



July 9, 2010

Dear Interested Party:

The U.S. General Services Administration (GSA), in cooperation with the National Capital Planning Commission, has finalized the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed exterior site improvements at the Mary E. Switzer Federal Building, located at 330 C Street, SW, Washington, DC. GSA has determined a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) is appropriate for this action, and is pleased to provide a copy of the Final EA and FONSI for your review.

The Final EA and FONSI were prepared in accordance with Section 102 of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). NEPA requires a Federal agency to provide the public with an opportunity to participate in the process of analyzing the impacts of Federal actions on the human environment. Your participation in this process is greatly appreciated. Previous opportunities to comment on the project were provided to the public during a 30-day scoping period that began in March 2010. In addition, a series of meetings were held with stakeholders in Spring 2010. The Final EA responds to comments received during the scoping period and stakeholder meetings.

The purpose and need of the proposed action are to enhance the quality of landscaping at the building site and to provide the required level of security at the perimeter of the site. Four alternatives are considered in the Final EA, three action alternatives and a no action alternative. The action alternatives differ in the amount of surface parking to be converted to a landscaped plaza. All action alternatives include narrowing C Street, SE, between 3rd and 4th Streets, SW, incorporation of low impact development and sustainability measures into the landscape design, and installation of a back-up generator in the below-grade service area shared by the Switzer and Cohen Buildings. The impacts of the four alternatives on the natural and man-made environment are analyzed in the EA.



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GSA welcomes comments on the Final EA and FONSI for 30 days from the date stamped on this letter. Written comments should be submitted to:

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Sincerely,

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Enclosure