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Subject: Scoping Notice for Preparation of an Environmental Assessment for National Memorial Cemetery at Quantico Phase 5 Expansion, Triangle, Virginia; VA NEPA ID # EAXX-029-40-NCA-1753387567]

Dear Valued Stakeholder:

The United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is issuing this scoping notice to solicit comment and advise the public, agencies, and stakeholders that VA is preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for the National Memorial Cemetery at Quantico, formerly known as the Quantico National Cemetery, located in Triangle, VA (Figures 1 and 2).

VA is preparing the EA in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S. Code §4321-4370h), and VA Implementing Regulations (38 CFR Part 26). The EA will evaluate the potential direct and indirect impacts on the human environment from the Proposed Action and alternatives.

VA's Proposed Action would develop approximately 25 acres of yet to be developed land at the existing cemetery to provide approximately 12,600 additional internment spaces, improve existing cemetery traffic circulation, replace or renovate existing cemetery and maintenance facilities, conduct internal cemetery roadway and main cemetery entrance improvements, install new utilities, and construct a new water tower (approximately 60 feet tall) at the cemetery (Figure 3). The EA will also analyze the implementation of future phased development as outlined in the master plan within the approximately 725-acre cemetery.

The purpose of the Proposed Action is to continue to provide eligible veterans and family members in the region with a national cemetery of sufficient size, functionality, and capacity to serve the projected needs in the region. The Proposed Action is needed to provide sufficient and continued interment options and services to Veterans and their families.

Through this notice, VA is also providing the public with information about the undertaking and seeking public comment and input about the undertaking's effects on historic properties pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) of 1966, as amended, (54 USC § 306108), and its implementing regulations (36 CFR Part 800 – Protection of Historic Properties). VA is using its procedures for public involvement under NEPA in lieu of public involvement requirements in Subpart B of the Section 106 regulations per 36 CFR 800.2(d)(3). This notice does not serve as an invitation to consult under Section 106; it is solely to seek and consider the views of the public. VA will initiate its Section 106 review and send invitations to consulting parties separately.

If you have comments on the scope of issues for analysis, input on potential alternatives, or information relevant to the Proposed Action, submit your input to vacoenvironment@va.gov with the subject line "National Memorial Cemetery at Quantico EA" within 30 days of receipt of this notice. VA anticipates releasing the Draft EA for a 30-day public review and comment period in late 2025/early 2026. VA will notify stakeholders via email/mail and place a notification in the INSIDENOVA newspaper. VA will post the Draft EA for review on the VA website: https://www.cfm.va.gov/environmental/ and make the Draft EA available at the Dumfries Library.

Respectfully,

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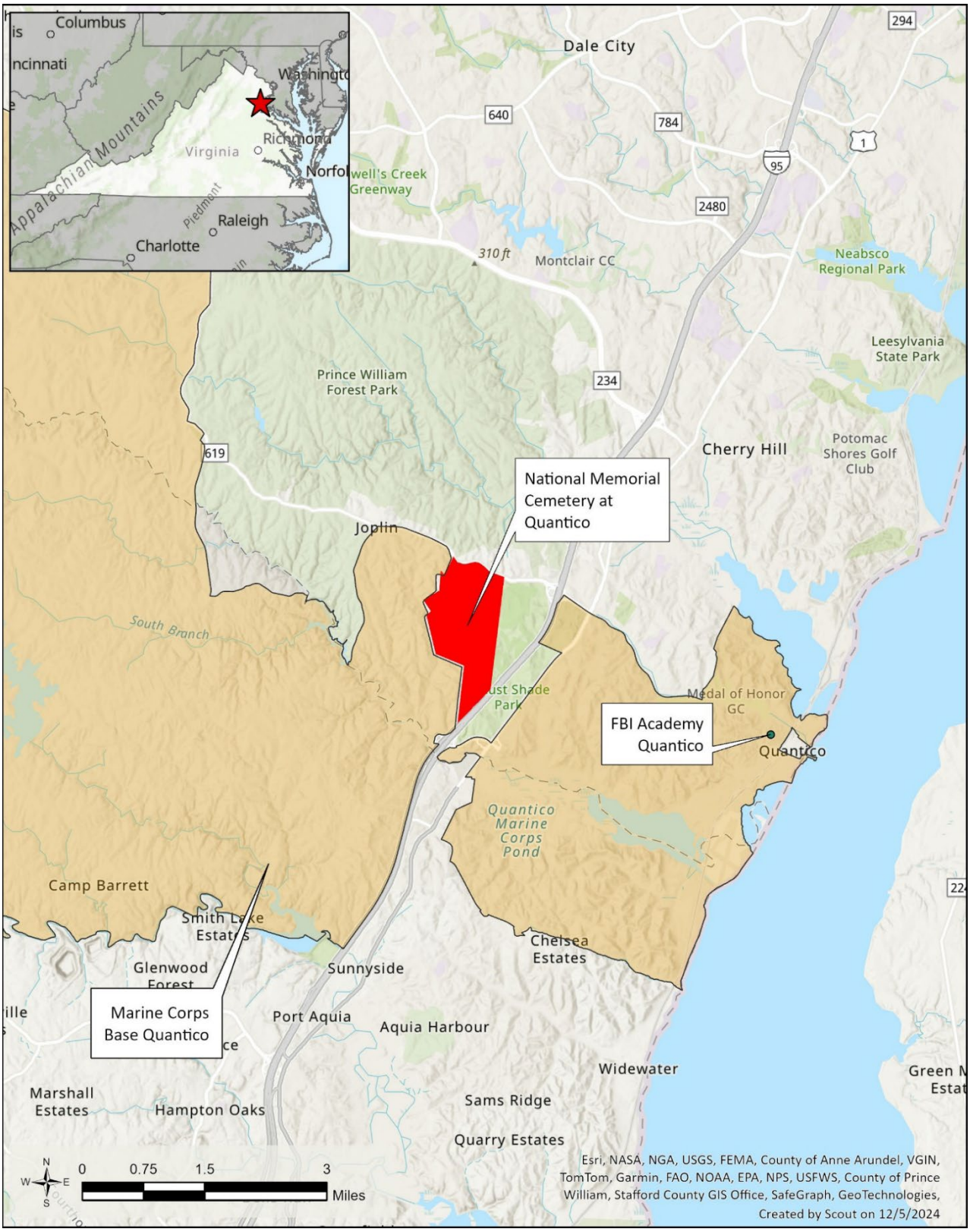
Attachments:

Figure 1 – Regional Location of National Memorial Cemetery at Quantico
Figure 2 – National Memorial Cemetery at Quantico
Figure 3 – General Depiction of Proposed Action Project Elements



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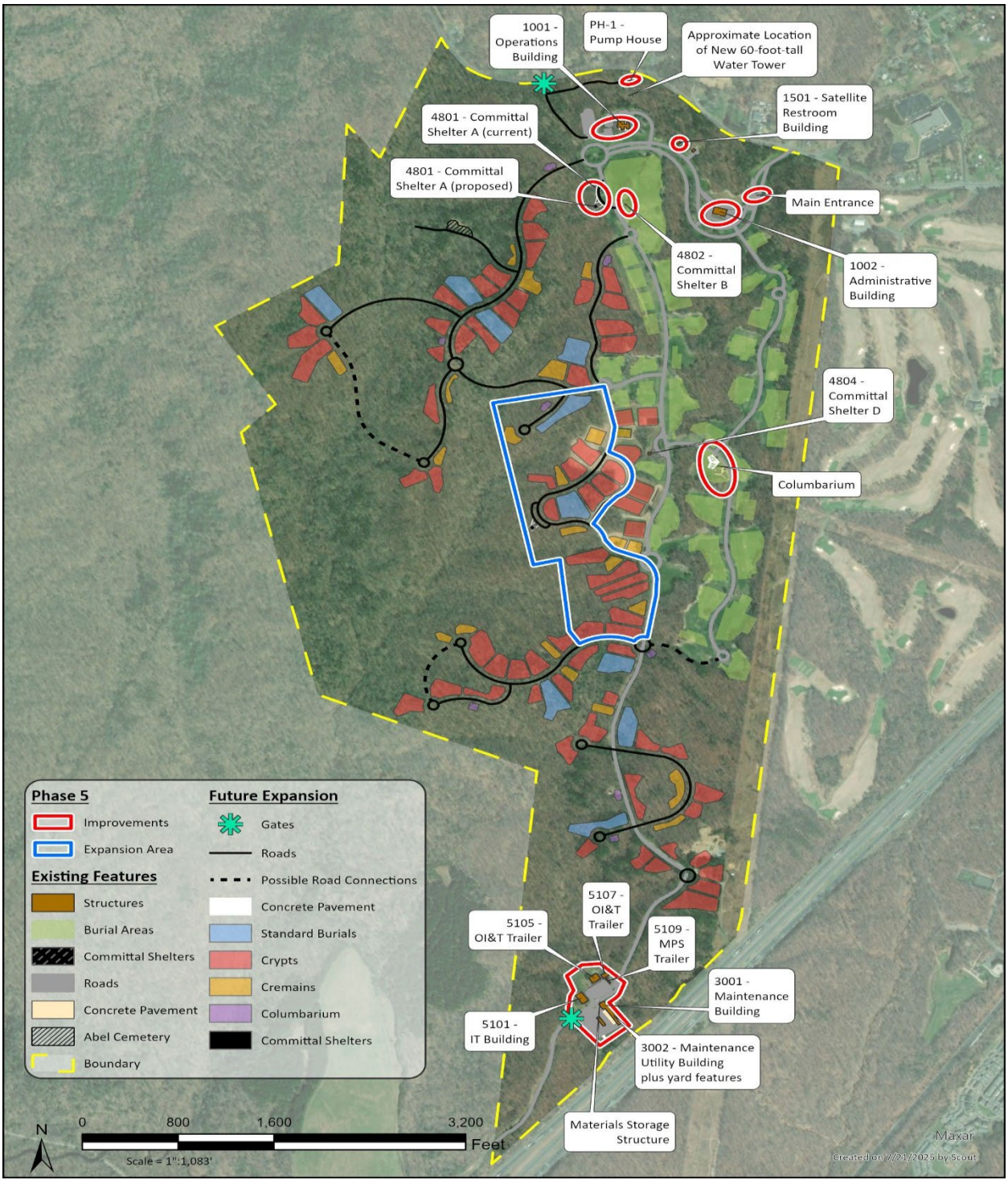

Figure 3. General Depiction of Proposed Action Project Elements