

Public Notice of Availability
Draft Environmental Assessment for the
Anne Arundel County Fire Department
Construction of New Fire Station # 18 (Marley Fire Station)
Project #: F529600; Contract #: F529601

FEMA A.R.R.A. Firefighters Fire Station Construction Grant EMW-2009-FC-04550R-Anne Arundel County.

Interested parties are hereby notified that the Anne Arundel County has prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to construct the New Fire Station to be located at 7726 Baltimore-Annapolis Blvd., Glen Burnie, Maryland

Anne Arundel County Fire Department has applied for FEMA's Firefighters Fire Station Construction Grant funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Public Law 111-5). FEMA provides financial assistance under this program for building a new or modifying an existing fire station in order to enhance fire departments response capability and protect the communities they serve from fire and fire-related hazards.

FEMA proposes to assist the Anne Arundel County Fire Department in the construction of 11,308 square foot fire station consisting of 5,902 square feet of living space and 5,406 square feet of apparatus and storage space. The new fire station will be located at 7726 Baltimore-Annapolis Blvd. is less than ½ mile west of the existing fire station, which was built in mid-1940's and together with its site, is inadequate to serve the current community needs.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) of 1966, Executive Order 11988, Executive Order 11990, and the implementing regulations of FEMA, an Environmental Assessment (EA) was prepared to assess the potential impacts of the Proposed Action on the human and natural environment. This notice also serves as an invitation for public comment on the proposed action and its potential effects on historic properties.

The Draft EA summarizes the purpose and need, alternatives, affected environmental, and potential environmental consequences for the proposed action. The Draft EA is available for comment and can be viewed and downloaded from FEMA's website at <http://www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/envdocuments/ea-region3.shtm> or viewed at the following locations:

- * Existing fire station located at 100 Summit Avenue, Glen Burnie, Maryland between the hours of 8:00 M and 6:00 PM daily.

The comment period will end 15 days from the initial notice publication date June 30, 2010. Written comments on the Draft EA can be mailed, emailed, or faxed to the contact below. If no substantive comments are received, the Draft EA will become final and a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) will be issued for the project. Substantive comments will be addressed as appropriate in the final documents.

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