

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS Office of Construction & Facilities Management Washington DC 20420

October 18, 2024 (Sent by email)

SUBJECT: Environmental Assessment Scoping Notice for the Proposed Construction and Operation of an Outpatient Clinic in Virginia Beach, Virginia [VA ID# EAXX-029-15-VHA-1728502303]

Dear Valued Stakeholder:

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is proposing a project to construct and operate an outpatient clinic (OPC) in Virginia Beach, Virginia (the Proposed Action). The proposed parcel, where a private entity would construct a facility for VA to lease and operate as an OPC, is located at the intersection of Premium Outlets Boulevard and Northampton Boulevard in Virginia Beach. (*Figures 1 and 2*). The purpose of the Proposed Action is to address overcapacity issues at the five existing outpatient clinics within the VA Hampton Healthcare System.

VA is preparing an environmental assessment (EA) to analyze the potential environmental impacts of the Proposed Action. VA is seeking input from stakeholders as part of the scoping process in the development of this document. VA is preparing the EA in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) (42 U.S. Code [USC] § 4321-4370), as implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality (40 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] Parts 1500-1508), and VA's NEPA regulations (38 CFR Part 26).

Through this notice, VA is also providing the public with information about the undertaking and seeking input about the undertaking's effects on historic properties pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) of 1966, as amended, (54 USC § 306108), and its implementing regulations (36 CFR Part 800 – Protection of Historic Properties). VA is using its procedures for public involvement under NEPA in lieu of public involvement requirements in Subpart B of the Section 106 regulations per 36 CFR Part 800.2(d)(3). This notice does not serve as an invitation to consult under Section 106, it is solely to seek and consider the views of the public. VA conducted its Section 106 review and consultation separately.

If you have comments on the scope of the EA, the range of alternatives, and environmental issues for in-depth analysis, please email your comments to vaccenvironment@va.gov with the subject line "Virginia Beach OPC EA".

Additionally, VA will publish the Draft EA online at Environmental Program Office - Office of Construction & Facilities Management (va.gov) for a 30-day public review and comment period. The Notice of Availability will be posted in the Virginian-Pilot.

Respectfully,

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Figure 1: General Location of the Proposed Project Area

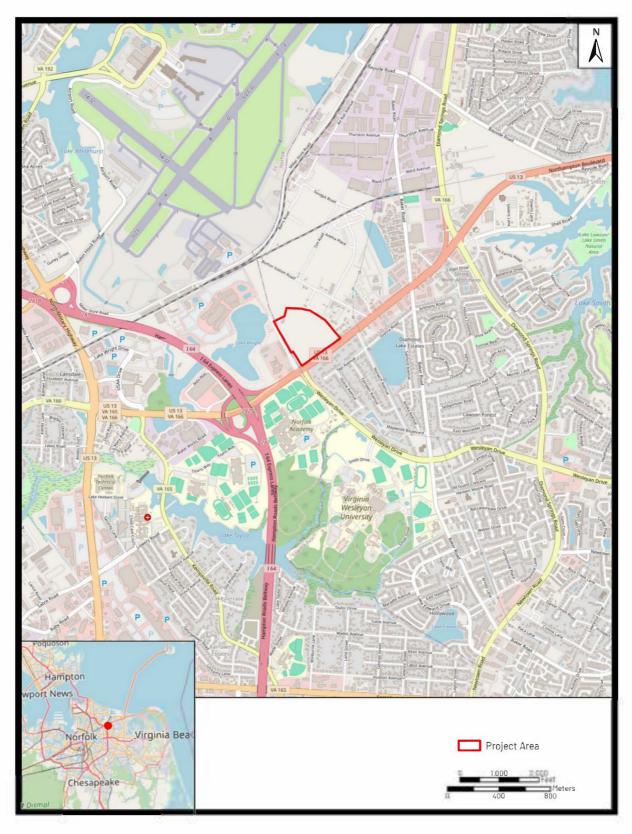


Figure 2: Detailed View of the Proposed Project Area



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