



Tidal Basin Revised Development Concept Plan

Consulting Party Meeting

October 19, 2026

Welcome!

Today's Agenda

1. Introduction
2. Project Background
3. Initial Development Concept Plan
4. Updated Concept for Northwest and Southwest Zones
5. Consultation Process
6. Comments and Feedback



Introduction

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Planning Team

- National Park Service – National Mall and Memorial Parks, National Capital Region
- VHB: Compliance, Landscape Architecture
- GWWO Architects: Architecture

Purpose of this Meeting

- Review the project background
- Review the initial Development Concept Plan
- Present the revised concept for the Northwest and Southwest Zones
- Review the consultation process
- Request comments on the revised concept

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The NPS is proposing a development concept plan for the Tidal Basin area of the National Mall and Memorial Parks.

This project is part of the stipulations agreed upon by the NPS, the DC Historic Preservation Officer, and the National Capital Planning Commission in a Memorandum of Agreement to resolve the adverse effects resulting from the project for the Rehabilitation of Tidal Basin and West Potomac Park Seawalls.



Project Background – Project Area Location

- Part of West Potomac Park
- 250 acres including the Tidal Basin and surrounding landscape



Project Background – Purpose and Need

Purpose

The purpose is to provide direction for the long-term management and rehabilitation of the Tidal Basin cultural landscape.

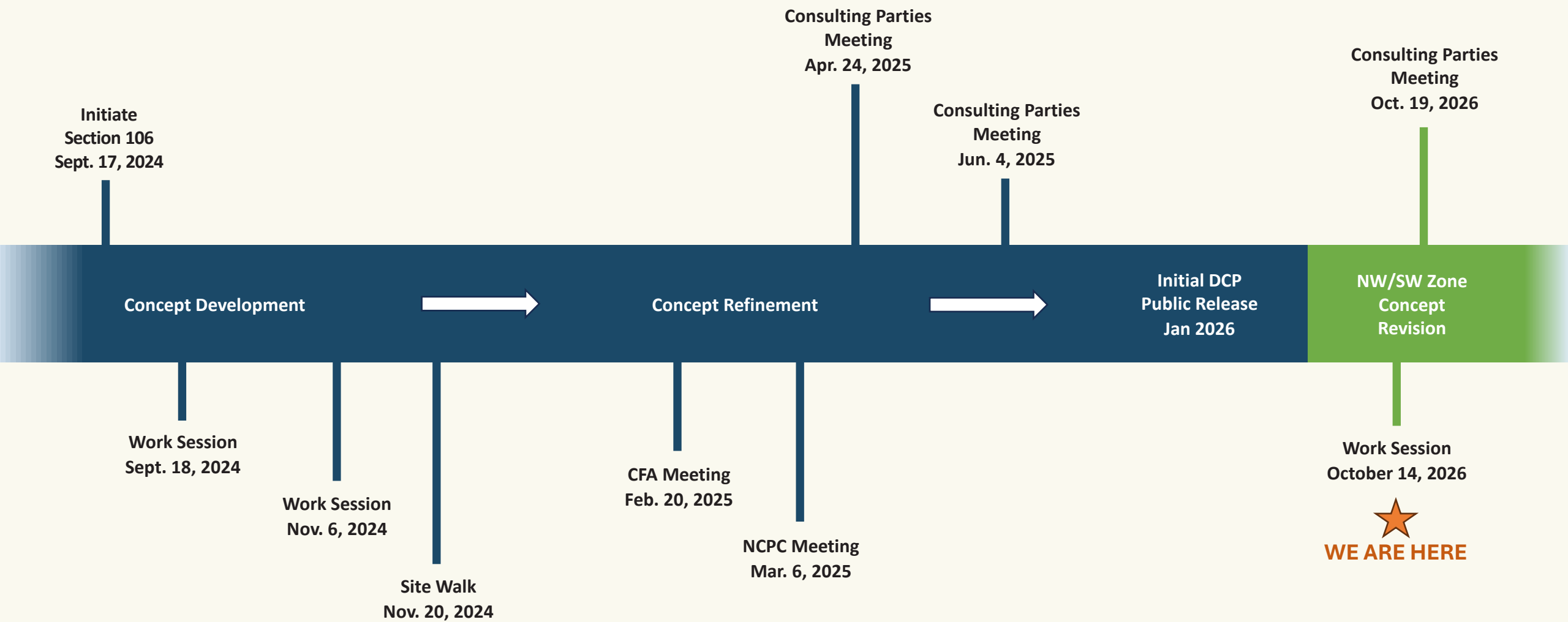


Need

The project is needed to address the following key issues:

- Heavy visitation and crowds
- Compacted soils, exposed tree roots
- Tidal flooding of sidewalks
- Brackish water damages the cherry trees
- Seawalls and sidewalks are damaged
- Change to the seawall height
- Jefferson Memorial security
- Insufficient connections to the city
- Landscape is altered from its original design intent
- NPS unable to keep pace with needed repairs

Project Background – Compliance Process



Initial Development Concept Plan

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- LEGEND**
- 1. TIDAL BASIN (WATER)
 - 2. FLORAL LIBRARY
 - 3. CHERRY TREES (THROUGHOUT)
 - 4. COMFORT STATION
 - 5. PADDLE BOAT DOCK
 - 6. TIERED SEATING
 - 7. BIKE PATH
 - 8. PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY
 - 9. PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE
 - 10. PARKING
 - 11. DROP-OFF
 - 12. MULTI-USE FIELD (5 TOTAL)
 - 13. SOFTBALL FIELD (8 TOTAL)
 - 14. RUGBY FIELD
 - 15. CRICKET FIELD
 - 16. TIDAL LANDSCAPE
 - 17. ROADWAY ADJUSTMENT
- PEDESTRIAN CIRCULATION
--- BIKE/SCOOTER CIRCULATION

Initial Development Concept Plan – Zones to be Updated



Updated Concept for Northwest and Southwest Zones

Updated Concept for Northwest and Southwest Zones – Overview

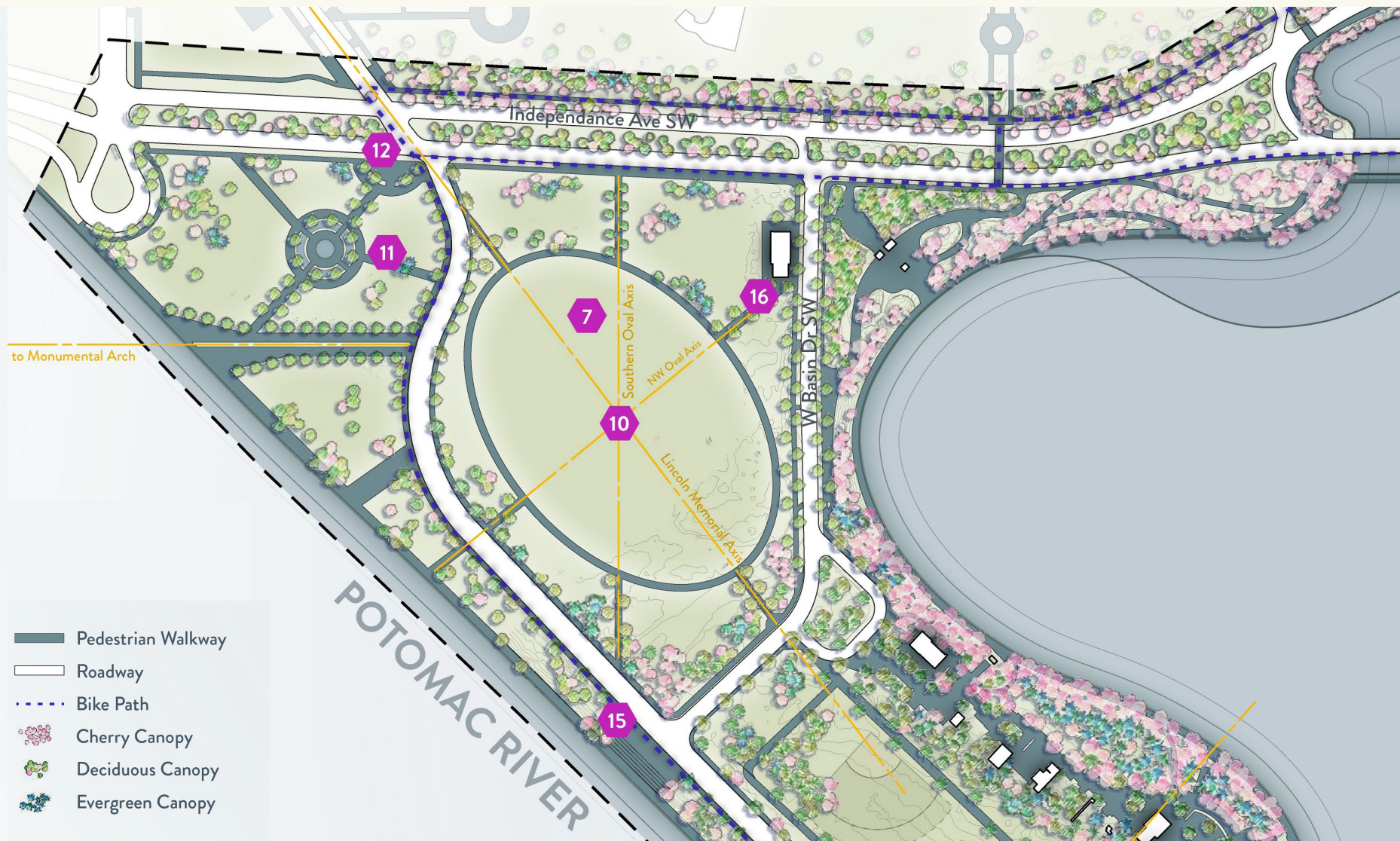


Updated Concept for Northwest and Southwest Zones – Overview



Updated Concept for Northwest Zone

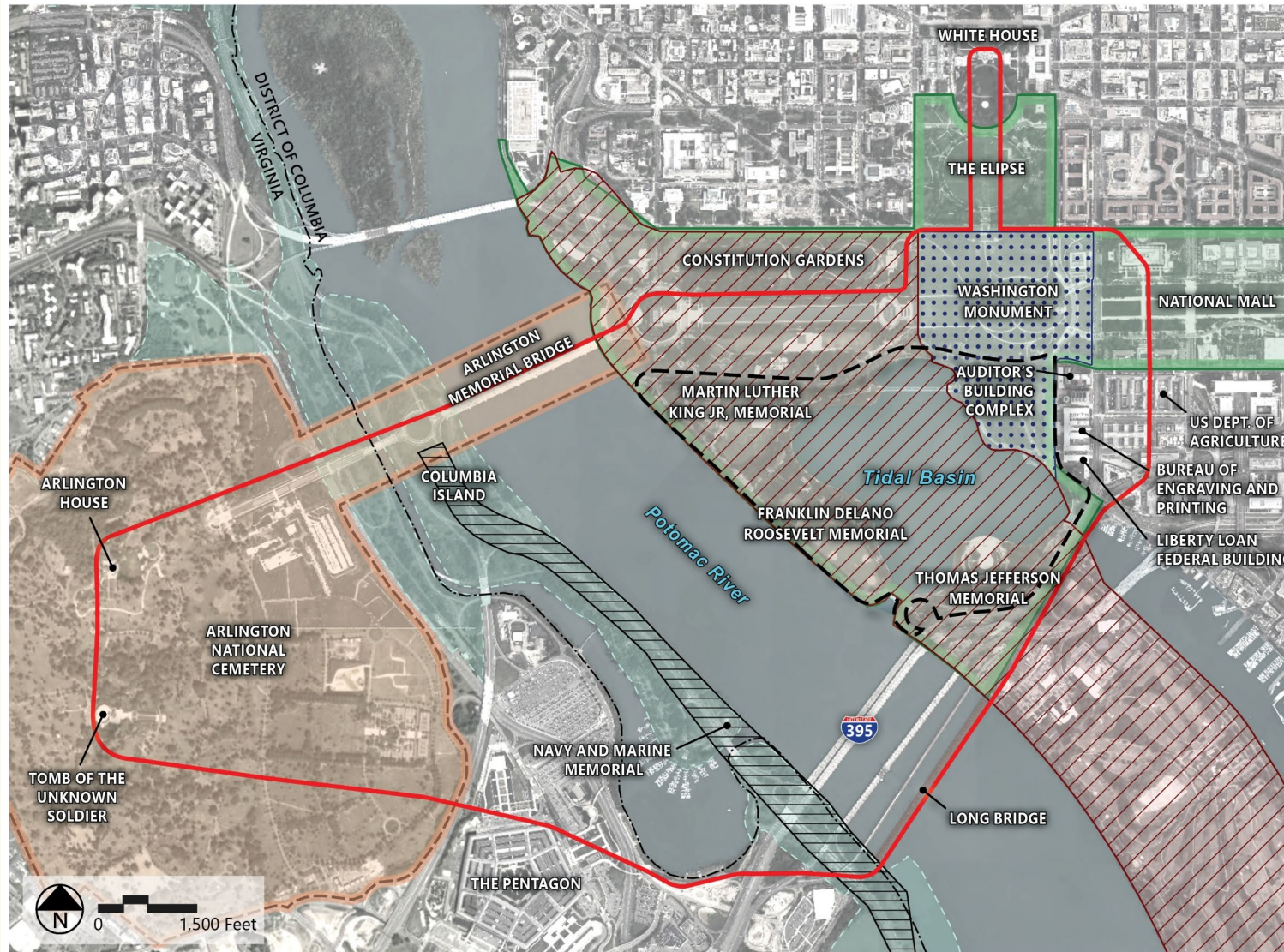
- 1 Floral Library
- 2 Comfort Stations
- 3 Paddle Boat Dock
- 4 Tiered Seating
- 5 Parking
- 6 Drop-Off
- 7 Multi-Use Fields
- 8 Rugby Field
- 9 Tidal Landscape
- 10 Oval Lawn
- 11 Fountain
- 12 Lincoln Entryway
- 13 The Great Lawn
- 14 Amphitheater
- 15 River Gate Steps
- 16 MLK Jr. Bookstore
- 17 Pedestrian Bridge



Updated Concept for Southwest Zone



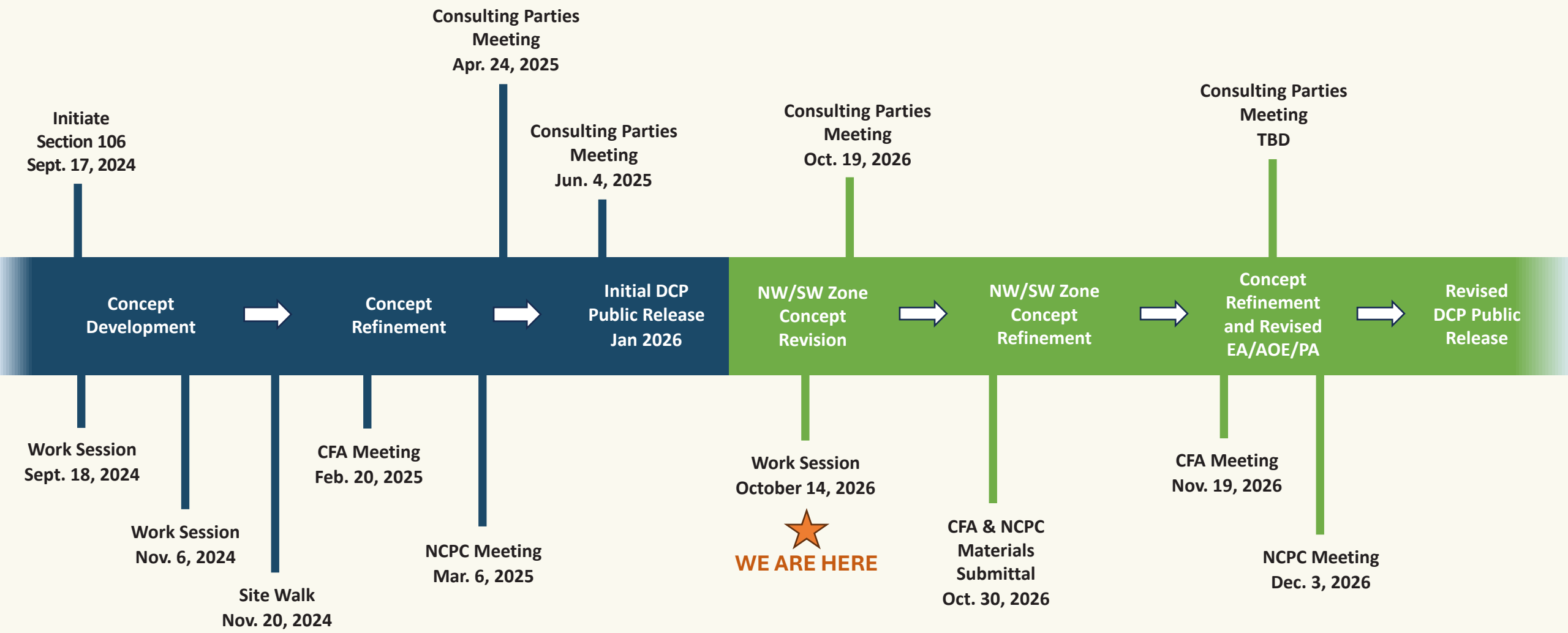
Updated Concept – Area of Potential Effect



- No changes proposed to APE or identification of historic properties

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