

COUNTY OF HENRICO  
VIRGINIA

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

To:	<u>Planning Office</u>	Subject:	<u>POD2022-00124: Echo Hotel at Independence Park</u>
	Henrico County Police Division		
From:	<u>Community Services Unit</u>	Date:	<u>April 1, 2022</u>

Zoning: M-1C

Proffers: C-7C-81, C-8C-84

**Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) Plan:**

- A CPTED Plan is required for all hotels in Henrico County. A sample of a CPTED Plan for a hotel is attached. Please work with the CPTED Planner as you develop your CPTED Plan.

**Landscaping/Lighting Comments:**

1. The location of the light poles in relation to the trees needs to be considered, especially in parking lots and areas along the building's edge. The two should not be located in the same area, as illumination will be reduced as the tree matures.
2. All shrubs and trees should be trimmed to allow for maximum visibility to and from the site and from within the site. Shrubs should have a natural growth habit of no more than 2 ½ to 3 feet, or should be maintained at this height, especially when located along an entrance, walkway or in a parking area.
3. Trees located around the buildings, walkways and parking areas should have a natural growth habit that is a tree-form, non-pyramidal shaped tree. If this cannot be done, the canopy of the trees should be maintained at least 4 feet from the ground as the tree matures.

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The Henrico Police Division supports and implements Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED), which is the theory that the proper design and effective use of the built environment can lead to a reduction in the incidence and fear of crime and an improvement in the quality of life.

The following characteristics need to be in place at this site.

1. **Natural Surveillance.** Provide natural surveillance throughout the site, especially to parking areas, buildings, building entrances, walkways, etc. Natural surveillance is the placement of physical features, activities and people in such a way as to maximize visibility.
2. **Natural Access Control.** Provide natural access control throughout the site. Natural access control is the physical guidance of people coming and going from a space by the judicious placement of entrances, exits, fencing, landscaping and lighting. The goal is to guide people where you want them to go and how you want them to get there.
3. **Territorial reinforcement.** Territorial reinforcement is the use of physical attributes that express ownership, such as fences, pavement treatments, art, signage and landscaping. The goal is to promote ownership and pride in where you live and work.
4. **Maintenance.** Allows for the continued use of space for its intended purpose. It also serves as an additional expression of ownership.

While our requirements for the endorsement of the plan does not guarantee a crime-free environment, it is our experience that the application of the concepts of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) will reduce the opportunity for crime to occur and will enhance the quality of life. Should you have any questions or comments, please contact me at 804-501-5370 or [mof@henrico.us](mailto:mof@henrico.us) .

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