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This Quarter's Focus: Cultural Resources

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.

In 2020, BEP analyzed the impacts to historic resources for constructing the replacement facility in Beltsville, MD. In consultation with the state and other interested parties, BEP determined there would be an adverse effect to the BARC Historic District due to the planned demolition of contributing resources and construction of the facility within the district. Twenty-two historic buildings along Poultry Road proposed for demolition were specifically associated with BARC's poultry research mission. To mitigate this adverse effect, BEP agreed to several stipulations outlined in a Memorandum of Agreement signed by the U.S. Department of the Treasury, Bureau of Engraving and Printing; The Maryland State Historic Preservation Officer; USDA Agricultural Research Service, Northeast Area; Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission; and Anacostia Trails Heritage Area in May of 2021.



1939 Picture of the Turkey Brooder House, Building 267 on Poultry Road.

Did you Know? The BARC Poultry Unit's primary objective was to improve the consumers' economic profitability and quality of poultry/poultry-related products. The research consisted of breeding, physiology, and nutrition experiments and included experimental housing, parasitology, and animal-disease work that contributed to national research efforts. The results of these experiments allowed farmers to save millions of dollars with the development of alternative breeds of birds, vaccines for high-mortality diseases, and alternative poultry feeds. Ultimately, BARC has played a crucial role in establishing the poultry industry as one of the largest and most successful agricultural industries in the United States.

The Poultry Area of BARC, where the replacement BEP facility will be placed, was completely redeveloped during the New Deal expansion in the 1930s. It is also one of the only areas planned according to A. D. Taylor's master plan for the entirety of the BARC facility.

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

- Summer-Fall 2023 - Public Review of Draft BEP Traffic and Utilities Mitigation Supplemental EA
- Fall-Winter 2023 – 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.



Preliminary Exterior Rendering

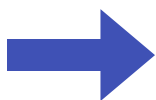


Preliminary Aerial Rendering

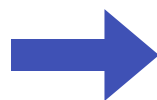
Estimated Project Schedule



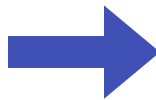
Site Preparation: Existing building demolition/hazardous material safe removal and disposal



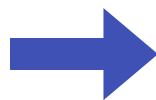
Design Complete



Construction Start



Construction End



Fully Operational