



# Fort Hunt Site Development Plan Environmental Assessment/Assessment of Effect

George Washington Memorial Parkway

Open House presenting New Alternative  
Concepts

June 27, 2012





# 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





## New Alternative Concepts in Brief

- Optimize a balance between recreational use and resource protection
- Focus on maintaining existing recreational facilities
- Minimize impact to existing park resources and users
- Remove management actions from plan
- Enhance protection and interpretation of the park's nationally significant resources



## Alternative revisions based on public comment

- Minimizes or eliminates need to remove pavilions
- Maintains a loop road circulation with lane dedicated to pedestrians and cyclists
- Denotes zones for possible siting of visitor contact station, with other options to be developed
- Designates “Land Use Restoration Areas” to better communicate need for associated actions
- Considers additional options of connector trail and restoration of river sight lines



# 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



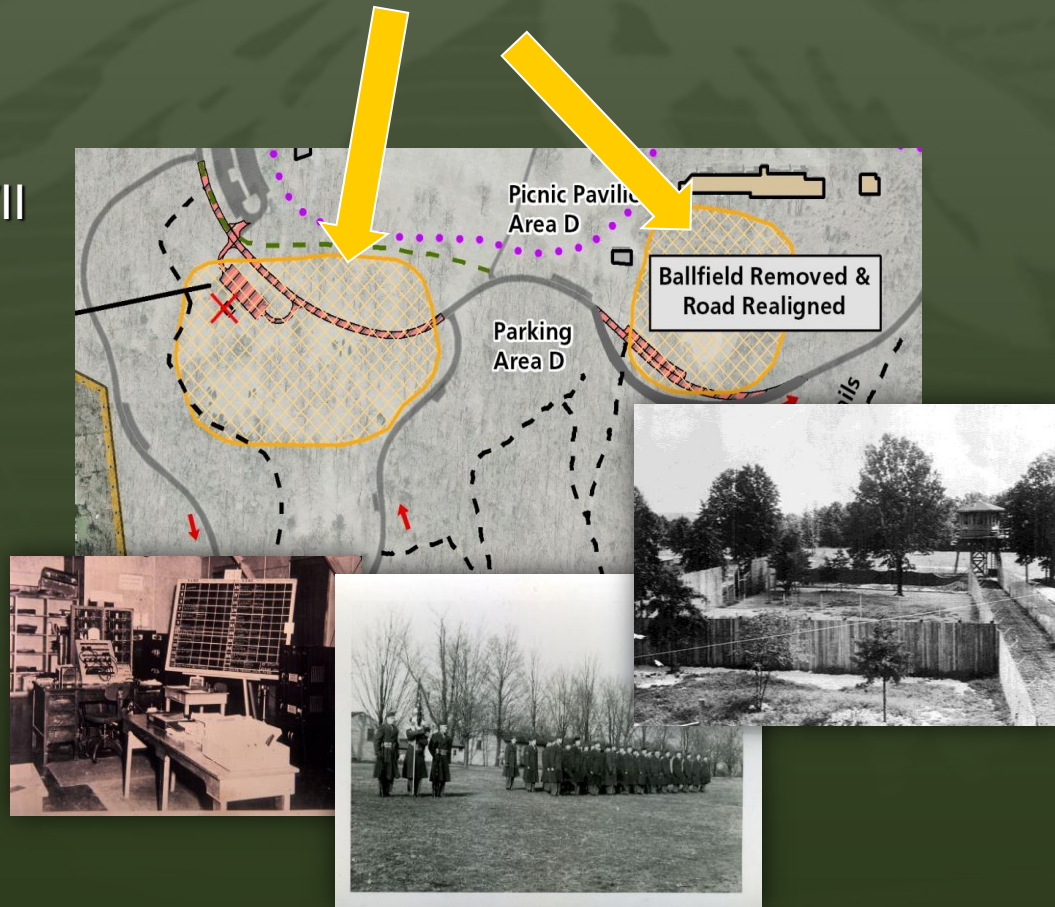




# Common to All Action Alternatives

## Historic Land Use Restoration Areas

- Designates critical areas for restoration associated with WWII Military Intelligence Operation known as "P.O. Box 1142"
- Relates to actions detailed in following slide





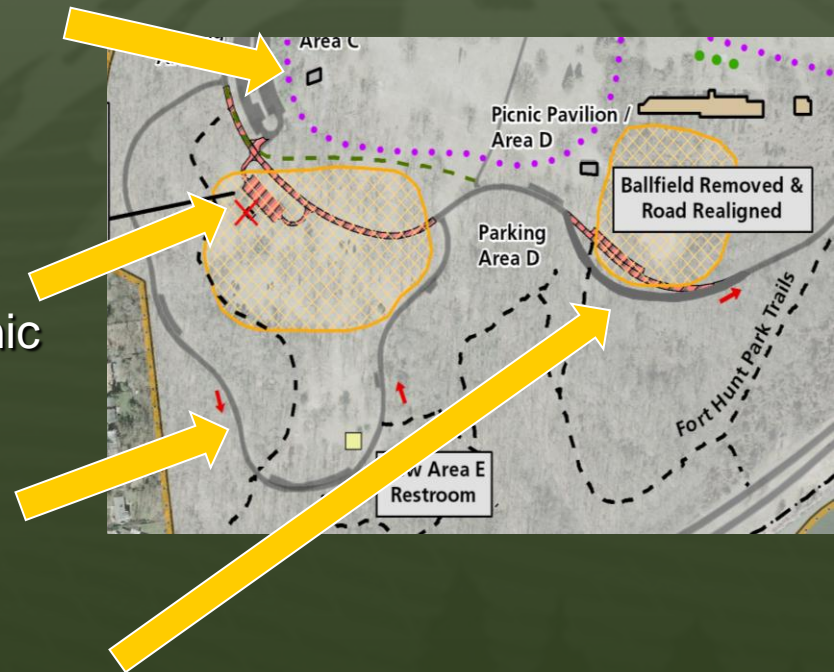
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## Trail Addition

- Construct interpretation/recreation trail

## Relating to Historic Land Use Restoration Zones:

- Remove parking and restrooms in Picnic Area E – 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





# 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

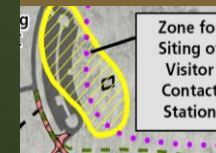
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(Area A)



Concept 3  
(Area B)



Concept 4  
(Area C)



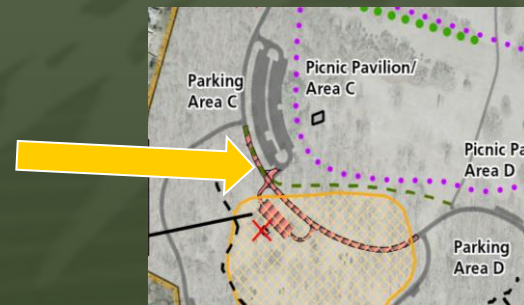




# Common to All Action Alternatives

## 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







# 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



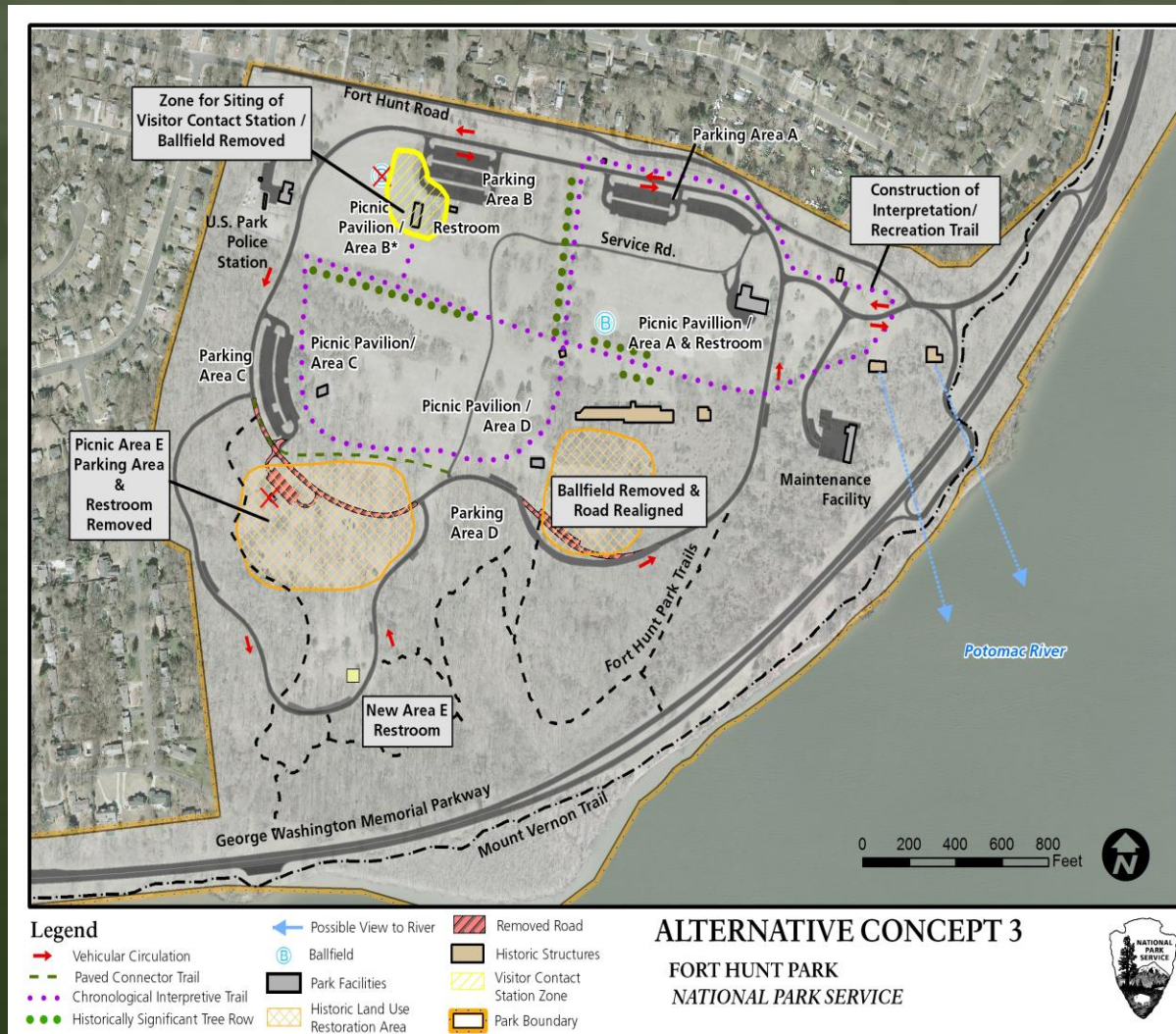




# Alternative Concept 3

## 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



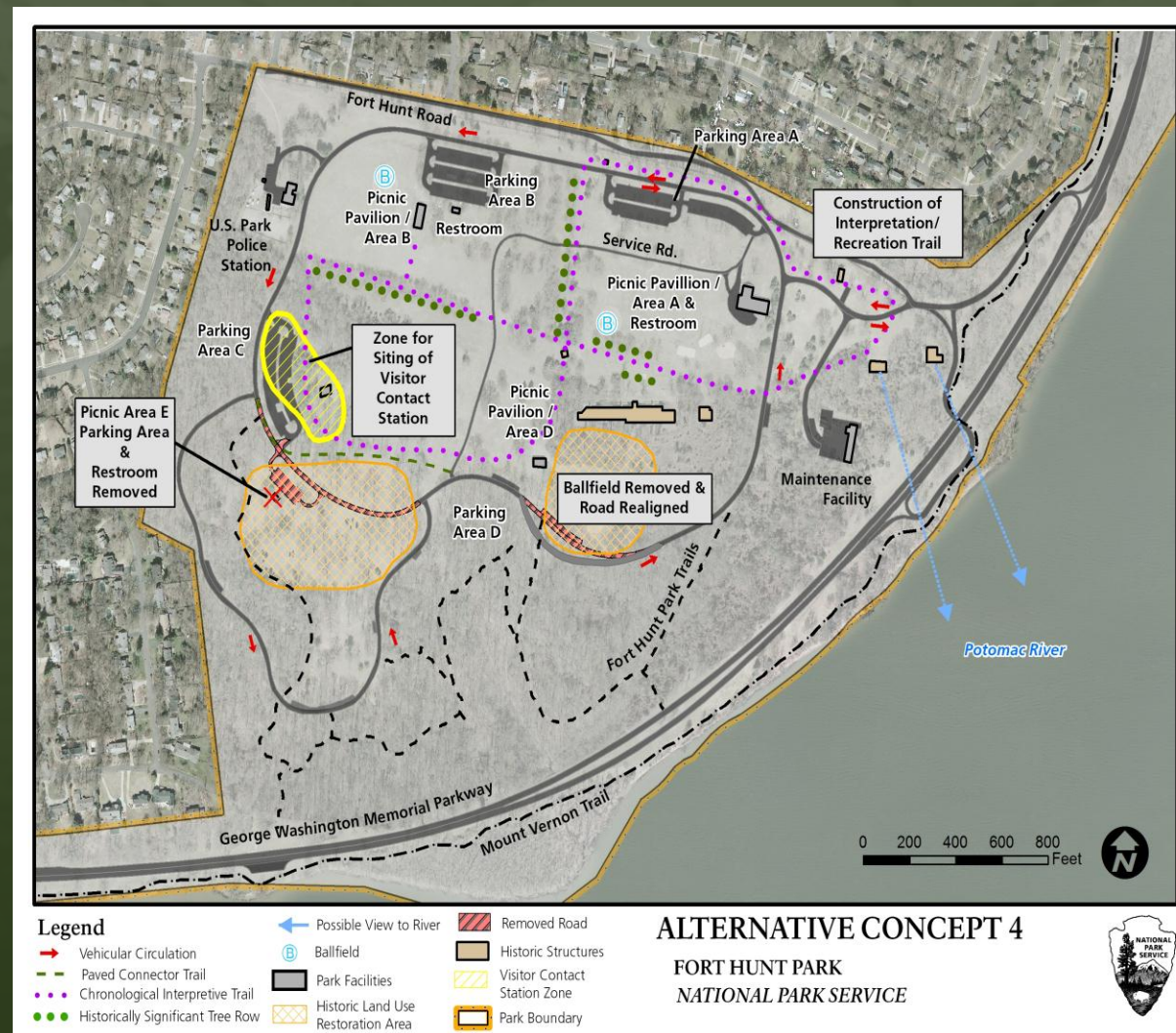




# Alternative Concept 4

## 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





# 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 of 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

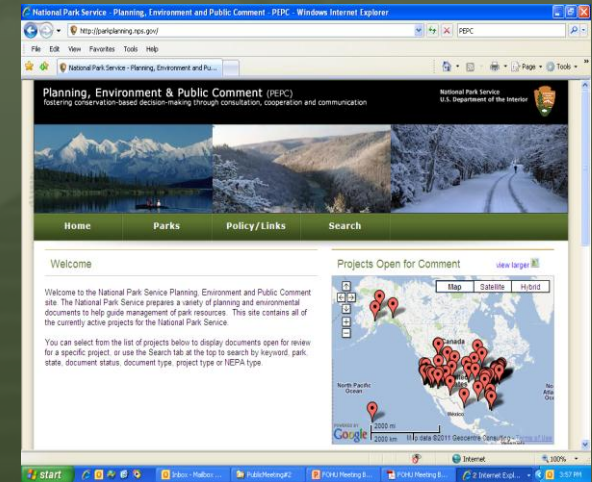
- Written comments or questions will be accepted tonight on the provided comment form.
- You may access the newsletter and submit comments electronically at the NPS's Planning, Environment, and Public Comment (PEPC) website:

**<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**