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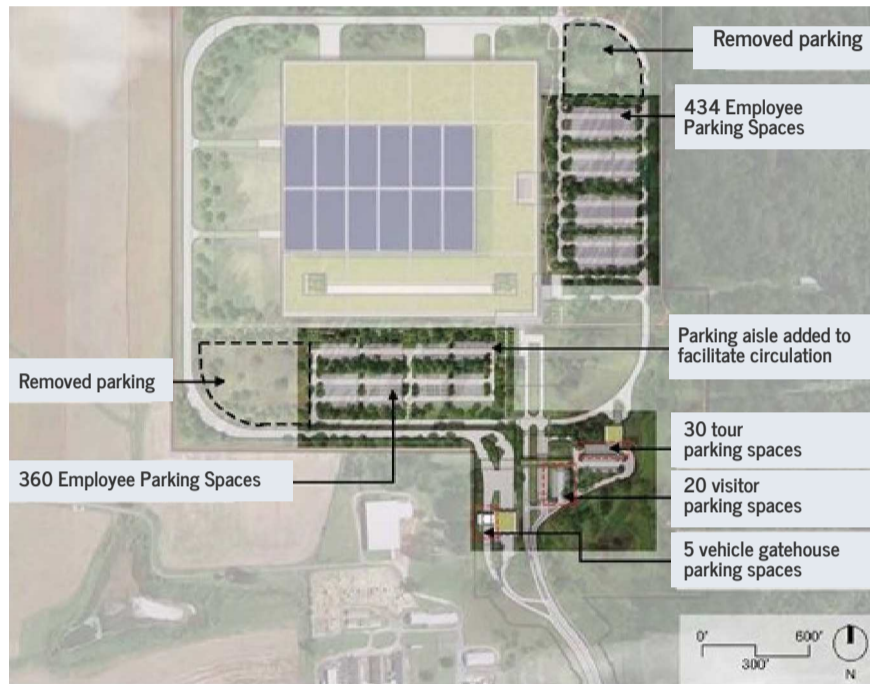
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This Quarter's Focus: DESIGN PROGRESS

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.

Preliminary Design of the replacement Current Production Facility (CPF) is ongoing. Coordination continues with utility providers, permitting agencies and for contractor solicitation. Updates and upcoming milestones include:



Rendering showing most recent plans for parking.

- Utility coordination with Potomac Electric Power Company (PEPCO), Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC), Washington Gas, and Verizon.
- Proposed traffic mitigation coordination with National Park Service, Federal Highway Administration, Maryland Dept. of Transportation and U.S. Dept. of Agriculture.
- Submitted Preliminary Review Submission to National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) for comment and review.
- Existing Building demolition contract was awarded in December 2022. Demolition and HAZMAT remediation is expected to start in the 1st quarter of 2023. HAZMAT remediation will be in accordance with all Federal and State regulations..
- Contractor Solicitation Activity for General Construction Contract - Sources Sought issued December 7, 2022; Contractor Prequalification Solicitation, Spring 2023.

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

- March 2023 - BEP will brief NCPC on Preliminary Review Submission (open to public)
- April 2023: Submission of Preliminary Design (65%)
- Fall 2023 - Public Review of Draft BEP Traffic and Utilities Mitigation Supplemental EA
- Winter 2023/24 – Completed supplemental NEPA documentation for traffic and utilities



Design

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



Estimated Project Schedule



Site Preparation: Existing building demolition/hazardous material safe removal and disposal

Design Complete

Construction Start

Construction End

Fully Operational