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Dear Sir or Madam,

The Department of the Navy, U.S. Marine Corps, is in the initial stages of preparing an EIS to evaluate the potential environmental impacts that could result from implementation of multiple projects in support of MBW in southeast Washington, D.C. This analysis is being conducted in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA). We would like to inform you about both the proposed action and an upcoming public scoping meeting. Scoping is an early and open public involvement process aimed at determining the scope of issues to be addressed and identifying the significant issues related to a proposed action. An open-house-style public scoping meeting is scheduled for September 24, 2013 at Tyler Elementary School Auditorium, 1001 G Street SE, Washington, DC, from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Agencies are invited to attend prior to the general public, beginning at 4:30 pm.

Concurrent with the NEPA process, the Marine Corps is initiating National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 Consultation to determine the potential effects of the proposed action on historic properties. During the scoping meeting, one designated area of the room will focus on the Section 106 process and solicit public input on the identification of historic properties and potential effects of the proposed action on historic properties.

The proposed action is to implement several construction, renovation, and improvement projects scheduled for completion in the next 5 years to address existing and anticipated facilities deficiencies at MBW. The EIS will also provide a programmatic analysis of the potential effects of several additional projects scheduled to occur in 2018 or later for which information sufficient to conduct detailed NEPA analysis is not yet available.

The principal project to be analyzed in detail is a land acquisition and construction project to replace a Bachelor Enlisted Quarters (BEQ) Complex (including supporting facilities and parking) currently housed in MBW's Building 20. This project was the focus of a pre-NEPA agency and public engagement process referred to as the Community Integrated Master Plan (CIMP) process. Other projects to be analyzed in detail include interior renovations to Buildings 7 and 8 at the MBW Main Post; improvements to the MBW Annex gate at 7th and K Streets; and improvements to building facades, fencing, infrastructure, and pedestrian amenities throughout the installation that would blend MBW facilities with the neighborhood. At this time, it is anticipated the EIS would evaluate four action alternatives for the BEQ Complex replacement project, comprising four identified sites near MBW, as well

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SUPPORT OF MARINE BARRACKS WASHINGTON (MBW)

as the No Action Alternative. The attached enclosure depicts the location of the existing MBW properties and potential BEQ Complex alternative sites. Other longer-term (2018 or later) projects to be analyzed programmatically include Building 20 reuse and interior renovations to Building 9 to accommodate relocation of functions from the Washington Navy Yard, as well as some additional landscaping and maintenance projects. Once these projects become sufficiently ripe for detailed analysis, additional NEPA analysis will be completed.

In preparing the EIS for this proposal, the Marine Corps will analyze a broad range of resources and issues, including those raised during scoping. Anticipated issues associated with the proposed action may include, but are not limited to, socioeconomic, land use, cultural resources, transportation and traffic, and environmental justice.

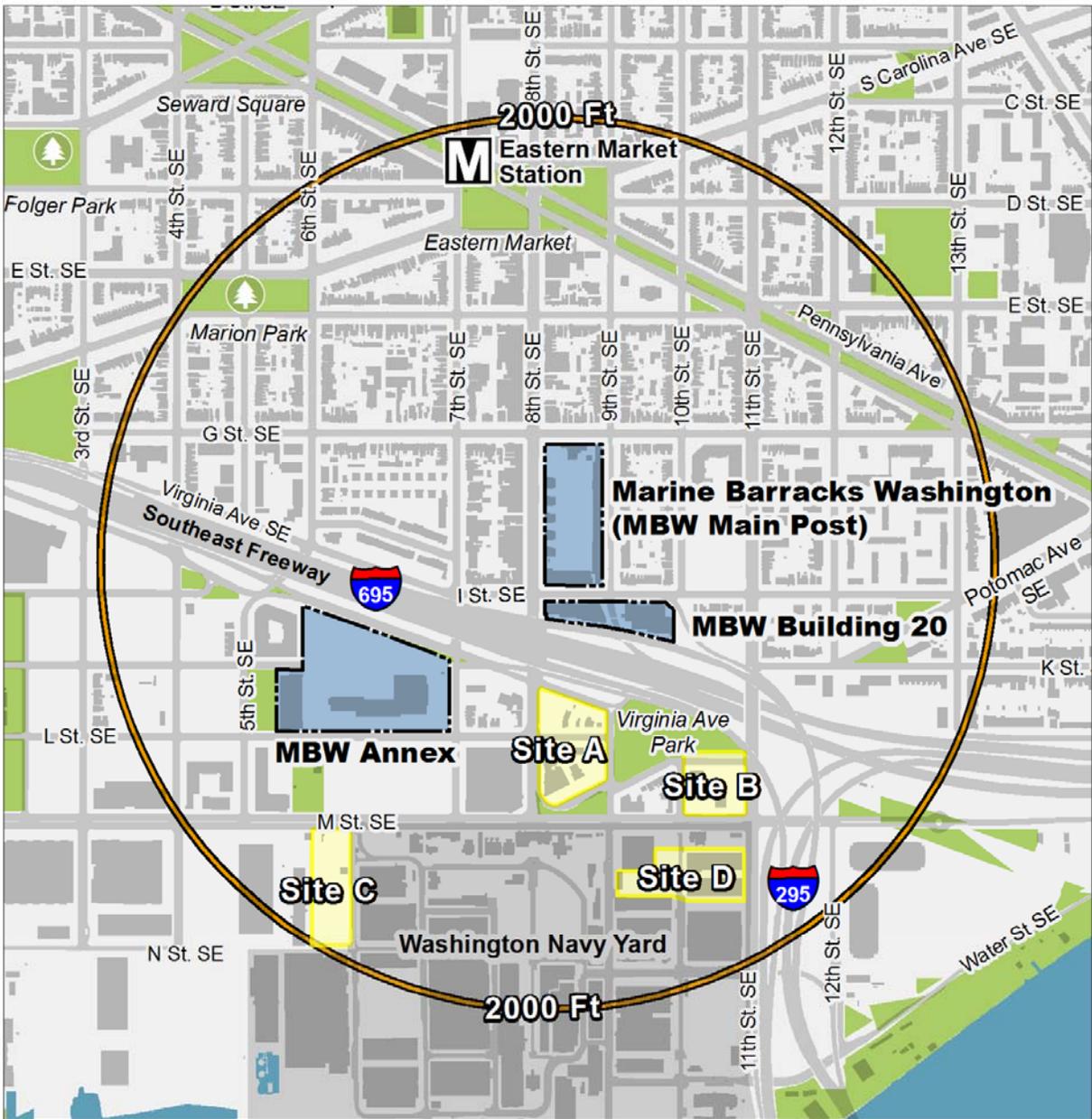
The 30-day public scoping process began with the publication of the Notice of Intent to prepare this EIS in the *Federal Register* on September 6, 2013 and is scheduled to conclude on October 7, 2013. Please provide your comments by October 7, 2013 to ensure their consideration in the EIS analysis. You can submit your comments at the scoping meeting, via the project website at www.mbweis.com, or by mail to the MBW EIS Project Manager: Mr. Bill Sadlon, at william.sadlon@navy.mil, (202) 685-0164, or 1314 Harwood St. SE, Bldg. 212, Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374-5018.

Please submit requests for special assistance, sign language interpretation for the hearing impaired, oral comments, or other auxiliary aids needed at the scoping meeting to the MBW Public Affairs Officer, Captain Jack Norton, at (202) 433-6682 by September 13, 2013. If you have questions, or need further information, please contact the MBW EIS Project Manager or visit the project website at www.mbweis.com.

Sincerely,



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MBW Properties and Alternative BEQ Complex Sites

Marine Barracks Washington (MBW), DC



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|  | Marine Barracks Washington Sites |  | Buildings |
|  | Alternative BEQ Complex Sites |  | Roads |
|  | 2000 Ft Buffer from MBW Main Post |  | Parks |
| | |  | WaterPly |