

Wellesley Island Area of Responsibility (AOR) Proposed New Border Patrol Station (BPS):



Current BPS Facility:

- Current facility operates at 3x the design capacity and the site lacks capacity to expand.
- Not centrally located within AOR and agents are often delayed crossing the Thousand Islands Bridge.
- Current facility is eligible for listing in NRHP and is structurally unstable.
- Current facility contains lead-based paint which requires remediation.
- High levels of coliform and E. coli are present in the water source, which requires treatment, sampling, and monitoring to provide safe drinking water.

Site Evaluation Criteria, including, but not limited to:

- Adequate size and rectangular site shape
- Main administrative building set back from shoreline
- Direct waterfront access for boat dock and ramp
- Approximately 10+ acres
- Centrally located in AOR
- Ease of access for emergency response
- Least environmentally damaging
- Access to public utilities
- Constructability, practicable alternative

New Site Specs:

- Single level main administration building (17,322 ft²)
- Support space (16,475 ft²) such as canine facility, ATV and boat storage, fueling station, communication tower
- Enclosed parking to accommodate 33 vehicles
- Outdoor parking to accommodate 10 service vehicles, 30 government-owned vehicles, and 60 employee-owned vehicles
- Boat dock (30-40 ft long) and ramp onsite

Wellesley Island Alternative Sites Map



- The Wellesley Island Station AOR encompasses 2,569 square miles, including 256 miles of shoreline and 70 miles of international border.
- The new Border Patrol Station (BPS) would be a permanent facility constructed to accommodate up to 75 agents, enable moderate expansion, and would replace the current BPS, *which lacks the capacity to meet current and future needs for USBP operations in the area.*
- The new BPS and supporting infrastructure would be designed for continuous operation to gain and maintain effective control of U.S. borders.
- Materials will be available online following the Open Houses using the following link: <https://bit.ly/WellesleySEA>.



Wellesley Island AOR Open Houses

TILT Property

- **Location:** Next to Blind Bay, 18.9-acre parcel of undeveloped land along New York State Route 12 (NY-12) with waterfront access.
- **Wildlife:** Site may contain spawning areas for muskellunge fish. Surveys to confirm the absence or presence of the fish and the federally-endangered Indiana Bat and federally-threatened Northern Long-Eared Bat have not been completed due to lack of real estate access.
- **Wetlands:** A 0.1-acre linear wetland traverses the center portion of the site.
- **Cultural:** No historic or archaeological resources were identified. An adjacent property, 41444 NY-12 Clayton, NY, is potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.
- **Viewshed:** Viewshed analysis conducted to consider visual impacts on the Thousand Island Historic District, as well as NRHP-listed Rock Island Light Station, Methodist-Protestant Church at Fisher's Landing, and the NRHP-eligible Fisher's Landing Post Office. CBP in consultation with SHPO regarding the potentially NRHP-eligible property adjacent to the site.





Wellesley Island AOR Open Houses

Storandt Property (Dockside Cottages)

- **Location:** The site is an 18.7-acre parcel of partially developed land with approximately 100 linear feet of waterfront located at 40263 NY-12, Clayton, NY.
- **Threatened & Endangered Species:** No species protected under the Endangered Species Act were identified during the surveys.
- **Wetlands:** A 0.14-acre linear wetland traverses the northern portion of the site.
- **Cultural:** No properties on the site are considered eligible for listing in the NRHP. No historic or archaeological resources or submerged, underwater cultural resources were identified.
- **Viewshed:** Viewshed analysis conducted to consider visual impacts. No properties on or near the site are considered eligible for listing in the NRHP.



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We Want to Hear From You:

You are encouraged to provide feedback regarding the construction of the proposed Border Patrol Station.

Public Comments: Comments may be submitted via website, email, in-person, or U.S. Mail per the instructions below through **July 12, 2024.**

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