



Welcome

Fort Hunt Site Development Plan Environmental Assessment/Assessment of Effect

Open House Presenting New Alternative Concepts

June 27, 2012

Tonight's Schedule:

- **6:30-7:00pm – Open House***
- **7:00-7:20pm – Presentation**
- **7:20-8:30pm – Open House***

***NPS staff available to answer questions and accept written comments**





Welcome

Purpose of Tonight's Meeting:

- Inform the public about new alternative concepts and updated planning process;
- Restart the public scoping process; and
- Explain how public comments can be submitted



Project goals include enhancing visitor experience, protecting cultural and natural resources, and sustaining valued recreational amenities



Purpose and Need

Purpose:

To identify an overall direction for park management while defining specific resource conditions and improvements to visitor experience. The plan seeks to:

- Enhance visitor experiences and connections with park resources
- Protect the park's resources
- Create a balance of park use that optimizes recreation and resource protection

Need:

- Based on public demand and NPS resource management priorities, there is a need to:
- Address the inadequacy of interpretative opportunities that promote the park's rich history, particularly regarding the recent discovery of site's national significance as a World War II secret interrogation center.
- Enhance and restore cultural landscapes and historic viewsheds
- Sustain the park's valued recreational amenities to the extent feasible

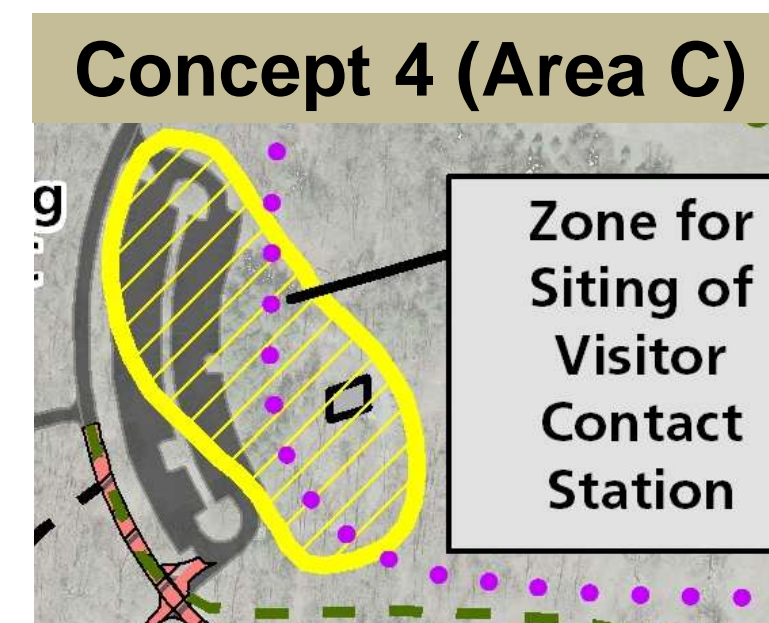
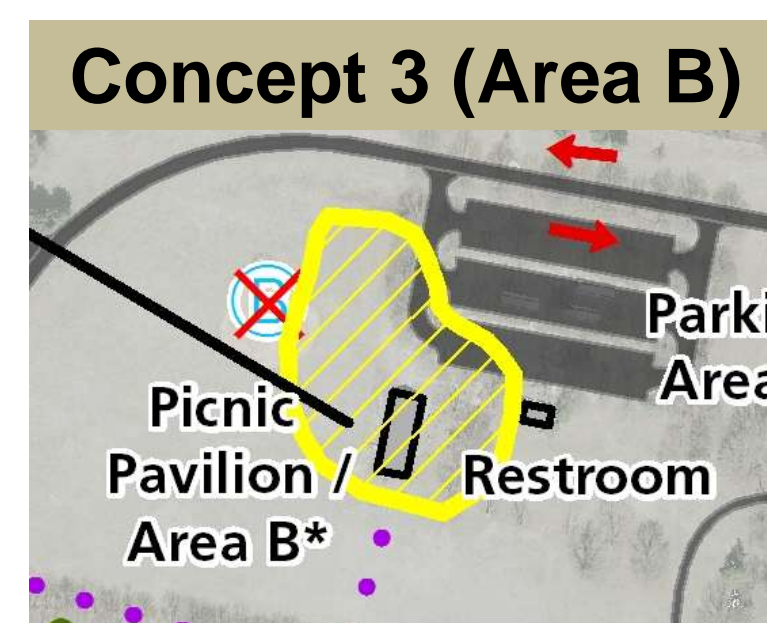
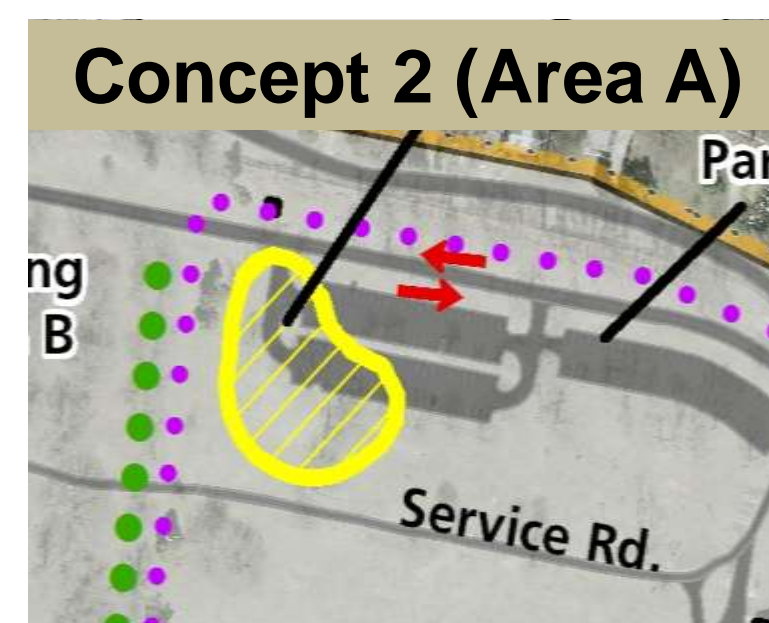




Common to All Action Alternatives

Zones for Siting of Visitor Contact Station:

- Denotes proposed areas for siting of visitor contact station illustrating conceptual nature of action
- Options for visitor contact station could include:
 - Construction of new building
 - Conversion of existing pavilion
 - Outdoor interpretive displays
 - Maintaining pavilion for compatible use
- Any action will require additional planning, design and public review

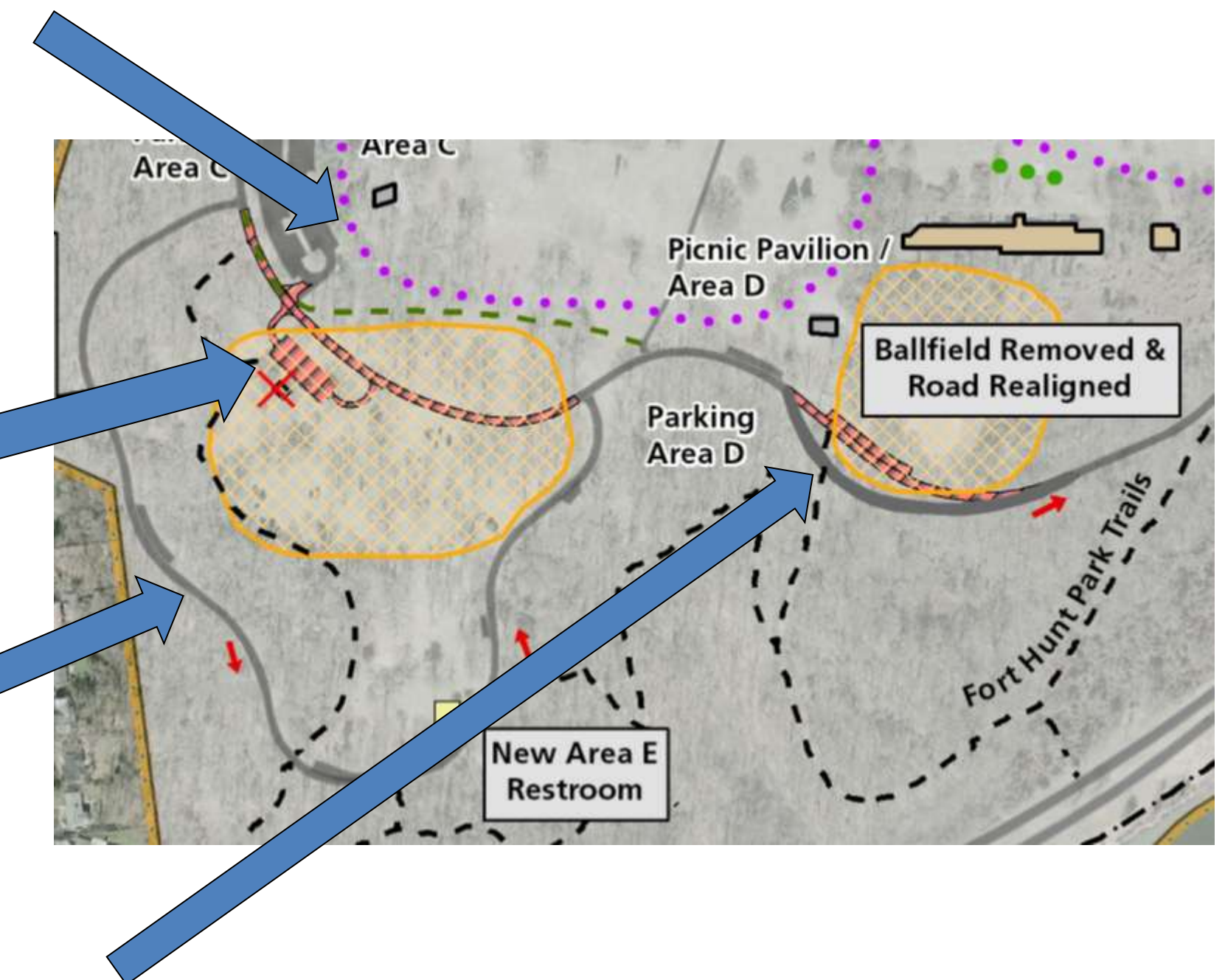


Trail Addition:

- Construct interpretation/recreation loop trail

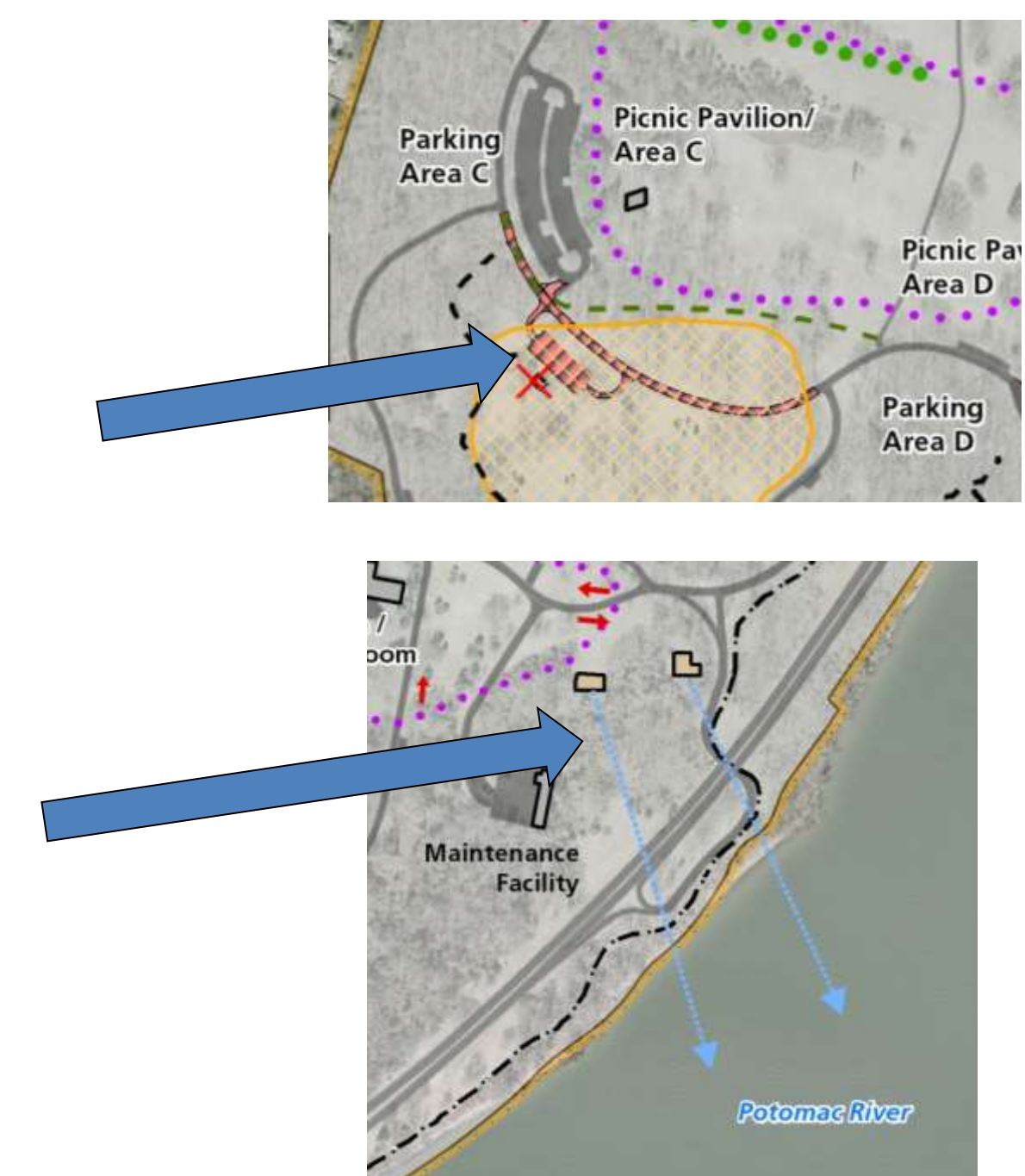
Relating to Historic Land Use Restoration Zones:

- Remove Picnic Area E parking and restrooms – open area and picnicking to remain
- Reroute loop road through reopened lower road
- Realign sections of loop road and remove ballfield in Area D – open area and picnicking to remain



Additional options under consideration:

- Construct paved connector trail to maintain cycling and pedestrian circulation
- Restore a historic sight line to Potomac River from Battery Robinson or Battery Sater











Alternative Concept 1

(No Action)

- Continuation of present management operations
- No change to existing conditions
- Provides basis for comparison with other alternatives



Legend

 Ballfield	 Park Facilities
 Vehicular Circulation	 Historic Structures
 Historically Significant Tree Row	 Park Boundary

ALTERNATIVE CONCEPT 1
(EXISTING CONDITIONS)
FORT HUNT PARK NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

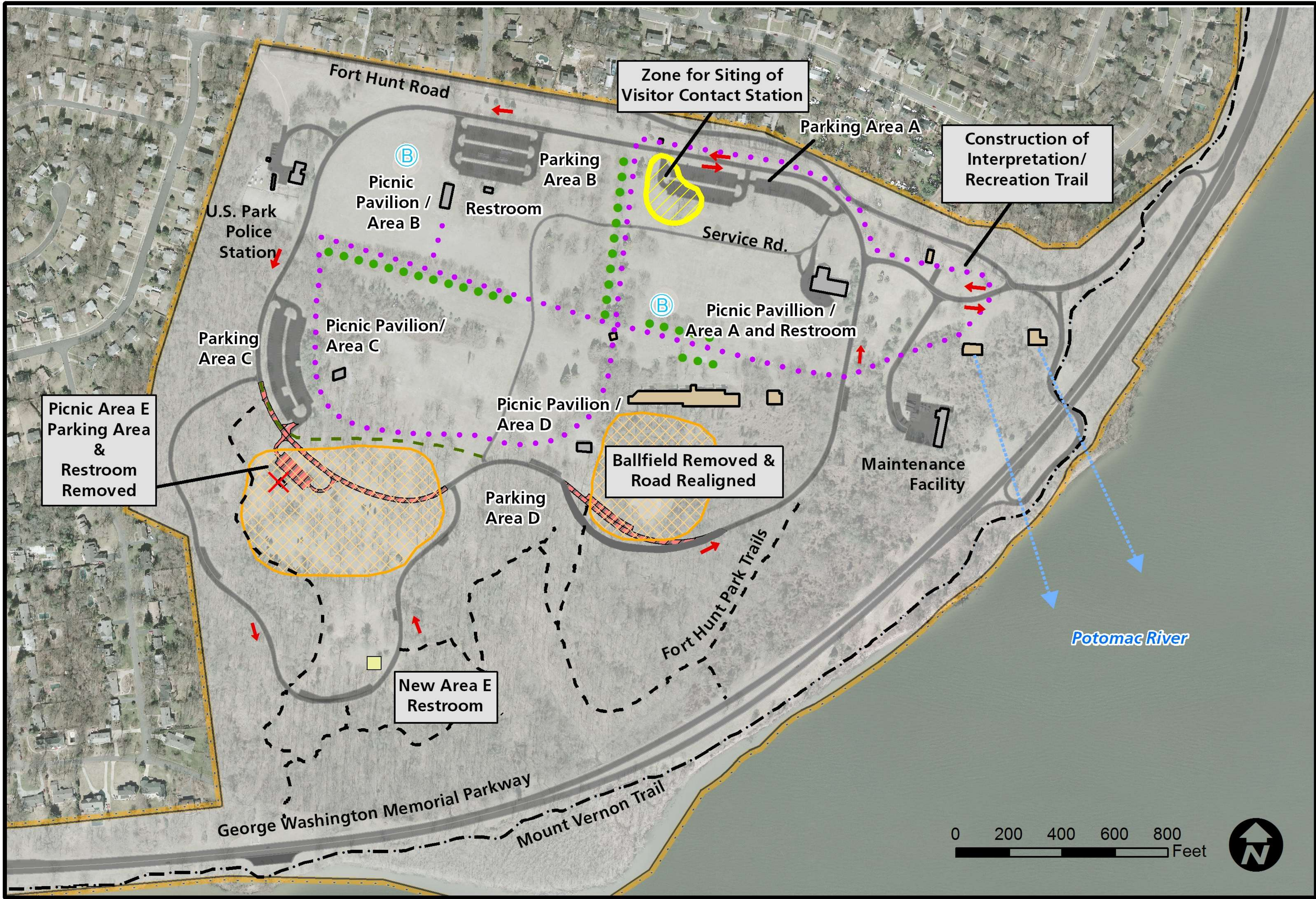




Alternative Concept 2

Highlights:

- Site visitor contact station within zone depicted in Area A; additional options to be detailed in EA/AoE
- Construct restroom in new location in Area E



Legend		
Vehicular Circulation	Possible View to River	Removed Road
Paved Connector Trail	Ballfield	Historic Structures
Chronological Interpretive Trail	Park Facilities	Visitor Contact Station Zone
Historically Significant Tree Row	Historic Land Use Restoration Area	Park Boundary

ALTERNATIVE CONCEPT 2
FORT HUNT PARK
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

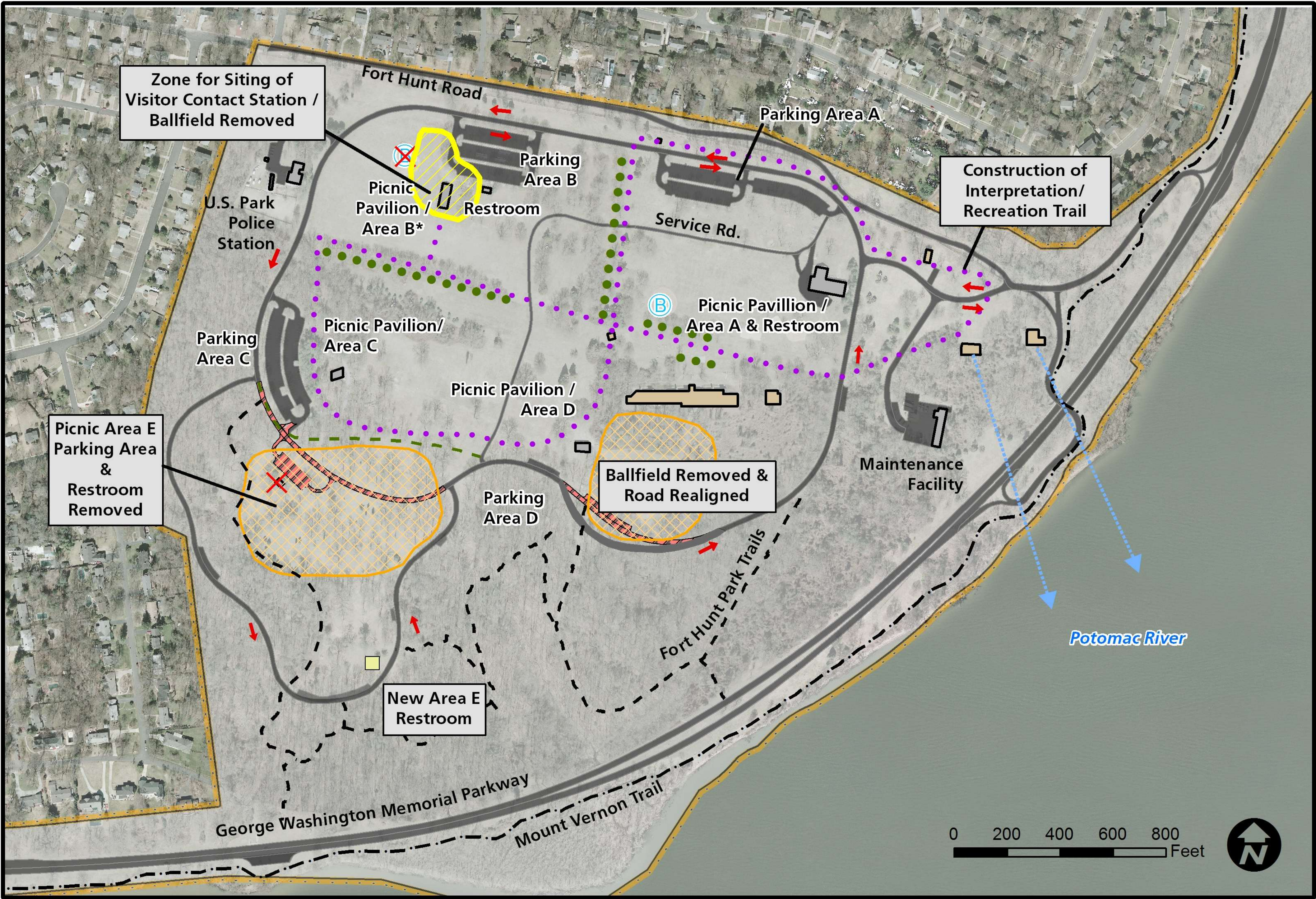




Alternative Concept 3

Highlights:

- Site visitor contact station within zone depicted in Area B, additional options to be detailed in EA/AoE
- Backstop and ballfield removed, but all area outside of zone would remain open
- Options for Pavilion B subject to further study and public review; reservations likely to discontinue
- Construct restroom in new location in Area E



Legend	Possible View to River	Removed Road
Vehicular Circulation	Ballfield	Historic Structures
Paved Connector Trail	Park Facilities	Visitor Contact Station Zone
Chronological Interpretive Trail	Historic Land Use Restoration Area	Park Boundary
Historically Significant Tree Row		

ALTERNATIVE CONCEPT 3
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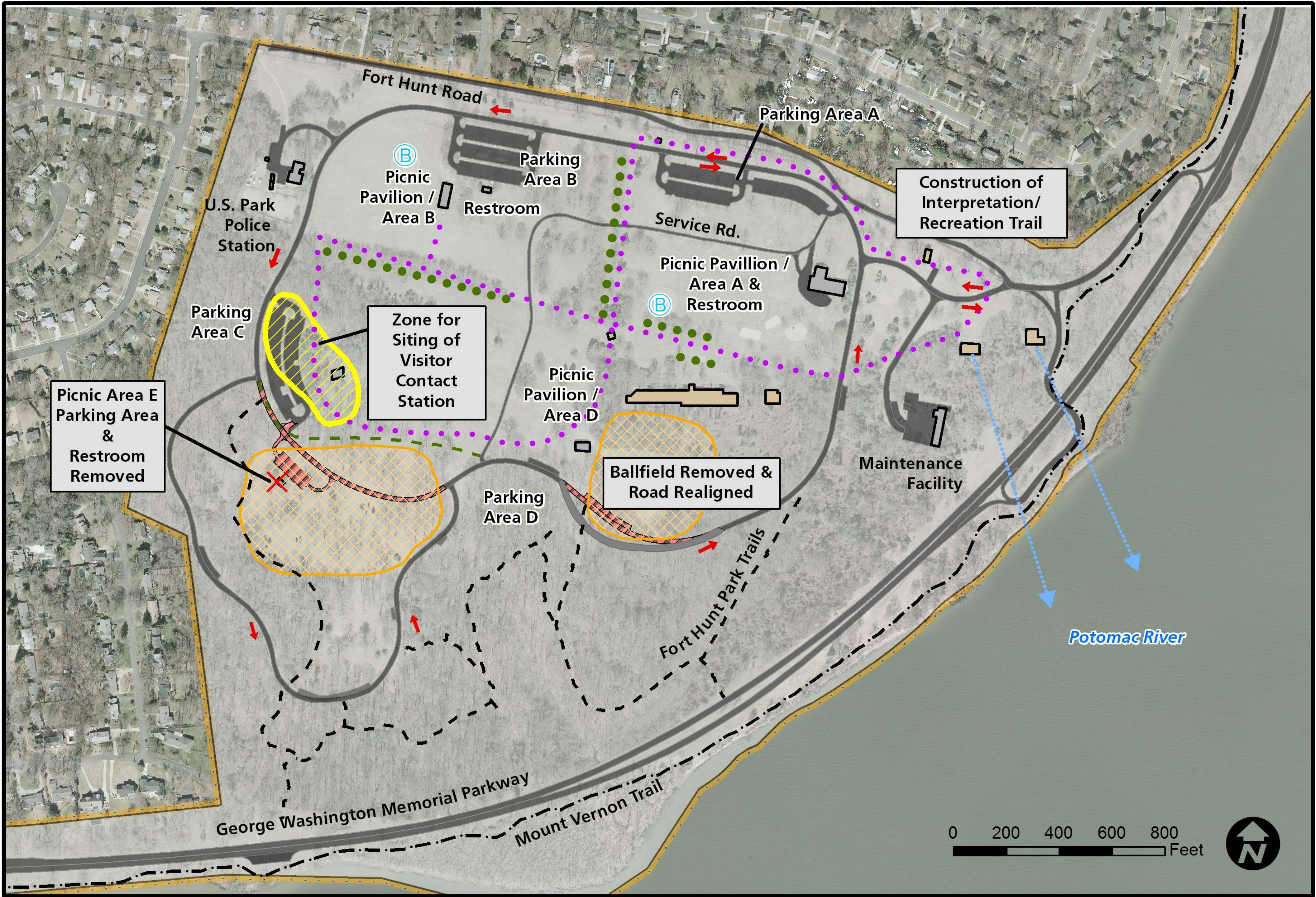




Alternative Concept 4

Highlights:

- Site visitor contact station and restroom within zone depicted in Area C; additional options to be detailed in EA/AoE
- Options for Pavilion C subject to further study and public review; reservations may discontinue



Legend		
Vehicular Circulation	Possible View to River	Removed Road
Paved Connector Trail	Ballfield	Historic Structures
Chronological Interpretive Trail	Park Facilities	Visitor Contact Station Zone
Historically Significant Tree Row	Historic Land Use Restoration Area	Park Boundary

ALTERNATIVE CONCEPT 4

FORT HUNT PARK
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE





Project Timeline and Update

Work to Date:

- **January/February 2011** – Public scoping and comment period
- **September-November 2011** – Release of previous EA and public review
- **December 2011-May 2012** – NPS decides to start a new EA process to develop new alternatives based on a thorough review of public comments received on previous EA
- **June/July 2012** – Renewed public scoping/review of new alternative concepts (underway)

Next Steps:

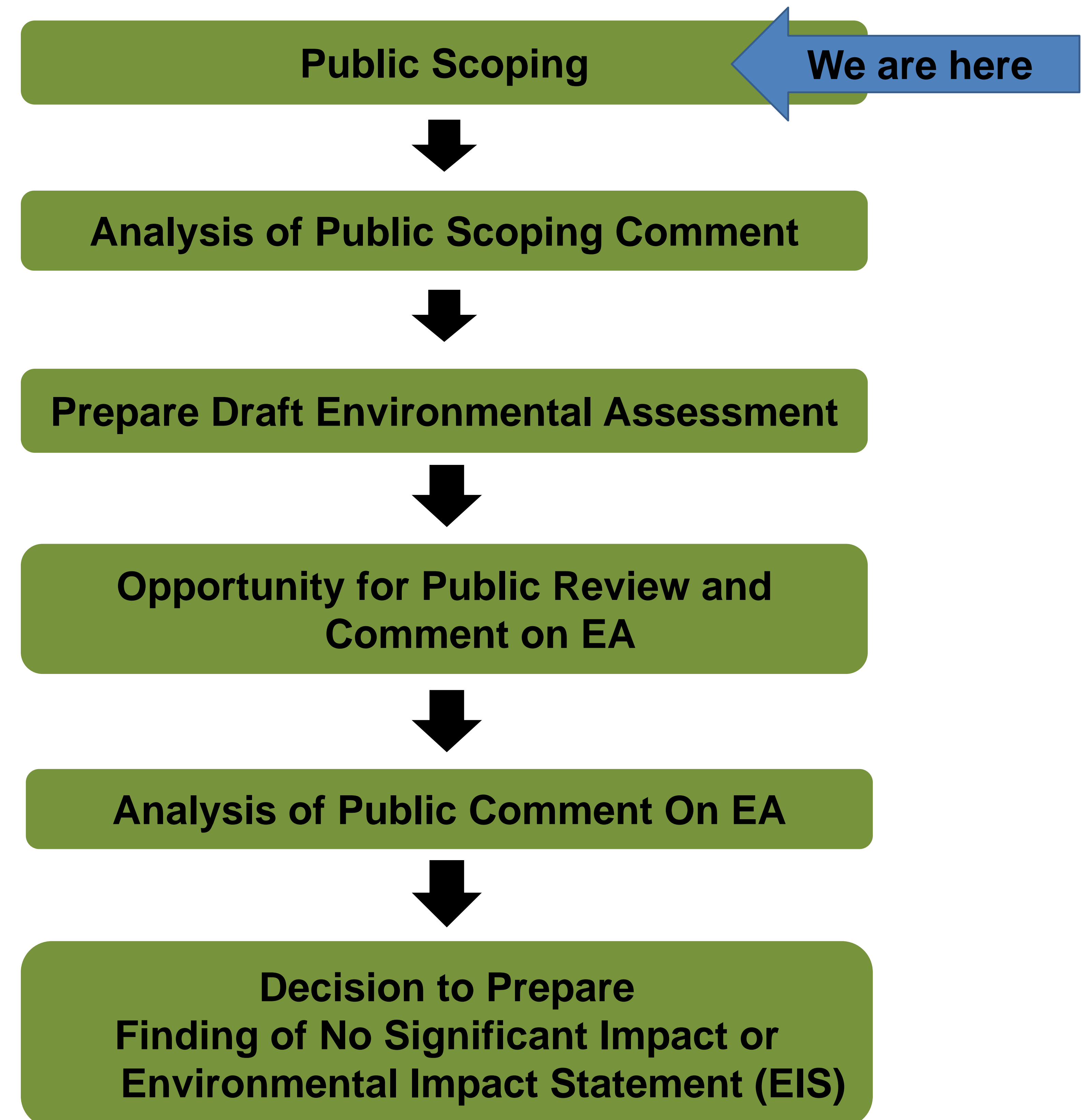
- **Late Summer 2012** – Refine alternatives based on public input and prepare new EA
- **Fall 2012** – Expected Release new EA for public review
- **Early 2013** – Prepare and publish decision document
- **2013 and beyond**– Use EA as a guide for further studies, planning and design



National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Process



In accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, an Assessment of Effect will be prepared and included with the Environmental Assessment. NPS commits to additional S106 consultation as the plan elements are further developed.





How to Comment

- Written comments or questions will be accepted tonight on the provided comment form.
- You may access the newsletter and submit comments electronically at the NPS's Planning, Environment, and Public Comment (PEPC) website:

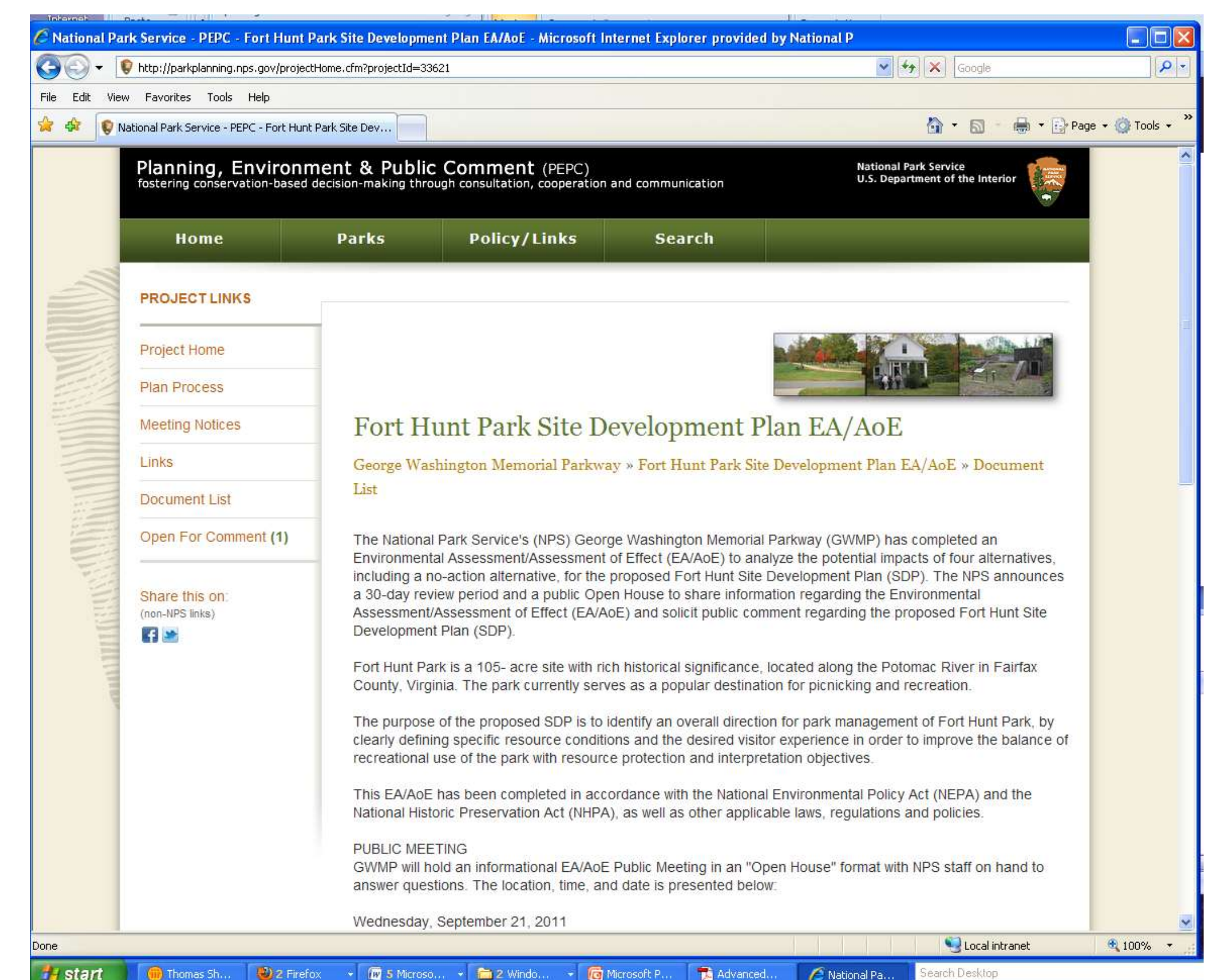
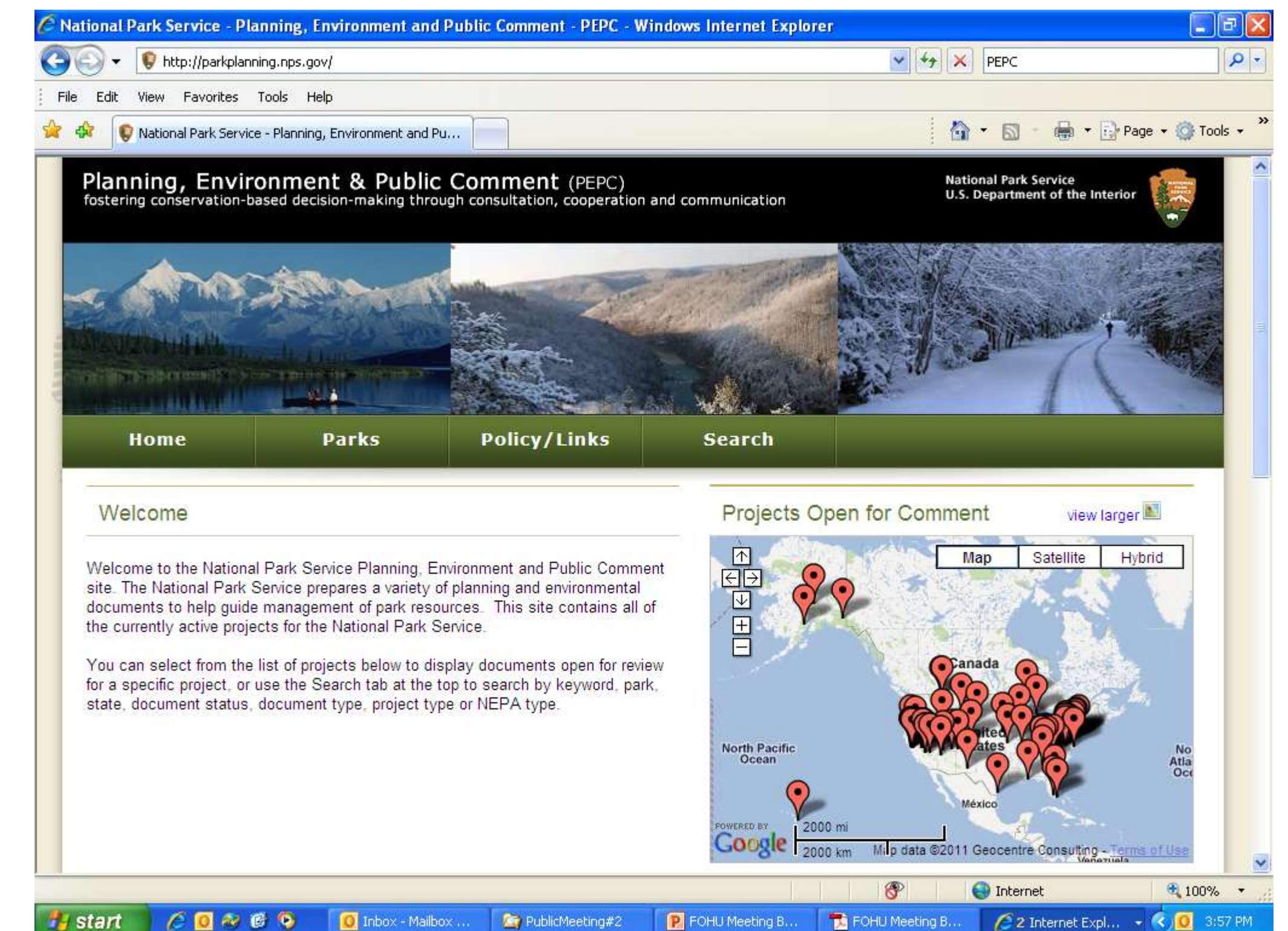
<http://parkplanning.nps.gov/forthunt>

- Written comments may be mailed to:

**Superintendent
Attn: Fort Hunt Park EA/AoE
George Washington Memorial Parkway
700 George Washington Memorial Parkway**

**Turkey Run Park Headquarters
McLean, VA 22101**

- Mailed comments must be postmarked by **July 28, 2012** to receive consideration.



PEPC Website