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This Quarter's Focus: Forest and Natural Resource Conservation

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 (CPF) 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.

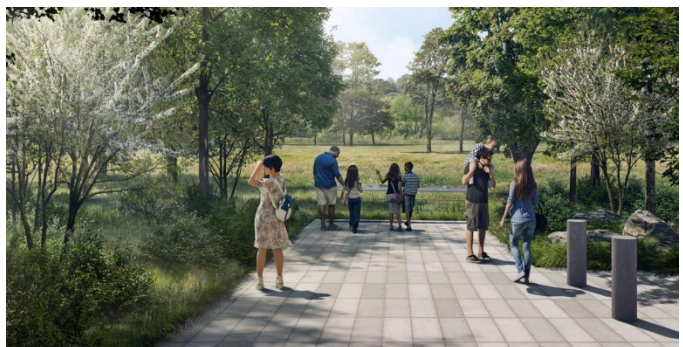
Forest and Natural Resource Conservation at the Currency Printing Facility

Much of the property is open land with scattered trees. Of the 122 total acres on the site, 14.7 acres are in forest and 12.1 acres are to be retained. Much of the retained forest area will be edge. Forest edges are the transition from closed canopy to open ground. Edges can provide important wildlife habitat. The forested areas vary in age, size class and stocking. The property provides habitat for a variety of wildlife including: songbirds, reptiles, amphibians, and large and small mammals.

The CPF project has coordinated with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources for the site forest conservation and have an approved Forest Management/Stewardship Plan. The objectives of the CPF Stewardship Plan are to sustainably manage the forestland, to improve and enhance the natural diversity of vegetation and wildlife habitat found on the property, to ensure the protection and enhancement of water quality for the Anacostia River and the Chesapeake Bay, and to maintain or improve the aesthetics of the property.

Nesting boxes will be located on the CPF site, in coordination with local citizen organizations. Nesting boxes provide shelter for a variety of wildlife, notably the local bluebird and tree swallow populations.

A wetland of approximately 2 acres at the southeast corner of the site includes a wet meadow populated with various grasses and sedges as well as Hickory and other trees.



What is the Bureau of Engraving and Printing?



BEP is the bureau within the U.S. Department of the Treasury responsible for designing and printing U.S. currency notes issued by 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. The Supplemental Environmental Assessment (SEA) was completed with a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) signed 12 September 2024. The EIS and the SEA are available on the Project's Website: [BEP Replacement Project \(army.mil\)](https://www.army.mil/bep-replacement-project)

Entry Rendering



Small Business Spotlight:

Throughout the CPF project, USACE and BEP aim to develop small businesses and maximize their opportunities to participate in federal projects. Each quarter a small business is spotlighted for their participation in the CPF design and construction.

Spotlight's on: Sorba Civil Engineering

Sorba Civil Engineering is a women-owned small business which has provided civil engineering and site design services for the CPF. Through every stage of the project Sorba has nimbly overcome project challenges and provided coordination with the existing BARC infrastructure.

Aerial Rendering



Estimated Project Schedule

Due to budgetary constraints and a reduction in the project's required scope, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Baltimore District, has canceled the solicitation (Notice ID W912DR24R0004) for the Construction of Bureau of Engraving and Printing Currency Production Facility, Beltsville, Maryland, effective Jan. 13, 2025. USACE will continue to work in partnership with BEP on a path forward as reevaluations for this project are underway. Updates will be communicated via SAM.gov, as well as the BEP Replacement Facility Quarterly Newsletter which can be accessed on the project's website: [BEP Replacement Project \(army.mil\)](https://www.army.mil/bep-replacement-project)