

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

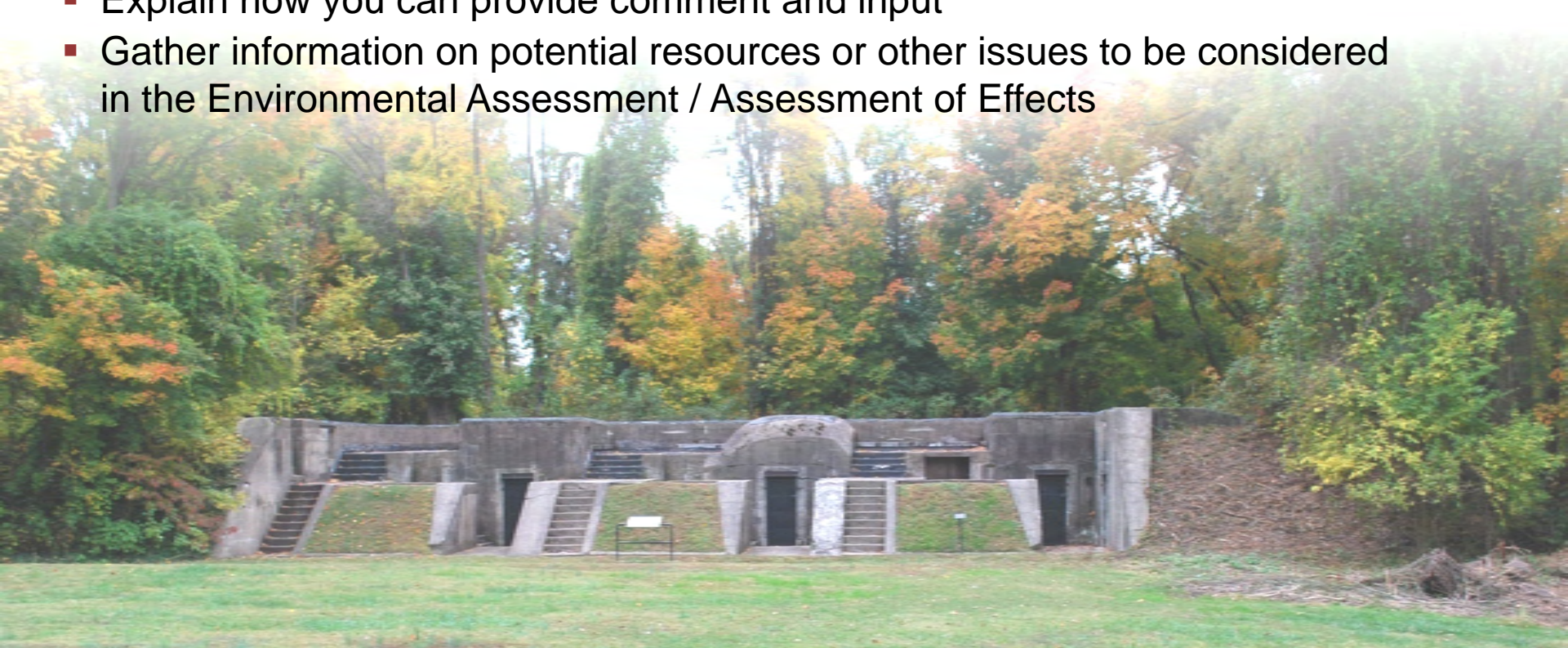
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# Welcome

## Purpose of Tonight's Public Scoping Meeting:

- Explain why we are doing the Fort Hunt Park Site Development Plan
- Present the plan's objectives and potential elements
- Explain how you can provide comment and input
- Gather information on potential resources or other issues to be considered in the Environmental Assessment / Assessment of Effects



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## Purpose and Need

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- The purpose of the Site Development Plan is to identify an overall direction for park management by clearly defining specific resource conditions and the desired visitor experience.

### Need:

- Peak visitation periods exceed the park's carrying capacity, which creates a need to balance the different types of visitor use (recreation, permitted picnicking, interpretation) with resource protection.
- Recent discovery of the site's rich history has created expanded opportunities and a demand by the public for additional interpretation.
- Changes in current park uses and expanded interpretation has created a need for changes to existing facilities and/or the addition of new facilities.





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## Project Overview:

- Fort Hunt Park is a 105-acre area administered by George Washington Memorial Parkway in Fairfax County, Virginia.
- Existing facilities at the park include five picnic areas, pavilions, a loop road, trails, ball fields, a playground, a volleyball court, a maintenance yard, restrooms, and Park Police stables.
- Historic structures include four Spanish-American War Era Gun Batteries, a Battery Commander's Station, and a Non-Commissioned Officer's (NCO) quarters.
- The Fort Hunt Park Site Development Plan will be a plan for how the National Park Service will manage resources and provide visitor experiences at Fort Hunt Park.



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## Site History



### Other Historic Uses:

- Coastal Defense Fort
- Army finance school
- Supply depot
- Brigade headquarters
- African American Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) training camp
- NPS exhibits lab
- Monitoring station for the Army Signal Corps
- Film storage vault for the National Archives

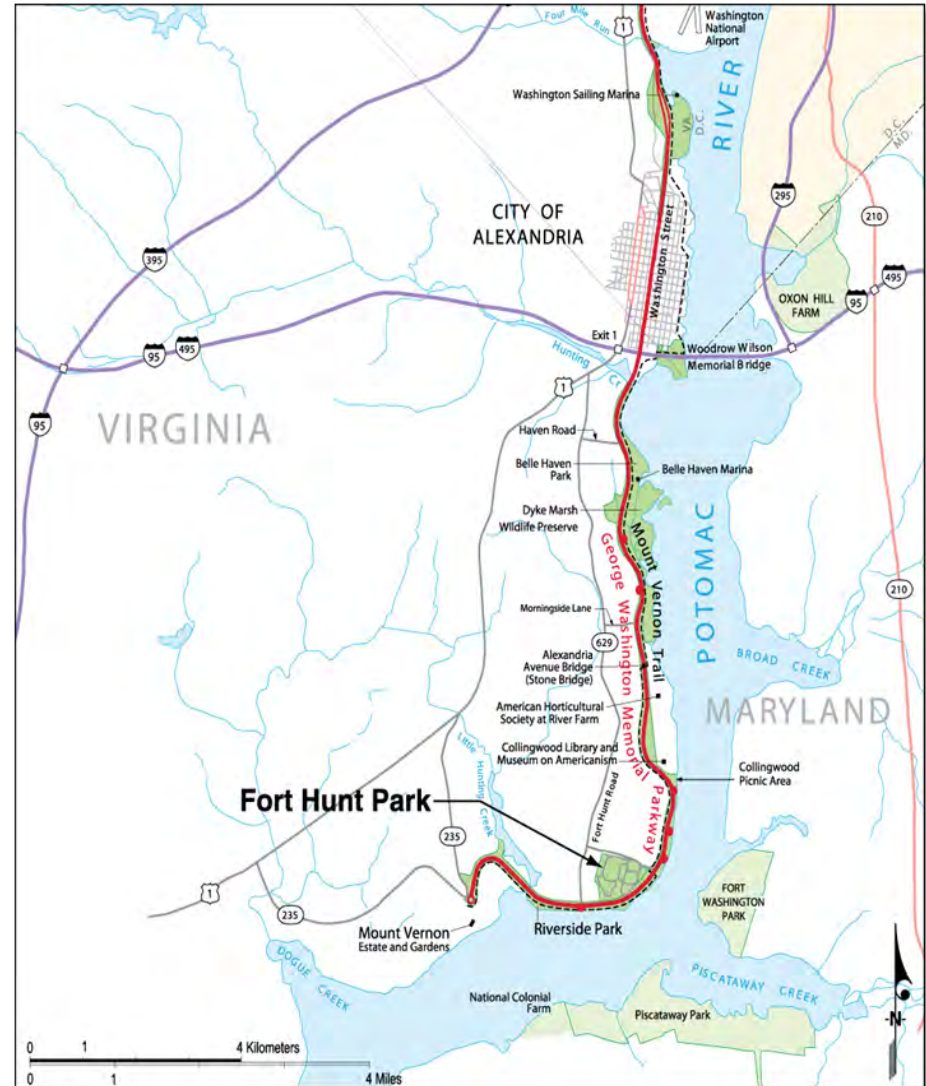


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## Project Location





# Site Development Plan

## **The objectives of the plan are to:**

- Enhance the visitor experience and manage visitor use
- Protect the cultural and natural resources
- Determine infrastructure and facilities needs
- Enhance the cultural landscapes and viewsheds

## **Elements of the plan could include:**

- Locating a site for a new visitor center
- Changes to park circulation including interpretive trails, roads, and parking
- Changes to police and maintenance facilities
- Changes to visitor amenities such as picnic facilities and pavilions, restrooms, ball fields, etc.



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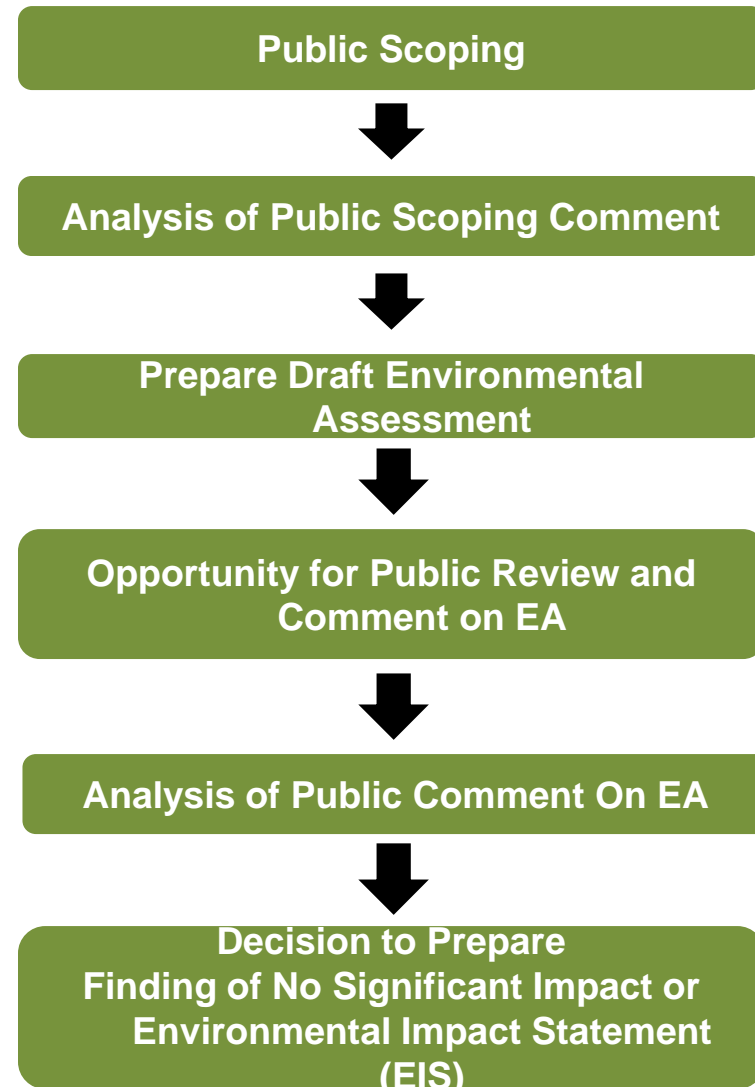


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## NEPA Process



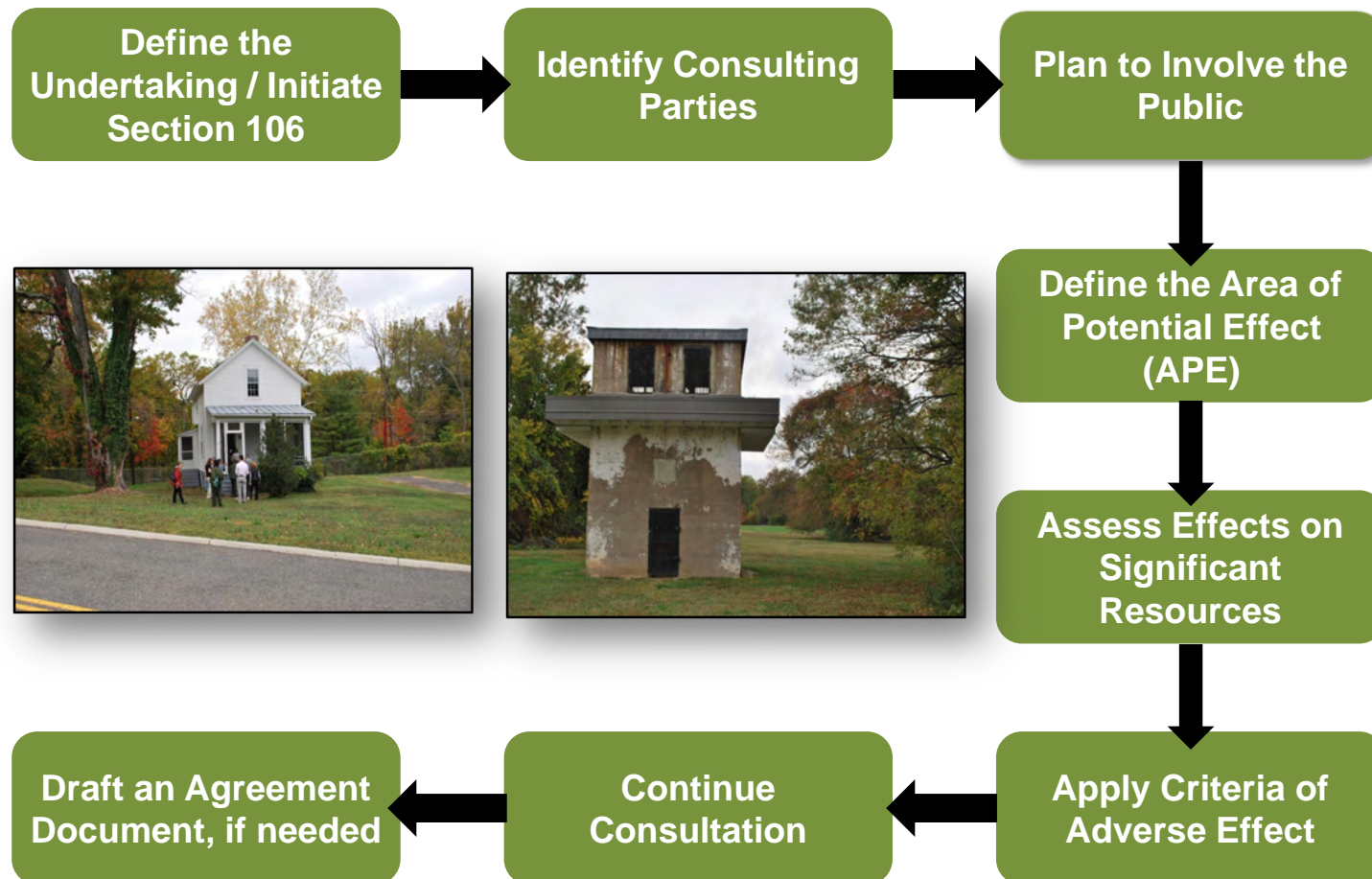


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## NHPA / Section 106 Process



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# Project Schedule / Next Steps

Public and Agency Scoping Period	January 10 – March 11, 2011
<b>Public Scoping Meeting</b>	<b>February 24, 2011</b> 
Analysis of Scoping Comments	February/March 2011
Development of Alternatives / Design Concepts	March 2011
Preparation of the Environmental Assessment (EA)	February through May 2011
<b>Public Review of EA</b>	<b>June 2011</b> 
<b>Public Meeting</b>	<b>June/July 2011</b>
Analysis of Public Comments	July/August 2011
Preparation of Decision Document	September 2011
Completion of Site Development Plan	September 2011





# How to Comment

- The public is invited to identify any alternatives, issues, or concerns they might have with the proposed project so the NPS can appropriately consider them in the EA.
- Comments or questions can be provided tonight on the comment form.
- You may submit comments or questions electronically at the NPS's Planning, Environment, and Public Comment website (<http://parkplanning.nps.gov/gwmp>).
- Written comments may be mailed to:  
    Superintendent  
    George Washington Memorial Parkway,  
    Turkey Run Park, McLean, VA 22101.
- Mailed comments must be postmarked by **March 11, 2011** to receive consideration.