



## United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
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McLean, Virginia 22101

IN REPLY REFER TO:  
I.A.2 (GWMP-ICC-B)

**JAN 26 2018**

Ms. Elizabeth Hughes  
State Historic Preservation Officer  
Maryland Historical Trust  
100 Community Place, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Crownsville, Maryland 21032-2023

Attn: Natalie Loukianoff and Beth Cole

Dear Ms. Hughes,

The National Park Service (NPS), in collaboration with the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI) is proposing an undertaking for the restoration of park land adjacent to the ODNI Intelligence Community Campus-Bethesda (ICC-B) in Montgomery County, Maryland. The NPS, as the lead federal agency, is formally initiating consultation for this project with the Maryland State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), in accordance with 36 CFR 800.3 of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

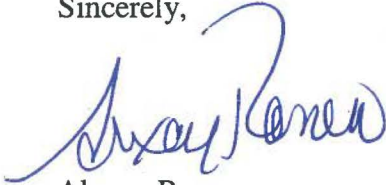
The project area is located on NPS land adjacent to the west of the ICC-B campus, between the ICC-B campus and the Potomac River. Two NPS units, the George Washington Memorial Parkway and the Chesapeake & Ohio (C&O) Canal National Historical Park administer the affected land in Bethesda, MD. The project involves restoring two eroded natural stream channels and one erosion channel that are downstream of the ICC-B and resolving sedimentation load issues at the C&O Canal. Both the George Washington Memorial Parkway and the C&O Canal National Historical Park Historic District are listed in the National Register of Historic Places and the Maryland Inventory of Historic Places.

The NPS is developing an Environmental Assessment (EA) in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The NPS will also develop a Section 106 Assessment of Effect (AOE) for this project as a separate, but parallel, process to the EA. The proposed Area of Potential Effect is the project site and surrounding park land, as shown in the attached map. We are planning to consult with the public per 36 CFR 800.3(e) in public meetings and through our Planning, Environment, and Public Comment website ([www.parkplanning.nps.gov](http://www.parkplanning.nps.gov)). We anticipate these outreach efforts will accommodate the requirements of both NEPA and the Section 106 processes.

A copy of the EA and the AOE will be provided to your office for review when it becomes available, and we anticipate further consultation with your office as mandated by Section 106.

We look forward to working with you on this project. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Matthew Virta at 703-289-2512 or via email (matthew\_virta@nps.gov).

Sincerely,



Alexcy Romero  
Superintendent, George Washington Memorial Parkway

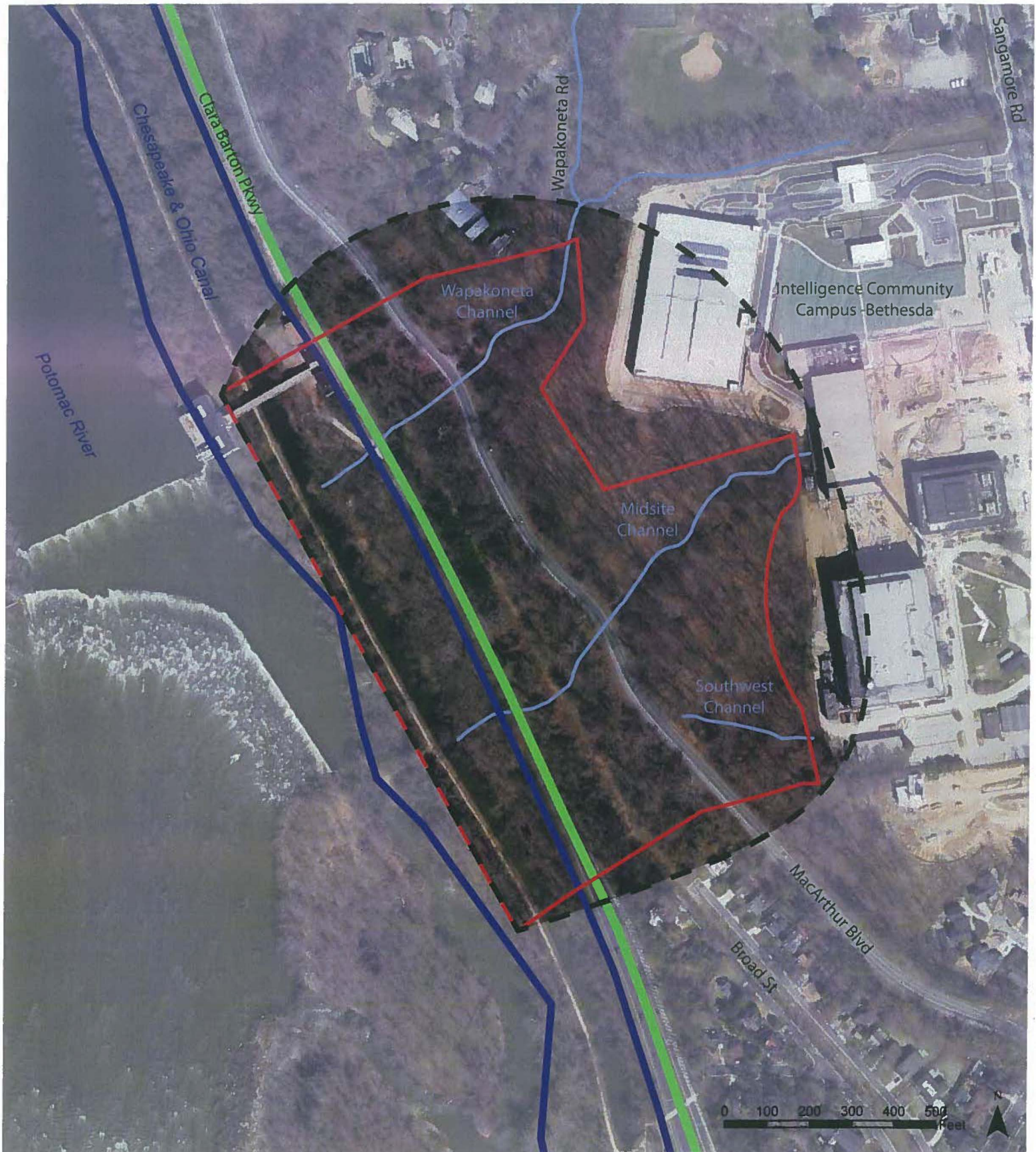
Enclosure: Proposed Area of Potential Effect

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# Area of Potential Effect



## LEGEND

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|  Project Site                         |  Chesapeake & Ohio Canal National Historical Park Historic District |
|  Draft Area of Potential Effect (APE) |  Clara Barton Parkway   |





Larry Hogan, Governor  
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February 26, 2018

Alexcy Romero, Superintendent  
George Washington Memorial Parkway  
National Park Service  
700 George Washington Memorial Parkway  
McLean, Virginia 22101

Re: Restoration of Park Land Adjacent to the ODNI Intelligence Community Campus- Bethesda  
George Washington Memorial Parkway, Montgomery County, Maryland

Dear Superintendent Romero:

Thank you for initiating consultation with the Maryland Historical Trust (Trust) regarding the proposed restoration of park land adjacent to the ODNI Intelligence Community Campus- Bethesda (ICC-B) in Montgomery County. The Trust, Maryland's State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), is reviewing the submitted information to assess the project's effects on historic properties, pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. We offer the following comments and look forward to further consultation to successfully complete the project's historic preservation review.

In addition to the project site being located within National Park Service Land, the project site is immediately adjacent to the Army Map Service Historic District (Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Nos. M: 35-133 and M: 35-134). We look forward to receiving the Environmental Assessment (EA) and Section 106 Assessment of Effect (AOE) for this undertaking.

The Trust looks forward to further consultation to successfully complete the project's historic preservation review. If you have questions or require further assistance, please contact Natalie Loukianoff at [natalie.loukianoff@maryland.gov](mailto:natalie.loukianoff@maryland.gov) or Beth Cole at [beth.cole@maryland.gov](mailto:beth.cole@maryland.gov). Thank you for providing us this opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Natalie Loukianoff  
Preservation Officer, Project Review and Compliance

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CC: Andrew Landsman (NPS-CHOH)  
Kimberly Benson (NPS-NCR)



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<http://www.fws.gov/chesapeakebay/endsppweb/ProjectReview/Index.html>

In Reply Refer To:

May 06, 2019

Consultation Code: 05E2CB00-2018-SLI-0193

Event Code: 05E2CB00-2019-E-03285

Project Name: Restoration of Parkland Adjacent to the ICC-B

Subject: Updated list of threatened and endangered species that may occur in your proposed project location, and/or may be affected by your proposed project

To Whom It May Concern:

The enclosed species list identifies threatened, endangered, proposed and candidate species, as well as proposed and final designated critical habitat, that may occur within the boundary of your proposed project and/or may be affected by your proposed project. This species list fulfills the requirements of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) under section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act (Act) of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

New information based on updated surveys, changes in the abundance and distribution of species, changed habitat conditions, or other factors could change this list. Please feel free to contact us if you need more current information or assistance regarding the potential impacts to federally proposed, listed, and candidate species and federally designated and proposed critical habitat. Please note that under 50 CFR 402.12(e) of the regulations implementing section 7 of the Act, the accuracy of this species list should be verified after 90 days. This verification can be completed formally or informally as desired. The Service recommends that verification be completed by visiting the ECOS-IPaC website at regular intervals during project planning and implementation for updates to species lists and information. An updated list may be requested through the ECOS-IPaC system by completing the same process used to receive the enclosed list.

The purpose of the Act is to provide a means whereby threatened and endangered species and the ecosystems upon which they depend may be conserved. Under sections 7(a)(1) and 7(a)(2) of the Act and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 402 *et seq.*), Federal agencies are required to utilize their authorities to carry out programs for the conservation of threatened and endangered species and to determine whether projects may affect threatened and endangered species and/or designated critical habitat.

A Biological Assessment is required for construction projects (or other undertakings having similar physical impacts) that are major Federal actions significantly affecting the quality of the human environment as defined in the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(c)). For projects other than major construction activities, the Service suggests that a biological evaluation similar to a Biological Assessment be prepared to determine whether the project may affect listed or proposed species and/or designated or proposed critical habitat. Recommended contents of a Biological Assessment are described at 50 CFR 402.12.

If a Federal agency determines, based on the Biological Assessment or biological evaluation, that listed species and/or designated critical habitat may be affected by the proposed project, the agency is required to consult with the Service pursuant to 50 CFR 402. In addition, the Service recommends that candidate species, proposed species and proposed critical habitat be addressed within the consultation. More information on the regulations and procedures for section 7 consultation, including the role of permit or license applicants, can be found in the "Endangered Species Consultation Handbook" at:

<http://www.fws.gov/endangered/esa-library/pdf/TOC-GLOS.PDF>

Please be aware that bald and golden eagles are protected under the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 668 *et seq.*), and projects affecting these species may require development of an eagle conservation plan ([http://www.fws.gov/windenergy/eagle\\_guidance.html](http://www.fws.gov/windenergy/eagle_guidance.html)). Additionally, wind energy projects should follow the wind energy guidelines (<http://www.fws.gov/windenergy/>) for minimizing impacts to migratory birds and bats.

Guidance for minimizing impacts to migratory birds for projects including communications towers (e.g., cellular, digital television, radio, and emergency broadcast) can be found at: <http://www.fws.gov/migratorybirds/CurrentBirdIssues/Hazards/towers/towers.htm>; <http://www.towerkill.com>; and <http://www.fws.gov/migratorybirds/CurrentBirdIssues/Hazards/towers/comtow.html>.

We appreciate your concern for threatened and endangered species. The Service encourages Federal agencies to include conservation of threatened and endangered species into their project planning to further the purposes of the Act. Please include the Consultation Tracking Number in the header of this letter with any request for consultation or correspondence about your project that you submit to our office.

Attachment(s):

- Official Species List
  - USFWS National Wildlife Refuges and Fish Hatcheries
  - Wetlands
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## Official Species List

This list is provided pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, and fulfills the requirement for Federal agencies to "request of the Secretary of the Interior information whether any species which is listed or proposed to be listed may be present in the area of a proposed action".

This species list is provided by:

**Chesapeake Bay Ecological Services Field Office**

177 Admiral Cochrane Drive

Annapolis, MD 21401-7307

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## Project Summary

Consultation Code: 05E2CB00-2018-SLI-0193

Event Code: 05E2CB00-2019-E-03285

Project Name: Restoration of Parkland Adjacent to the ICC-B

Project Type: LAND - RESTORATION / ENHANCEMENT

Project Description: Development of an Environmental Assessment for the restoration of eroded outfall channels, natural streams, and stormwater conveyances on National Park Service land that is downstream of the ICC-B in Bethesda, MD.

Project Location:

Approximate location of the project can be viewed in Google Maps: <https://www.google.com/maps/place/38.94859955057136N77.1245791990307W>



Counties: Montgomery, MD

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## Endangered Species Act Species

There is a total of 1 threatened, endangered, or candidate species on this species list.

Species on this list should be considered in an effects analysis for your project and could include species that exist in another geographic area. For example, certain fish may appear on the species list because a project could affect downstream species. Note that 1 of these species should be considered only under certain conditions.

IPaC does not display listed species or critical habitats under the sole jurisdiction of NOAA Fisheries<sup>1</sup>, as USFWS does not have the authority to speak on behalf of NOAA and the Department of Commerce.

See the "Critical habitats" section below for those critical habitats that lie wholly or partially within your project area under this office's jurisdiction. Please contact the designated FWS office if you have questions.

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1. [NOAA Fisheries](#), also known as the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), is an office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration within the Department of Commerce.

## Mammals

NAME	STATUS
Northern Long-eared Bat <i>Myotis septentrionalis</i>	Threatened
No critical habitat has been designated for this species.	
This species only needs to be considered under the following conditions:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Projects with a federal nexus that have tree clearing = to or &gt; 15 acres: 1. REQUEST A SPECIES LIST 2. NEXT STEP: EVALUATE DETERMINATION KEYS 3. SELECT EVALUATE under the Northern Long-Eared Bat (NLEB) Consultation and 4(d) Rule Consistency key</li> </ul>	
Species profile: <a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9045">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9045</a>	

## Critical habitats

THERE ARE NO CRITICAL HABITATS WITHIN YOUR PROJECT AREA UNDER THIS OFFICE'S JURISDICTION.

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# USFWS National Wildlife Refuge Lands And Fish Hatcheries

Any activity proposed on lands managed by the [National Wildlife Refuge](#) system must undergo a 'Compatibility Determination' conducted by the Refuge. Please contact the individual Refuges to discuss any questions or concerns.

THERE ARE NO REFUGE LANDS OR FISH HATCHERIES WITHIN YOUR PROJECT AREA.

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# Wetlands

Impacts to [NWI wetlands](#) and other aquatic habitats may be subject to regulation under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, or other State/Federal statutes.

For more information please contact the Regulatory Program of the local [U.S. Army Corps of Engineers District](#).

Please note that the NWI data being shown may be out of date. We are currently working to update our NWI data set. We recommend you verify these results with a site visit to determine the actual extent of wetlands on site.

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# Endangered species review

## Step 1: Request an official species list

An official species list is a letter from the local U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service office with information that assists in the evaluation of potential impacts of this project. It includes a list of species that should be considered under [Section 7](#) of the Endangered Species Act, a project tracking number, and other pertinent information from the local office.

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### Species list request complete

This species list was generated about a minute ago (5/6/2019 8:31:08 AM). Species lists are considered valid for 90 days.

An official species list has been generated for the following office.

 [Species List: Chesapeake Bay Ecological Services Field Office](#)

This document is also available on the [Documents](#) page.