



Washington Monument Visitor Screening Station

We Welcome Your Comments

The National Park Service invites your input as we develop an Environmental Assessment evaluating a range of alternatives for visitor screening improvements at the Washington Monument. The purpose of the proposal is to improve the security of the Monument in a manner that maintains and preserves the visitor experience and cultural landscape of the Monument grounds. The following six illustrated boards depict a range of options for your consideration. You may comment on any combination of features presented. Comment forms are available at the Monument Lodge. Comments may also be submitted on-line at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/WAMO> and see the website to find more information about the options.

Existing Conditions (No Action)

This option will leave the Washington Monument, the existing screening station at the base of the Monument and Monument grounds as they are today, with no changes or upgrades being made.

OPTION 1





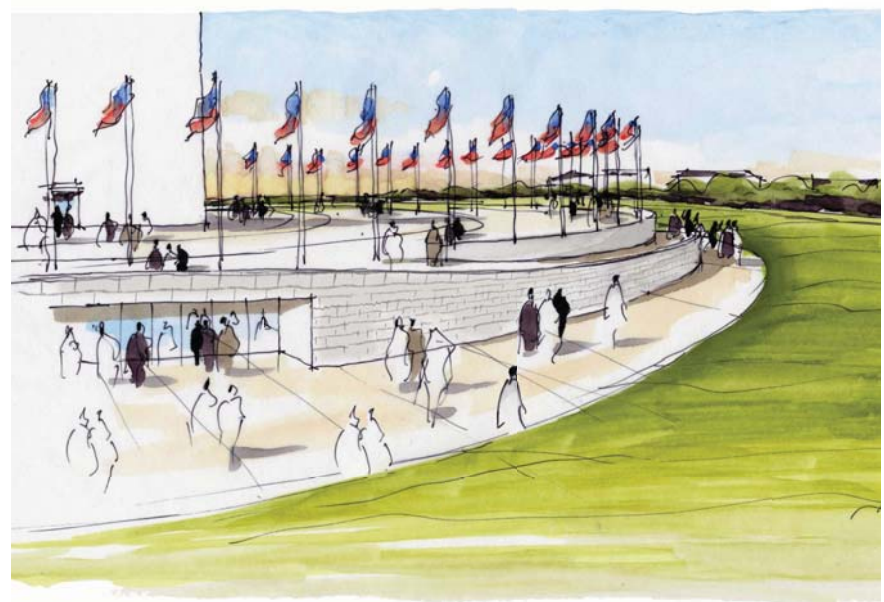
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New Approach Through The Landscape

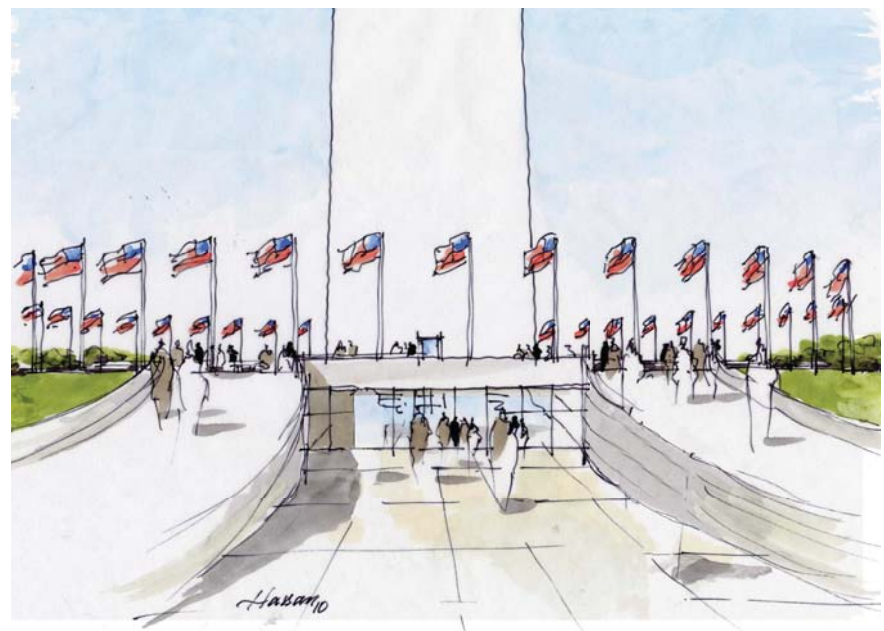
With these design options, visitors will approach a new visitor entry by walking from the Monument Lodge to the Monument on new paths set in the landscape. The new visitor entry will require re-grading the landscape to give access to the queueing and screening area below the Monument Plaza. Features would include:

- New visitor queueing and screening space under the Monument Plaza.
- Lower level connection from visitor entry to the elevator to the top of the monument.
- Existing Monument visitor elevator would be extended to lower level.
- A fixed panel of glass would cover the existing Monument Plaza Entrance and allow viewing by visitors interior lobby of the Monument.

OPTION 2



OPTION 3





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New Approach Through The Landscape (Continued)

OPTION 4



OPTION 5





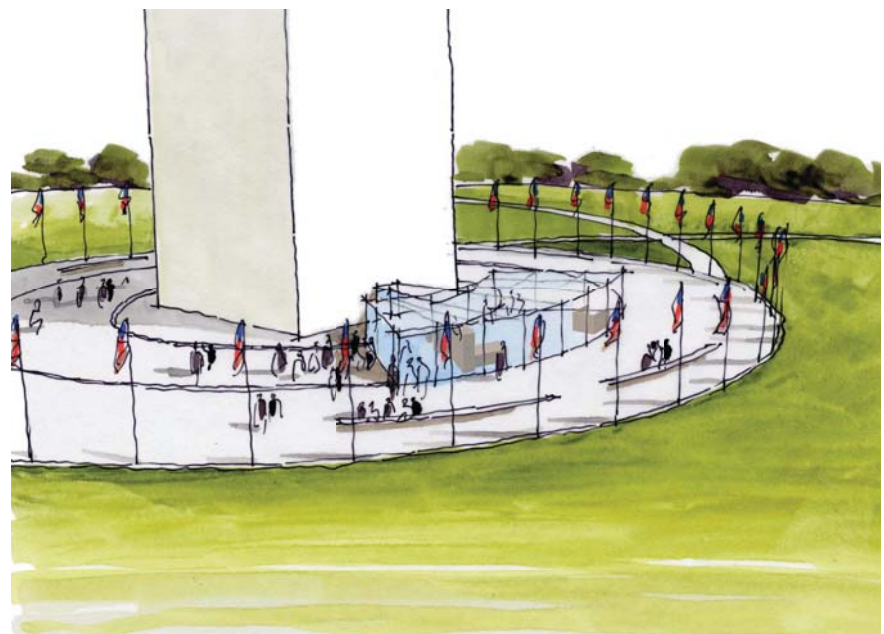
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Visitor Screening Facility On The Plaza

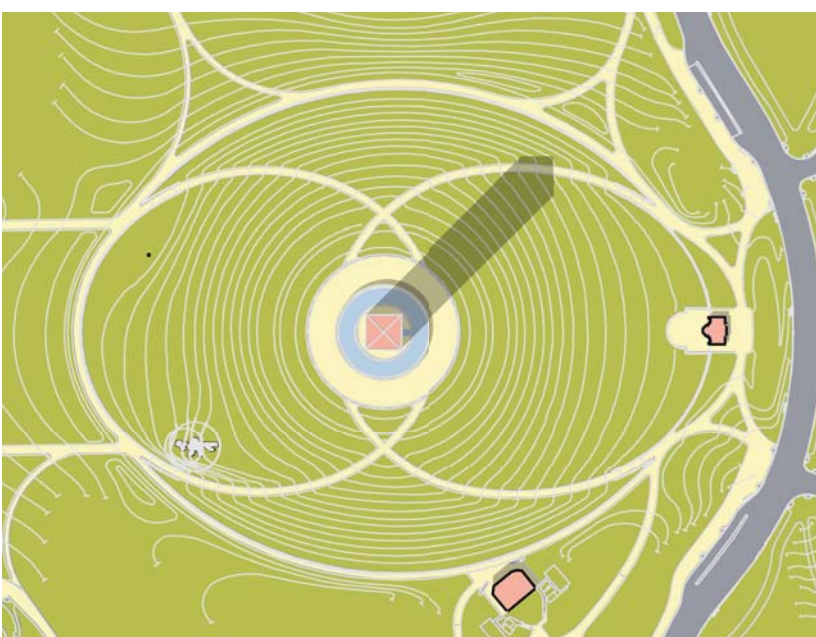
These options explore the concept of providing the visitor queueing and screening on the Monument Plaza, similar to how things operate now, but with a more elegant and permanent solution. Features of these options include:

- A transparent glass structure set on the Monument Plaza.
- Visitor screening and queueing within a glass enclosure.
- No changes to landscape beyond footprint of the Monument Plaza.
- Entry into and exit from the Monument through the existing opening.

OPTION 6



OPTION 7





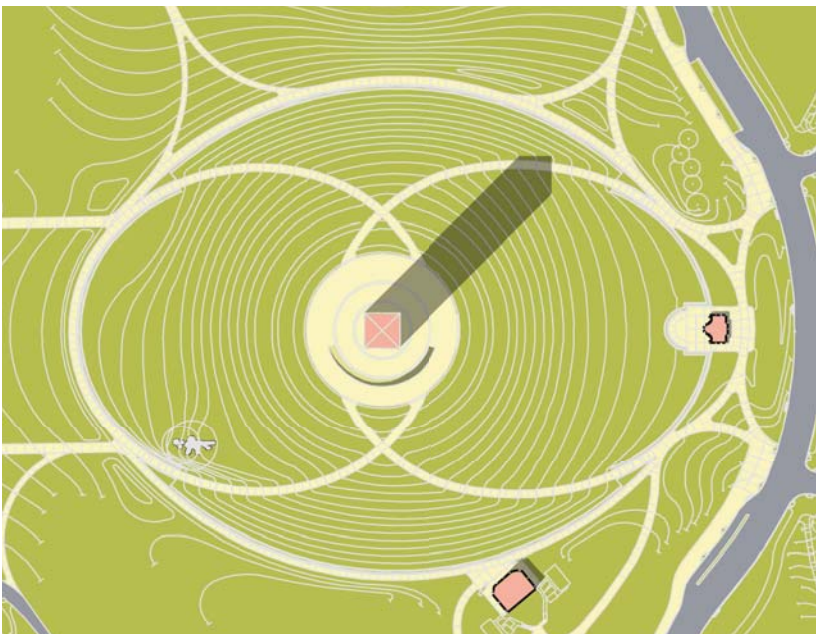
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New Entry Through The Plaza

With this option, visitors could approach the new visitor entry from any direction. The ramp set in the Monument Plaza would provide entrance to the new visitor queuing and screening facility at a lower level. The ramp would be twelve feet wide and has a radius matching the second circle that is currently inscribed on the plaza. Features of this scheme include:

- Visitor screening and queueing at the new lower level, below the Monument Plaza.
- Existing Monument visitor elevator would be extended by one level down.
- A glass railing would be set in the plaza to protect visitors from the change in height.
- No impact on landscape beyond footprint of the Monument Plaza.

OPTION 8





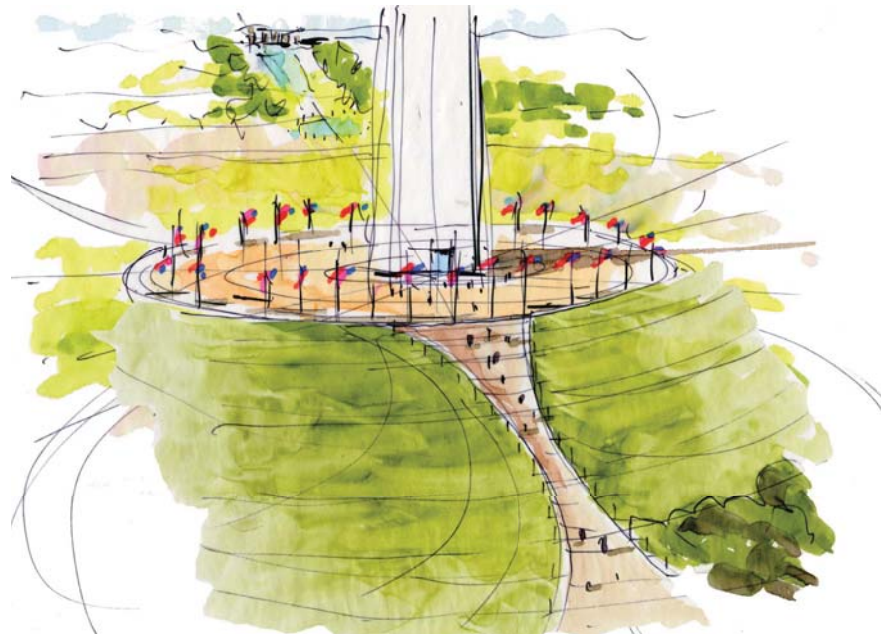
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Escorted Visitor Entry

This option provides a new visitor entrance and screening facility connected to the rear of the existing Monument Lodge or at an alternate location. From the new screening and queuing facility the visitor would be escorted by guards on a protected path to the existing Monument entry at the Monument Plaza. Features of this option include:

- Two double rows of protection to be added along the escorted path.
- A minimum of two security guards to be present at all times when Monument is open to monitor entry path.
- Reduced access to a portion of the Monument Plaza while groups are being escorted.

OPTION 9



Closure Of The Monument

This option will provide site security by closing the Washington Monument to visitors. Visitors will no longer have the option to enter the monument and travel to the top.

- A fixed panel of glass would cover the existing Monument Entrance and allow viewing of the Monument interior from the Monument Plaza.

OPTION 10

