

World War I Memorial Historic Preservation Resource Summary

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Pool & Plaza Concept and Scrim & Green Concept

Resource	Existing Park		Pool & Plaza Concept		Scrim & Green Concept	
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L'Enfant Plan of the City of Washington						
Reservations: Reservation 617- Pershing Park	Intended as a building square in the L'Enfant Plan; further developed with commercial and residential uses. The park use was identified in 1930s, within McMillan Plan, and the current park was built in the 1980s. Bounded by 14th and 15th Streets, E Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, Pershing Park is an open, masonry-terraced space in the downtown government-commercial district, composed of terraces, a memorial to General John J. Pershing (1983), an eagle statue (1982), concession kiosk, fountain, pool/skating rink, seating, lighting, and clustered plantings.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Open, masonry-terraced space exists, along with the terraces, memorial to General John J. Pershing and the Bex Eagle.</li><li>• The concession kiosk exists, but is no longer in operation.</li><li>• The fountain structure exists, but is not operational.</li><li>• The pool (and associated fountain)/skating rink no longer functions.</li><li>• Seating and lighting remain.</li><li>• Many clustered plantings remain, such as the rows of honey locusts over grass-covered berms and willow oaks in square planters, crape myrtles and birches surrounded by grasses and flowers.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pershing Park would remain a terraced open space that hosts the components of the Pershing Memorial. The location of the walls and statue making the memorial would remain in their current location. The location of the Bex Eagle is undetermined, but would remain in the Park.</li><li>• A flagpole would replace the concession kiosk.</li><li>• A bas-relief wall would remove and replace the fountain structure.</li><li>• The empty pool basin would be replaced by a smaller water feature.</li><li>• Existing seating would remain.</li><li>• Many clustered planting would remain. Honey locust, crape myrtles, and river birches would be replaced with species similar in character and form.</li></ul>	The Pool & Plaza Concept would preserve the use of the site as a park. It would preserve the Pennsylvania Avenue viewshed by retaining the existing park boundary and the street trees. Analysis: No adverse effect.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pershing Park would remain a terraced open space that hosts the components of the Pershing Memorial. The location of the walls and statue making the memorial would remain in their current location, although their elevation would be altered. The location of the Bex Eagle is undetermined, but would remain in the Park.</li><li>• A flagpole would replace the concession kiosk.</li><li>• The empty pool basin would be replaced by a smaller water feature that would act as a scrim of water that could serve as a plaza when water is turned off.</li><li>• Existing seating would be replaced by benches, seat walls, and stairs; semi-circular seating along the western and southern walkways would remain.</li><li>• Plantings would be clustered in planted areas with flowering trees, grasses, and perennials.</li></ul>	The Scrim & Green Concept would preserve the use of the site as a park. It would preserve the Pennsylvania Avenue viewshed by retaining the existing park boundary and the street trees. Analysis: No adverse effect.
Avenues: Pennsylvania Avenue	"America's Main Street" serves as the ceremonial route east of the White House to the Capitol. The transportation corridor features the only eagle-topped Washington Globe light standards (1980s), as well as ornamental paving, sodded medians, and rows of mature street trees.	The PADC paving pattern, row of nine mature street trees, and lights exist along the perimeter of the site.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The PADC paving pattern would be maintained.</li><li>• The row of nine trees would remain.</li><li>• The PADC lights would remain.</li></ul>	The continuity of Pennsylvania Avenue would be maintained. Analysis: No adverse effect.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The PADC paving pattern would be maintained.</li><li>• The row of nine trees would remain.</li><li>• The PADC lights would remain.</li></ul>	The continuity of Pennsylvania Avenue would be maintained. Analysis: No adverse effect.

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<i>Vistas:</i> Pennsylvania Avenue to the U.S. Capitol	Provide views between U.S. Capitol and the Treasury Building.	Views framed by trees along the northern portion of the site to U.S. Capitol.	Trees would remain in their current locations and would retain the framed views to the U.S. Capitol.	Views of the U.S. Capitol and the Treasury Building would be preserved. Analysis: No adverse effect.	Trees would remain in their current locations and would retain the framed views to the U.S. Capitol.	Views of the U.S. Capitol and the Treasury Building would be preserved. Analysis: No adverse effect.
<b>Pennsylvania Avenue NW-White House Cultural Landscape Contributing Features</b>						
Spatial Organization of the street and park interface	Pennsylvania Avenue is an open channel of space, running between two fixed points, which was expanded at certain points into individual parks where the diagonal avenue intersected with the rectilinear street grid. Pershing Park is one such plaza. The interior of the landscape was intended to be a secluded space.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Berms on the east, west, and south sides serve to enclose the site.</li><li>• Street trees on the northern side of the park provide transitional space between the street and park paved areas.</li><li>• The interior of the landscape can be accessed through a set of steps at the southwest and southeast corners of the site leading to an upper terrace. Accessible entry is only available at the northwest corner of the site and along Pennsylvania Avenue North.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Berms on the east, west, and south sides would continue to enclose the site, although the low planter on the west side of the east berm would be removed.</li><li>• Street trees along Pennsylvania Avenue North would remain.</li><li>• The interior of the landscape would continue to be accessed through a set of steps at the southwest and southeast corners of the site leading to an upper terrace. Accessibility entry only available at the northwest corner of the site and along Pennsylvania Avenue North.</li></ul>	The basic outline of the park is shaped by city streets that will remain in place. Within the 5-sided block containing the park, a framework of berms partially enclose the landscape’s central spaces. This component of the park’s spatial framework would remain largely in place. The berms and park entrances are retained. The design of the park edges with the street remain consistent with some minor modifications. Analysis: no adverse effect.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Much of the spatial organization of the site would be retained, including the composition of a water feature coplanar with adjacent walkways; access to the east would be via a gentle slope.</li><li>• The interior space would be accessed by walkways at the corners of the site, including a set of steps at the southeast and southwest corners, and along Pennsylvania Avenue North.</li></ul>	The basic outline of the park is shaped by city streets that will remain in place. Within the 5-sided block containing the park, a framework of berms partially enclose the landscape’s central spaces. The berms and park entrances are retained. The design of the park edges with the street remain consistent with some minor modifications. Analysis: no adverse effect.
<i>Circulation:</i> Pennsylvania Avenue Sidewalk	The Pennsylvania Avenue sidewalk is intended to provide pedestrian continuity between the U.S. Capitol and the White House along 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 15 <sup>th</sup> Streets NW.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sidewalk between 3rd and 15th Streets NW is largely made up of PADC 8”x8” pavers, including around Pershing Park. The pavers also extend into the upper terrace portion of the park.</li></ul>	The PADC 8”x8”pavers would remain as part of the perimeter sidewalk.	No changes to the Pennsylvania Avenue Sidewalk would occur. Analysis: no adverse effect.	The PADC 8”x8”pavers would remain as part of the perimeter sidewalk.	No changes to the Pennsylvania Avenue Sidewalk would occur. Analysis: no adverse effect.
<i>Views and Vistas:</i> Axial view from Treasury Building to the Capitol Along Pennsylvania Avenue, from southeast to northwest	The view between the U.S. Capitol and the Treasury Building is intended to symbolically link the two branches of government.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Framed views along the northern portion of the Pennsylvania Avenue sidewalk to U.S. Capitol.</li></ul>	Trees would remain in their current locations and would retain the framed views to the U.S. Capitol.	Views of the U.S. Capitol and the Treasury Building would be preserved. Analysis: No adverse effect.	Trees would remain in their current locations and would retain the framed views to the U.S. Capitol.	Views of the U.S. Capitol and the Treasury Building would be preserved. Analysis: No adverse effect.
<i>Vegetation:</i> Pennsylvania Avenue Street Trees	Reestablish a simple visual frame for Pennsylvania Avenue’s symbolic vistas through the plantation of rows of willow oaks.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pennsylvania Avenue street trees surround the north, east, and west sides of Pershing Park.</li><li>• Tree grates are not found at Pershing Park.</li></ul>	To the extent possible, existing trees would be retained along Pennsylvania Avenue. New trees would replace those trees determined to be unhealthy or unable to survive construction at their existing locations and would retain the existing framed views to the U.S. Capitol.	Changes to the Pennsylvania Avenue street trees would be consistent with the Sec. of the Interior’s Standards for the Rehabilitation of Historic Properties. Analysis: no adverse effect.	To the extent possible, existing trees would be retained along Pennsylvania Avenue. New trees would replace those trees determined to be unhealthy or unable to survive construction at their existing locations and would retain the existing framed views to the U.S. Capitol.	Changes to the Pennsylvania Avenue street trees would be consistent with the Sec. of the Interior’s Standards for the Rehabilitation of Historic Properties. Analysis: no adverse effect.

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<i>Small-Scale Features:</i> PADC Street Lights	The purpose of the street furnishings was to enhance, but not distract, from the street’s primary vista of the Capitol and Treasury Buildings; to preserve L’Enfant’s plan, and to create a welcoming atmosphere for pedestrians. The furnishings were organized so as not to obstruct pedestrian movement along the sidewalks and within crosswalks.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The PADC streetlights include Washington Globe lights and twin-headed lamps. The Washington Globe lights are placed closer to the street to set them apart for the rest of the street furnishings. The twin-headed lamps are stepped back from the curb and placed in line with trees, benches, and planters.</li> <li>The existing 26 PADC streetlights line the northern side and northwest corner of Pershing Park.</li> </ul>	The existing 26 PADC streetlights lining the northern side and northwest corner of Pershing Park would remain.	The Pool & Plaza Concept would retain the PADC lights. Analysis: no adverse effect.	The existing 26 PADC streetlights lining the northern side and northwest corner of Pershing Park would remain.	The Scrim & Green design would retain the PADC lights. Analysis: no adverse effect.
<i>Small-Scale Features:</i> Bex Eagle	The eagle statue was donated to NPS and placed in Pershing Park under the authority of the PADC; it was dedicated on May 3, 1982.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Bex Eagle statue remains in the northwest corner of Pershing Park.</li> </ul>	The Bex Eagle statue would remain in Pershing Park. However, the location of the statue is undetermined.	The location of the Bex Eagle statue is yet to be determined.	The Bex Eagle statue would remain in Pershing Park. However, the location of the statue is undetermined.	The location of the Bex Eagle statue is yet to be determined.
<i>Small-Scale Features:</i> Pershing Memorial	The Pershing Memorial was intended to commemorate the general’s role in World War I. The granite walls of Pershing Memorial were intended to create their own memorial “space”/”room” within the park and were positioned to frame the Pershing statue from the southeast corner entrance.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Pershing Memorial consists of a statue of General Pershing flanked by two granite walls inscribed with maps and quotes; a bench occupies the western side. The granite walls of Pershing Memorial are intact in original location. Due to the dark color of the granite and the position of the walls relative to sunlight, the walls can be difficult to read.</li> </ul>	The location of the Pershing Statue would be shifted slightly to be on the same axis as the southeast entry stairs of the park. The location of the memorial walls would stay the same, although their elevation would be altered; the inscriptions would be clarified.	The General John J. Pershing Memorial statue and granite walls would be preserved and would continue to have a similar spatial relationship to one another. Analysis: no adverse effect.	The location of the walls and statue making the memorial would remain in their current location, although their elevation would be altered; the inscriptions would be clarified.	The General John J. Pershing Memorial statue and granite walls would be preserved and would continue to have the same spatial relationship to one another. Analysis: no adverse effect.
<i>Land Use:</i> Commemorative	The design for Pennsylvania Avenue was intended to enliven the area with pedestrian street life. Pershing Park was intended as a secluded peaceful setting for recreation. The original design of the park included an skating rink and concessions kiosk to support recreational activities. The original design of the park included an skating rink and concessions kiosk to support recreational activities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The site continues its function as a commemorative space for Pershing Memorial. The skating rink and concessions kiosk are no longer operable.</li> </ul>	The memorial would commemorate not just one general, but the general and all of those that served in World War I.	The park would continue to function primarily as a memorial park with other community uses, although with different recreational uses than originally designed. These uses include the concession kiosk and skating rink and the Pool & Plaza Concept would preclude their continued use. Analysis: adverse effect.	The memorial would commemorate not just one general, but the general and all of those that served in World War I.	The park would continue to function primarily as a memorial park with other community uses, although with different recreational uses than originally designed. These uses include the concession kiosk and skating rink and the proposed design would preclude their continued use. Analysis: adverse effect.
<i>Land Use:</i> Recreation		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tables, benches, and amphitheater-style steps offer passive recreation opportunities.</li> </ul>	Benches and amphitheater-style steps offer passive recreation opportunities.		Benches and amphitheater-style steps offer passive recreation opportunities.	
<i>Land Use:</i> Transportation		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The sidewalks continue to offer pedestrian circulation around the site.</li> </ul>	The sidewalks continue to offer pedestrian circulation around the site. Stairs along the southern edge of the park would be modified into a ramp to improve accessibility.		The sidewalks continue to offer pedestrian circulation around the site. Stairs along the southern edge of the park would be modified into a ramp to improve accessibility.	



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<b>Pennsylvania National Historic Site</b>						
<i>Vistas:</i> Pennsylvania Avenue to the U.S. Capitol	Provide views between U.S. Capitol and the Treasury Building.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Framed views through Pershing Park to U.S. Capitol.</li> </ul>	Trees would remain in their current locations and would retain the framed views to the U.S. Capitol.	Views of the U.S. Capitol and the Treasury Building would be preserved. Analysis: No adverse effect.	Trees would remain in their current locations and would retain the framed views to the U.S. Capitol.	Views of the U.S. Capitol and the Treasury Building would be preserved. Analysis: No adverse effect.
<i>Contributing Object:</i> General John J. Pershing Memorial	The Pershing Memorial was intended to commemorate the general’s role in World War I. The granite walls of Pershing Memorial were intended to create their own memorial “space”/”room” within the park and were positioned to frame the Pershing statue from the southeast corner entrance.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Pershing Memorial consists of two granite walls inscribed with maps and quotes that enclose the Pershing statue; a bench occupies the western side. The granite walls of Pershing Memorial are intact in original location. Due to the dark color of the granite and the position of the walls relative to sunlight, the walls can be difficult to read.</li> </ul>	The location of the Pershing Statue would be moved slightly to be on the same axis as the southeast entry stairs of the park. The walls of the memorial would remain in their current location; the inscriptions would be clarified.	The Pershing Memorial statue and granite walls would be preserved and would continue to have a similar spatial relationship to one another. Analysis: no adverse effect.	The location of the walls and statue making the memorial would remain in their current location, although their elevation would be altered; the inscriptions would be clarified	The General John J. Pershing Memorial statue and granite walls would be preserved. Although the elevation would change, the memorial elements continue to have the same spatial relationship to one another. Analysis: no adverse effect.
<b>Pershing Park</b>						
<i>Spatial Organization:</i> Design with the sunken pool at the center of the park, with earthen berms on three sides, elevated walks on the south and west, Pershing Memorial at the southeast corner	The park creates a continuous flow of space that gives visitors a choice of activity, destination, and route without a dominant axis. The Pershing Memorial was intended to commemorate the general’s role in World War I. The original design was reduced in size in order to accommodate the adjoining park landscape design. The walls of Pershing Memorial were intended to create their own memorial “space”/”room” within the park and were positioned to frame the Pershing statue from the southeast corner entrance.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The sunken pool at the center of the park no longer functions as a pool.</li> <li>The earthen berms remain on three sides.</li> <li>The elevated walks on the south and west remain.</li> <li>The Pershing Memorial at the southeast corner remains.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The empty pool basin would be replaced by a smaller water pool.</li> <li>The earthen berms remain on three sides, although the planter along the western edge of the easternmost berm would be removed.</li> <li>The elevated walks on the south and west remain, although the southern walk would be altered to replace the existing stairs with a ramp.</li> <li>The Pershing Memorial at the southeast corner remains.</li> </ul>	The Pool & Plaza Concept would keep much of the landscape’s modernist spatial dynamism, retaining critical relationships between the park’s major spaces and features. Large vertical features would be replaced by other large vertical features and the flowing spaces would be retained. The proposed memorial wall and planters/steps would enclose the pool on two sides—maintaining an open “L” shape to the street. The Pool & Plaza Concept would also retain the two bands of semicircular seating. Analysis: No adverse effect.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The empty pool basin would be replaced by a smaller water feature that would act as a scrim of water that could serve as a plaza when water is turned off. This would improve the ability to maintain a water feature and allow year-round use of the space.</li> <li>The earthen berms remain on three sides, although the planter along the edge of the easternmost berm would be removed.</li> <li>The elevated walks on the south and west remain, although the southern walk would be altered to replace the existing stairs with a ramp.</li> <li>The Pershing Memorial at the southeast corner remains.</li> </ul>	This component of the park’s spatial framework would remain largely in place. However, the core of Pershing Park would exhibit a free flowing spatial organization of the central spaces that relate it to its modern design context and the integrity of the original design. The Scrim & Green design would change the landscape’s modernist spatial dynamism by reinforcing the dominant orthogonal axes from the adjacent urban context in the new landscape areas and by removing fountain structure; the kiosk would be replaced with a flagpole. The sunken pool and fountain structure would be replaced with a smaller water scrim and a large memorial wall; the latter would create a hard edge along the western side of the park. The proposed memorial wall and planters/steps would enclose the pool on three sides—forming a more closed “U” shape rather than an open “L” shape. Analysis: adverse effect.
<i>Spatial Organization:</i> Entrance to the park from the four corners of the site and from the length of Pennsylvania Avenue	The park’s spaces are clearly differentiated by elevation, materials, plantings, and function, but the space flows between them uninterrupted by physical or visual barriers.	Entrance from the four corners of the site and the length of Pennsylvania Avenue North continues to function.	Entrance from the four corners of the site and the length of Pennsylvania Avenue would continue to function.		Entrance from the four corners of the site and the length of Pennsylvania Avenue would continue to function. The area along Pennsylvania Avenue north would be widened to the south (into the park) in order to allow increased permeability into the site and to provide more areas for seating.	

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<i>Spatial Organization:</i> The Pershing Memorial is separated from the street through the use of walls on the south and east, and loosely connected to the other park spaces with steps on the north and west	<i>See Original Design Intent in this column on previous page.</i>	Pershing Memorial is separated from the street through the use of walls on the south and east, and loosely connected to the other park spaces with steps on the north and west.	The Pershing Memorial walls would remain; portions of the western steps would be replaced with a ramp.	<i>See Analysis of Effects in this column on previous page.</i>	Pershing Memorial would be separated from the street through the use of walls on the south and east.	<i>See Analysis of Effects in this column on previous page.</i>
<i>Spatial Organization:</i> Free flow of space between the activity zones		The site continues to have a free flow of space between the activity zones.	The free flow of space between the activity zones of the park have been largely retained, although modified.		The western steps connecting the Pershing Memorial to the remainder of the park would be removed. Instead, the Pershing Memorial would be lowered slightly to offer a plaza leading to rectangular grass panel.	
<i>Views and Vistas:</i> Omnidirectional views among the different levels of the park and among the character-defining features (including pool, cascade fountain, Pershing Memorial, and kiosk, etc.)	The park creates views throughout the site that allow visitors to see activities.	The vistas throughout the site remain, although the character-defining features of the site have changed.	Omnidirectional views would be available among the levels of the park and the pool, Pershing Memorial, seating areas, and dining areas, as well as a flagpole that replaces the kiosk.	The replacement of the fountain with a bas relief wall and the kiosk with a flagpole, which would continue to serve as a vertical visual element, would maintain omnidirectional views. Analysis: no adverse effect.	Omnidirectional views would be available among the levels of the park and the pool, Pershing Memorial, and seating areas, as well as a flagpole that replaces the kiosk. The pool would be modified in size and character; the cascade fountain would be removed.	The replacement of the fountain with a bas relief wall and the kiosk with a flagpole, which would continue to serve as a vertical visual element, would maintain omnidirectional views. Analysis: no adverse effect.
<i>Built Features:</i> Etched granite walls of the Pershing Memorial	The Pershing Memorial was intended to commemorate the general's role in World War I. The walls of Pershing Memorial were intended to create their own memorial "space"/"room" within the park and were positioned to frame the Pershing statue from the southeast corner entrance.	The granite walls of Pershing Memorial are intact in their original location. Due to the dark color of the granite and the position of the walls relative to sunlight, the walls can be difficult to read.	The etched granite walls of the Pershing Memorial would remain in their existing location. The walls would be improved, such as through increased contrast of the etching.	The Pershing Memorial statue and granite walls would be preserved and would continue to have a similar spatial relationship to one another. No changes to the PADC 8"x8" pavers would occur. Pavers around trees on Pennsylvania Avenue would be retained, but seat walls around trees pits would be modified. Other pavers at the memorial plaza—granite fish-scale pattern pavers—would be removed and replaced with other stone pavers. Generally, steps, ramps, walks would be retained, although the stairs along the southern walk would be modified into a ramp. Semi-circular alcoves are retained. Granite planters and seating areas around pool would be retained on three sides of the pool, and altered on the western side. The design would alter portions of	The etched granite walls of the Pershing Memorial would remain in their existing location. The walls would be improved, such as through increased contrast of the etching.	The Pershing Memorial statue and granite walls would be preserved and would continue to have the same spatial relationship to one another and the park. The existing park design includes several large structures and objects: the Pershing memorial walls and statue, the fountain and pool basin, the kiosk, and granite planters/steps. The Scrim & Green design would alter all of these features in some way. The Pershing memorial would be retained in its current location, but lowered in elevation, and the bench would be eliminated. The fountain and pool basin would be eliminated. Portions of the granite planters/steps would be removed. The kiosk would
<i>Built Features:</i> Diagonally laid, brown terra-cotta pavers along Pennsylvania Avenue and around the northeast bosque of trees	The paving was intended to help define the open space along Pennsylvania Avenue, and to create a threshold into the park for pedestrians	The PADC 8"x8" terra-cotta Pennsylvania Avenue pavers and bosque of trees are located at the northeast portion of the site.	The PADC 8"x8"pavers and the bosque of trees at the northeast portion of the site would remain.		The PADC 8"x8"pavers and the bosque of trees at the northeast portion of the site would remain.	
<i>Built Features:</i> Square granite flooring of memorial plaza	The DOE does not specify the design intent of this feature.	The granite flooring of memorial plaza remains; however, the floor is unstable.	The granite flooring of the memorial plaza would be retained.		The granite flooring of the memorial plaza would be retained.	
<i>Built Features:</i> Belgian block paving in fish-scale pattern at seating area around pool	The Belgian block paving helps define the seating area.	The fish-scale block paving remains at the site.	The fish-scale block paving would be removed.		The fish-scale block paving would be removed.	

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<i>Built Features:</i> Diagonally laid, brown terra-cotta pavers with granite edging creating steps, ramp, and elevated walks	Consistency between the street paving and park paving material helps integrate the park into the larger streetscape.	The terra-cotta pavers remain at the site.	The terra-cotta pavers would remain at the site.	the amphitheater setting to accommodate the wall and associated walkway, although the seating areas would be retained along the northern and eastern edges of the pool and the southern edge and portions of the western edge of the walkway. The design would replace the kiosk with a flagpole, another vertical element in the same location; a new built feature in this location may be round in plan with strong verticality. The cascade fountain structure would be replaced by a new wall structure (memorial feature) on western side of the pool. The pool basin would be retained in same basic location with similar shape, although diminished in size. Analysis: Adverse effect due to the removal of the granite cascade pool structure and kiosk.	The terra-cotta pavers would remain at the site.	be replaced with another vertical element, a flagpole. The pool and some planters/steps would be replaced in new locations. The character and size of the new pool and planters/steps would be substantially different. Analysis: adverse effect.
<i>Built Features:</i> Alcoves along elevated walks, including paving, central brick planter, semicircular steel seating on brick bases	The alcoves provide seating opportunities in a space that was distinct from the memorial and pool.	Three alcoves of semi-circular seating remain along the western elevated walk. Three alcoves of semi-circular seating remain along the southern elevated walk.	The alcoves of semi-circular seating along the western and southern walks would remain		The alcoves of semi-circular seating along the western and southern walks would remain.	
<i>Built Features:</i> Granite planters in seating areas and along pool	Create transition between upper level sidewalks and the park's main lower gathering spaces.	The granite planters in seating areas and along the pool basin remain at the site.	The granite planters in the seating area would retain their function as planters, but the materials of the planters would be altered.		The granite planters in the seating area would retain their function as planters, but the materials of the planters would be altered. Along the pool basin, the planters would be removed and replaced with expanded planting areas.	
<i>Built Features:</i> Granite steps creating amphitheater seating around pool	Create transition between upper level sidewalks and the park's main lower gathering spaces.	The granite amphitheater-style steps remain at the site.	The granite amphitheater-style steps would remain at the site.		Most of the granite steps creating amphitheater seating would be replaced with fewer steps, using existing granite that has been removed, cleaned, and placed.	
<i>Built Features:</i> Circular metal and plastic kiosk on granite base	Create "hinge" between seating areas in the east and north sections of the park. The kiosk was intended to house a concessions operation.	The kiosk remains at the site, although it is no longer in operation.	The kiosk would be removed and replaced by a flagpole, retaining the verticality of the feature. The granite base and semi-circular ramp would be retained.		The kiosk would be removed and replaced by a flagpole, retaining the verticality of the feature. The granite base and semi-circular ramp would be retained.	
<i>Built Features:</i> Granite cascade pool structure	Fountain and pool basin provide a focal element to park and are a source of ambient sound to mitigate noise of surrounding street traffic.	The inoperable granite cascade pool structure remains at the site.	The inoperable granite cascade pool structure would be removed from the site. A bas relief wall, serving as the primary commemorative enhancement to the park, would replace the cascade pool structure and portions of the stairs along the western area of the site. The empty pool basin would be replaced by a smaller pool.		The inoperable granite cascade pool structure would be removed from the site. A bas relief wall, serving as the primary commemorative enhancement to the park, would replace the cascade pool structure and stairs along the western portion of the site.	
<i>Water Feature:</i> Cascade fountain		The fountain structure remains, although the cascade fountain is inoperable.	The inoperable granite cascade pool structure would be removed from the site. A bas relief wall, serving as the primary commemorative enhancement to the park, would replace the cascade pool structure and portions of the stairs along the western area of the site.		The granite cascade pool structure would be removed from the site. A bas relief wall would replace the cascade pool structure and stairs along the western portion of the site.	



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Water Feature: Pool basin	See Original Design Intent in this column on previous page.	The pool basin remains, but no longer functions as a pool.	The empty pool basin would be replaced by a smaller pool.	See Analysis of Effects in this column on previous page.	The empty pool basin would be replaced by a smaller water feature that would act as a scrim of water that would serve as a plaza when water is turned off.	See Analysis of Effects in this column on previous page.
Vegetation: Rows of honey locust trees over lawn on east, south, and west berms	The layered, often mounded plantings of indigenous and exotic species, including perennials, grasses, shrubs, and trees, offered contrast to the rectilinear park organization and added a temporal dimension to the permanent concrete.	Rows of honey locust trees remain at the site, although many are missing and some may be in poor health. An assessment of their health/long-term viability will be conducted.	Rows of honey locust trees on the east, south, and west berms would be replaced by disease-resistant species similar in character and form, although the total number of trees would be reduced. Lawn would be replaced with understory planting similar in character to the original Oehme van Sweden planting plan.	The proposed plant palette would retain some of the current species and would add or alter others. Rows of honey locust trees over lawn on east, south, and west berms would be largely retained, although number of trees would be reduced. Willow oaks above paving at northeast corner and in planters would be retained. Multi-trunked crape myrtle trees in alcoves along elevated walks with ground cover at bases and grasses surrounding alcoves would be replaced with trees similar in character and form, along with those in planter boxes. The birch trees would be removed and replaced with red maple, an addition to the landscape. Native and naturalized grasses and perennial flowering plants would be replaced in kind or with plants of similar ornamental characteristics. The planting plan adopts the form and character of the vegetation selected in the original Oehme Van Sweden landscape design. The configuration of the beds would be minimally altered to improve the health of the trees. Analysis: no adverse effect.	Rows of honey locust trees on the east, south, and west berms would be replaced by disease-resistant species similar in character and form over grasses and perennials, although the total number of trees would be reduced.	The Scrim & Green Concept plant palette would retain some of the current species and would add or alter others. Rows of honey locust trees over lawn on east, south, and west berms would be largely retained, although number of trees would be reduced. Willow oaks above paving at northeast corner and in planters would be retained. Multi-trunked crape myrtle trees in alcoves along elevated walks with ground cover at bases and grasses surrounding alcoves would be replaced with trees similar in character and form, along with those in planter boxes. The birch trees would be removed. A mown grass panel would be added to the center of the park. Along the northern edge of the pool and grass panel, flowering trees similar in character and form to crape myrtles would be installed in planters. Along the grass panel, red maples would be added to the landscape. Native and naturalized grasses and perennial flowering plants would be replaced in kind or with plants of similar ornamental characteristics. The planting plan adopts the form and character of the vegetation selected in the original Oehme Van Sweden landscape design. The configuration of the beds would be altered to improve the health of the trees. The Scrim & Green Concept would also alter the number
Vegetation: Willow oaks above paving at northeast corner		Willow oaks remain at the site, although some may be in poor health. An assessment of their health/long-term viability will be conducted.	The number of willow oaks at the site would remain, although they may be replaced in kind, depending upon their health.		The number of willow oaks at the site would remain, although they may be replaced in kind, depending upon their health.	
Vegetation: Willow oaks in planters with English ivy ground cover on north side of pool		Willow oaks remain at the site, although some are in suspected poor health. An assessment of their health/long-term viability will be conducted.	The number of willow oaks at the site would remain, although they may be replaced in kind, depending upon their health.		The number of willow oaks at the site would remain, although they may be replaced in kind, depending upon their health.	
Vegetation: Multi-trunked crape myrtle trees in alcoves along elevated walks with ground cover at bases and grasses surrounding alcoves		Crape myrtle trees remain at the site, although many are missing or have outgrown their containers; some are in suspected poor health. An assessment of their health/long-term viability will be conducted.	The crape myrtles would be replaced with multi-stem, flowering trees similar in character and form.		The crape myrtles would be replaced with multi-stem, flowering trees similar in character and form.	
Vegetation: Multi-trunked crape myrtle and birch trees with ground cover at bases		Crape myrtle and birch trees remain at the site, although many are missing or have outgrown their containers; some are in suspected poor health. An assessment of their health/long-term viability will be conducted.	The crape myrtles would be replaced with multi-stem, flowering trees similar in character and form. Species similar in color and form would replace the river birches in planters. In both cases, the number of trees would be reduced (not a one-for-one replacement).		The crape myrtles and the river birches would be replaced with multi-stem, flowering trees similar in character and form, although the number of trees in planters would be reduced (not a one-for-one replacement).	
Vegetation: Native and naturalized grasses and perennial flowering plants.		Native and naturalized grasses do not remain at the site.	Native and adapted grasses and perennials would be incorporated within the site.		Native and adapted grasses and perennials would be incorporated within the site. A mown grass panel would be added to the center of the park.	

Resource	Existing Park		Pool & Plaza Concept		Scrim & Green Concept	
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	<i>See Original Design Intent in this column on previous page.</i>		<i>See Design Description in this column on previous page.</i>	<i>See Analysis of Effects in this column on previous page.</i>	<i>See Design Description in this column on previous page.</i>	and configuration of planting beds throughout the park. Analysis: adverse effect.
<i>Small-Scale Features:</i> Robert W. White statue of Pershing	The Pershing Memorial was intended to commemorate the general’s role in World War I.	The Pershing Memorial is located in the southeast portion of Pershing Park. The memorial consists of two granite walls inscribed with maps and quotes, which encloses the Pershing statue; a bench occupies the western side	The location of the Pershing Statue would be moved slightly to be on the same axis as the southeast entry stairs of the park. The location of the walls of the memorial would remain in their current location, although their elevation would be altered; the inscriptions would be clarified. The bench would be removed.	The Pershing Memorial statue and granite walls would be preserved and would continue to have a similar spatial relationship to one another. The bench would be removed, thereby removing one of the elements of the Pershing Memorial The Pool & Plaza Concept would retain the PADC lights. The current site includes Friedberg-designed lights, a granite drinking fountain, and granite trash receptacle enclosures. Of these, the Pool & Plaza concept would remove the drinking fountain and trash receptacle enclosures; the status of the Friedberg-designed lights is undetermined. Analysis: no adverse effect.	The location of the walls and statue making the memorial would remain in their current location, although their elevation would be altered. The bench would be removed.	The Pershing Memorial statue and granite walls would be preserved and would continue to have the same spatial relationship to one another. The bench would be removed, thereby removing one of the elements of the Pershing Memorial. The Scrim & Green Concept would retain the PADC lights. The current site includes Friedberg-designed lights, a granite drinking fountain, and granite trash receptacle enclosures. Of these, the Scrim & Green concept would remove the drinking fountain and trash receptacle enclosures; the status of the Friedberg-designed lights is undetermined. Analysis: no adverse effect.
<i>Small-Scale Features:</i> PADC lighting on Pennsylvania Avenue	The purpose of the street furnishings was to enhance, but not distract, from the street’s primary vista of the Capitol and Treasury Buildings; to preserve L’Enfant’s plan, and to create a welcoming atmosphere for pedestrians. The furnishings were organized so as not to obstruct pedestrian movement along the sidewalks and within crosswalks.	The PADC light fixtures, which include the Washington Globe lights and twin-headed lamps, remain at the site.	The PADC light fixtures would remain at the site.		The PADC light fixtures would remain at the site.	
<i>Small-Scale Features:</i> Friedberg-designed light fixtures along steps into park from street, along elevated walks inside the park, and at Pershing Memorial	The DOE does not specify the design intent of this feature.	The Friedberg-designed light fixtures remain at the site.	The status of the Friedberg-designed lights is undetermined.		The status of the Friedberg-designed lights is undetermined.	
<i>Small-Scale Features:</i> Drinking fountain	The DOE does not specify the design intent of this feature.	The drinking fountain remains at the site.	The drinking fountain would be replaced at the site.		The drinking fountain would be replaced at the site.	
<i>Small-Scale Features:</i> Granite trash can enclosures	The DOE does not specify the design intent of this feature.	The granite trash can enclosures remain at the site.	The granite trash can enclosures would be removed from the site.		The granite trash can enclosures would be removed from the site.	