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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE RECOMMENDATION

State Application Identifier: MD20171102-0911

Applicant: Howard County Public System

Project Description: Site Analysis & EAF - Proposed sites for current and future Potential New Schools (Elementary and High) in Howard County: 77 Acres at Mission Rd/Gould Property, 9.758 Acres at Clarys Forest, 10 +/- Acres at Sunny Spring, Lot 10, and 100 +/- Acres at Landing Road, Parcel M

Project Location: County(ies) of Howard

Approving Authority: Interagency Committee/Public School Construction Program (IAC/PSCP)

Recommendation: Consistent with Qualifying Comments and Contingent Upon Certain Actions

Dear Ms. Zentz:

The State Clearinghouse has coordinated the intergovernmental review of the referenced school site. This letter constitutes the State process review and recommendation. This recommendation is valid for a period of three years from the date of this letter.

Review comments were requested from the Maryland Department(s) of Natural Resources, Transportation, the Environment; and the Maryland Department of Planning, including the Maryland Historical Trust. As of this date, the Maryland Department of Natural Resources has not submitted comments.

The Maryland Department of Transportation found this project to be consistent with their plans, programs, and objectives.

The Maryland Department of Environment and the Maryland Department of Planning found this project to be generally consistent with their plans, programs, and objectives, but included certain qualifying comments summarized below.

The Maryland Department of Environment made the following comments:

1. Any above ground or underground petroleum storage tanks, which may be utilized, must be installed and maintained in accordance with applicable State and federal laws and regulations. Underground storage tanks must be registered and the installation must be conducted and performed by a contractor certified to install underground storage tanks by the Land Management Administration in accordance with COMAR 26.10. Contact the Oil Control Program at (410) 537-3442 for additional information.
2. If the proposed project involves demolition – Any above ground or underground petroleum storage tanks that may be on site must have contents and tanks along with any contamination removed. Please contact the Oil Control Program at (410) 537-3442 for additional information.
3. Any solid waste including construction, demolition and land clearing debris, generated from the subject project, must be properly disposed of at a permitted solid waste acceptance facility, or recycled if possible. Contact the Solid Waste Program at (410) 537-3315 for additional information regarding solid waste activities and contact the Waste Diversion and Utilization Program at (410) 537-3314 for additional information regarding recycling activities.
4. The Waste Diversion and Utilization Program should be contacted directly at (410) 537-3314 by those facilities which generate or propose to generate or handle hazardous wastes to ensure these activities are being conducted in compliance with applicable State and federal laws and regulations. The Program should also be contacted prior to construction activities to ensure that the treatment, storage or disposal of hazardous wastes and low-level radioactive wastes at the facility will be conducted in compliance with applicable State and federal laws and regulations.
5. Any contract specifying “lead paint abatement” must comply with Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 26.16.01 - Accreditation and Training for Lead Paint Abatement Services. If a property was built before 1950 and will be used as rental housing, then compliance with COMAR 26.16.02 - Reduction of Lead Risk in Housing; and Environment Article Title 6, Subtitle 8, is required. Additional guidance regarding projects where lead paint may be encountered can be obtained by contacting the Environmental Lead Division at (410) 537-3825.
6. The proposed project may involve rehabilitation, redevelopment, revitalization, or property acquisition of commercial, industrial property. Accordingly, MDE's Brownfields Site Assessment and Voluntary Cleanup Programs (VCP) may provide valuable assistance to you in this project. These programs involve environmental site assessment in accordance with accepted industry and financial institution standards for property transfer. For specific information about these programs and eligibility, please contact the Land Restoration Program at (410) 537-3437.

Our Department (Planning) noted that all four sites are within the Priority Funding Area. The Landing Road site has a scenic road and historic structures that should be considered. The Mission Road site is proximate to industrial uses, mineral extraction and an active CSX rail line.

The Maryland Historical Trust (MHT) stated that their finding of consistency is contingent upon the applicant taking the action(s) summarized below.

“There are no known historic properties located within or adjacent to the Mission Rd/Gould property, the Clarys Forest property, and the Sunny Spring property. School construction on these three sites would have no effect on historic properties.

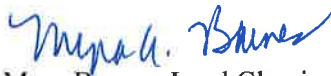
MHT files indicate, however, that three archeological sites (18HO208, 18HO209, and 18HO26) have been identified within the boundaries of the fourth proposed property -- the Landing Road site. MHT will coordinate with Howard County and with the Public School Construction Program to assess potential impacts on cultural resources and complete the historic preservation review requirements for this particular property (DLH - 201706077).”

Any statement of consideration given to the comments should be submitted to the approving authority, with a copy to the State Clearinghouse. The State Application Identifier Number must be placed on any correspondence pertaining to this project. The State Clearinghouse must be kept informed if the approving authority cannot accommodate the recommendation.

Please remember, you must comply with all applicable state and local laws and regulations. If you need assistance or have questions, contact the State Clearinghouse staff person noted above at 410-767-4490 or through e-mail at myra.barnes@maryland.gov.

Thank you for your cooperation with the MIRC process.

Sincerely,



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