

Triumphal Arch at Memorial Circle



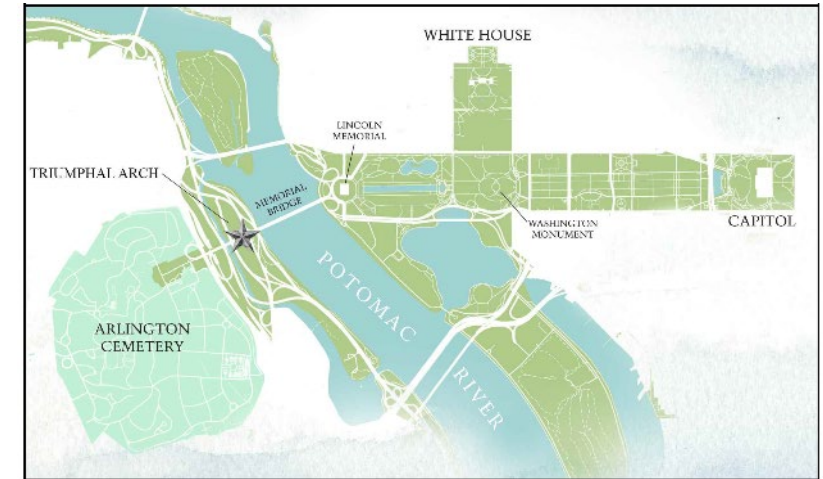
Arlington Memorial Bridge – Existing view from Lincoln Memorial

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Proposed Undertaking

- Construction of an Arch within Memorial Circle at the intersection of Arlington Memorial Bridge and Memorial Avenue
- Associated plaza and landscape improvements
- Supporting utility and stormwater infrastructure
- Traffic and pedestrian circulation modifications
- Security features
- Lighting
- Temporary staging and laydown areas required for construction.



Site Location



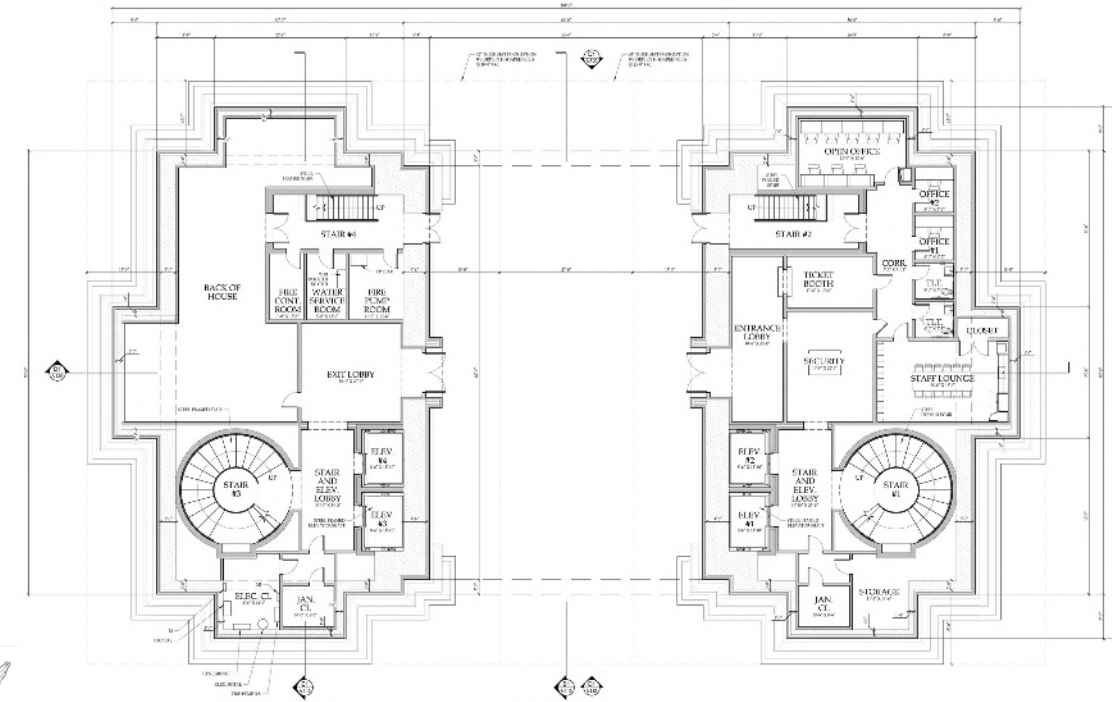
Design Rendering

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Proposed Undertaking – Triumphal Arch

- 166-foot-tall reinforced concrete structure clad in granite veneer and ornamented by a gilded central winged figure and two gilded eagles, positioned above each Arch leg, reaching a total height of 250 feet
- Approximately 91 feet by 166 feet base, with a 15,197-square-foot footprint at ground level.
- Ground Floor Level: security screening, back-of-house functions, and vertical circulation lobbies.
- Mezzanine Level: mechanical and support spaces.
- Gallery Level: exhibit space, back-of-house areas, restrooms, and vertical circulation lobbies, with the possibility of including a café and gift shop.
- Observation Deck: vertical circulation lobby and occupiable exterior deck.



Ground Level Floor Plan



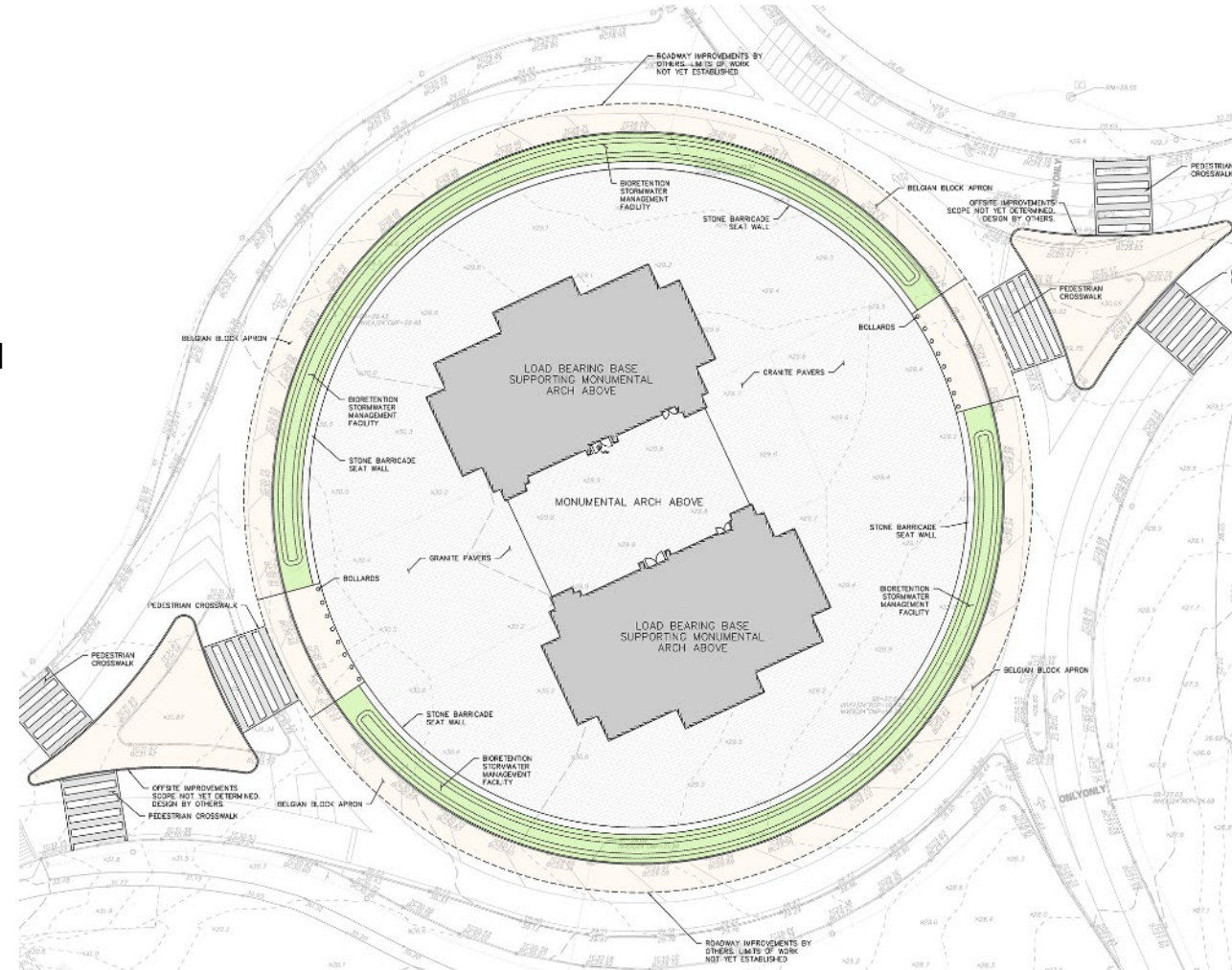
Front Elevation

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Proposed Undertaking – Site Development

- Paved public plaza surrounding the Arch inside the traffic circle, vehicle access to plaza for authorized vehicles only.
- Exterior lighting to illuminate the Arch and plaza and minimal exterior signage.
- New traffic signals to control vehicle movements within and around Memorial Circle.
- Enlarged median islands on the east and west sides of Memorial Circle.
- Circulating roadway narrowed to approximately 20 feet.
- Conversion of the pavement marked truck apron to a mountable concrete truck apron.
- Replacement of existing Belgian block along the outer edge of the Circle with grass.
- Recommended safety design features such as raised crossings, curb extensions, median refuge islands, reduced curb radii, and rumble strips.



Site Plan

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Proposed Undertaking – Utilities

- Supporting utilities include:
 - Potable water
 - Sanitary sewer
 - Electric
 - Telecommunications
- Utilities would be extended to the projects site using one or more anticipated utility corridors:
 - Connection from existing utilities near the Arlington National Cemetery Welcome Center, along Memorial Drive, and across the Boundary Channel Bridge or under the Boundary Channel by horizontal directional drilling (HDD)
 - Connection from existing utilities near the Columbia Island Marina and near the Pentagon, along or within Washington Boulevard and George Washington Memorial Parkway
 - Connection from existing utilities near the Lincoln Memorial, crossing underneath by HDD, within, or attached to the Arlington Memorial Bridge



Utility Routing – Option 1



Utility Routing – Option 2



Utility Routing – Option 3



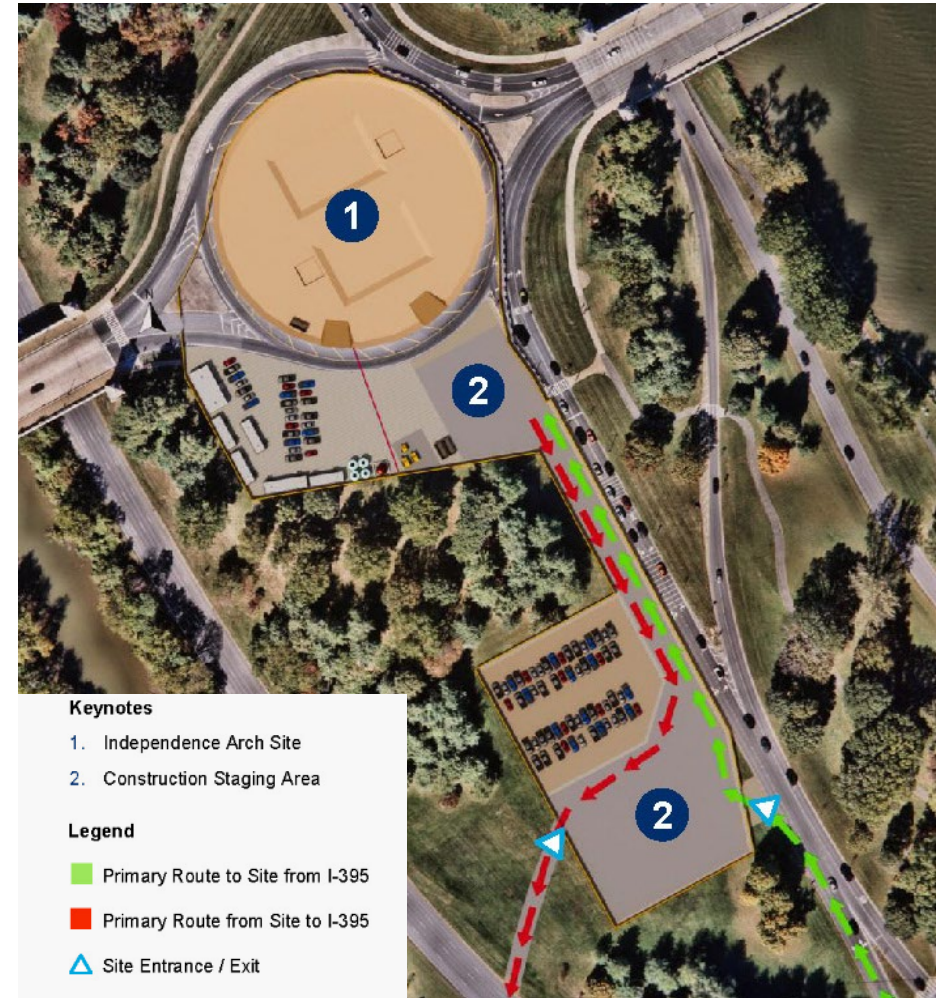
Utility Routing – Option 4

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Proposed Undertaking – Construction Phase

- Construction phase changes:
 - Closure of the southern half of the Circle.
 - Detouring two-way traffic to the north side.
 - Elimination of certain left turn movements.
 - Temporary pedestrian routing with a new temporary crosswalk.
 - Dedicated pickup and drop off area along Memorial Avenue and enhanced wayfinding to direct visitors toward designated safe crossings.
 - Additional short-term closures and detours.
 - Staging area approximately 45,000 square feet immediately south of the project site, with an additional 80,000 square feet designated for parking, to be restored to current condition after construction.



Site Utilization Plan

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- The Section 106 regulations define an **Area of Potential Effects (APE)** as “the geographic area within which an undertaking may directly or indirectly cause alterations in the character or use of historic properties” (36 CFR § 800.16[d]).
- To inform the outer boundaries of the preliminary APE the NPS analyzed:
 - Prior federal undertakings in the Potomac River basin, including APE developments and consultation processes
 - Photographs of important viewsheds
 - Topography
 - Major urban infrastructure, such as elevated structures
 - Urban conditions like building density, street patterns, tree coverage

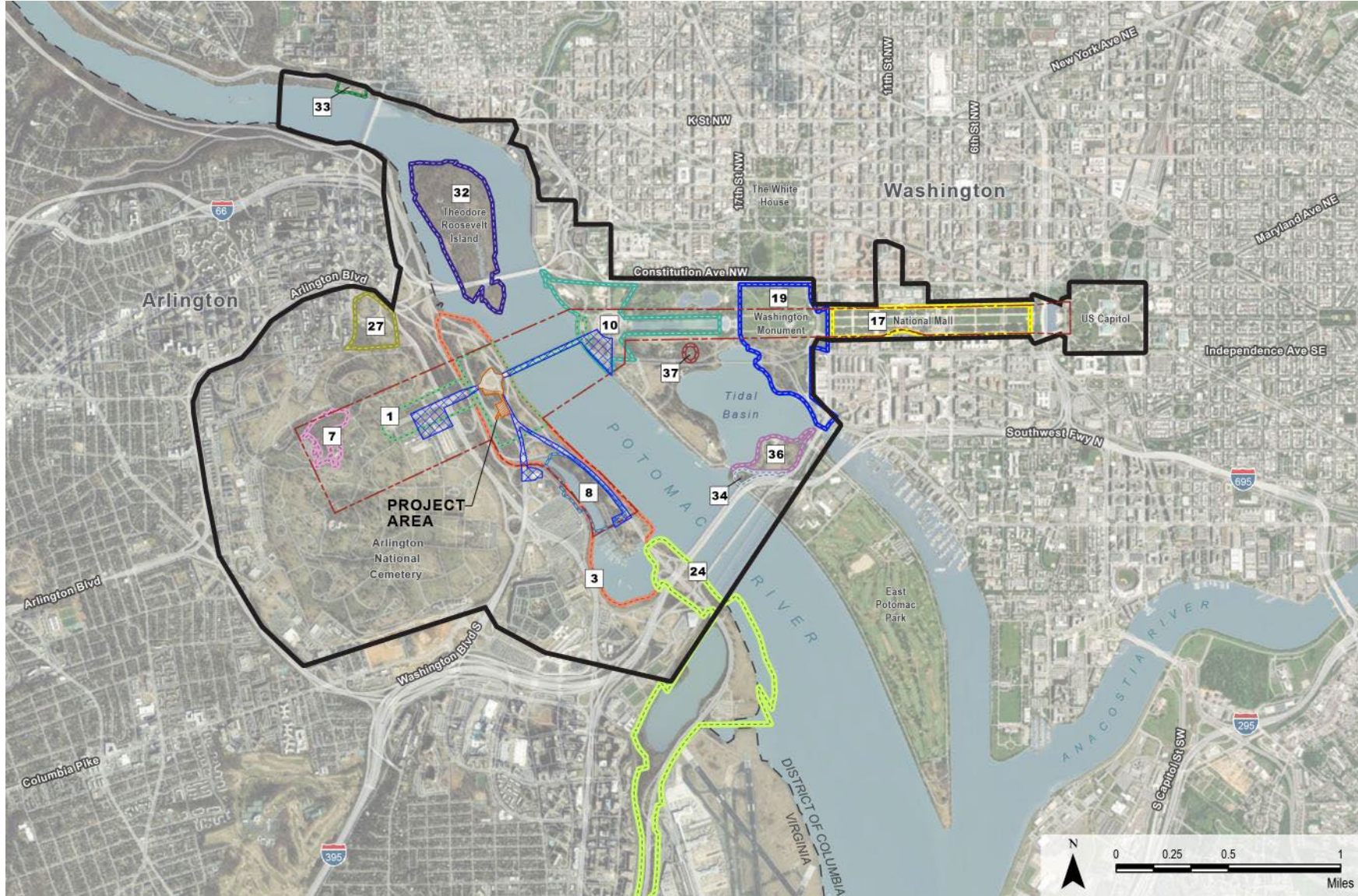


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VIEW FROM LINCOLN MEMORIAL - AFTER

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Area of Potential Effects Map

Legend

- Area of Potential Effects
- Direct Effects Boundary
- Project Area
- Construction Staging Area
- Potential Utility Corridors

- 1 Memorial Avenue Corridor
- 3 Lady Bird Johnson Park
- 7 Arlington House
- 8 Lyndon Baines Johnson Memorial Grove on the Potomac
- 10 Lincoln Memorial
- 17 The Mall
- 19 Washington Monument Grounds
- 24 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway - North of Alexandria
- 27 Arlington Ridge Park
- 32 Theodore Roosevelt Island
- 33 Washington Canoe Club
- 34 George Mason Memorial
- 36 Thomas Jefferson Memorial
- 37 DC War Memorial

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Historic Properties in the Area of Direct Effects

- Associated historically and architecturally with the Memorial Avenue Corridor and the ceremonial landscape relationship between Arlington National Cemetery, the Lincoln Memorial, and rest of the monumental core of Washington, D.C.
- The significance of these properties derives from their **individual architectural or commemorative importance**, as well as **spatial, visual, symbolic, and ceremonial interrelationships**.
- Contributing characteristics include **axial alignment, reciprocal views, coordinated transportation systems, monumental scale, formal landscape organization, and carefully framed transitions** between the civic landscapes of Washington and the commemorative landscapes of Arlington National Cemetery.



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Historic Properties in the Area of Direct Effects

- The undertaking would introduce visual, spatial, and physical changes that affect character-defining views, reciprocal vistas, circulation patterns, and designed landscape relationships.
- Potential adverse effects may occur to contributing resources located in Memorial Circle and have the potential to be **physically** affected by the proposed undertaking.
- Adverse effects would occur to historic properties that derive significance from their planned **visual, commemorative, and spatial relationships** across the Potomac River and through the monumental core.



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Historic Properties in the Area of Indirect Effects

- Historic properties within the **area of indirect effects** include those with views of the Project Area, where the setting, context, feeling and/or association of the historic property may be changed by the proposed undertaking.
- Adverse effects in the area of indirect effects would occur to historic properties where the undertaking would alter **contributing views, settings, or designed relationships.**



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Summary of Adverse Effects to Historic Properties

- Adverse Effects to properties associated historically and architecturally with the Memorial Avenue Corridor and the ceremonial landscape relationship between Arlington National Cemetery, the Lincoln Memorial, and rest of the monumental core of Washington, D.C.
- Adverse Effects to properties in the indirect area of effects where the undertaking would alter contributing views, settings, or designed relationships
- Other historic properties would not be adversely affected due to distance, topography, vegetation, orientation or intervening development



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Archeological resources:

- Additional investigation may be needed to fully determine the effects of the undertaking.
- A subsurface investigation of Memorial Circle may be necessary to determine the presence or absence of deeply buried resources, and a survey of the potential utility corridor locations may be needed to identify resources within those areas.

The results of these investigations, if necessary, will be used to determine whether the APE contains archeological resources that are eligible, or may be eligible, for listing in the NRHP, and whether the proposed undertaking will have adverse effects on these resources.

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Programmatic Agreement

- Signatories: National Park Service, the National Capital Planning Commission, District of Columbia State Historic Preservation Office, and Virginia State Historic Preservation Office
- Consulting parties contacted via letters dated June 5, 2026
- Adverse effect on historic properties

Resolution of Potential Adverse Effects:

- Design Review for Minimization and Mitigation Measures
- Documentation
- Viewshed and Visual Mitigation
- Construction Management Control Plan
- Archaeology



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Proposed Next Steps

- Currently, the NPS has submitted for preliminary NCPC review at their July 8 meeting - including the in-progress EA, Draft PA, and the AoE.
- The SHPOs were asked to respond to the letter by today (6/15).
- The NPS will consider public comment in its finalization of those documents in accordance with the DOI NEPA Handbook.
- Environmental Assessment
 - The preliminary/in-progress EA was submitted to NCPC as per their requirements for preliminary review.
- Additional Consulting Parties
 - The NPS is currently reviewing requests from additional consulting parties who want to participate in the 106 process. A decision regarding these requests will be made shortly.



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