



Notice of Scoping Meeting For Metro Memorial Park



**To be held on Thursday, February 28, 2013
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Greater Saint Paul Baptist Church
5720 South Dakota Avenue, NE
Washington, DC 20011**

The District of Columbia proposes to establish a permanent memorial honoring the victims of the 2009 Metrorail Red Line crash. The District has identified two sites north and west of the intersection of 1st Street NE and New Hampshire Avenue NE for consideration. Both sites are located on lands administered by Rock Creek Park, an administrative unit of the National Park Service. As part of this proposal, the NPS would transfer jurisdiction of the selected parcel to the District for the proposed memorial. NPS and the District of Columbia have identified the sites north and west of the intersection of 1st Street NE, South Dakota Avenue NE, and New Hampshire Avenue NE for consideration.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the NPS and the District of Columbia are preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) to identify alternatives and assess the potential impacts of the proposal. Concurrent to the NEPA process, the NPS and District of Columbia will conduct a consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (NHPA).

As part of this planning effort, a public scoping meeting will be held by the NPS and the District of Columbia on February 28, 2013 between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. at the Greater Saint Paul Baptist Church, 5720 South Dakota Avenue, NE in Washington, DC. During this open house, the project team will be available to discuss alternatives and site characteristics.

The public is invited to comment on the proposed transfer of land, and to identify potential issues or concerns for consideration in the EA. During the meeting, comments may be submitted via written comment forms. In addition, you may submit comments electronically (the NPS preferred method of receiving comments), by fax, or mail them directly. The NPS will accept comments on the proposed project through March 18, 2013.

Submit comments on-line by following the appropriate links at: <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/rocr>

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Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment – including your personal identifying information – may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

If you require additional information or special assistance to attend and participate in this meeting, please contact Claire Sale at 703.739.4750 or via email at claire.sale@aecom.com.