

F AGENCY SCOPING LETTERS

DDOT provided project introduction/scoping letters to the following twelve federal and local agencies on February 8, 2011 in advance of the first agency scoping meeting held on March 24, 2011:

- U.S. Commission of Fine Arts
- U.S. Department of the Army Corps of Engineers, Maryland Section Southern
- U.S. Department of the Interior - National Park Service
 - National Capital Region
 - Rock Creek Park
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service – Chesapeake Bay Field Office
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency – Region III Office of Environmental Programs
- Federal Highway Administration – District of Columbia Division
- Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments
 - Transportation Planning
 - Environmental Programs
- National Capital Planning Commission
 - Executive Director
 - Urban Design and Plan Review
- District Department of the Environment
 - Water Quality Division
 - Stormwater Management Division
 - Parks and Recreation
 - Fisheries and Wildlife
 - Watershed Management
- District of Columbia Office of Planning
- Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
- DC Water

A response to the initial scoping letter was sent February 15, 2011, by the District Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR), providing information on three parks in or near the project area.

On March 15, 2011, FHWA invited both the National Park Service (NPS) and National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) to become Cooperating Agencies, working in conjunction with DDOT and FHWA, in the development of the Environmental Assessment. On April 8, 2011, NCPC declined to become a Cooperating Agency; NPS accepted the invitation on May 3, 2013.

An additional letter to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) – Chesapeake Bay Field Office was sent on April 18, 2013 requesting information, in accordance with Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA), on the presence of species federally listed or proposed for listing as threatened or endangered in the project area. USFWS responded in a letter dated May 28, 2013 indicating that no such species are present and no further consultation under Section 7 of the ESA is required for this project.

Letters to and from all agencies as part of early coordination are provided in the following appendix.

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**



Planning, Policy & Sustainability Administration

February 8, 2011

Ms. Sarah Batcheler
Architect, Shipstead-Luce Act
U.S. Commission of Fine Arts - National Building Museum
401 F Street, NW, Suite 312
Washington, DC 20001-2728

RE: Environmental Assessment & Section 106 Evaluation
Broad Branch Road Rehabilitation, between Linnean Avenue and Beach Drive, NW
Washington, D.C.

Dear Ms. Batcheler:

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February 8, 2011

Mr. Thomas Luebeke
Secretary
U.S. Commission of Fine Arts - National Building Museum
401 F Street, NW, Suite 312
Washington, DC 20001-2728

RE: Environmental Assessment & Section 106 Evaluation
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Ms. Maria Teresi
Regulatory Project Manager, District of Columbia
U.S. Department of the Army
Corps of Engineers, Maryland Section Southern
CENAB-OP-RMS - Regulatory Branch
P.O. Box 1715
Baltimore, MD 21203-1715

RE: Environmental Assessment & Section 106 Evaluation
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Washington, D.C.

Dear Ms. Teresi:

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February 8, 2011

Mr. David Hayes
Regional Planner and Transportation Liaison
U.S. Department of the Interior - National Park Service
National Capital Region (NCR)
1100 Ohio Drive, SW
Washington, DC 20242

RE: Environmental Assessment & Section 106 Evaluation
Broad Branch Road Rehabilitation, between Linnean Avenue and Beach Drive, NW
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hayes:

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February 8, 2011

Mr. Joel Gorder
Regional Planning and Environmental Coordinator
U.S. Department of the Interior - National Park Service
National Capital Region (NCR)
1101 Ohio Drive, SW
Washington, DC 20243

RE: Environmental Assessment & Section 106 Evaluation
Broad Branch Road Rehabilitation, between Linnean Avenue and Beach Drive, NW
Washington, D.C.

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February 8, 2011

Mr. Peter May
Associate Regional Director, Lands, Resources, and Planning
U.S. Department of the Interior - National Park Service
National Capital Region (NCR)
1101 Ohio Drive, SW
Washington, DC 20243

RE: Environmental Assessment & Section 106 Evaluation
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February 8, 2011

Ms. Cynthia Cox
Acting Superintendent
U.S. Department of the Interior - National Park Service
Rock Creek Parkway (ROCR)
3545 Williamsburg Lane, NW
Washington, DC 20008

RE: Environmental Assessment & Section 106 Evaluation
Broad Branch Road Rehabilitation, between Linnean Avenue and Beach Drive, NW
Washington, D.C.

Dear Ms. Cox:

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February 8, 2011

Mr. Leopold Miranda
Field Supervisor
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service - Chesapeake Bay Field Office
177 Admiral Cochrane Drive
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: Environmental Assessment & Section 106 Evaluation
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Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Miranda:

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February 8, 2011

Ms. Barbara Rudnick
Region 3 NEPA Coordinator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region III - Office of Environmental Programs
1650 Arch Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029

RE: Environmental Assessment & Section 106 Evaluation
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Washington, D.C.

Dear Ms. Rudnick:

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Mr. Joseph Lawson
Division Administrator
Federal Highway Administration - District of Columbia Division
1990 K St. NW, Suite 510
Washington, DC 20006

RE: Environmental Assessment & Section 106 Evaluation
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Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Lawson:

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February 8, 2011

Mr. Ronald Kirby
Director
Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments - Transportation Planning
777 N. Capitol Street, NE, Suite 300
Washington, DC 20002

RE: Environmental Assessment & Section 106 Evaluation
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Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Kirby:

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February 8, 2011

Mr. Stuart Freudburg
Director
Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments - Environmental Programs
778 N. Capitol Street, NE, Suite 301
Washington, DC 20003

RE: Environmental Assessment & Section 106 Evaluation
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Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Freudburg:

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February 8, 2011

Mr. Marcel C. Acosta
Executive Director
National Capital Planning Commission
401 9th Street, NW, Suite 500
Washington, DC 20004

RE: Environmental Assessment & Section 106 Evaluation
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Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Acosta:

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Mr. David W. Levy
Director
National Capital Planning Commission - Urban Design and Plan Review
401 9th Street, NW, Suite 500
Washington, DC 20004

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Mr. Tim Karikari
District Department of the Environment - Water Quality Division
1200 First Street, NE, 5th Floor
Washington, DC 20002

RE: Environmental Assessment & Section 106 Evaluation
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1200 First Street, NE, 5th Floor
Washington, DC 20002

RE: Environmental Assessment & Section 106 Evaluation
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51 N Street, NE, 5th Floor
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Washington, D.C.

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Project Development, Environment & Sustainability Division

cc: Wayne Wilson (DDOT)
Mike Hicks (FHWA)

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**



Planning, Policy & Sustainability Administration

February 8, 2011

Mr. Jesus Aguirre
Director
District Department of the Environment - Parks and Recreation
3149 16th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20010

RE: Environmental Assessment & Section 106 Evaluation
Broad Branch Road Rehabilitation, between Linnean Avenue and Beach Drive, NW
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Aguirre:

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Planning, Policy & Sustainability Administration

February 8, 2011

Mr. Bryan King
District Department of the Environment - Fisheries and Wildlife
51 N Street, NE, 5th Floor
Washington, DC 20002

RE: Environmental Assessment & Section 106 Evaluation
Broad Branch Road Rehabilitation, between Linnean Avenue and Beach Drive, NW
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. King:

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Planning, Policy & Sustainability Administration

February 8, 2011

Mr. Steve Saari
Watershed Protection Specialist
District Department of the Environment
1200 First Street, NE, 6th Floor
Washington, DC 20002

RE: Environmental Assessment & Section 106 Evaluation
Broad Branch Road Rehabilitation, between Linnean Avenue and Beach Drive, NW
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Saari:

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DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**



Planning, Policy & Sustainability Administration

February 8, 2011

Ms. Harriet Tregoning
Director
District of Columbia Office of Planning
1100 4th Street, SW, Suite E650
Washington, DC 20024

RE: Environmental Assessment & Section 106 Evaluation
Broad Branch Road Rehabilitation, between Linnean Avenue and Beach Drive, NW
Washington, D.C.

Dear Ms. Tregoning:

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Planning, Policy & Sustainability Administration

February 8, 2011

Mr. Gerald Francis
Deputy General Manager
Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
600 5th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20001

RE: Environmental Assessment & Section 106 Evaluation
Broad Branch Road Rehabilitation, between Linnean Avenue and Beach Drive, NW
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Francis:

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Planning, Policy & Sustainability Administration

February 8, 2011

Mr. George Hawkins
General Manager
DC Water
5000 Overlook Drive
Washington, DC 20032

RE: Environmental Assessment & Section 106 Evaluation
Broad Branch Road Rehabilitation, between Linnean Avenue and Beach Drive, NW
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hawkins:

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Planning, Policy & Sustainability Administration

February 8, 2011

Ms. Jessica DeMoise
DC Water
5000 Overlook Drive
Washington, DC 20032

RE: Environmental Assessment & Section 106 Evaluation
Broad Branch Road Rehabilitation, between Linnean Avenue and Beach Drive, NW
Washington, D.C.

Dear Ms. DeMoise:

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Planning, Policy & Sustainability Administration

February 8, 2011

Mr. Asi Jacob Bah
DC Water
5000 Overlook Drive
Washington, DC 20032

RE: Environmental Assessment & Section 106 Evaluation
Broad Branch Road Rehabilitation, between Linnean Avenue and Beach Drive, NW
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Bah:

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GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Department of Parks and Recreation



Ella Faulkner
Community Planner

February 15, 2011

Mr. Stephen Walter
Project Manager
c/o Parsons, 100 M Street, SE
Washington DC 20003

**Re: Environmental Assessment and section 106 Evaluation
Broad Branch Road Rehabilitation, between Linnean Avenue and Beach Drive, NW
Washington, D.C.**

Dear Mr. Walter:

The Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) is pleased that the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration are preparing an Environmental Assessment for the rehabilitation of Broad Branch Road, between Linnean Avenue and Beach Drive. This proposed rehabilitation will significantly improve the aging infrastructure as well as address the current stormwater management issues.

DPR has within the vicinity of this rehabilitation corridor three (3) properties; Linnean Park, located at Linnean Avenue and Broad Branch Terrace N.W., and two triangle parks, respectively located at Nevada and Broad Branch Road. N.W. and Brandywine and Broad Branch Road N.W. It has been determined that the rehabilitation improvements along Broad Branch Road will have no effect on any of these DPR properties, therefore DPR has no issues with the scope of this Environmental Assessment.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me for clarification.

Sincerely,

Ella Faulkner
Community Planner



U.S. Department
of Transportation
Federal Highway
Administration

District of Columbia Division

MAR 15 2011

1990 K Street, NW
Suite 510
Washington, DC 20006
(202) 219-3570

Ms. Cynthia Cox
Acting Superintendant, Rock Creek Park
National Park Service
3545 Williamsburg Lane, NW
Washington, DC 20008

In Reply Refer To: HDA-DC

Dear Ms. Cox:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), in conjunction with the District Department of Transportation (DDOT), is preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Broad Branch Road Project in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act. The project will include an assessment of historic resources in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. The Broad Branch Road Project is located in Washington, DC, along Rock Creek Park, and extends between Linnean Avenue and Beach Drive. The purpose of the project is the reconstruction of Broad Branch Road between Linnean Avenue and Beach Drive due to operational deficiencies, safety, aging infrastructure, storm water management needs.

FHWA would like to invite NPS to become a cooperating agency in the development of the EA for the referenced project. Please respond in writing with an acceptance or denial of the invitation prior to April 15, 2011.

If you have any questions please contact Michael Hicks of my staff at (202) 219-3513 or by email: Michael.Hicks@dot.gov; or Faisal Hameed (DDOT Project Manager) at (202) 671-2326 or by email: Faisal.Hameed@dc.gov. Thank you for your cooperation and interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Joseph C. Lawson
Division Administrator

cc: Joel Gorder, Regional Transportation Liaison, NPS
Faisal Hameed, Chief, Project Development and Sustainability Division, DDOT





1111 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 500, Washington, DC 20004-2801, Tel: 202-496-1100, Fax: 202-496-1102, www.ncpc.gov

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IN REPLY REFER TO
NCPC File No. 7243

April 8, 2011

Mr. Joseph C. Lawson
Division Administrator
District of Columbia Division
Federal Highway Administration
1990 K Street, NW, Suite 510
Washington, DC 20006-1103

Re: Broad Branch Road Rehabilitation Environmental Assessment

Dear Mr. Lawson:

Thank you for extending the opportunity for the National Capital Planning Commission to be a Cooperating Agency for the Broad Branch Road, NW Rehabilitation Environmental Assessment (EA). After reviewing the project description and attending the interagency scoping meeting held on March 24, 2011, NCPC staff has determined that the National Capital Planning Commission does not need to be a cooperating agency for the Environmental Assessment for this project.

NCPC will need to formally review this project, and will have an approval role if the project involves the use or disturbance of any federal land.

We look forward to working with the Federal Highway Administration as this project develops. If you have any questions please contact Carlton Hart at 202-482-7252 or carlton.hart@ncpc.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Levy'.

David W. Levy, RA, AICP
Director, Urban Design and Plan Review



United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
National Capital Region
Rock Creek Park
3545 Williamsburg Lane, N.W.
Washington, DC 20008-1207

May 3, 2013

Joseph Lawson, Division Administrator
U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Highway Administration
1990 K Street, NW, Suite 510
Washington, D.C. 20006-1101

RE: Proposed Broad Branch Road Project

Dear Mr. Lawson,

We are writing regarding your 2011 letter about the preparation of an Environmental Assessment for the proposed Broad Branch Road reconstruction project. The National Park Service accepts your offer to participate as a Cooperating Agency, working in conjunction with the Federal Highway Administration and the District Department of Transportation.

Much of Broad Branch Road is immediately adjacent to National Park Service property that is managed by Rock Creek Park. This includes Broad Branch Creek, an important tributary of Rock Creek. Rock Creek Park also maintains and protects cultural resources along the proposed project site, including several historic walls, bridges, and culverts.

We look forward to participating in this important endeavor. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Chief of Resources Management Nick Bartolomeo at 202-895-6010 or by email at nick_bartolomeo@nps.gov.

Sincerely,

Tara Morrison
Superintendent

CC: Cindy Cox, NPS-ROCR
Nick Bartolomeo, NPS-ROCR
Faisal Hameed, DDOT
Wayne Wilson, DDOT

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



Infrastructure Project Management Administration

April 18th, 2013

Mr. Trevor Clark
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service - Chesapeake Bay Field Office
177 Admiral Cochrane Drive
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: Request for species of concern information for the Broad Branch Road Project Environmental Assessment, Washington, DC

Dear Mr. Clark:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and District Department of Transportation (DDOT) are preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for the rehabilitation of Broad Branch Road, between Linnean Avenue and Beach Drive, along the Rock Creek Park (see attached location map). The majority of proposed improvements would occur within the existing right-of-way and would address unsafe conditions due to severe drainage issues, aging infrastructure, poor lighting, lack of pedestrian access, and the tendency for drivers to exceed the posted speed limit. The EA will include: the documentation of the purpose and need for the project, identification of sensitive environmental resources, development of context-sensitive alternatives, evaluation of environmental impacts, evaluation of cultural/historical impacts, proposed minimization/mitigation measures, and stakeholder and agency coordination.

We request any information concerning federally-listed threatened or endangered plant or animal species and/or any unique habitat that may occur in the project area and whether a formal Section 7 consultation will be required.

Any comments or suggestions you may have regarding important factors that should be considered in the assessment of environmental and cultural resources located within the project area will allow us to comprehensively address all potential impacts as the process moves forward.

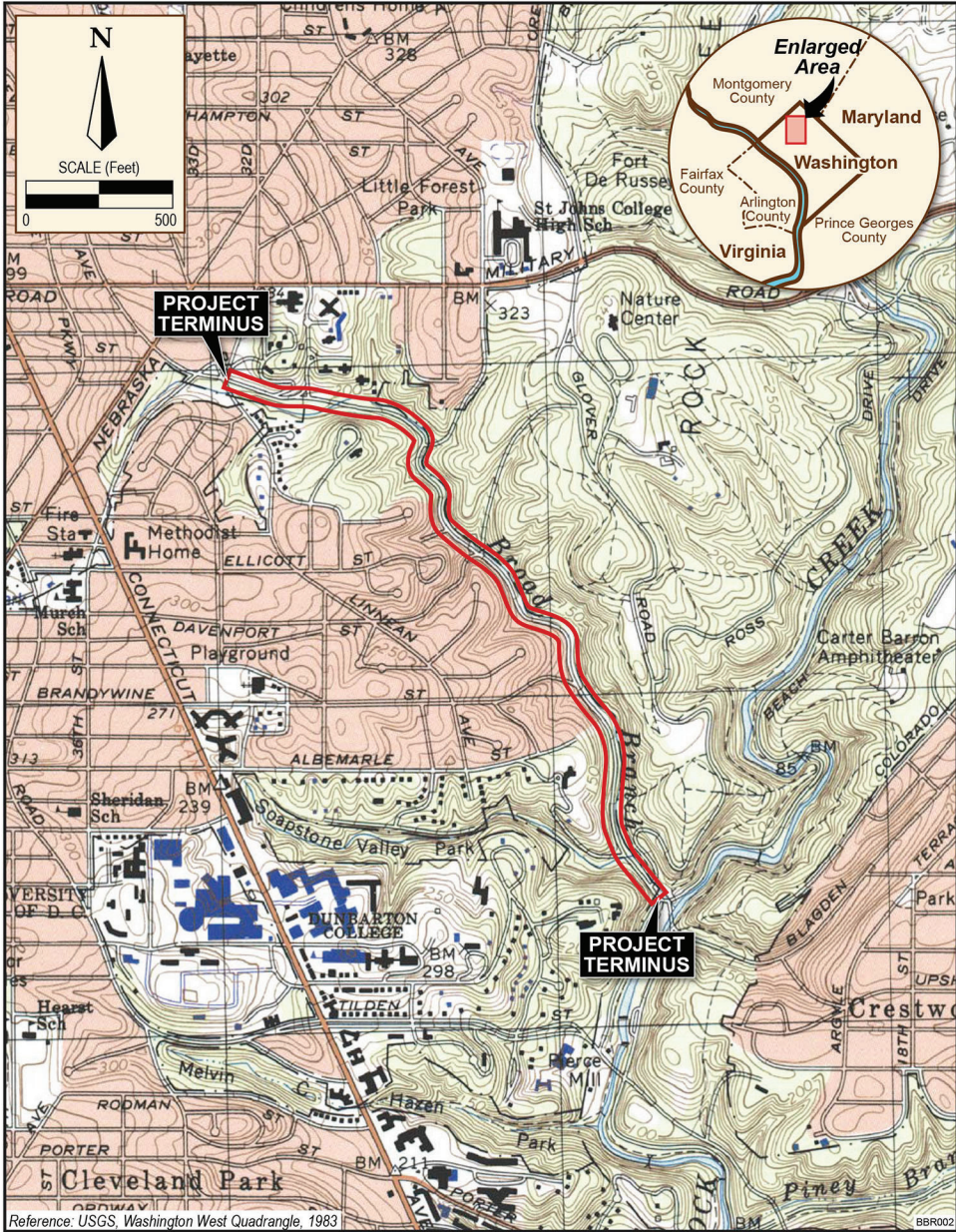
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Sincerely,

Faisal Hameed
Manager
Project Development & Environmental Division
55 M Streets SE, Suite 500
Washington DC 20003

Cc: Wayne Wilson (DDOT), Mike Hicks (FHWA)

55 M Street SE, Suite 500, Washington DC 20003



Project Location
Environmental Assessment of Broad Branch Road
District Department of Transportation



United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Chesapeake Bay Field Office
177 Admiral Cochrane Drive
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
<http://www.fws.gov/chesapeakebay>



May 28, 2013

Government of The District of Columbia
Department of Transportation
55 M Street SE, Suite 500
Washington, DC 20003

RE: Broad Branch Road Project Environmental Assessment, Washington, DC

Dear Faisal Hameed:

This responds to your letter, received April 18, 2013, requesting information on the presence of species which are federally listed or proposed for listing as endangered or threatened in the above referenced project area. We have reviewed the information you enclosed and are providing comments in accordance with section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (87 Stat. 884, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Except for occasional transient individuals, no proposed or federally listed endangered or threatened species are known to exist within the project impact area. Therefore, no Biological Assessment or further section 7 consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is required. Should project plans change, or should additional information on the distribution of listed or proposed species become available, this determination may be reconsidered.

This response relates only to federally protected threatened or endangered species under our jurisdiction. Limited information is currently available regarding the distribution of other rare species in the District of Columbia. However, the Nature Conservancy and National Park Service (NPS) have initiated an inventory of rare species within the District. For further information on such rare species, you should contact Tanya Shenk of the National Park Service at (970) 267-2193.

Effective August 8, 2007, under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) removed (delist) the bald eagle in the lower 48 States of the United States from the Federal List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife. However, the bald eagle will still be protected by the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act, Lacey Act and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. As a result, starting on August 8, 2007, if your project may cause "disturbance" to the bald eagle, please consult the "National



Bald Eagle Management Guidelines” dated May 2007.

If any planned or ongoing activities cannot be conducted in compliance with the National Bald Eagle Management Guidelines (Eagle Management Guidelines), please contact the Chesapeake Bay Ecological Services Field Office at 410-573-4573 for technical assistance. The Eagle Management Guidelines can be found at:

<http://www.fws.gov/northeast/ecologicalservices/pdf/NationalBaldEagleManagementGuidelines.pdf>

In the future, if your project can not avoid disturbance to the bald eagle by complying with the Eagle Management Guidelines, you will be able to apply for a permit that authorizes the take of bald and golden eagles under the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act, generally where the take to be authorized is associated with otherwise lawful activities.

An additional concern of the Service is wetlands protection. Federal and state partners of the Chesapeake Bay Program have adopted an interim goal of no overall net loss of the Basin’s remaining wetlands, and the long term goal of increasing the quality and quantity of the Basin’s wetlands resource base. Because of this policy and the functions and values wetlands perform, the Service recommends avoiding wetland impacts. All wetlands within the project area should be identified, and if alterations of wetlands is proposed, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District, should be contacted for permit requirements. They can be reached at (410) 962-3670.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide information relative to fish and wildlife issues, and thank you for your interests in these resources. If you have any questions or need further assistance, please contact Trevor Clark at (410) 573-4527.

Sincerely,



Genevieve LaRouche
Supervisor