

**TO:** Board of Zoning Adjustment

**FROM:** *JLS*  
Jennifer Steingasser, Deputy Director, Development Review and Historic Preservation

**DATE:** April 29, 2021

**SUBJECT:** Recommendation for an Expedited BZA Hearing for the WMATA New Hampshire Chiller Plant Groundwater Remediation and Treatment System project at 3670 New Hampshire Avenue. (Square, 2898 Lots 21 and 47) – variance relief from the required Green Area Ratio

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Pursuant to Subtitle Y § 400.7 of 11 DCMR, the Office of Planning (OP) supports the request for an expedited hearing for a variance from the minimum 50% Pervious Surface standard under 11 DCMR E-204.1 for the subject property in the RF-1 zone. The application is filed by AECOM on behalf of WMATA for the reconstruction of NH Chiller Plant Groundwater Remediation and Treatment System project to remove and treat the existing site's contaminated groundwater.

The request is necessary and desirable to avoid unnecessary delay of this important groundwater remediation and treatment system. The applicant indicates expediting the request is necessary and desirable due to the importance of this facility and to further the construction schedule. To avoid additional delay in the review of this applicant, and the issuance of permits, OP requests the application receive an expedited hearing.

OP will issue a report on the merits of the application and a recommendation prior to the public hearing.