U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
Office of Construction & Facilities Management
Washington DC 20420

August 3, 2022

SUBJECT: Scoping for an Environmental Assessment of the Proposed Action to Correct Non-Compliant Surgical, Emergency, Pharmacy, and Sterile Processing at the Malcom Randall Veterans Affairs Medical Center (MRVAMC) located at 1601 S.W. Archer Road, Gainesville, FL 32608-1197.

Dear Valued Stakeholder:

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is preparing a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) to analyze the potential environmental impacts associated with the Proposed Action to Correct Non-Compliant Surgical, Emergency, Pharmacy, and Sterile Processing at the Malcom Randall Veterans Affairs Medical Center (MRVAMC) located at 1601 SW Archer Road, Gainesville, FL 32608-1197 (*Figures 1, 2, and 3*). The Proposed Action consists of the demolition of the existing Ambulatory Care Addition (ACA) and replacing it with a new ACA (~249,000 building gross square feet) as well as a new 500-space parking garage to account for the loss of existing surface parking as a result of the construction.

The **purpose** of the Proposed Action is to address deficiencies in several critical patient care delivery departments, including existing space constraints, non-compliance issues, antiquated departmental designs, significant infrastructure concerns, redundancies, and additional identified inadequacies. The Proposed Action is **needed** to bring the MRVAMC services into compliance with VA standards and to provide the standard of care to Veterans in North Florida and South Georgia required to meet current and future VA strategic goals.

This scoping notice has also been published in *The Gainesville Sun* to inform and solicit input from the public. The notice is also available on the VA website at https://www.cfm.va.gov/environmental.

VA will prepare the Draft EA according to the regulations for the implementation of the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S. Code 4321-4370h), as implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] 1500-1508), and VA Implementing Regulations (38 CFR Part 26).

VA recognizes that you as an identified Stakeholder and/or your organization may have comments on the scope of issues for analysis or information relevant to the Proposed Action for consideration in the Draft EA. Please submit your comments/information via email within 30 days following receipt of this notice to vacoenvironment@va.gov with the subject line "Malcom Randall VAMC Correction of Ambulatory Care Draft EA."

VA will address and incorporate relevant comments in the Draft EA. Once VA completes the Draft EA, it will be published and made available for a 30-day public review and comment period. VA will announce the start of this review period by publishing a notice of availability (NOA) of the Draft EA in *The Gainesville Sun*. VA will concurrently notify stakeholders via email/mail and include instructions on how to submit comments.

Respectfully,

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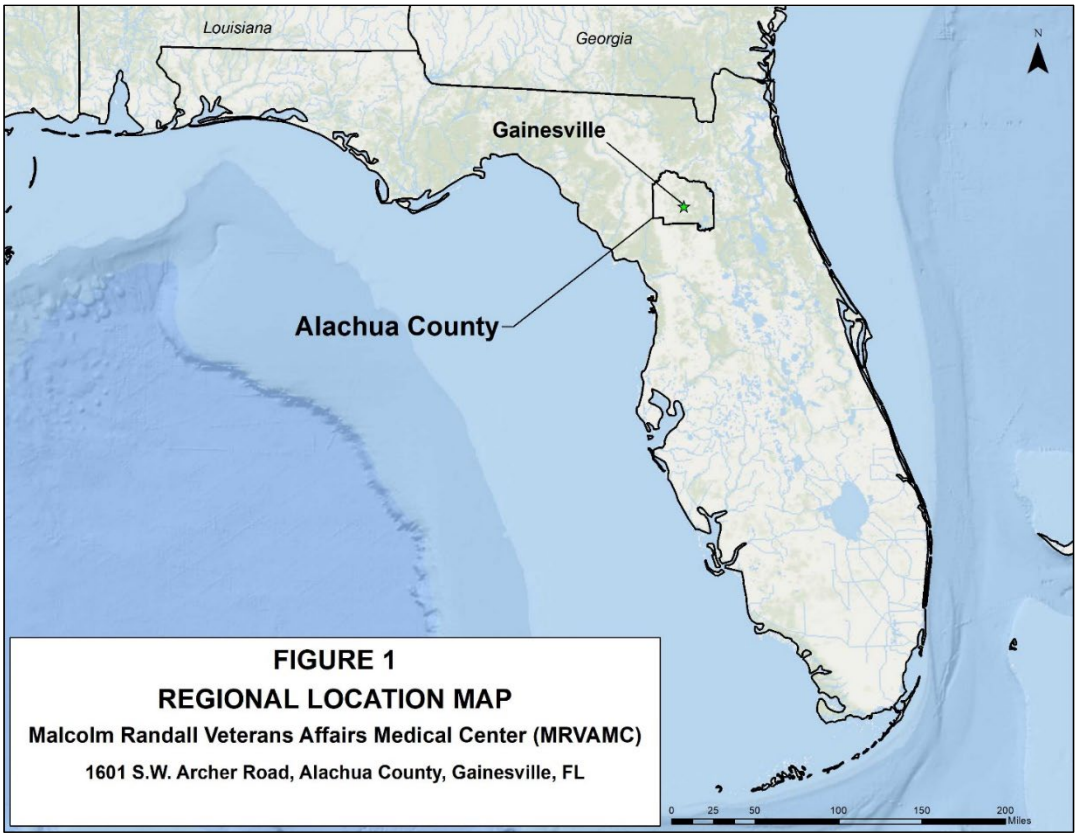

FIGURE 1

REGIONAL LOCATION MAP

Malcolm Randall Veterans Affairs Medical Center (MRVAMC)

1601 S.W. Archer Road, Alachua County, Gainesville, FL

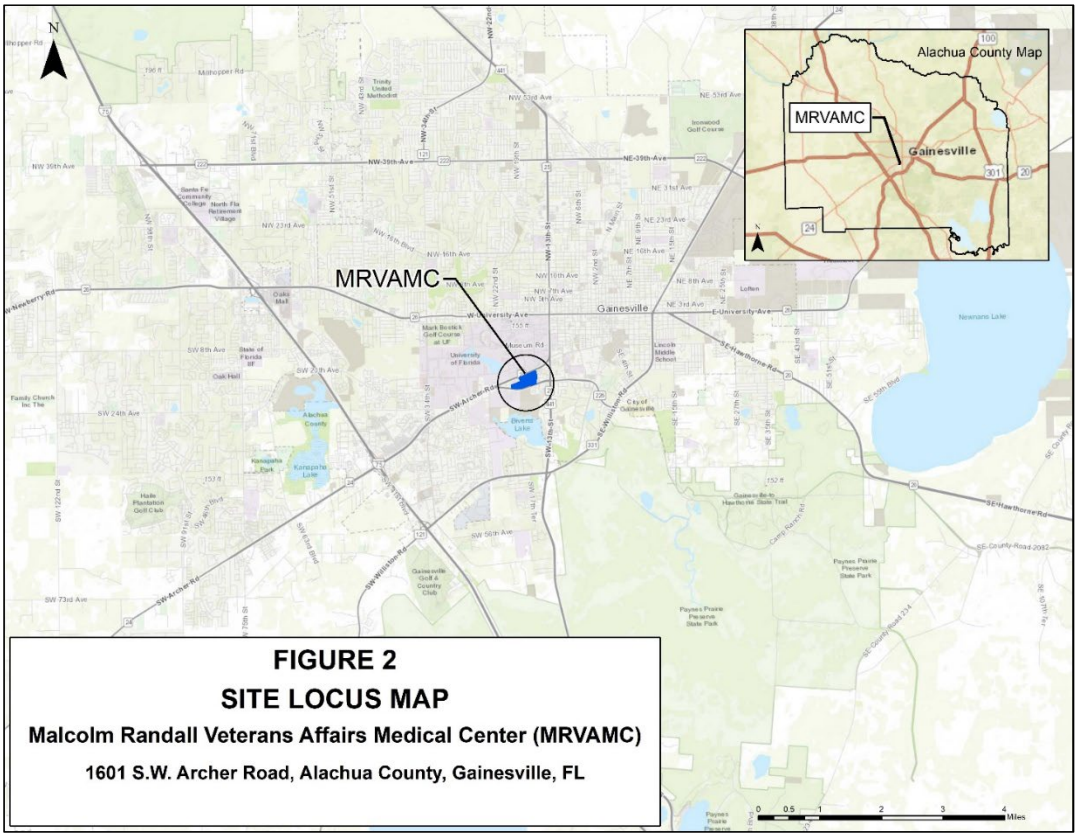

FIGURE 2

SITE LOCUS MAP

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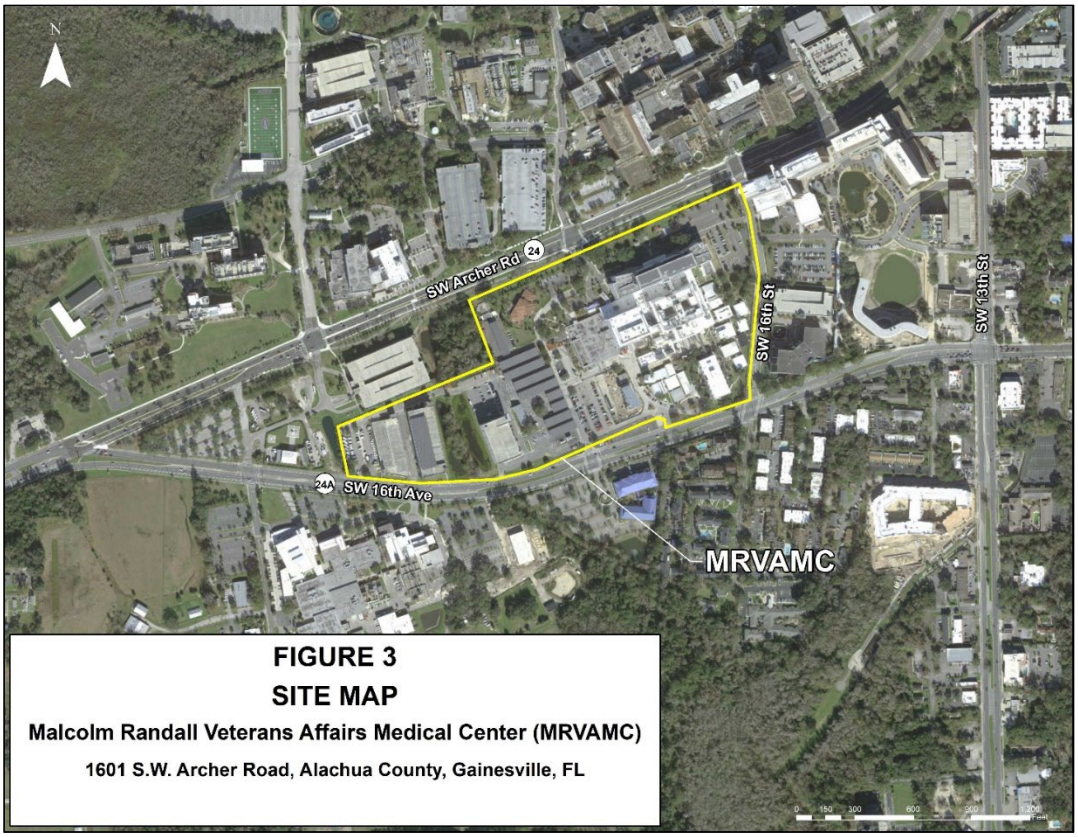

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