Purpose and Need

The purpose of this project is to: enhance visitor experience; improve traffic operations; accommodate recreational user groups; improve park infrastructure; and enhance the safety of pedestrians, motorists, and cyclists in the study area that includes Gravelly Point, Roaches Run Waterfowl Sanctuary (Roaches Run) and a segment of the Mount Vernon Trail, all within George Washington Memorial Parkway.

There is a need to examine possible enhancements for optimal and sustainable resource use in the study area. This need is based on several cumulative factors, including:

- Limited access to Roaches Run, inefficient circulation through Gravelly Point, and deficiencies in facilities for visitor use

- Safety concerns presented by heavy trail use and visitor use conflicts along the Mount Vernon Trail at Gravelly Point

- Insufficient interpretation of natural and cultural resource features of Roaches Run and Gravelly Point