

#### **Welcome and Purpose of Meeting**

Kym Elder, Rock Creek Park

### **Project Background**

- Tony Robinson, Director of Public Affairs, District of Columbia

#### **NEPA** and Section 106 Process and Issues

Alan Harwood, AECOM

### **Project Description**

- Marcos Miranda, Project Manager, District of Columbia

**Opportunity for Public Comment** 

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## **Purpose of Meeting**

- Present project background
- Discuss environmental and historic preservation process
  - Environmental impacts
  - Historic resources effects
  - Opportunities for public comment
- Present site location alternatives
- Comments

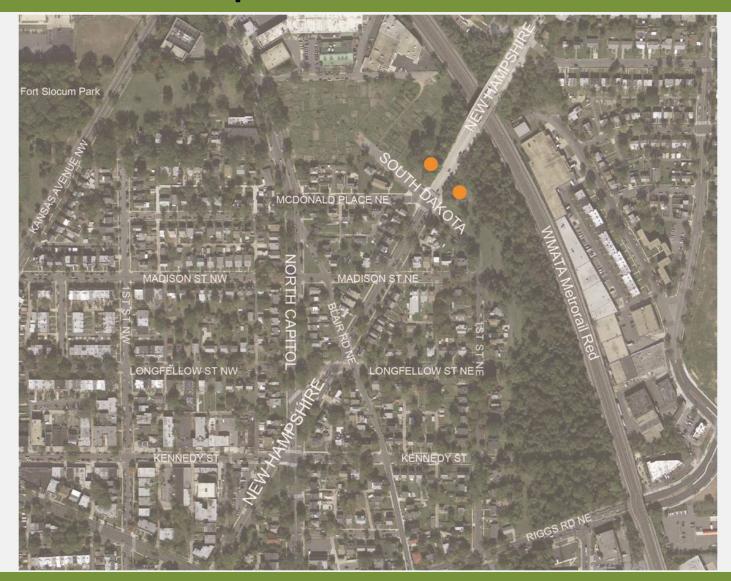
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- Red Line train accident claimed the lives of nine victims, left 80 injured and 12 children orphaned on June 22, 2009.
- District seeks to establish a memorial
- RFP issued for artists
- Site Selection Study evaluated sites
  - Evaluated 8 sites
  - Narrowed to 2 sites for further study

## **Site Location Map**



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## **Project Sponsor**



# District of Columbia

## **Agencies**





## **Purpose and Need**

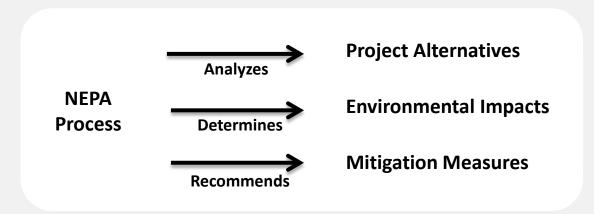
- Purpose of the Memorial
  - Honor victims of the 2009 crash
  - Celebrate the heroism of first responders
  - Uplift the community
- Needed to provide a permanent place of commemoration to replace the temporary memorial on bridge
- Sites require transfer of jurisdiction from NPS to District

#### What is NEPA?

#### **National Environmental Policy Act of 1969**

(NEPA; Public Law 91-190; 42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq)

- Established a national policy for protecting the environment and requires evaluation of alternative actions
- Goal: To ensure informed decision-making
- Can conclude with an EA and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) or an EIS and Record of Decision (ROD)

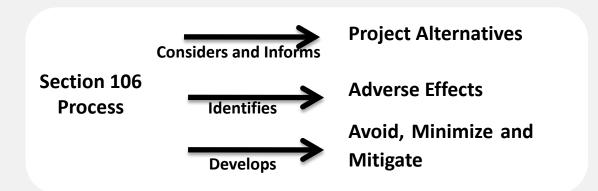


#### What is Section 106?

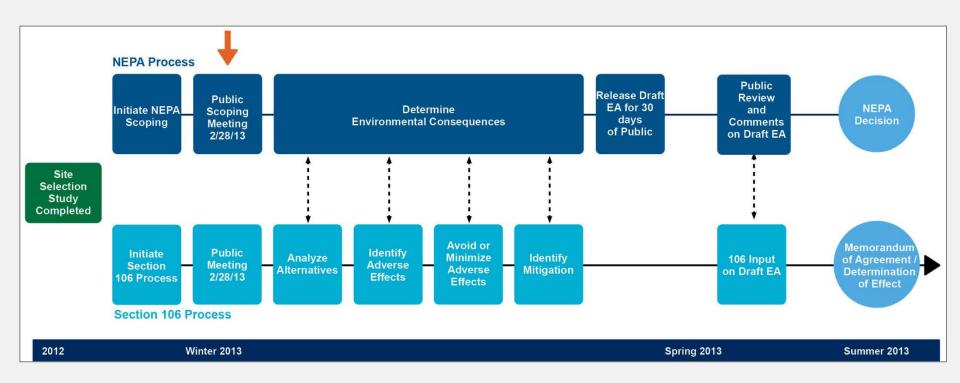
#### **Component of National Historic Preservation Act of 1966**

(NHPA; Public Law 89-665; 16 U.S.C. 470 et seq.)

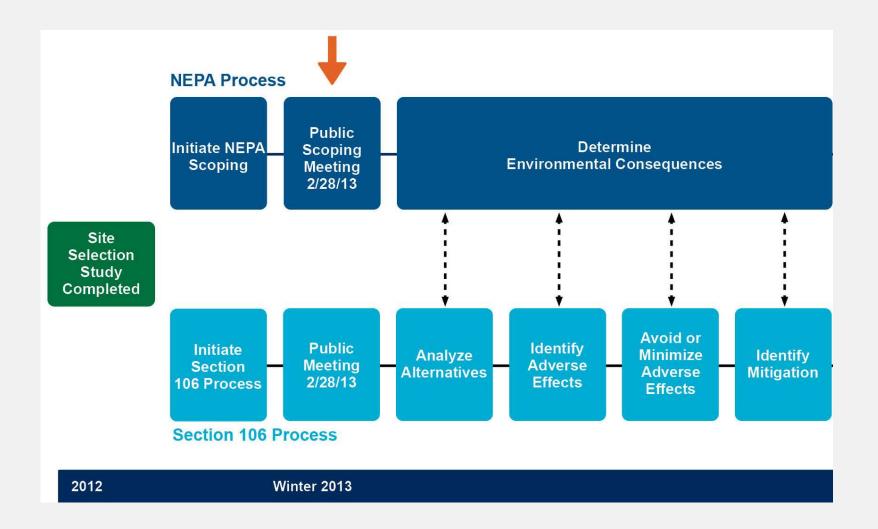
- Established a process to protect resources listed on, or eligible for listing on, the National Register of Historic Places, and requires the consideration of alternatives if effects on historic resources are anticipated
- Goal: To minimize potential harm and damage to historic properties
- Can conclude in a Determination of No Adverse Effect or a Memorandum of Agreement with Consulting Parties



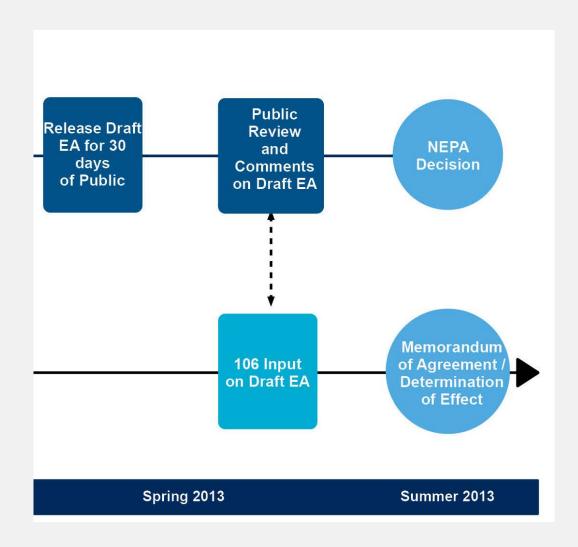
## **NEPA** and Section 106 - A Coordinated Approach



### NEPA and Section 106 – Winter 2013



## NEPA and Section 106 – Spring/Summer 2013



## **Section 106 Participants**

- State Historic Preservation
  Office
- Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
- National Capital Planning Commission
- Commission of Fine Arts
- National Trust for Historic Preservation
- General Public







#### What Issues Will the EA Address?

#### Cultural Resources

- Historic Resources
- Archeology
- Visual Resources

#### Other Issues

- Land Use
- Utilities
- Park Operations
- Visitor Use and Experience

#### Transportation

- Traffic Operations
- Pedestrian Circulation

## Natural and Physical Resources

- Soils
- Vegetation
- Water Resources
- Stormwater

## **Section 106/Historic Resources**



#### **How Can You Submit Comments?**

- During this Meeting
  - Comment Cards
  - Comment Stations
- After this Meeting
  - On-line: <a href="http://parkplanning.nps.gov/rocr">http://parkplanning.nps.gov/rocr</a>
  - Fax: (703) 549-9134
  - Written Comments can be sent to:

**Attn: Metro Memorial Park EA** 

**NPS** 

c/o AECOM

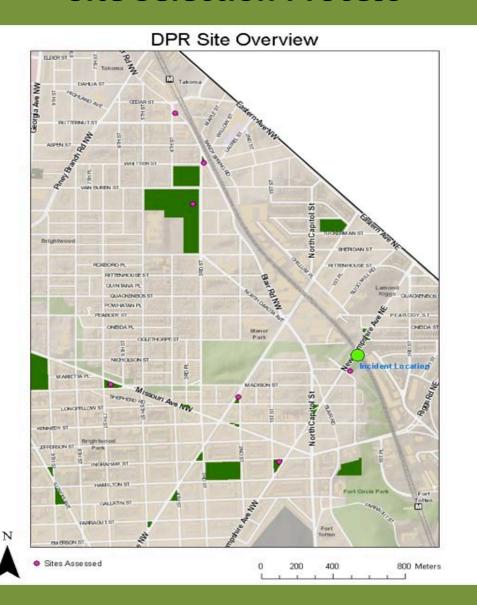
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**Memorial Site Selection Overview** 

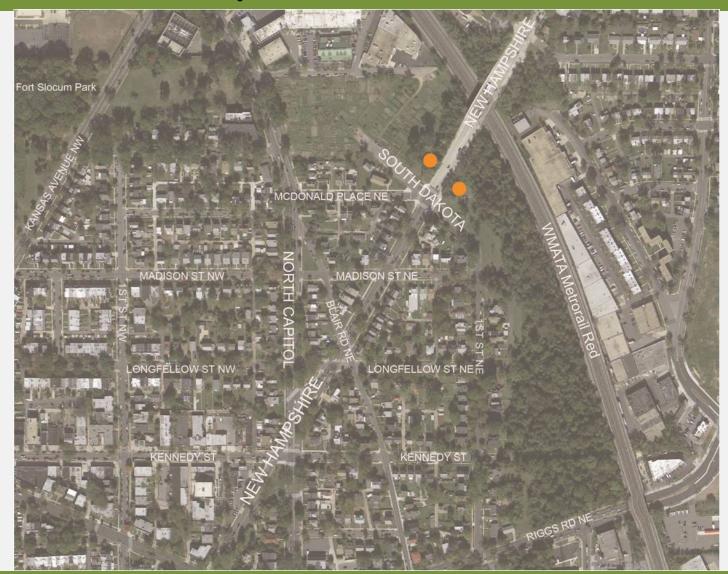
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### **Site Selection Process**



- Began evaluating sites in 2010
- Initially identified 7 sites for consideration
  - 6 District of Parks and Recreation Sites
  - 1 NPS site

## **Site Location Map**

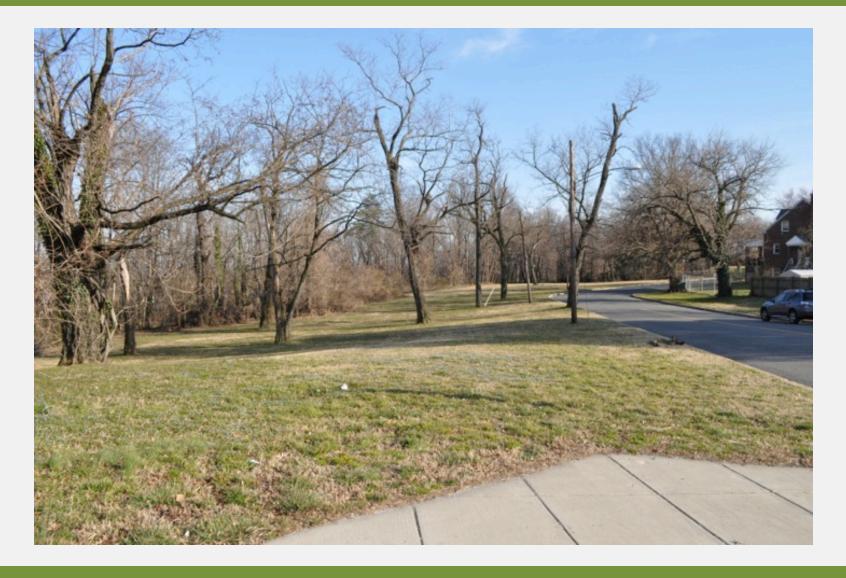


# South Dakota and New Hampshire NE: North and East of Intersection

- Highly visible
- Proximity to incident site
- Part of the NPS Fort Circle Park System
- Listed as Reservation 497

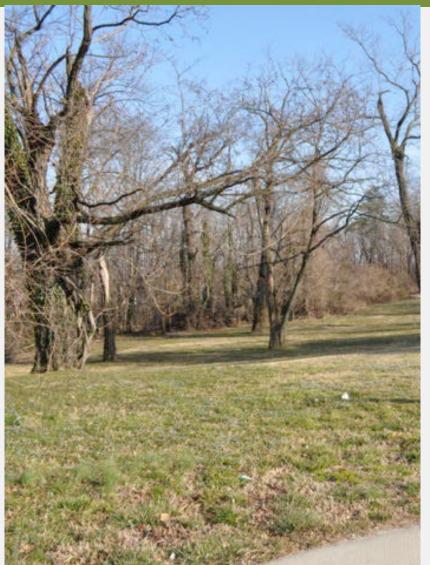


# Site 1: South Dakota and New Hampshire NE, East of Intersection



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- Frequently used by local community
- Part of a large contiguous swath of Circle Fort Park System



Site 2: South Dakota and New Hampshire NE, North of Intersection



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- Next to community garden
- On dead-end portion of North Dakota Avenue

#### **Possible Memorial Elements**

- Sculptural element
- Plaque
- Small plaza
- Landscape features





**Opportunity for Public Comment**