Appendices

Appendix A – Permits and Regulatory Compliance

Appendix B – NHPA Section 106 Consultation

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APPENDIX A. PERMITS AND REGULATORY COMPLIANCE

This appendix lists environmental permits, licenses, or other agreements that may need to be obtained to implement the Proposed Action. The Proposed Action would comply with all relevant federal, agency, state, and local environmental laws, regulations, requirements, and ordinances, including those in this appendix.

Agency	**Permit/Requirement**	**Need/Basis**
Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP)	Clean Water Act National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Construction Generic Permit (Section 403.0885, Florida Statutes) (FDEP 2024)	To manage construction stormwater run-off from >1 acre site.
FDEP	Industrial Wastewater Generic Permit for Discharge of Ground Water from Dewatering Operations.	"Dewatering operations" means temporarily lowering the water table by draining or pumping of ground water from activities such as excavations, building foundations, vaults, trenches and aquifer performance tests for exploratory purposes. If required, the project will be reviewed under 62-621.300(2), F.A.C. Please note that dewatering operations covered under the Generic Permit for Stormwater Discharges from Construction Activities (CGP), will not be required to obtain separate coverage under the dewatering generic permit.
FDEP	Domestic Wastewater: Rule 62-604, F.A.C.	Requires that any project that needs to extend wastewater collection and transmission system to obtain a collection/transmission system construction permit unless it is a construction of a single gravity or non-gravity individual service connection from a single building to a gravy collection system. This project probably would require a construction permit for the collection system from Hillsborough County Environmental Protection Commission (listed below).

Agency	**Permit/Requirement**	**Need/Basis**
Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD)	Environmental Resource Permit Modification (Part IV of Chapter 373, Florida Statutes) (SWFWMD 2024)	Modifications to the current JAHVH stormwater management system; modify existing permit ERP 44002374.001, issued on August 22, 1997.
Florida Department of Health in Hillsborough County	General Permit to Construct a Public Water System Distribution System (Florida Administrative Code Rule 62-555.536) (FDOH-HC 2024)	Modifications to the existing JAHVH potable water infrastructure system.
Environmental Protection Commission, Hillsborough County	Industrial Wastewater Permit (EPCHC 2024b)	Modifications to the existing JAHVH wastewater infrastructure system.
Hillsborough County	Right-of-Way Management Permit and Driveway Connection Permit (Hillsborough County 2023c) and Temporary Traffic Control Permit (Hillsborough County 2024)	Construction and operation of the proposed pedestrian bridge; new utility connections; roadway/sidewalk modifications along East 131st Avenue; for any work that may impede traffic; and for any work done within 15 feet from the edge of the roadway.
FDEP Division of Air Resource Management	Asbestos Abatement Notification of Demolition or Asbestos Renovation through the FDEP Division of Air Resource Management's Online Asbestos Notification System (Section 376.60, Florida Statutes and 40 CFR Part 61, Subpart M) (FDEP 2024c)	Required prior to abating asbestos. Contractor to submit include abatement and monitoring plan.
VA	Temporary Environmental Controls, Specification 01 57 19 (VA 2021)	Includes construction Best Management Practices for dust control, construction stormwater management, noise control, to be implemented by construction contractor during construction phase.
VA	Traditional Asbestos Abatement, Specification 02 82 11 (VA 2021c)	For managing asbestos abatement.

Agency	**Permit/Requirement**	**Need/Basis**
JAHVH	JAHVH Asbestos Operations and Maintenance Program	Specific considerations for managing asbestos at JAHVH.
VA	Lead-Based Paint Removal and Disposal, Specification 02 83 33.13 (VA 2021d)	For managing lead-based paint removal and disposal.
OSHA	Lead Exposure In Construction Interim Final Rule-- Inspection and Compliance Procedures in 29 CFR 1926.62	Compliance requirements for construction work in which employees may be exposed to lead during such activities as demolition, removal, surface preparation for re-painting, renovation, clean up and routine maintenance.
USEPA	Lead Renovation, Repair, and Painting Program (USEPA 2024d)	For managing lead-based paint.
FL Department of Health	Florida's Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (FL DOH 2024)	For protecting people from lead-based paint hazards.
VA	Publish a newspaper notice of a Finding of No Practical Alternative (FONPA)	Required under EO 11988 when a federal project occurs within the 100-year floodplain. Can be published with NEPA EA notices. Publish FONPA with both the Draft EA notice and Final EA notice. Notice informs public about Proposed Action occurring within 100-year floodplain and opportunity to provide comment.
VA	Section 438 of Energy Independence and Security Act (EISA)	Requires federal agencies to develop and redevelop applicable facilities in a manner that maintains or restores stormwater runoff to the maximum extent technically feasible.
Hillsborough County	MS4 Permit Compliance Stormwater design plans to be reviewed by Hillsborough County.	Required for new or modified stormwater discharges to Hillsborough County stormwater system. The Proposed Action would be designed to ensure continued compliance with the Hillsborough County MS4 permit requirements.

Agency	**Permit/Requirement**	**Need/Basis**
Hillsborough County	Stormwater Quality Ordinance #94-15 Compliance	Required for new or modified stormwater retention basins. The Proposed Action would incorporate BMPs (required by the CGP and ERP permits) to eliminate or reduce pollution from outdoor activities. Stormwater design plans to be reviewed by Hillsborough County.
Hillsborough County	Design stormwater retention basins to comply with Hillsborough County Stormwater Management Technical Manual	Required for new or modified stormwater retention basins. Stormwater design plans to be reviewed by Hillsborough County.
Hillsborough County	Hillsborough County Retention Pond Design Requirements.	Required for new or modified stormwater retention basins. Designs for new or modified stormwater basins to be in accordance with the Hillsborough County Stormwater Management Technical Manual (HCSMTM). Stormwater design plans to be reviewed by Hillsborough County.
Hillsborough County	Hillsborough County Water Quality Treatment Design Requirements	Required when modifying existing stormwater retention basins. Modifications to water quality treatment systems in existing or new stormwater basins to be designed in accordance with the SWFWMD and HCSMTM.
OSHA	Occupational Noise Exposure - 29 CFR 1910.95(b)(1)	Comply with hearing protection for workers.
Veterans Health Administration	Safety and Health During Construction - Directive 7715(1)	To maintain safe and healthy worksite during construction phase.

Agency	**Permit/Requirement**	**Need/Basis**
VA	Construction Waste Management, Specification 01 74 19 (VA 2022)	To salvage, recycle, or reuse as much of the non-hazardous construction debris as economically feasible. Other solid waste that could not be salvaged, recycled, or reused would be disposed of at an EPA-licensed off-site landfill.

APPENDIX B. NHPA SECTION 106 CONSULTATION

NHPA Section 106 Letter Example
Consulting Party Distribution List
SHPO Response/Concurrence

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital
13000 Bruce B. Downs Boulevard
Tampa, FL 33612

In Reply ReferTo: 673/138

MAR 14 2024

Alissa Slade Lotane
Director and State Historic Preservation Officer
Division of Historical Resources
Florida Department of State
500 South Bronough St.
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

RE: Initiation of Section 106 Consultation
Proposed Spinal Cord Injury/Polytrauma Rehabilitation Facility and
Upgrades at the James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital, Tampa, Hillsborough
County, Florida

Dear Ms. Lotane,

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and its implementing regulations (36 CFR Part 800), is initiating Section 106 consultation with the Florida State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) for the referenced project at the James A. Haley VA Medical Center (JAHVAMC) at 13000 Bruce B. Downs Boulevard in Tampa, Hillsborough County, Florida.

The undertaking is defined as the redevelopment of the Spinal Cord Injury (SCI) and Polytrauma Transitional Rehabilitation Facility, realignment of Richard Silver Way, and construction and operation of a multi-level parking garage. The proposed project would improve medical services and operating functions to better serve Veterans throughout central western Florida. This undertaking does not meet the definition of routine management activities as defined in the Programmatic Agreement for VA statewide facilities signed in 2015, however VA notes that in Appendix C of that agreement no historic properties are identified at JAHVAMC.

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The CRAS report includes a defined Area of Potential Effect; please see Attachment 1 for a copy of the report.

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Pursuant to 36 CFR 800.4(d)(1), VA finds, subject to your review of the attached documentation, that the proposed undertaking would result in no historic properties affected. VA asks for your concurrence with this finding.

Should you have questions about this project, please feel free to contact Mr. Alec Bennett, Senior Historic Preservation Specialist at alec.bennett@va.gov or 202-855-0727.

Sincerely,

David K. Dunning, MPA
Director

Attachment 1 – CRAS Report

Cc: Christine Modovsky, VA CFM Project Manager
Alec Bennett, VA Senior Historic Preservation Specialist

Attachment 1 – CRAS Report

The Florida State Historic Preservation Officer finds the attached CRAS complete and sufficient and ☐ concurs / ☐ does not concur with the recommendations and findings provided in this cover letter for SHPO/FDHR Project File Number _____. Or, the SHPO finds the attached document contains _____insufficient information.

SHPO Comments:

_____ _____

Alissa Slade Lotane, Director Date
Florida Division of Historical Resources

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital
13000 Bruce B. Downs Boulevard
Tampa, FL 33612

MAR 14 2024

In Reply Refer To: 673/138
Marshall, Colleen

Ms. Colleen Marshall
Executive Planner
Hillsborough County Development Services Department
601 East Kennedy Boulevard, 20th Floor
Tampa, Fl 33601-1110

RE: Initiation of Section 106 Consultation
Proposed Spinal Cord Injury/Polytrauma Rehabilitation Facility and Upgrades at the James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital, Tampa, Hillsborough County, Florida

Dear Ms. Marshall,

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and its implementing regulations (36 CFR Part 800), is initiating Section 106 consultation for the referenced project at the James A. Haley VA Medical Center (JAHVAMC) at 13000 Bruce B. Downs Boulevard in Tampa, Hillsborough County, Florida.

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Pursuant to 36 CFR 800.4(d)(1), VA finds that the proposed undertaking would result in no historic properties affected.

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Should you have questions about this project, please feel free to contact Mr. Alec Bennett, Senior Historic Preservation Specialist at alec.bennett@va.gov or 202-855-0727.

Sincerely,

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Florida Division of Historical Resources

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James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital
13000 Bruce B. Downs Boulevard
Tampa, FL 33612

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In Reply ReferTo: 673/138
Daniel, Jason

Jason Daniel
Historical Preservation Officer
Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida
P.O. Box 440021
Miami, FL 33144

RE: Initiation of Section 106 Consultation
Proposed Spinal Cord Injury/Polytrauma Rehabilitation Facility and Upgrades at the James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital, Tampa, Hillsborough County, Florida

Dear Mr. Daniel,

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and its implementing regulations (36 CFR Part 800), is initiating Section 106 consultation for the referenced project at the James A. Haley VA Medical Center (JAHVAMC) at 13000 Bruce B. Downs Boulevard in Tampa, Hillsborough County, Florida.

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Pursuant to 36 CFR 800.4(d)(1), VA finds that the proposed undertaking would result in no historic properties affected.

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Sincerely,

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Director

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Alissa Slade Lotane, Director Date
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RE: Initiation of Section 106 Consultation
Proposed Spinal Cord Injury/Polytrauma Rehabilitation Facility and Upgrades at the James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital, Tampa, Hillsborough County, Florida

Dear Mr. Hunt,

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Sincerely,

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Mr. David K. Dunning
James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital
13000 Bruce B. Downs Boulevard
Tampa, Florida 33612

May 3, 2024

Re: DHR Project File No.: 2024-2070
Cultural Resources Assessment Survey for the James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital
Tampa, Hillsborough County

Dear Mr. Dunning:

The Florida State Historic Preservation Officer reviewed the referenced project in accordance with Section 106 of the *National Historic Preservation Act of 1966*, as amended, and its implementing regulations in *36 CFR Part 800: Protection of Historic Properties.*

In September 2023, Chronicle Heritage, LLC (Chronicle Heritage) completed a cultural resource assessment survey for Mabbett & Associates, Inc. on behalf of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for the Spinal Cord Injury and Polytrauma Unit and Parking Garage at the James A. Haley VA Medical Center. Fourteen (14) newly recorded historic structures and one newly recorded historic resource group (8HI15575) were identified and recorded during the investigation. The resources consist of the following:

- 8HI15561: 13101 N 23rd Street
- 8HI15562: 13104 Livingston Avenue
- 8HI15563: 12504 N. 26th Street
- 8HI15564: 2518 Campus Hill Drive
- 8HI15565: 12505 N. 26th Street
- 8HI15566: 12503 N. 26th Street
- 8HI15567: 2706 College Circle
- 8HI15568: 2708 College Circle
- 8HI15569: 2710 College Circle
- 8HI15570: 12502 N. 28th Street
- 8HI15571: 12503 N. 28th Street
- 8HI15572: 12501 N. 28th Street
- 8HI15573: Tampa VA Main Hospital, 13000 Bruce B. Downs Boulevard
- 8HI15574: VA Prosthetics & Neurology Building, 13000 Bruce B. Downs Boulevard
- 8HI15575: College Town @ USF, 2301 Aberdeen Court

The VA and Chronicle Heritage determined that the fifteen resources do not appear to meet the criteria for listing in the *National Register and the* proposed project will have no effect on any known historic properties.

Based on the information provided, our office concurs with the presented survey results and recommendations and finds that the proposed project will have no effect on historic properties listed, or eligible for listing, in the National Register of Historic Places, or otherwise of historical, archaeological, or architectural value within the surveyed area.

Further, we find the submitted report complete and sufficient in accordance with Chapter 1A-46, *Florida Administrative Code*.

If you have any questions concerning our comments, please contact Scott Edwards, Historic Preservationist, by electronic mail *scott.edwards@dos.myflorida.com*, or at 850.245.6333 or 800.847.7278.

Sincerely,

Alissa Slade Lotane
Director, Division of Historical Resources
and State Historic Preservation Officer

APPENDIX C. PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

SCOPING
Tampa Bay Times Scoping Notice
Stakeholder Scoping Letter
Responses to Scoping Comments
Scoping Comments

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PUBLIC NOTICE
SCOPING FOR AN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
Spinal Cord Injury and Polytrauma Transitional Rehabilitation Program Facility and Related Improvements
Tampa, Florida

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) invites scoping input for preparation of an environmental assessment (EA) for proposed construction and renovations to improve the Spinal Cord Injury (SCI) and Polytrauma Transitional Rehabilitation Program facility and related infrastructure at the James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital, located at 13000 Bruce B. Downs Blvd. in Tampa, Florida. The Proposed Action is needed to increase Veterans' access to healthcare, promote excellence of care and privacy, and meet current and future parking needs. Additional project details are available in the scoping notice posted at www.cfm.va.gov/environmental.

If you have comments on the scope of the EA, the range of alternatives, and environmental issues for in-depth analysis, please email your comments to vacoenvironment@va.gov with the subject line "Tampa SCI EA" by September 4, 2024.

VA anticipates publishing the Draft EA for a 30-day public review and comment period in summer 2024. VA will notify stakeholders, publish a notice of availability of the Draft EA in the Tampa Bay Times, and invite comments on the Draft EA at that time.
August 4 and August 7, 2024 0000354243

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

July 25, 2024

SUBJECT: **Scoping for an Environmental Assessment for Proposed Tampa Spinal Cord Injury and Polytrauma Transitional Rehabilitation Program Facility and Related Improvements; VA NEPA ID #VHA-2024-0002**

Dear Valued Stakeholder:

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) proposes renovations and construction to improve the Spinal Cord Injury (SCI) and Polytrauma Transitional Rehabilitation Program (PTRP) facility and related infrastructure at the James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital, located at 13000 Bruce B. Downs Blvd. in Tampa, Hillsborough County, Florida (Exhibits 1 and 2).

The purpose of the Proposed Action is to provide one-bed private rooms for SCI and PTRP patients in four reconstructed wings to an existing building, improve the air handling system for the renovated area, provide outdoor space for SCI/PTRP patients, realign an adjacent road, and construct a new parking garage to replace one of two surface parking lots on the north side of the campus (Figure 2). The Proposed Action is needed to increase Veterans' access to healthcare, promote excellence of care and privacy, and meet current and future parking needs.

VA is preparing an environmental assessment (EA) to assess the potential environmental impacts of the Proposed Action. VA is preparing the EA in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S. Code 4321-4370) (NEPA) and the NEPA-implementing regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality (40 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] 1500-1508) and VA (38 CFR Part 26). Exhibit 3 summarizes the NEPA process, including public engagement, for your reference in responding to this request.

If you have comments on the scope of the EA, the range of alternatives, and environmental issues for in-depth analysis, please email your comments to vacoenvironment@va.gov with the subject line "Tampa SCI EA" by September 4, 2024.

VA anticipates publishing the Draft EA for a 30-day public review and comment period in summer 2024. VA will notify stakeholders, publish a notice of availability of the Draft EA in the *Tampa Bay Times*, and invite comments on the Draft EA at that time.

Respectfully,

GLENN ELLIOTT
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Glenn Elliott
Director, Project Development Services Division
Office of Construction & Facilities Management

Exhibit 1. Project Location

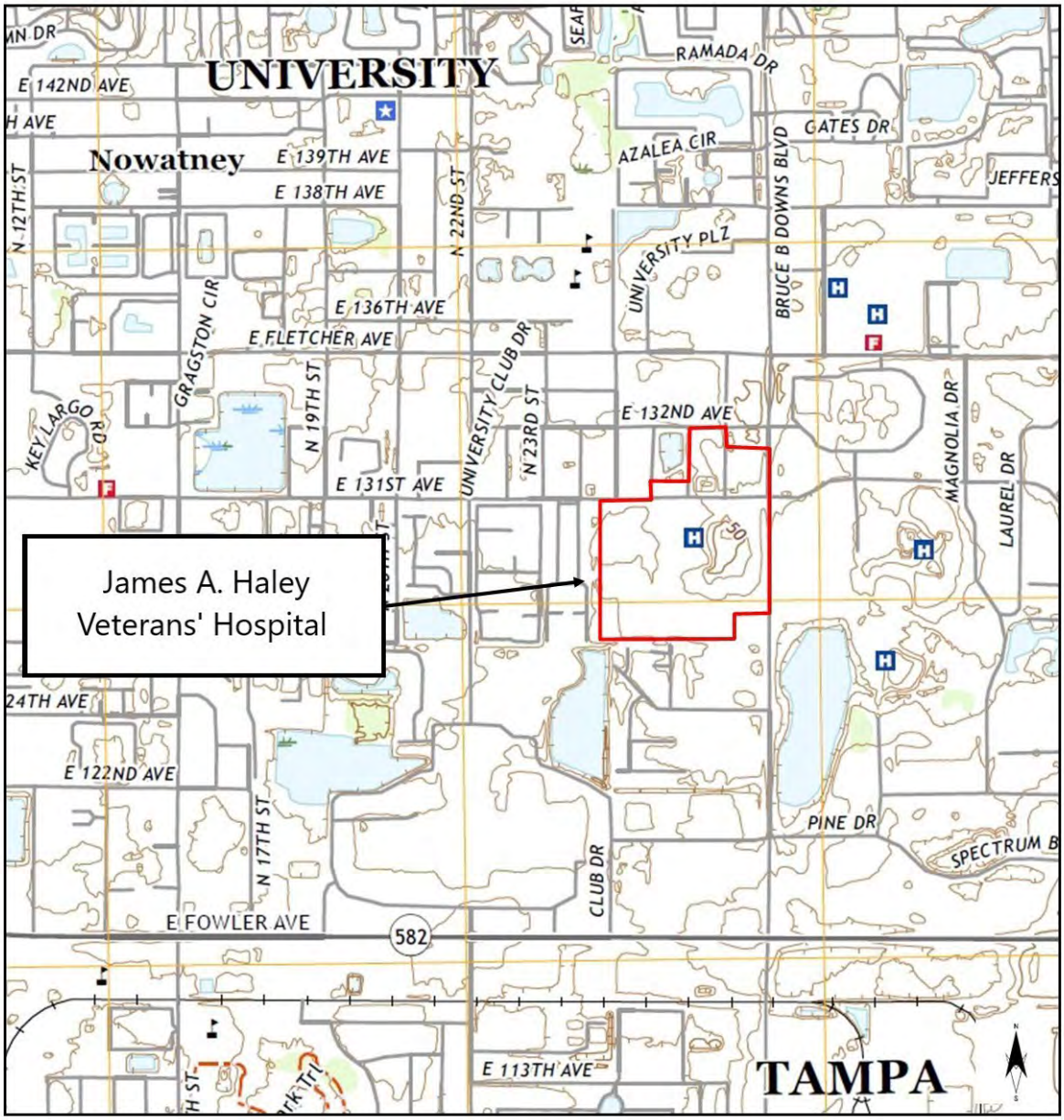


Exhibit 2. Proposed Project

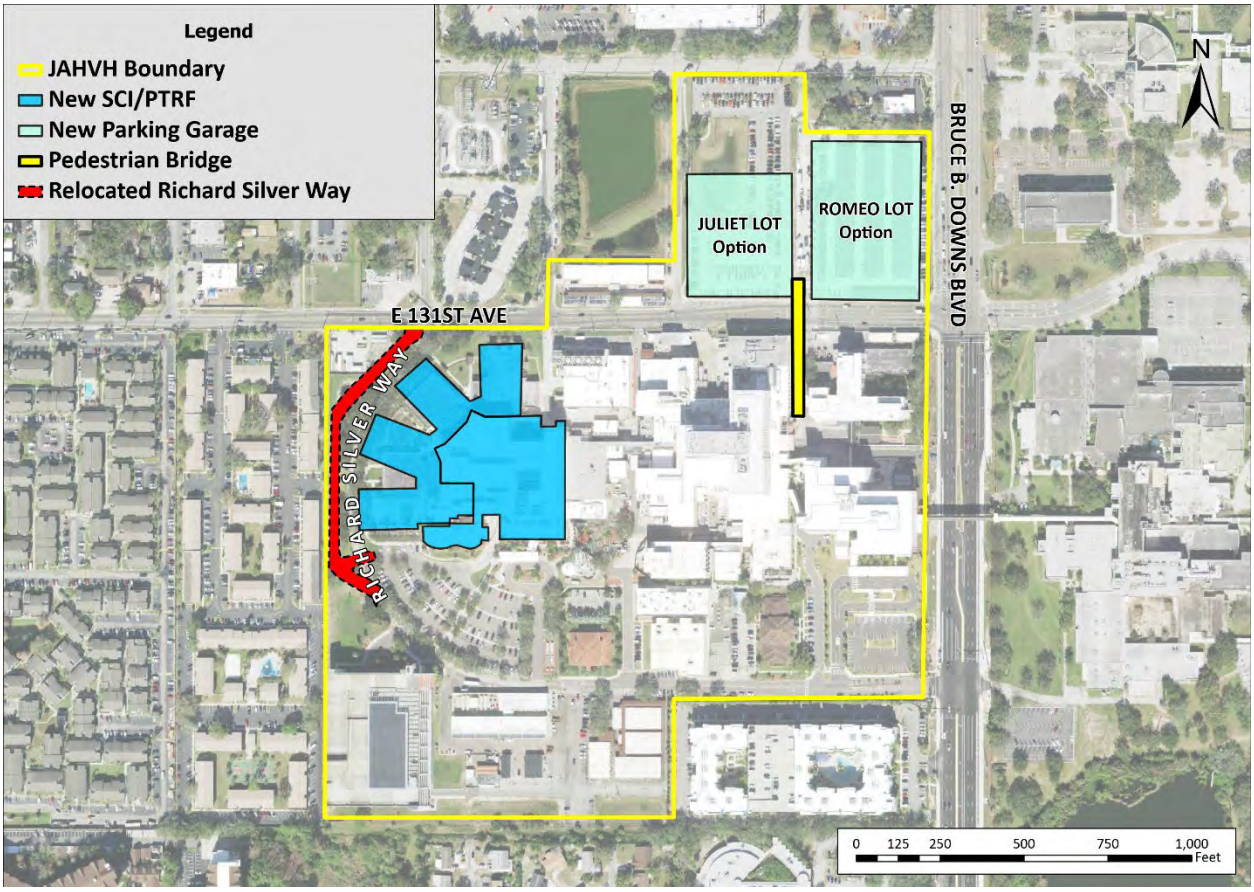


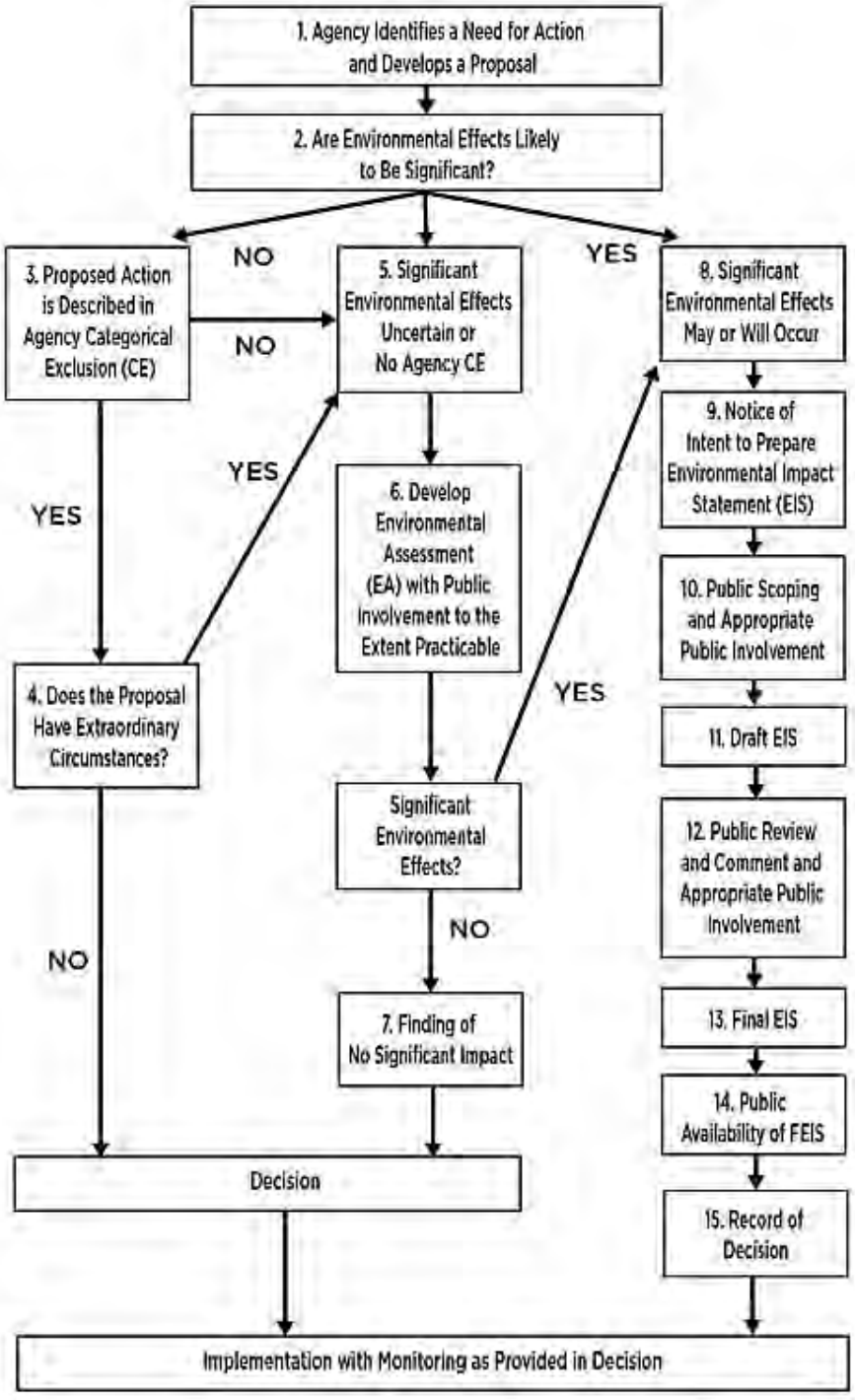
Exhibit 3. Overview of NEPA Process

This exhibit provides an overview of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process. NEPA encourages better decisions by requiring federal agencies to consider the environmental effects of their proposed actions in making their decisions. NEPA also informs the public about federal agencies' decision making and, by way of invitations such as this one, requests your input and comments on these environmental reviews.

Federal agencies prepare environmental assessments (EAs) and environmental impact statements (EISs) to provide an opportunity to the public to learn about and be involved in the environmental reviews that are part of the federal agency decision-making process.

Comments may be the most important contribution from the public because they promote informed decision making. Comments should provide sufficient detail for the agency to understand the commenter's position and why the issues raised are important to the decision. Accordingly, comments should be clear, concise, relevant to the analysis of the proposed action, and submitted during the public comment periods.

It is important to understand that commenting on a proposal is not a "vote" on whether the proposed action should take place. Nonetheless, the information you provide during the EA and EIS process can influence the decision makers and their final decisions because NEPA requires that federal decision makers be informed of the environmental consequences of their decisions.



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Responses to Scoping Comments

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Drinking water permit for water distribution systems from DOH Hillsborough county.	This permit has been added to the list of permits that may be required in Appendix A.

From: Perez, Jorge <Jorge.Perez@FloridaDEP.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, August 6, 2024 7:13:24 AM
To: VACO Environment <VACOEnvironment@va.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] FW: Notice of Scoping for Environmental Assessment: VA SCI/PTRP facility and infrastructure improvements, Tampa, FL

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From: State_Clearinghouse <State.Clearinghouse@dep.state.fl.us>
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The VA is looking for general scoping comments on the proposed project. Please review and get them any within 30 days. No need to copy me on them.

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