

Cultural Resources

DEIS – Section 3.9

Treasury evaluated potential impacts to archaeological and architectural resources in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA).

Existing Conditions

- Treasury completed **Phase I and II Archaeological Surveys**, and documented architectural resources
- 1 archaeological site potentially eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP)
- 22 on-site architectural resources that contribute to the NRHP-eligible BARC Historic District
- 16 off-site contributing architectural resources to BARC Historic District in viewshed of Project Site
- Under No Action Alternative, 22 on-site contributing resources would continue to deteriorate (**potentially significant adverse impact**)

Potential Impacts from Preferred Alternative

- No impact to NRHP-eligible archaeological site
- Inadvertent discovery of archaeological sites
- Demolition of 22 on-site contributing resources to the BARC Historic District
- Diminished integrity of the visual environment for 16 off-site contributing resources; see images below (**potentially significant adverse impact**)



Project Site Viewshed – Existing Conditions



Project Site Viewshed – With Proposed Action

Cultural Resources EPMs and RCMs

- Consult with the Maryland Historical Trust (MHT) and other consulting parties throughout the planning process
- Implement a project-specific Memorandum of Agreement with MHT and other consulting parties to address adverse effects on the BARC Historic District
- If an unknown archaeological site is discovered, adhere to project-specific inadvertent discovery process

Additional Potential Mitigation Measures

- Plant vegetation on the Project Site to limit views of the Proposed Action from off-site areas
- Design the Proposed Action using architectural styles that minimize potential adverse impacts to the viewshed

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