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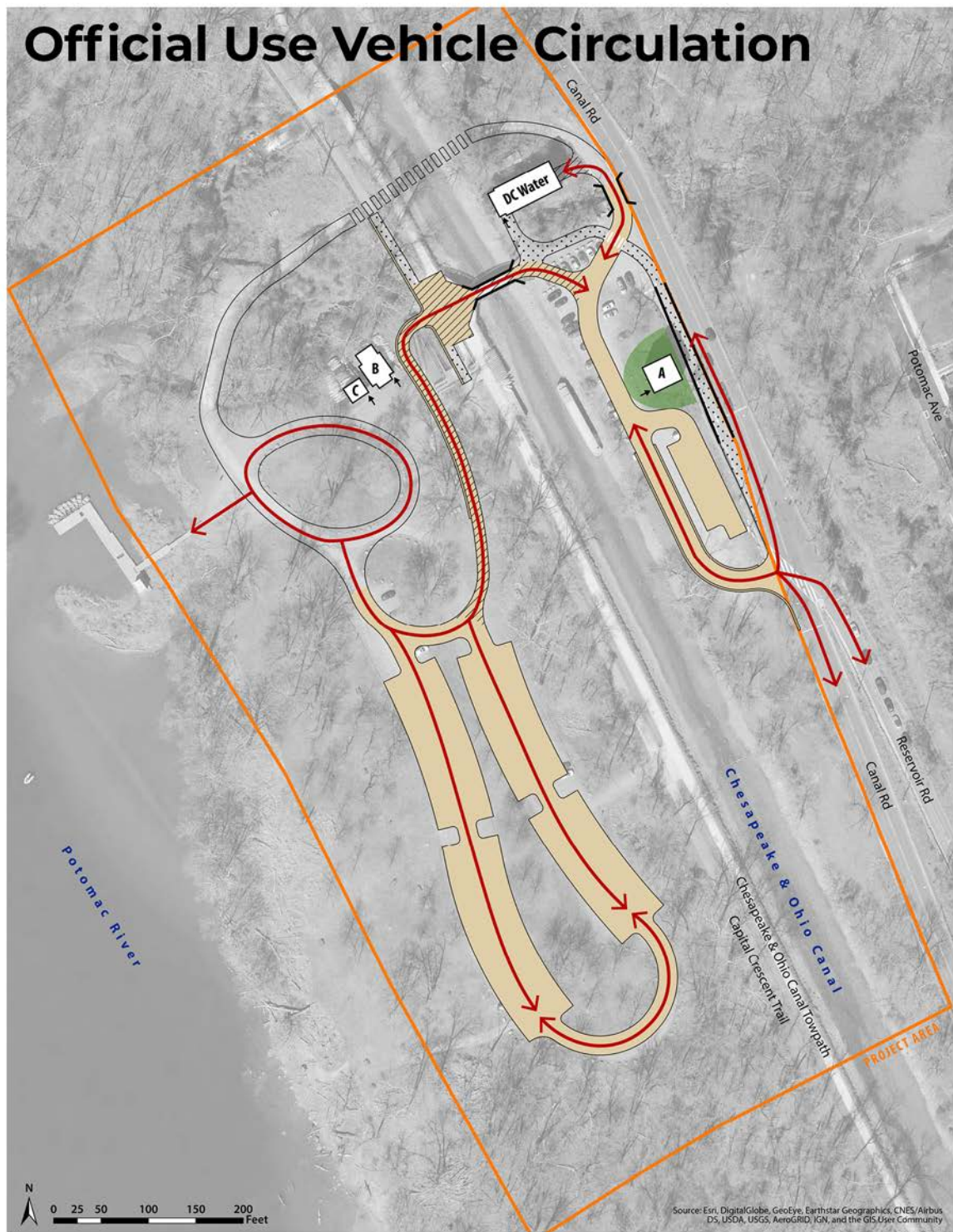
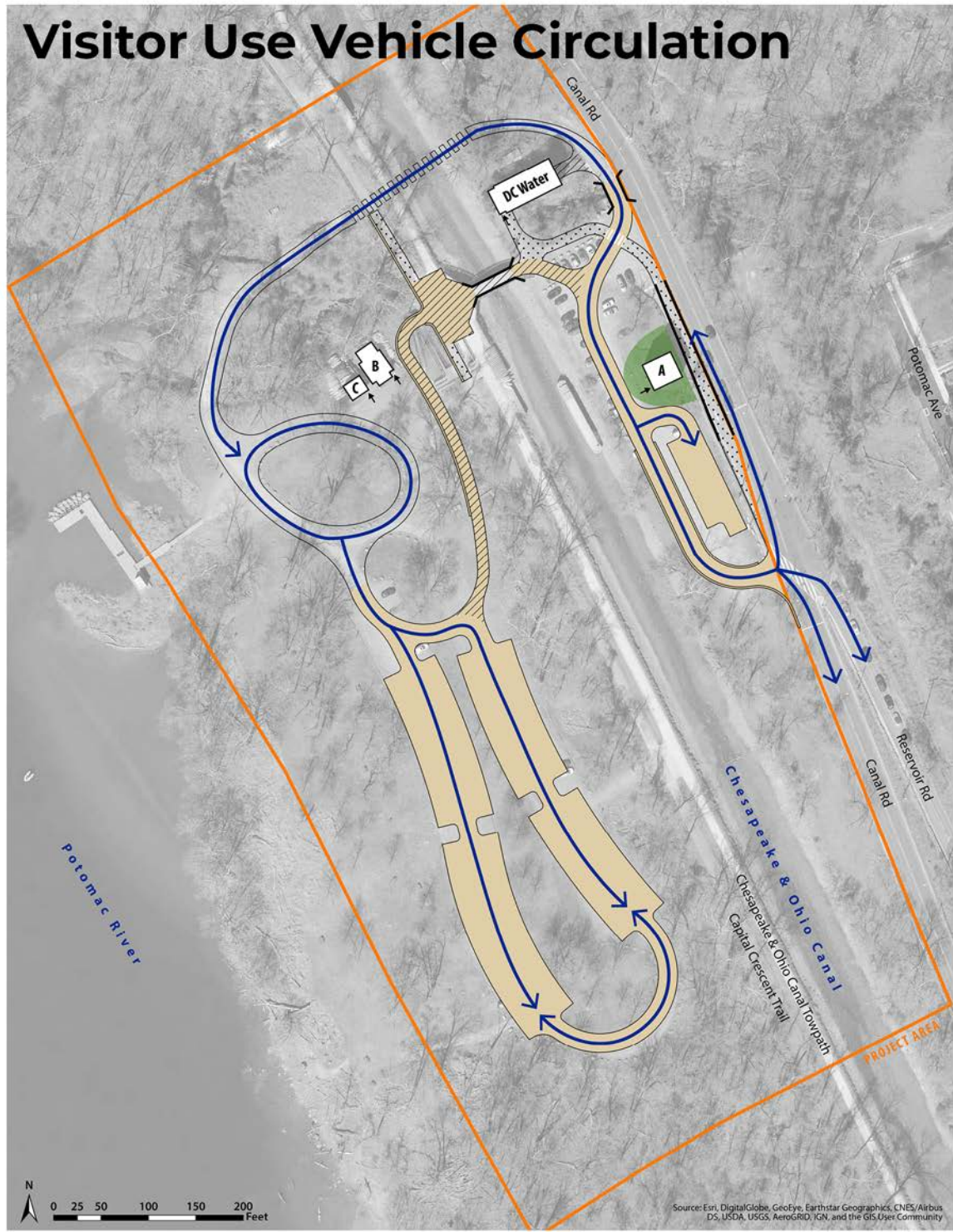
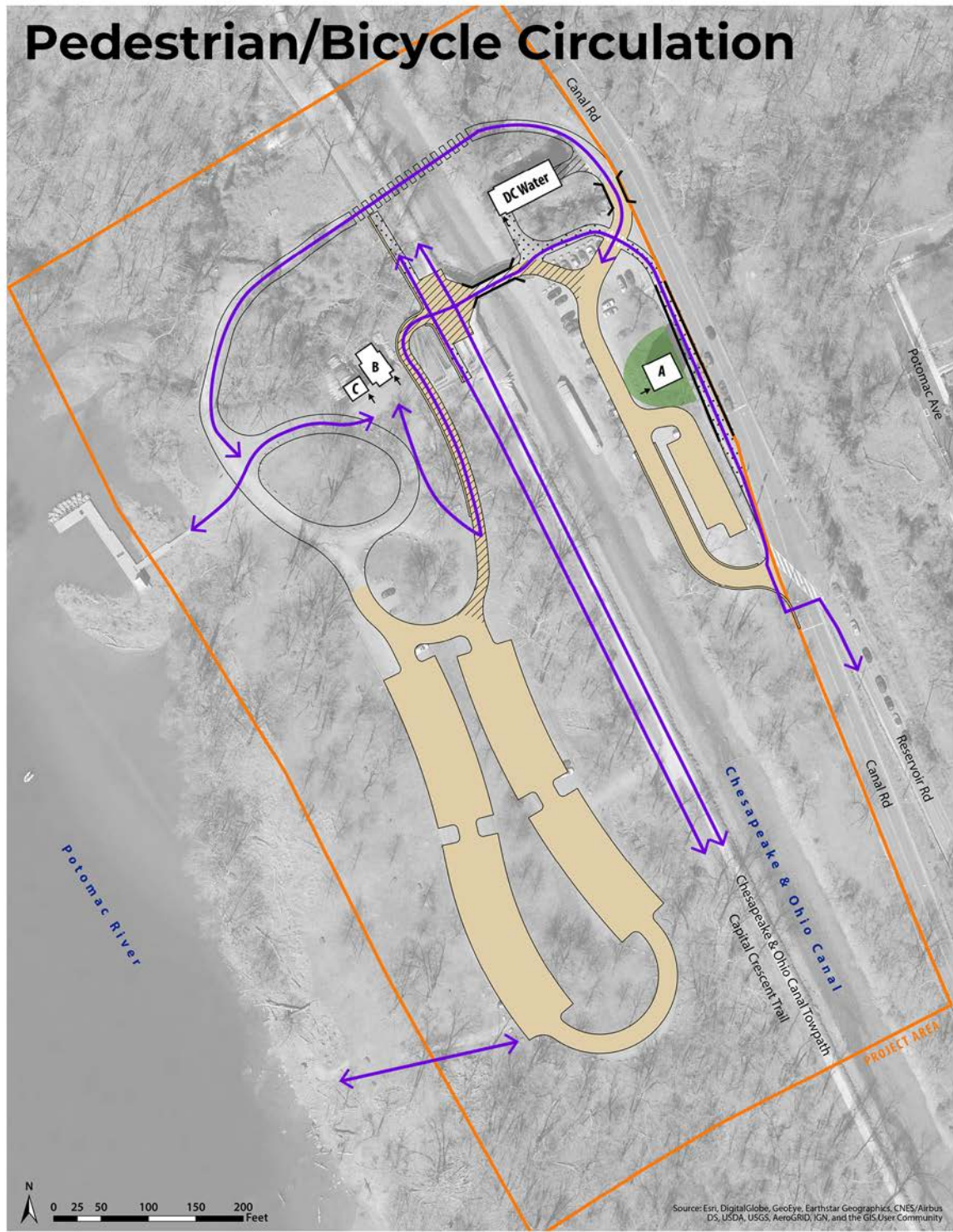
Alternative 1 with Official Use Vehicle Access **Option A**

KEY FEATURES

- New entrance ramp provides vehicle access between Canal Road and the upper parking lot; pedestrians and bicyclists prohibited on new entrance ramp
- Existing entrance ramp maintained for pedestrian and bicycle access, but closed to vehicles
- Existing culvert bridge updated to latest standards
- Existing road culvert (tunnel) maintained for visitor use vehicle, pedestrian, and bicycle access between the upper and lower parking lots
- Visitor use vehicle parking provided in the upper and lower parking lots
- Lower parking lot reconfigured; upper parking lot moved
- **Official Use Vehicle Access Option A:**
 - Official use vehicle (maintenance and emergency) access to the lower parking lot provided via the existing canal bridge, a modified bridge landing, and a new accessible ramp
 - New accessible ramp provides pedestrian and bicycle access between the canal and lower parking lot; existing stairs and accessible ramp removed

LEGEND

- Project Area
- Abner Cloud House
- Boathouse
- Concessions
- Restrooms/DC Water Odor Abatement Facility
- Building Access Point
- Existing Entrance Ramp
- Bridge
- Existing Road Culvert (Tunnel)
- Existing Access/Circulation Routes
- New or Modified Vehicle Access
- New Abner Cloud House Buffer
- Official Use Vehicle Access Only; No Visitor Use Vehicle Access
- Pedestrian/Bicycle Access Only; No Vehicle Access
- Canal Road Intersection Improvements
- Pedestrian/Bicycle Circulation
- Visitor Use Vehicle Circulation
- Official Use Vehicle Circulation



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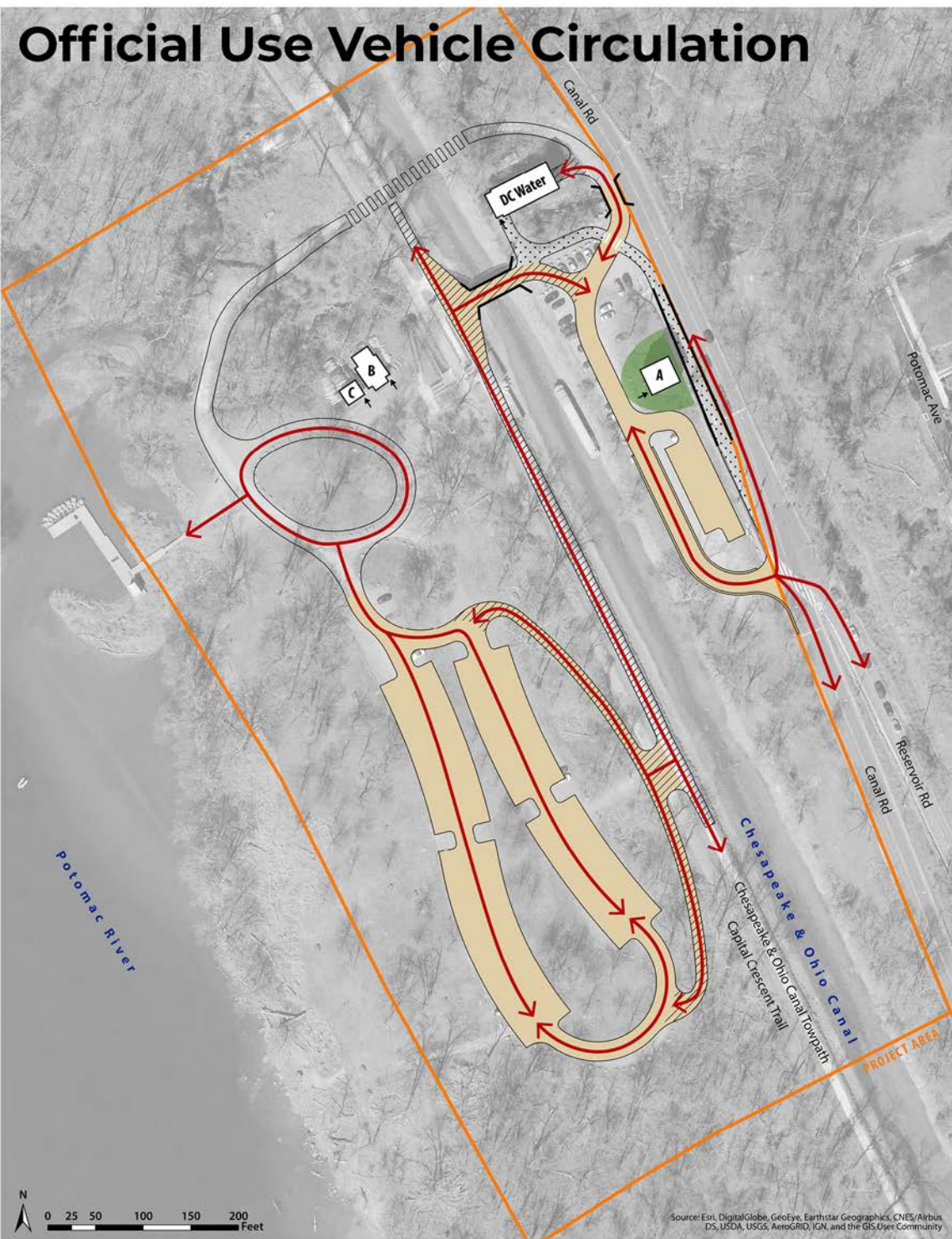
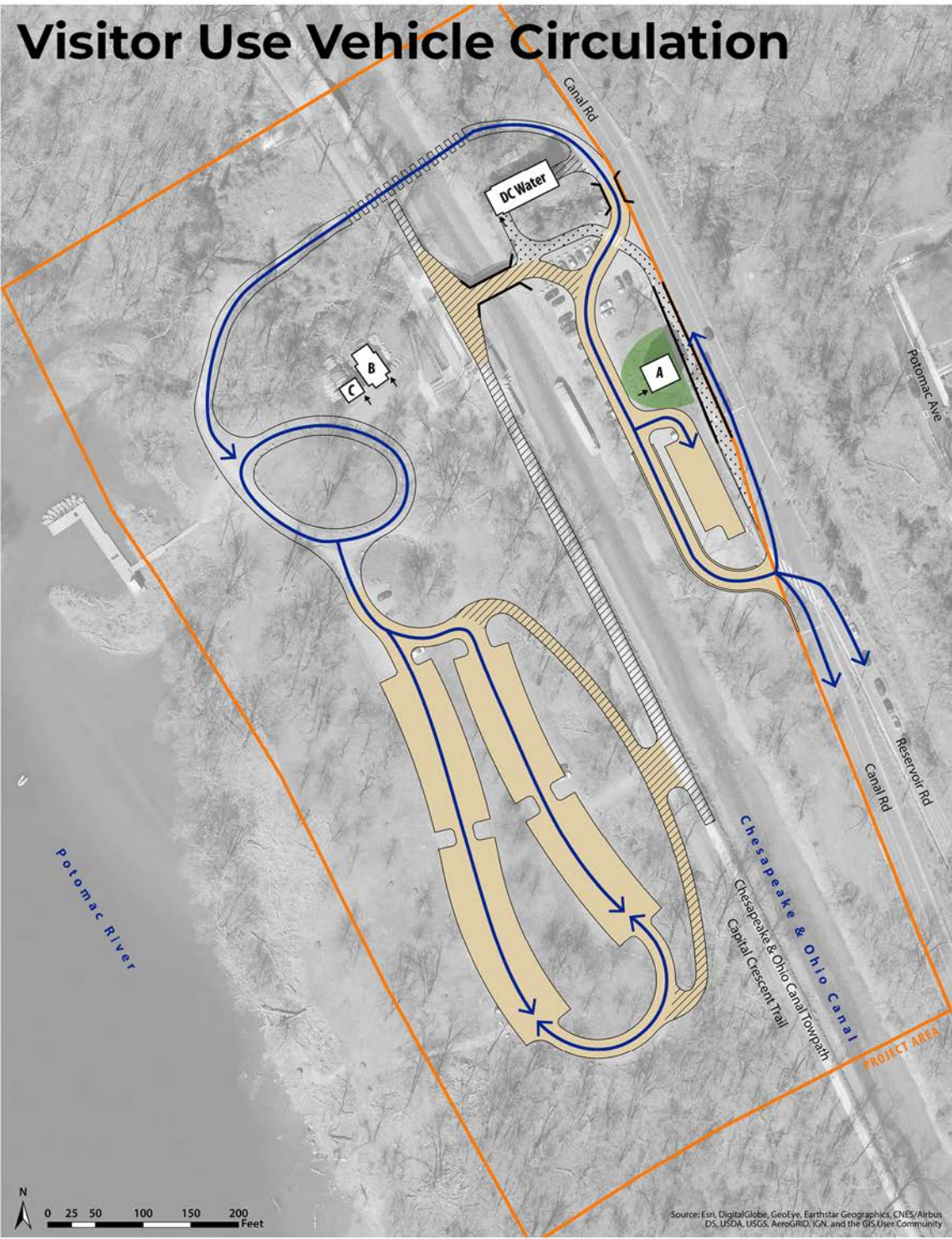
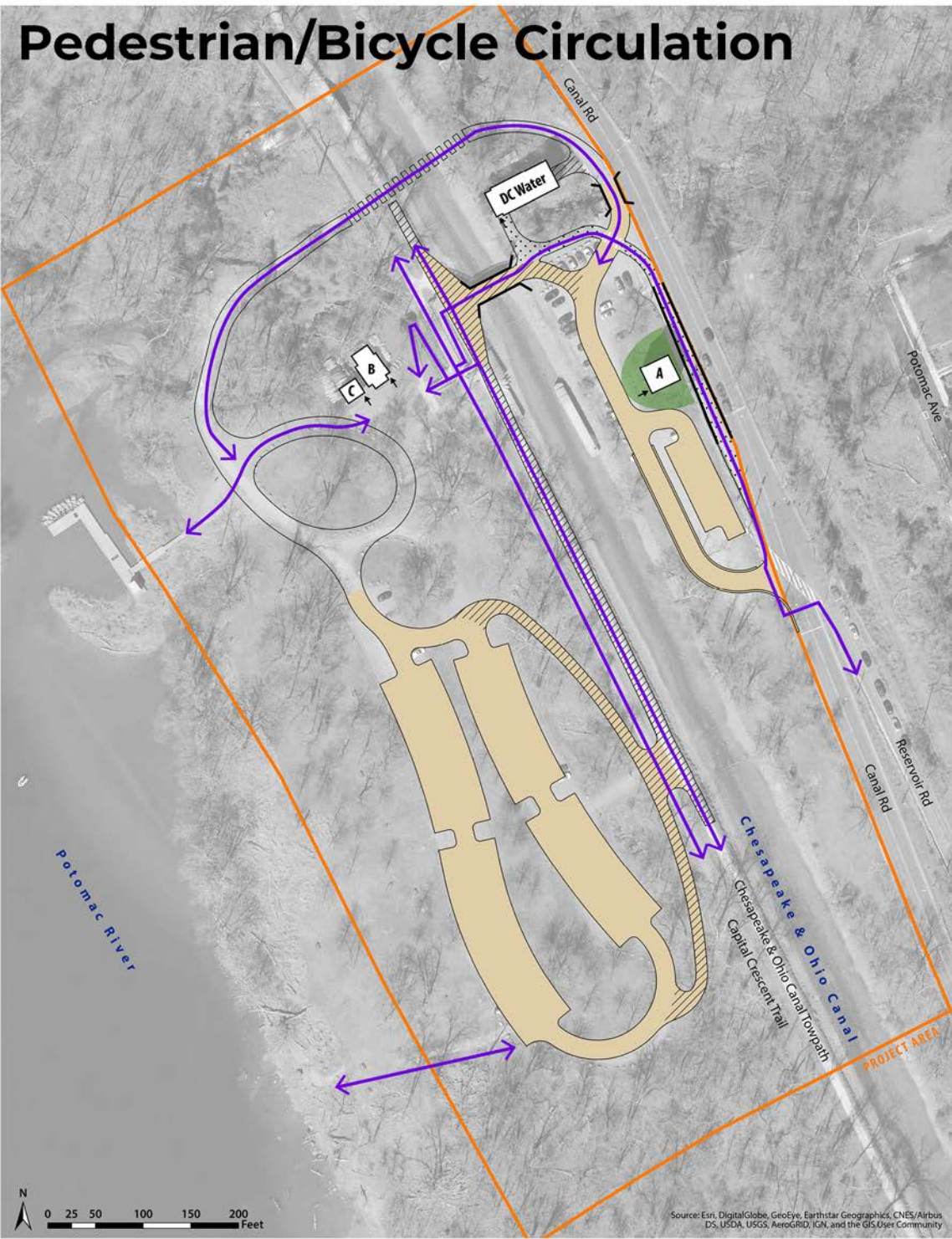
Alternative 1 with Official Use Vehicle Access **Option B**

KEY FEATURES

- New entrance ramp provides vehicle access between Canal Road and the upper parking lot; pedestrians and bicyclists prohibited on new entrance ramp
- Existing entrance ramp maintained for pedestrian and bicycle access, but closed to vehicles
- Existing culvert bridge updated to latest standards
- Existing road culvert (tunnel) maintained for visitor use vehicle, pedestrian, and bicycle access between the upper and lower parking lots
- Visitor use vehicle parking provided in the upper and lower parking lots
- Lower parking lot reconfigured; upper parking lot moved
- **Official Use Vehicle Access Option B:**
 - Official use vehicle (maintenance and emergency) access to the lower parking lot provided via a modified bridge and landing and two new ramps from the towpath
 - Existing stairs and accessible ramp maintained

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- New or Modified Vehicle Access
- New Abner Cloud House Buffer
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Alternative 2

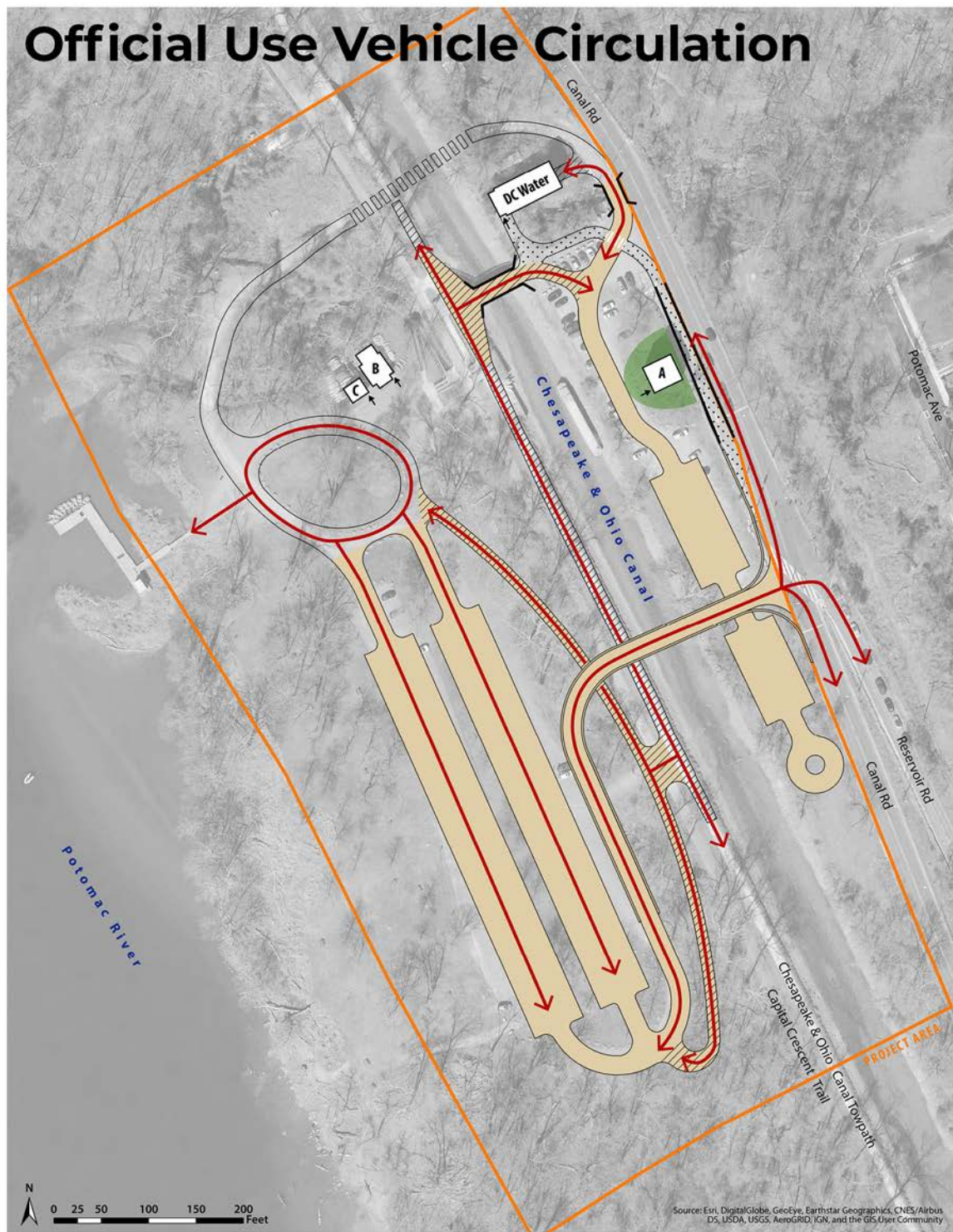
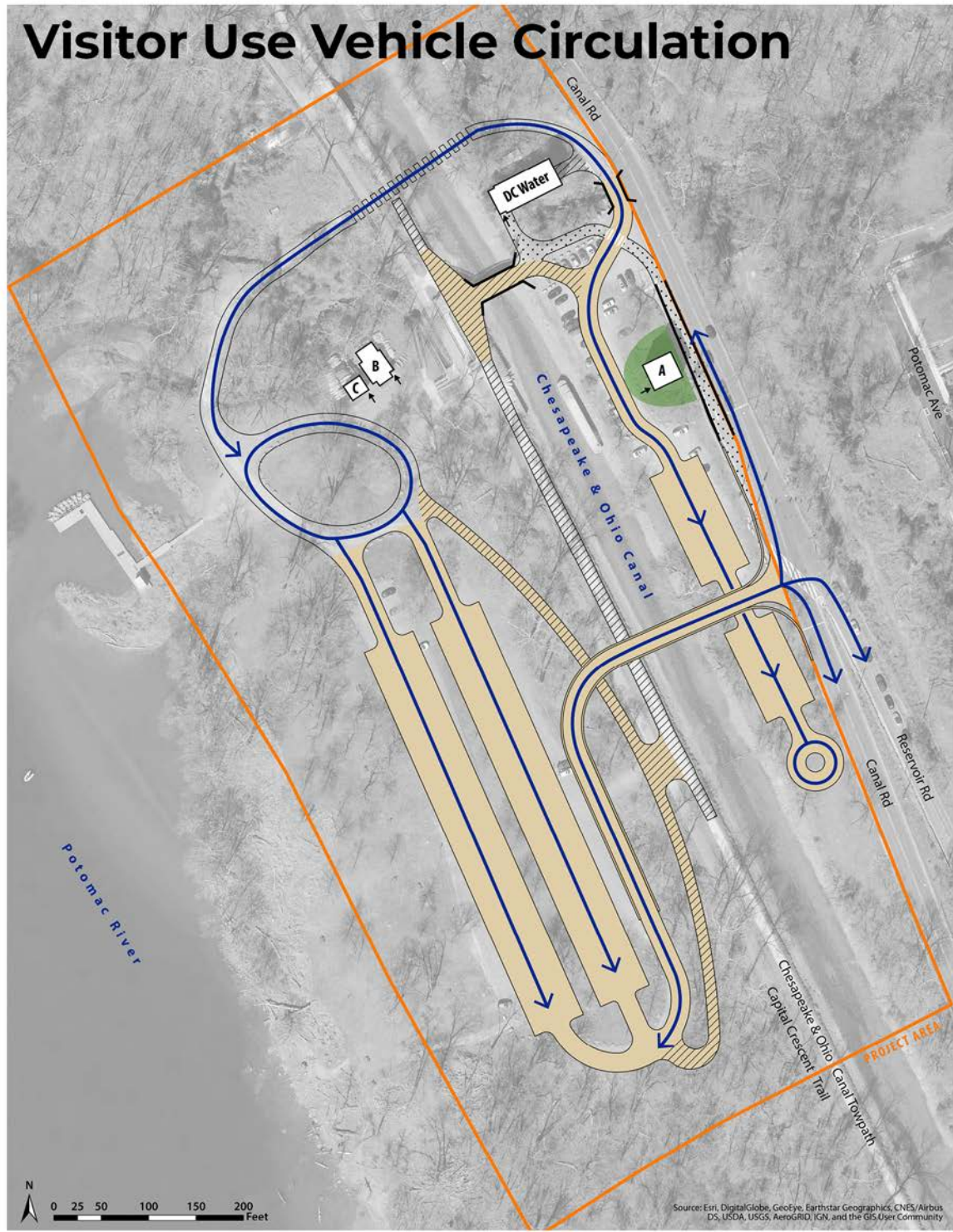
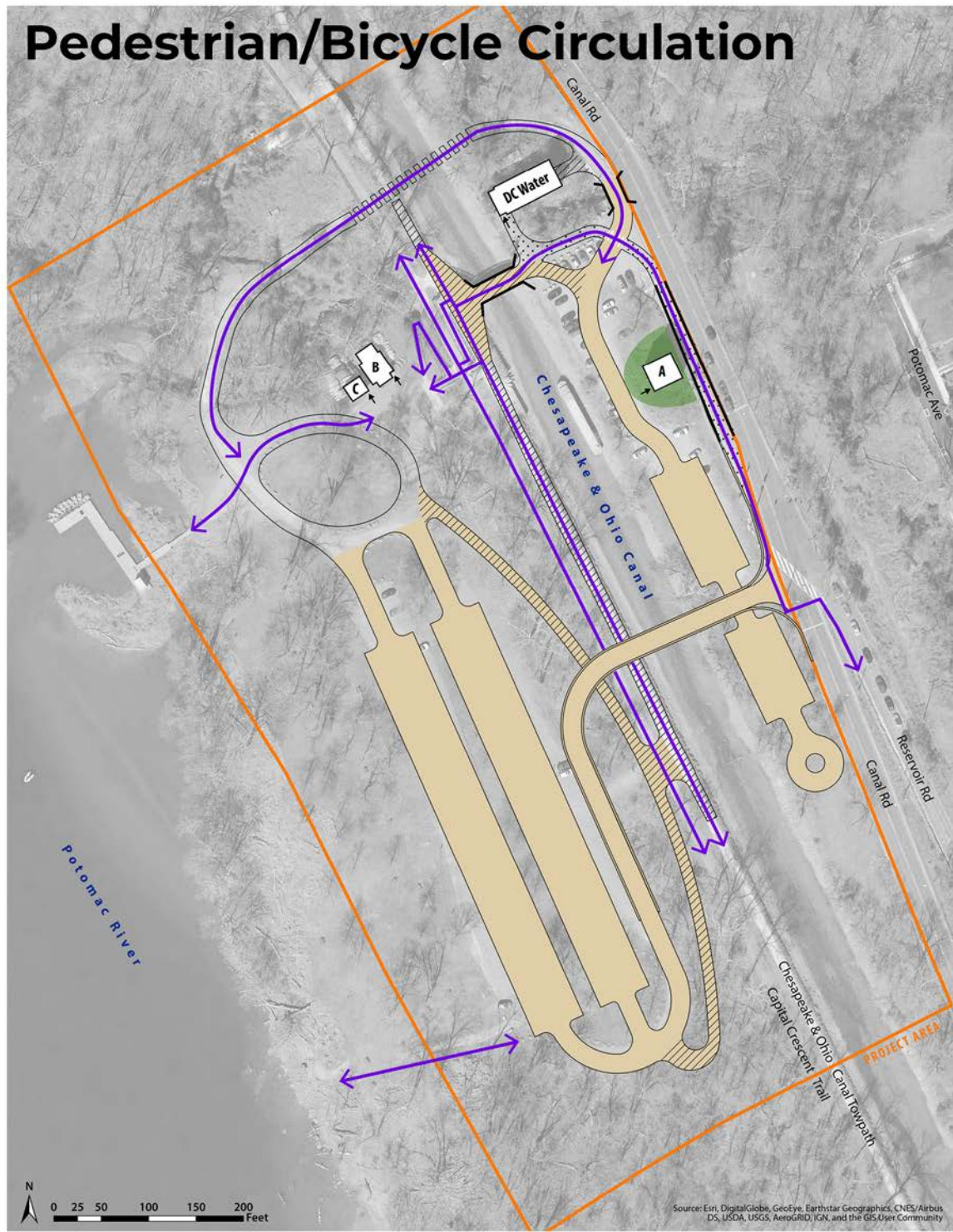
with Official Use Vehicle Access **Option B**
(Alternative 2 could use Official Use Vehicle Access Option A or B)

KEY FEATURES

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- Existing entrance ramp maintained for pedestrian and bicycle access, but closed to vehicles
- Existing culvert bridge updated to latest standards
- Existing road culvert (tunnel) maintained for visitor use vehicle, pedestrian, and bicycle access between the lower and upper parking lots
- Visitor use vehicle parking provided in the upper and lower parking lots
- Lower parking lot reconfigured; upper parking lot moved
- **Official Use Vehicle Access Option B:**
 - Official use vehicle (maintenance and emergency) access to the upper parking lot provided via two new ramps to the towpath and a modified bridge and landing
 - Existing stairs and accessible ramp maintained

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- New or Modified Vehicle Access
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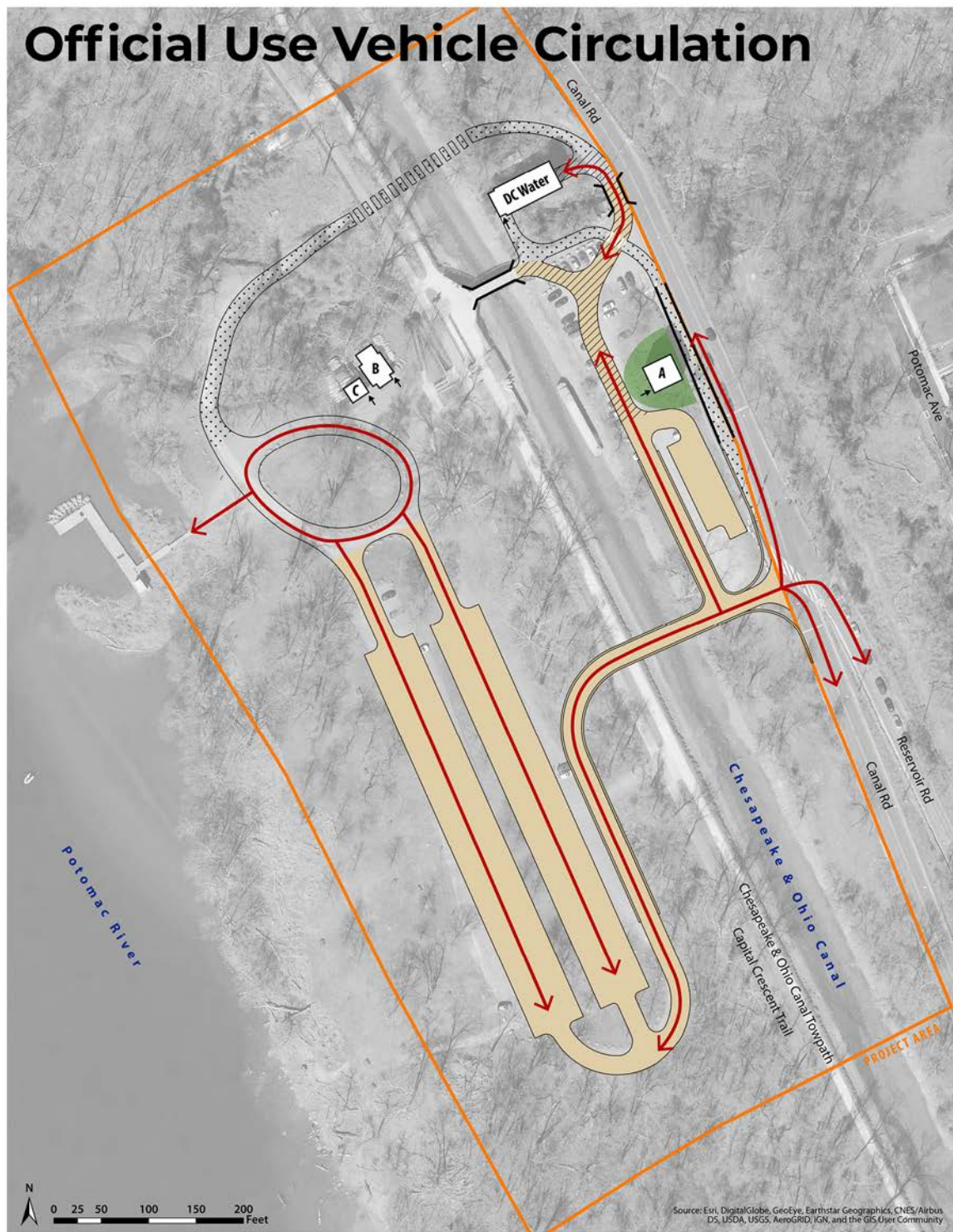
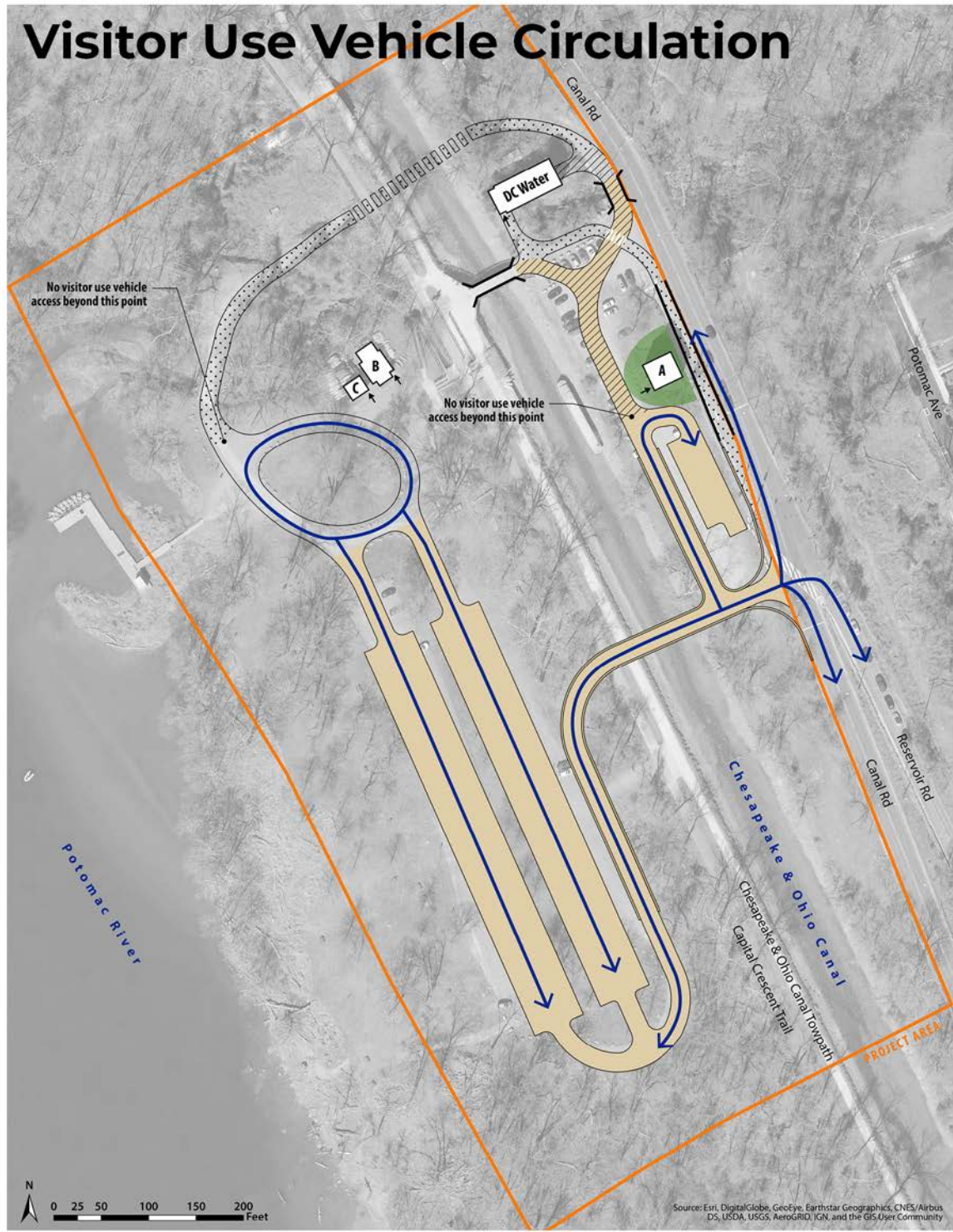
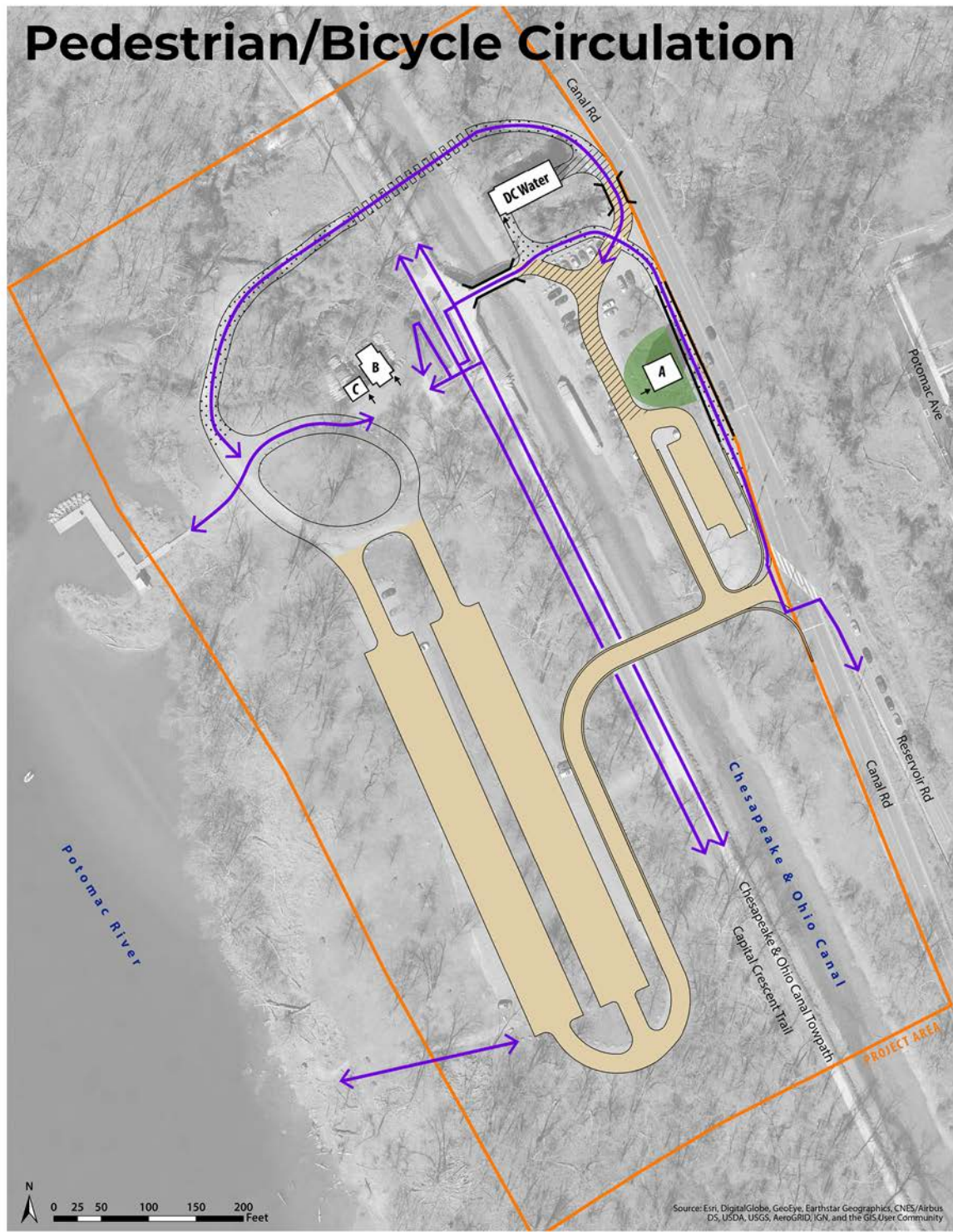
Alternative 3

KEY FEATURES

- New entrance ramps provide vehicle access (including official use vehicles) between Canal Road and the upper and lower parking lots; pedestrians and bicyclists prohibited on new entrance ramps
- Existing entrance ramp maintained for pedestrian and bicycle access, but closed to vehicles
- Existing culvert bridge updated to latest standards
- Existing road culvert (tunnel) maintained for pedestrian and bicycle access between the lower and upper parking lots, but closed to vehicles
- Existing canal bridge, landing, stairs, and accessible ramp maintained
- Visitor use vehicle parking provided in the upper and lower parking lots
- Lower parking lot reconfigured; upper parking lot moved

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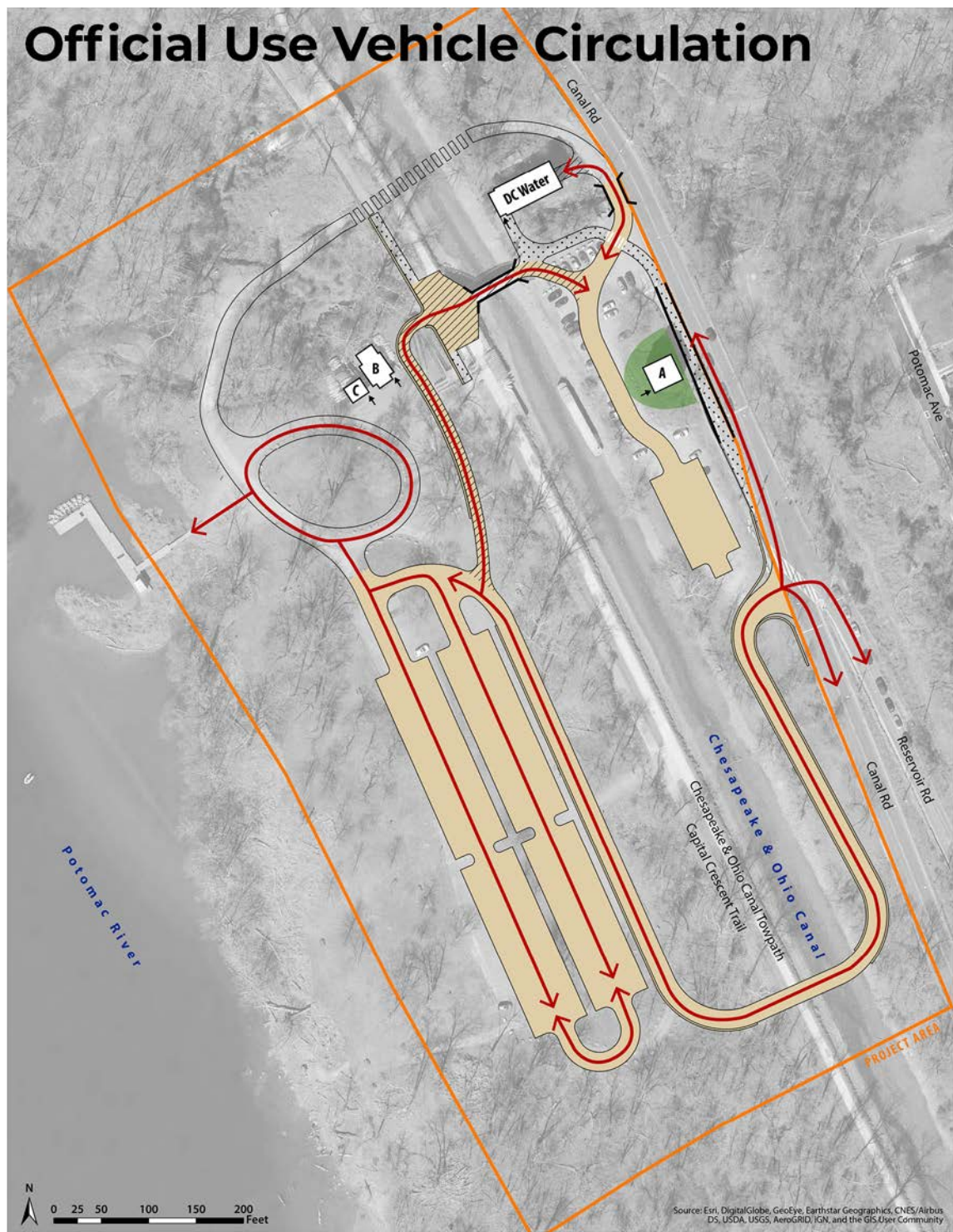
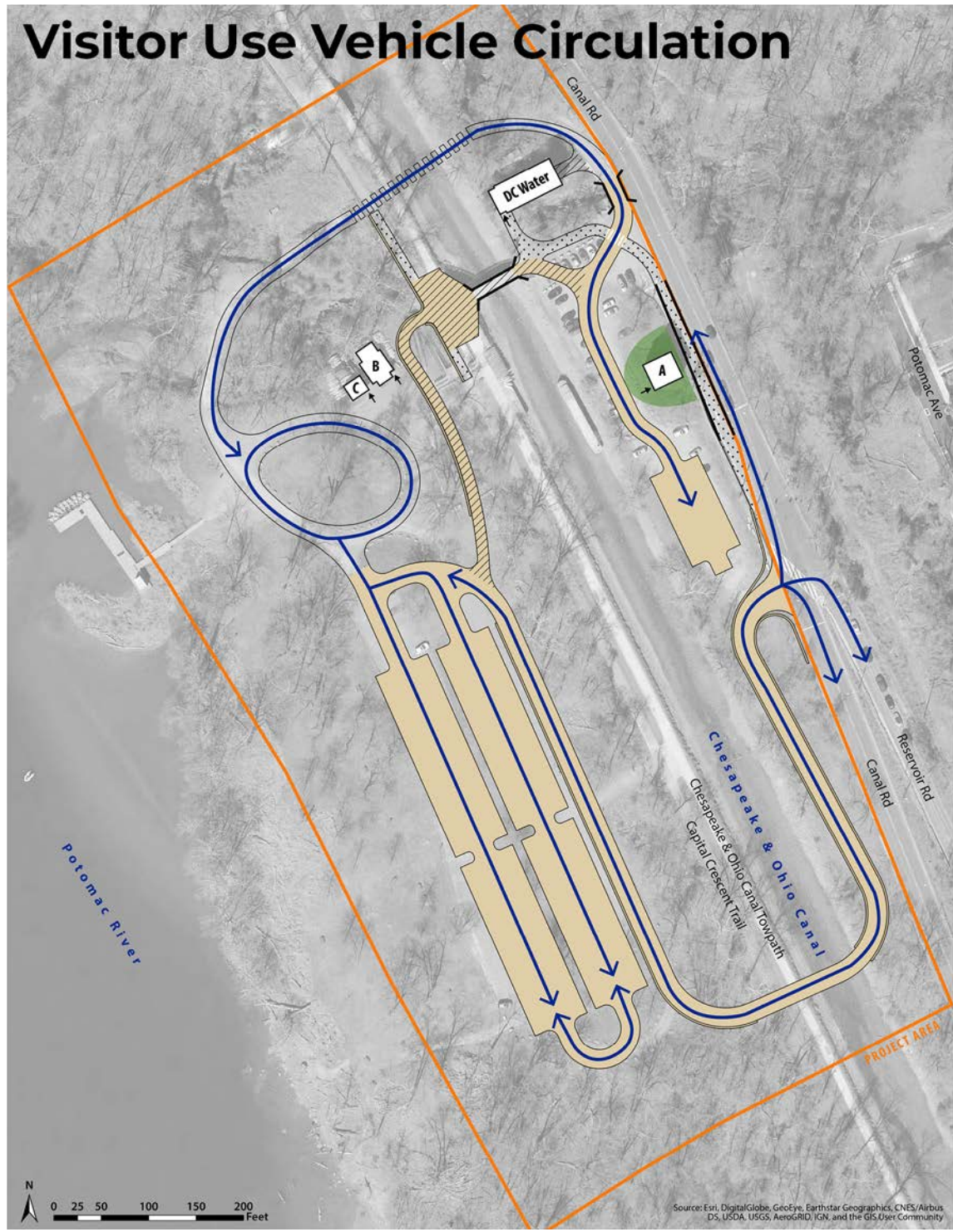
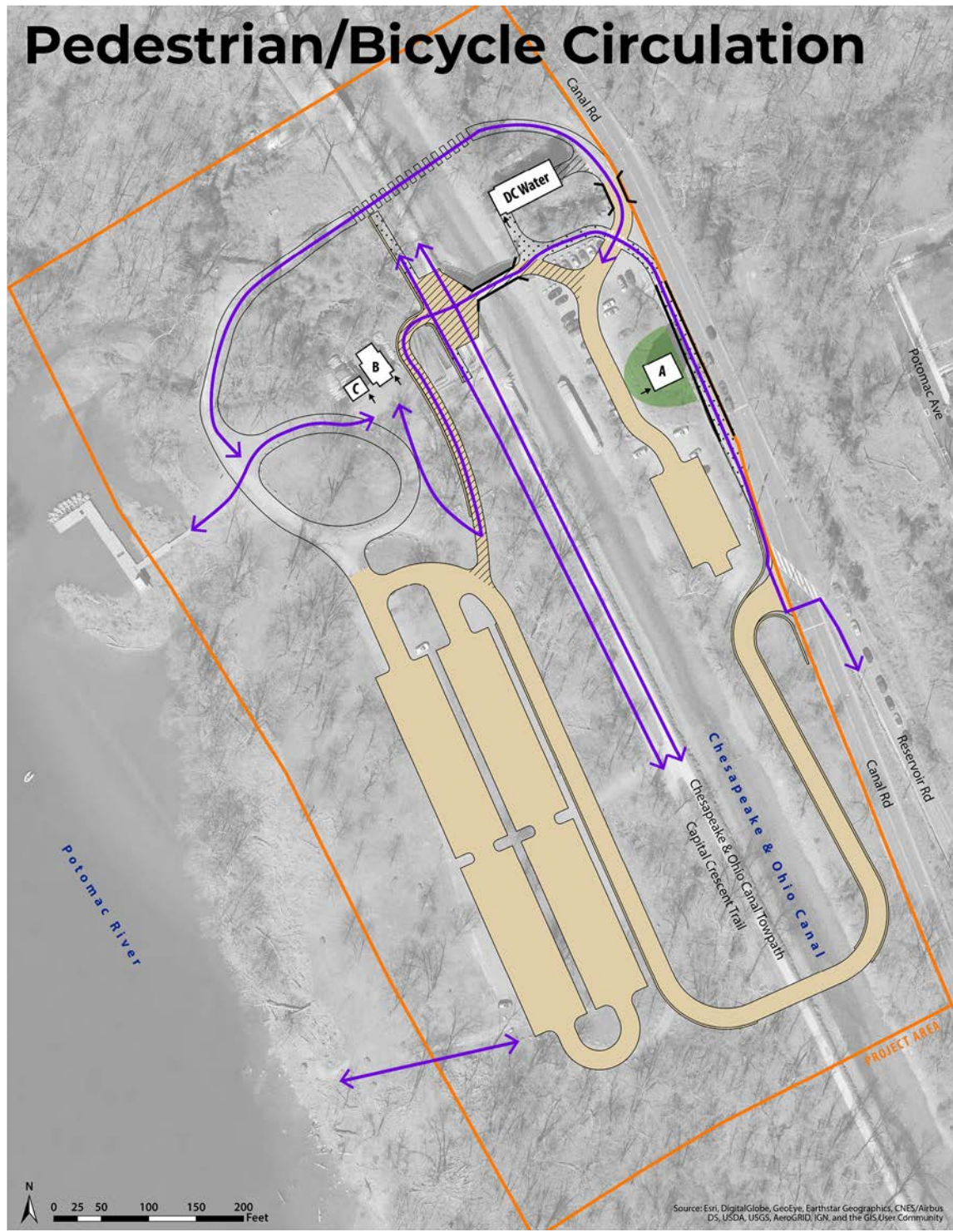
Alternative 4 with Official Use Vehicle Access Option A

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- **Official Use Vehicle Access Option A:**
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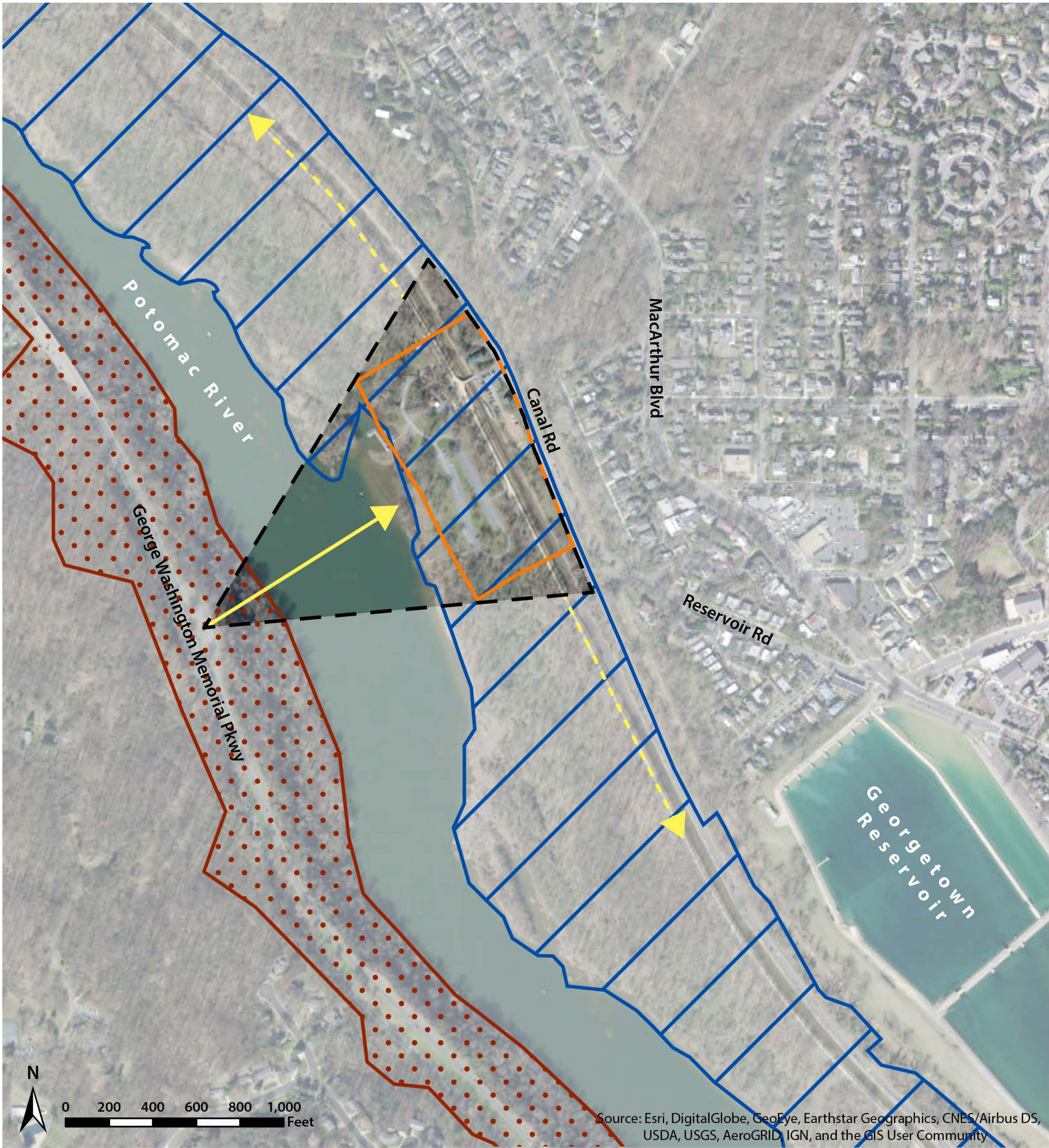


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Section 106 Historic Resources



LEGEND

- Project Area
- Draft Area of Potential Effect (APE)
- Chesapeake & Ohio Canal National Historical Park Historic District
- George Washington Memorial Parkway
- Viewshed in the APE
- Continuing view outside the APE

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Alternatives 1-4 Small-Scale Improvements

Small-scale improvements for all alternatives include:

- Update signalization of Canal Road and new entrance ramp intersection through coordination with the District Department of Transportation (DDOT)
- Improve pedestrian and bicycle access routes at Canal Road intersection
- Signalize existing road culvert (tunnel) to better accommodate two-way traffic
- Increase parking lot efficiency
- Install signage to facilitate circulation on site

Alternative Comparison

Alternative 1 with
Official Use Vehicle Access **Option A**



Alternative 1 with
Official Use Vehicle Access **Option B**



Alternative 2 with
Official Use Vehicle Access **Option B**



Alternative 3



Alternative 4 with
Official Use Vehicle Access **Option A**



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How to Comment

Please identify any ideas, issues, or concerns you may have regarding the proposed project

During this Meeting

- Fill out a comment form

After this Meeting

- **Submit comments online by May 15, 2019 at <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/fletchers>**
- Mailed comments must be postmarked by May 15, 2019 to receive consideration and sent to:

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National Park Service
Chesapeake & Ohio Canal National Historical Park
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Hagerstown, MD 21740

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