

Proposed Construction of a Police Evidence Storage Facility in Washington, Illinois

Notice of Availability - Draft Environmental Assessment: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Department of Justice's (DOJ) Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) has completed a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) evaluating the potential environmental impacts of the City of Washington's proposal to construct a police evidence storage facility for the City of Washington Police Department (the Proposed Action). NEPA requires that federal agencies consider the effects of a proposed action and any reasonable alternatives on the human environment. This EA evaluates the potential impacts of actions resulting from the implementation of the Proposed Action (Alternative 1) as compared to the No Action Alternative (Alternative 2).

The Draft EA is available upon request. Please send an email request to info@clarkgrouppllc.com. The Draft EA will be provided in electronic format unless a hard copy is specifically requested.

Project Title: Police Evidence Storage Facility

Project Proponent: BJA

Project Location: 200 N Wilmor Rd, Washington, Illinois (40°42'19.10" N 89°25'23.75" W)

Purpose of the Proposed Action: If approved, the Proposed Action aims to establish a secure and climate-controlled evidence storage facility on current City of Washington premises. The existing facility, which the Proposed Action seeks to replace, is outdated, suffering from structural problems, lacks climate control, and does not comply with statutory requirements for evidence preservation.

Project Description: The Proposed Action outlined in the Draft EA involves the construction of an evidence storage facility on a designated lot within the City of Washington. Preparation for the site includes leveling the ground, laying a foundation for the building, constructing a concrete driveway, and establishing two parking areas. The building itself, with dimensions of 80'x35', will be constructed using masonry materials. Once completed, the evidence storage facility will feature a decontamination room, administrative spaces, a spacious general evidence storage area equipped with secure lockers, and dedicated facilities for mechanical equipment. The Action Alternative and the No Action Alternative were analyzed and compared in the draft EA.

Public Comments: BJA is accepting comments on this EA from April 23, 2024, through the end of the day of May 23rd, 2024. Comments should be submitted by email to info@clarkgrouppllc.com, or mailed to The Clark Group LLC, 137 Elm Street, Montpelier, VT 05602.

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