

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS  
Ambulatory Care Center  
Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System  
VA Medical Center, Omaha, NE

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announces the availability of a “Draft Environmental Assessment” (DEA) for the proposed construction associated with an ambulatory care clinic facility located at the existing Omaha Veterans Affairs Medical Center (VAMC) in Omaha, Douglas County, Nebraska. The purpose of the project is to provide ambulatory care services to veterans in the Nebraska-Western Iowa area. The proposed project is needed to address the growing health care needs of the Omaha VAMC and patient population.

This project will construct a 157,438-square foot three-story Ambulatory Care Center, with a partial fourth floor mechanical penthouse, parking areas, patient and visitor drop off areas, and new green spaces. The building will primarily serve the outpatient veteran population and will join to the existing Omaha VAMC main hospital building via a connector walkway structure.

The DEA was prepared in accordance with the regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), (Public Law 91-190, 42 USC 4321-4347 January 1, 1970), amendments, and VA's Implementing Regulations (38 CFR Part 26). The DEA did not indicate any significant, long-term, negative impacts to the following resources: aesthetics, air quality, cultural resources, geology and soils, hydrology and water quality, wildlife, habitat, threatened and endangered species, noise, land use, floodplains and wetlands, socioeconomics, transportation and parking, solid and hazardous materials, utilities, and environmental justice.

The DEA is available for viewing on the VA's website at <https://www.nebraska.va.gov/>, at the Omaha Public Library (W. Dale Clark Main Branch, 215 S 15th St, Omaha, NE 68102), and at the Omaha VAMC main entrance reception desk (4101 Woolworth Ave, Omaha, NE 68105) through the 30-day comment period December 20, 2017 to January 19, 2018. All substantive comments will be addressed in the Final Environmental Assessment.

Please submit all comments and questions to:

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