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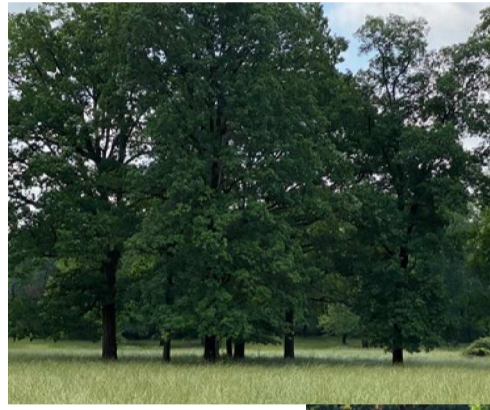
This Quarter's Focus: Water Resources

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 currency production replacement 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.

Water resources are an important consideration as the design for the replacement facility is developed. BEP has worked closely with the designer to avoid impacts to water resources when possible, and to feature some of these water resources in the landscape design (currently at 35-percent concept design). Additional water resources information for the replacement facility is available on the project website. The current design proposes to preserve Wetland 4 on the map below as a wetland conservation area and landscape feature. Wetland 6 will also be avoided, and Wetlands 7 and 8 and the intermittent stream will be avoided to the extent practicable.



Map showing locations of existing landscape resources.



Current view of wet meadow in southeastern corner of site.

Rendering of the proposed wetland conservation area in the southeastern corner of the site.



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), after beginning the NEPA work in summer 2019. The Record of Decision (ROD) was 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.



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.



Upcoming Events and Milestones

- Summer 2022 - Public Review of Draft BEP Traffic and Utilities Mitigation Supplemental EA
- Late summer/early fall 2022 - Completed supplemental NEPA documentation for traffic and utilities

Estimated Project Schedule

