



# BEP Replacement Facility Quarterly Newsletter

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## This Quarter's Focus: Building Demolition

*This quarterly newsletter is a collaboration between the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Bureau of Engraving and Printing (BEP) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Baltimore District, with the intent to keep the community informed of the progress on the BEP replacement currency production facility at the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC). USACE signed an interagency agreement with BEP in March 2019 to coordinate this replacement effort including environmental assessments and design and construction oversight for the Main facility and supporting structures, parking and stormwater management facilities, roadway access and improvements, utility connections, security systems and access control.*

### Why are the former poultry research buildings being demolished?

- These dilapidated buildings are no longer used by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and some are structurally unsound and overgrown with vegetation.

### What coordination has been done?

- BEP coordinated with the Maryland Historical Trust (MHT), National Capital Planning Commission, Maryland-National Capital Parks and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC), USDA, Anacostia Trails Heritage Area, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, among other agencies and federally recognized tribes, regarding this demolition.
- A Memorandum of Agreement that lays out the stipulations and mitigation requirements for removal of these buildings was signed by BEP, MHT, USDA, M-NCPPC, and Anacostia Trails on May 3, 2021.
- BEP collaborated with a local volunteer-run bird research group to relocate bird boxes from the project site to other areas on the site not impacted by demolition or future construction.

### What is the approximate timeline for demolition?

- Temporary fencing and clearing around buildings: Apr-Jul 2023
- Erosion & Sediment Control measures: Apr-Dec 2023
- Building demolition: Aug-Dec 2023
- Site restoration: Oct-Dec 2023



Condition of Building 265 as of 2019.

## What is the Bureau of Engraving and Printing?



BEP is a bureau within the U.S. Department of the Treasury that is responsible for designing and printing U.S. currency notes at the request of the Federal Reserve Board. BEP currently operates currency production facilities in Washington, D.C. and Fort Worth, Texas. BEP's current Washington, D.C. facility is more than 100 years old and limits BEP's ability to modernize its operations, so BEP, in coordination with USACE, is planning the construction and operation of a more efficient, modern facility at BARC to meet currency production needs.

## Project Status Updates



### Environmental

BEP completed an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), with the Record of Decision (ROD) signed in October 2021. A Supplemental Environmental Assessment (EA) is currently ongoing. The purpose of the EA is to evaluate the potential impacts to traffic and utilities mitigation. The development of the draft EA has been extended to incorporate initial proposed roadway designs.



### Upcoming Events & Milestones

- December 2023: Submission of Construction Design (100%)
- Early 2024: Public Review of Draft BEP Traffic and Utilities Mitigation Supplemental EA
- Summer 2024: Complete supplemental NEPA documentation for traffic and utilities



### Design

BEP and its design partners have completed the schematic (15 percent), concept (35 percent), and preliminary (65 percent) designs of the replacement facility, which includes the building footprint, interior layout and site design.



## Estimated Project Schedule

