



**North College Park Citizens Association**

**c/o Youth and Family Services**

**4912 Nantucket Road College Park, MD 20740**

College Park City Council  
4500 Knox Road  
College Park, MD 20740

Dear Councilmembers:

At its December meeting, North College Park Citizens Association members discussed the GSA's Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the FBI Headquarters Consolidation. Overall, the Draft EIS did not adequately discuss impacts on the North College Park community in its consideration of the environmental impacts. Further, NCPCA members are concerned that impacts of the FBI are considered in comparison to the development in the master plan (the "no action" condition), which may not be realistic or viable.

In particular, the traffic study fails to accurately estimate the impact on traffic in North College Park.

1. Figure 5-18 and the accompanying description on the same page acknowledge that both Route 1 and Rhode Island Avenue are in the study area. However, the subsequent discussion of traffic impact does include these routes, though it seems reasonable that commuters from the North and West will make use of some of these roadways to access new development at Greenbelt station.
2. Further, the report does not identify the pedestrian footpath at the end of Lackawanna Street as an access point to the development site. In its current condition, with only the metro station and no development, we routinely observe that the footpath attracts not just pedestrians and bicyclers, but also automobile traffic in the form of pick-up and drop-offs, as well as those who attempt to park in unrestricted parking zones or during unrestricted times in order to walk to the metro station. As additional development occurs around Greenbelt Station, including the FBI, it is reasonable to conclude that all types of traffic associated with the footpath—pedestrian, bicycle, and automobile—would increase. Given that the roads around the footpath are residential, there is a significant potential negative impact that should be identified and mitigated.

Based on these factors, members have asked the city to further investigate the assumptions and implementation of the traffic study, to see if it reasonably and accurately reflects the potential impacts on our community.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JP Garrett", written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jackie Pearce Garrett  
President, NCPCA