnel and critical infrastructure. Easy access for a criminal or terrorist attack to include sabotage or espionage to Army assets.

4. JBM-HH currently has Sensitive Compartmented Information Facilities (SCIF's) at the National Security Command Authority. The SCIF's are accredited by Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) and Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). JBM-HH is required to maintain security in depth IAW DoD Manual 5200.01, Volume 3 and to meet the Intelligence Community Standard Number ICS 705-1, Technical Specifications for Construction and Management of Sensitive Compartmented Information Facilities.

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5. JBM-HH General Officer and Senior Staff has the capabilities to process and store classified material in their residence to include the Sergeant Major of the Army and Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Chairman, a total of 57 Quarters are each equipped with SIPRNET and some with DRSN (Defense Red Switch Network).
6. Deputy Secretary of Defense designates General Officers that are a HRP (High Risk Personnel) or Mission – Critical and they reside on JBM-HH. Must therefore, be afforded every possible safety and security measure available. The most likely threat is the possibility of a robbery or home invasion resulting in theft of classified equipment and death or serious bodily harm to the military member, family or staff. Possibilities of a hostage or kidnapping scenarios.
7. Department of Defense Directive DoDI O-2000.22 governs High Risk Personnel (HRP). UFC 4-010-03 Unified Facilities Criteria. Security Engineering: Physical Security Measures for High – Risk Personnel and AR 190-51, CH 3-19. All provide physical security requirements to protect HRP's. They mention the housing to be as far away from the perimeter and a physical perimeter barrier should be established, Fundamental to criminal prosecution of trespass or more significant crimes is proof of unlawful entry. Crossing a physical barrier is helpful in establishing intent by the intruder to be in the area without authorization. Where there is no security fence is in a very close proximity to HRP residence.
8. Point of Contact for the memorandum is David Herriott, Chief, Physical Security Division at (703) 696-8876 or email david.c.herriott.civ@mail.mil.

*David C. Herriott*

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REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

June 12, 2018

Directorate of Public Works

Ms. Katharine Kerr  
Advisory Council on Historic Preservation  
401 F Street NW, Suite 308  
Washington, D.C. 20001-2637

Dear Ms. Kerr:

We are writing to you pursuant to 36 CFR 800.6(a)(1) regarding adverse effects to a National Historic Landmark (NHL) resulting from the proposed construction of a security fence along Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall (JBM-HH)'s eastern border shared with Arlington National Cemetery (ANC) in Arlington County, Virginia. Enclosure 1 to this letter is the preliminary security fence and landscape design for the project. The purpose of this undertaking is to improve security in vulnerable areas along the JBM-HH and ANC boundary. Historic properties eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) have been identified by JBM-HH in the area of potential effect for this undertaking. Such historic properties include the northern portion of Fort Myer, which was designated a NHL district based primarily on the exceptional significance of the facility's association with Orville Wright's flight demonstrations. An additional NRHP district associated with the historical development of Fort Myer has been proposed and will also be adversely affected by the security fence undertaking. The ANC NRHP Historic District will also be adversely affected by the proposed undertaking.

JMB-HH has considered alternatives and modifications to the design of the security fence project that may avoid, minimize, or mitigate adverse effects to these historic properties, as required by Section 106 of the NHPA. JBM-HH is consulting with the Virginia State Historic Preservation Office; the National Capitol Planning Commission; the National Park Service; the U.S. Commission on Fine Arts; Arlington County, Virginia; and the public on the project. We anticipate that this consultation will produce a Memorandum of Agreement outlining measures to mitigate the project's adverse effects on historic properties.

We are providing you documentation (Enclosure 2) regarding the adverse effects to historic properties, as provided for at 36 CFR 800.11(e), which contains the following information for your review: a description of the undertaking, a description of the steps taken to identify historic properties, a description of the undertaking's effects on historic properties, an explanation of why the criteria of adverse effect was found applicable, and information regarding views provided by consulting parties and the public.



We request that you notify us within 15 days of your receipt of this letter if you desire to participate in the Section 106 consultation on this proposed undertaking. Questions regarding this matter should be directed to Mr. Richard LaFreniere, JMB-HH Environmental Management Division, at 703-696-8055.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rich LaF", with a stylized flourish at the end.

RICHARD P. LAFRENIERE  
Chief,  
DPW Environmental Management Division

Enclosures

CF:

Mr. Marc Holma, Virginia Department of Historic Resources

Mr. Scott C. Watson, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District



Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment

Proposed Construction of a Perimeter Security Fence  
Environmental Assessment  
Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, Virginia

Interested parties are hereby notified that Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall (JBM-HH) has prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, and regulations implementing the procedural provisions of the NEPA, 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 1500-1508, and Environmental Analysis of Army Actions, 32 CFR 651. The EA evaluates potential environmental, cultural, and socioeconomic effects associated with the construction of a perimeter security fence including five entry points, an intrusion detection system along the JBM-HH and Arlington National Cemetery perimeter, walkways, additional security cameras, motion sensors, and lighting, an increase of patrols by the military police, a new parking lot and pavilion area.

Based on the analysis contained in EA, no significant adverse direct, indirect or cumulative effects on the quality of the human or natural environment are expected. Therefore, at the conclusion of the public comment period, it is anticipated that a Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI) would be appropriate and would be signed for the JBM-HH Perimeter Security Fence project. An Environmental Impact Statement therefore, would not be necessary to implement the Proposed Action.

The Draft EA and FNSI are available for review and comment for 30 days from publication of this notice. Copies may be found online at <https://www.army.mil/jbmhh>. The documents can also be found at the following locations: Arlington County Public Library, Columbia Pike Branch, 816 South Walter Reed Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22201, Southwest Neighborhood Library, 900 Wesley Place SW, Washington, D.C. 20024, Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Library, 901 G Street, Washington, D.C. 20001 and Arlington County Public Library, 1015 North Quincy Street, Arlington, Virginia 22201. Additionally, copies can be obtained by contacting Mr. Richard LaFreniere, 111 Stewart Road, Building 321, Fort Myer, Virginia 22211-1199, or by email at [richard.p.lafreniere2.civ@mail.mil](mailto:richard.p.lafreniere2.civ@mail.mil). Comments on the Draft EA and FNSI may be submitted to Mr. Richard LaFreniere at the mailing address or email address listed above no later than 30 days from the publication of this notice.