

I. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Bergin University of Canine Studies, formerly the Assistance Dog Institute, is a private, non-profit, post-secondary educational/vocational institution. The primary mission is to educate students to select, train and place service dogs with individuals with mobility and mental disabilities. Bergin University prepares students to work with dog owners to help them manage their dog's problematic behaviors, ultimately reducing the number of dogs that are surrendered to animal shelters.

In addition to or as part of educating students, Bergin University provides dogs to individuals with mobility and mental disabilities, Veterans and first responders with Post-traumatic Stress Disorder and Traumatic Brain Injury and places dogs in schools and group homes with varying needs.

Additionally, Bergin University will hold classes for the general public in: obedience, scent detection and agility classes, and other sporting and recreational activities.

Bergin University for Canine Studies will construct a two phase project to develop a facility to educate people (students) to select, train and place service dogs with individuals with mobility and mental disabilities. Phase 1 of the project is to construct a temporary modular primary school, with open space on the west side of the existing restaurant building to be used for dog walking, exercising and training. Outside areas will have a yard monitor on duty to prevent dog barking.

A new code-compliant septic system will be installed prior to implementing Phase 2

Phase 2 will remove the modular buildings and renovate the existing restaurant to provide permanent training facilities for the project. The property will be fenced in by 7' high cyclone fencing and buried 8" into the ground, preventing dogs from digging under the fence. The fence will have regular openings that are wide enough to allow wildlife passage, but too small for dogs to fit through. The dog kennel areas will be enclosed and exceed Apparent Sound Transmission Class rating of at least 60dB per ASTM E413 – 16 or the standard in effect when construction permits are submitted.