



# MCPAW - MONTGOMERY COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES & ADOPTION CENTER

- Montgomery County, MD

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## PROJECT DESCRIPTION...

The Montgomery County Animal Shelter is a new 47,193 square-foot facility containing public adoption areas, private animal holding and treatment areas, a sally port, classroom, conference room and office space. The building will house Animal Services functions, such as isolation, quarantine, and holding of feral, ill or seized animals, but will also serve as a public adoption center and community education resource for animal care issues.

The building is a one and a half story linear mass driven by the desire to create a straightforward circulation system with easily navigable corridors for animal transport. All animal care and housing areas are required to be on the lower level to facilitate movement and operations. The second floor houses the office spaces, conference room, break room, and mechanical functions. The facility is oriented on an east-west axis to optimize daylighting potential and address Muncaster Mill Road, the fronting street. Two public entries are located along the south façade, one for adoptions visitors and one for animal services visitors. A third less prominent entry is also provided at the center of the south façade, which will be used for after-hours functions in the classroom space. Two outbuildings are also included on site.

## SCOPE OF WORK...

The Robert B. Balter Company is providing Special Inspections and Materials Testing Services for this project which includes the following categories of work: structural earthwork, testing during the placement of controlled compacted fills, monitoring of installation of various utilities and utility structures, visual inspection of formwork and reinforcing steel, testing and sampling of cast-in-place concrete for footings and wall structures, monitoring the erection of structural steel and light gauge metal framing, and masonry construction in accordance with MCDPS requirements and approved plans and specifications

## ADDED VALUE...

When potential construction deficiencies were encountered, Balter's engineers and managers worked closely with the County to propose cost effective and timely solutions such as wet soils, low concrete strengths and poor subgrade conditions.

Balter assigned a team of project managers and certified technicians who have a longstanding relationship with Montgomery County Department of General Services. Keeping this experienced team together ensured a high quality Special Inspections program, proper documentation and communications, timely submission of Special Inspections to satisfy all DPS permitting requirements, and pro-active consulting resulting in a successful project.



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