



It has been brought to the attention of the Community Integrated Master Plan (CIMP) planning team that there are some misperceptions circulating about the future of Marine Barracks Washington and the local community. We would like to take this opportunity to address these misconceptions.

Since the beginning of the CIMP process, the Marine Corps has been guided by the Community Leadership Group (comprised of various community members and leaders) in conducting a transparent process to replace the old Bachelor Enlisted Quarters at Building 20 with a new facility. The Marine Corps has welcomed the input of the community and has benefited greatly through this cooperative effort.

As members of the community, the leadership of Marine Barracks Washington actively engages with its neighbors, listening to all of their civic concerns. One issue that has been consistently raised is the project's potential impact on the Virginia Avenue Park and gardens.

At the beginning of the planning process, there were multiple preliminary sites of interest identified as potential locations, including the Virginia Avenue Park and gardens. However, discussions with various members of the community and DC government entities raised the significant concerns the community had regarding utilization of these locations. It is very important that the Virginia Avenue Community Gardener group knows that their concerns have been heard loud and clear and addressed accordingly.

Although no formal site design proposals have been submitted, informal site design concepts strongly suggest that there is potential for options under which the Bachelor Enlisted Quarters Complex could be developed, without impacting any portion of the Virginia Avenue Park and gardens.

Most importantly, the Marine Corps has not settled on any specific site or concept. Many important decision-making milestones remain, including open/public forum discussions on the various concepts and the CIMP process. These meetings will be conducted on November 30, 2010 and December 7, 2010 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Eastern Market's North Hall. The CIMP planning team is working on aligning forum speakers, including several members of the Community Leadership Group. The goal of the forum is to obtain and validate input from the community of stakeholders on the development objectives that participants believe should be included in the forthcoming Request for Proposals (RFP) for the BEQ Complex, Building 20 site reuse options, and other potential CIMP projects.

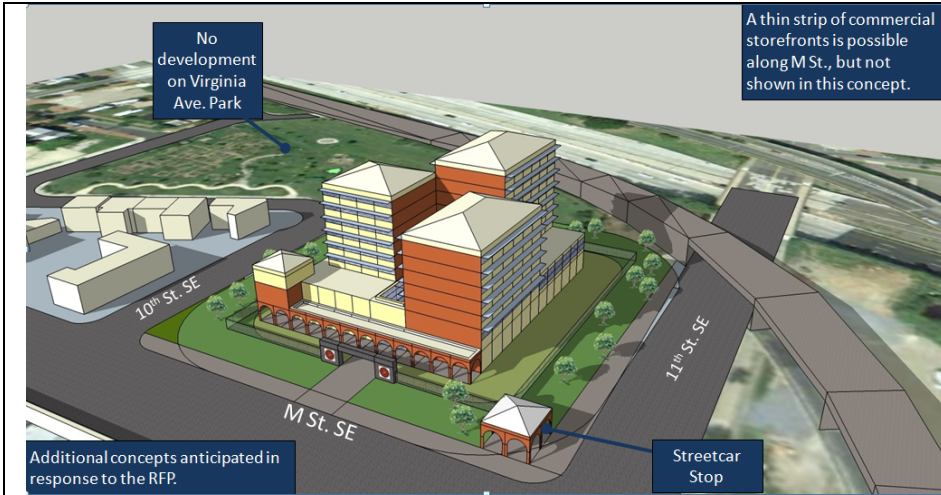


We continue to welcome and encourage input and participation from all members of the community in this unique planning process. Our stakeholder's dedication to this process will help bring to fruition a mutually amenable solution to a most difficult problem.

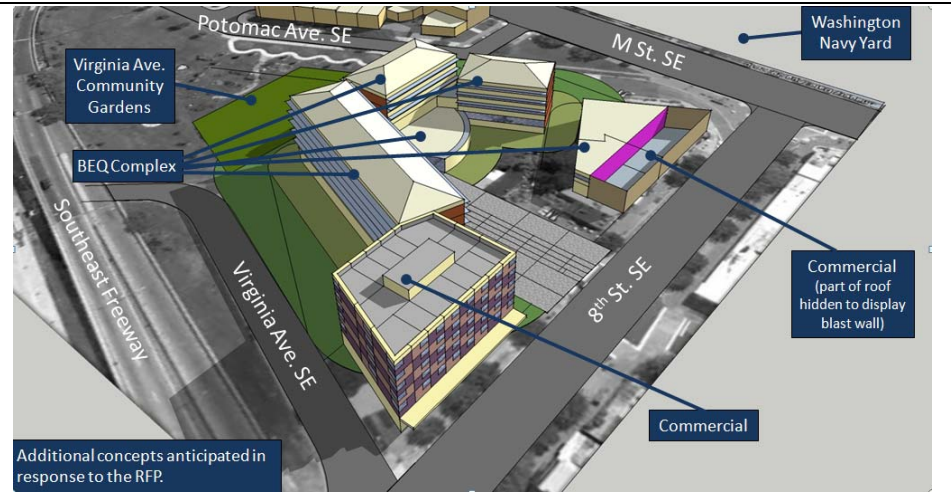
For more information on the CIMP process, upcoming public forums or to provide feedback, please visit the Community Integrated Master Plan Website at www.sedistrictcimp.com.

BEQ Complex Concepts that Represent Options in the “Art of the Do-able”

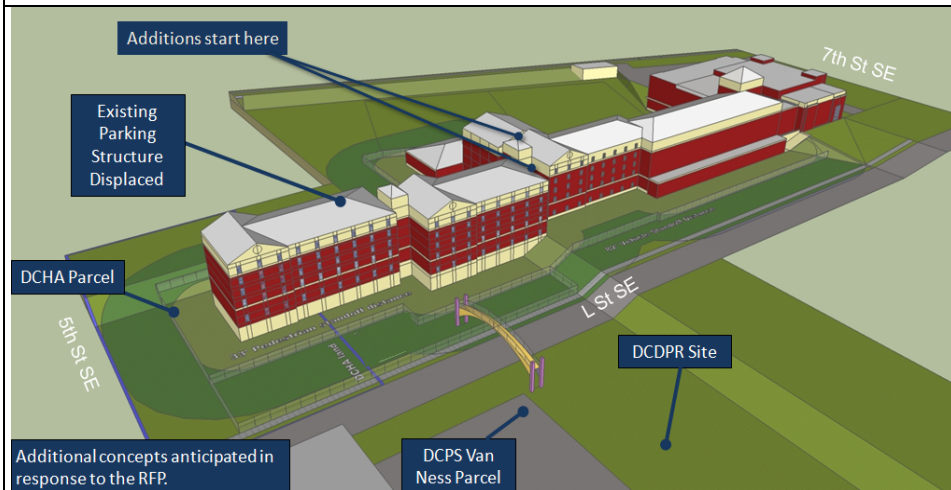
(These illustrations are only for the purpose of determining if the BEQ Complex will fit within constraints of the sites with Department of Defense planning criteria incorporated. Developers responding to the RFP may or may not submit similar site proposals for these or other potential concepts.)



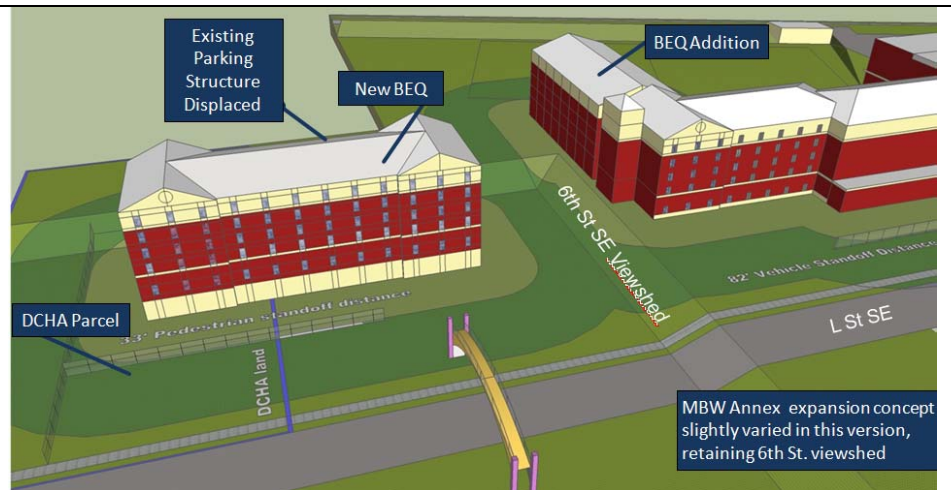
“Exxon” Site (with no development footprint on Virginia Ave. Park)



Squares 929 and 930 Site (no development footprint on Virginia Ave. Park)



Marine Barracks Washington Annex Site



Marine Barracks Washington Annex Site (6th St. viewshed retained)