

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY  
FINAL SITE-SPECIFIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT  
AND FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT  
FOR THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS  
PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF THE 2018 GRAVESITE  
DEVELOPMENT AND CEMETERY IMPROVEMENTS PLAN  
CALVERTON NATIONAL CEMETERY  
CALVERTON, SUFFOLK COUNTY, NEW YORK

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) National Cemetery Administration (NCA) announces the availability of the Final Site-Specific Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the VA's Proposed Action to implement the 2018 Gravesite Development and Cemetery Improvements Plan for the Calverton National Cemetery (CNC) located at 210 Princeton Boulevard, Calverton, Suffolk County, New York, 11933. Under the Proposed Action, and in general accordance with the 1977 Master Plan, new burial sections would be constructed within the existing CNC property to provide approximately 26,592 new interment areas (24,242 standard pre-placed crypts, 175 oversized pre-placed crypts, 175 triple depth pre-placed crypts, and 2,000 in-ground cremains). Additionally, infrastructure improvements would be made to existing roadways, buildings, and other areas at the CNC to improve maintenance operations and increase the solemnity of memorial services. The Proposed Action would provide an additional 10 years of burial capacity for the Veteran population in the New York City metropolitan area.

Prior to the Final SEA, VA completed a Draft SEA to document the potential environmental impacts associated with implementing the Proposed Action. The Draft SEA identified avoidance and management measures incorporated into the Proposed Action that would ensure potential minor adverse impacts would not increase to a significant adverse level during construction and operation. A Notice of Availability (NOA) published in *Newsday* and *Suffolk County News* informed the public of the availability to review and comment on the Draft SEA from February 24, 2019, to March 26, 2019. Additionally, VA mailed letters to regulatory agencies to notify them of the 30-day review and comment period. No comments from the public were received. Comments received from NY State Dept. Environmental Conservation and Suffolk County were not opposed to the Proposed Action and have been incorporated and addressed in the Final SEA.

The Draft and Final SEA were prepared according to the *National Environmental Policy Act* of 1969 ([NEPA]; 42 United States Code [USC] 4321 et seq.), the President's Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Regulations Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA (40 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] Parts 1500-1508), and VA's Implementing Regulations (38 CFR Part 26).

Upon review of the Final SEA, VA concludes that implementing the Proposed Action would not constitute a major federal action that would have a significant adverse impact on the quality of the human environment within the meaning of Section 102(2)(C) of NEPA of 1969. Accordingly, VA has signed a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), which incorporates the Final SEA by reference in its entirety, and concludes that the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement is not required. The Final SEA and FONSI complete the NEPA review process for this Proposed Action. The Final SEA and FONSI are available for review in print at the CNC Public Information Center; the Riverhead Free Library, 330 Court St, Riverhead, NY 11901; and for downloaded at <http://www.cem.va.gov/cem/EA.asp>.

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