



BEP Replacement Facility Quarterly Newsletter

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This Quarter's Focus: DESIGN PROGRESS

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.

Final design of the replacement Currency Production Facility (CPF) is ongoing, and over the past several months this process has included coordination with utilities and permitting agencies, end-user coordination, and design progression. Some updates and expected upcoming milestones include:



Rendering showing main building entrance from visitor center

- The project underwent legislative review by Prince George's County Council Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement (DPIE) for a sewer category change as a part of the December 2022 Cycle of Amendments to the 2018 Water and Sewer Plan (CR-014-2023). The plan was adopted via the signed Council Resolution.
- Demolition of existing buildings progresses with grubbing and universal waste removal.
- Submitted Final Review Submission to National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) for comment and review on July 7th.
- Submitted Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) Annual Report to MD State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and consulting parties, with updates on project progress and the historic education panel design.
- The CPF design is in the final design stage and continues to progress.

What is the Bureau of Engraving and Printing?



BEP is a bureau within the U.S. Department of the Treasury 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 the initially proposed roadway designs.



Upcoming Events & Milestones

- December 2023: Final (95%) Design Submission
- Early 2024: Public Review of Draft BEP Traffic and Utilities Mitigation Supplemental EA
- Summer 2024: Completed supplemental NEPA documentation for traffic and utilities



Design

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



Estimated Project Schedule



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