

CONSTITUTION GARDENS REHABILITATION SECTION 106 MEETING 1-3pm, August 7, 2014

Welcome and Introductions

Purpose and Need

Purpose of the Section 106 Process and Where We Are in the Process

1. **Determine Area of Potential Effect**
2. **History of the Site/Project and How it Changed Over Time**
3. **Identify historic properties** – The following is a listing from the Cultural Landscape Inventory - listed as contributing.
 - **Topography:** flood control levee; gentle slopes, plateau at overlook, western knoll, north berm, low central area occupied by lake
 - **Spatial organization:** border of trees; open central area.
 - **Land use:** passive recreation, visiting memorials, ceremonies, demonstrations, catch and release fishing.
 - **Circulation:** Overlook terrace, loop walk around lake, Stairways west from overlook terrace, walks parallel to staircases, NE and SE diagonal walks to overlook terrace, walk from Con. Ave. through overlook terrace to WWII, Sidewalks along 17th and Con. Ave.
 - **Vegetation:** Deciduous trees, Lawns, Magnolias on island, Street trees, Honey locust trees on Overlook Terrace.
 - **Buildings and Structures:** Island, 56 Signers Memorial, Lockkeeper's House, Overlook Terrace and three Terraces, Refreshment Stand. *The following are listed as contributing but are outside the area of undertaking: Comfort Station; Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Three Servicemen, Vietnam Women's Memorial.*
 - **Views and Vistas:** 10 contributing.
 - **Constructed Water Feature:** Lake.
 - **Small scale features:** Benches, lights, Washington City Canal memorial stone and plaque, mounting block. *The following are listed as contributing but are outside the area of undertaking: VVME flagpole, "In Memory" plaque, VVME light fixtures, locators.*
4. **Presentation of the Range of Alternatives, which will be explored in the Environmental Assessment by Louis Berger - a preferred action will be defined in the EA and incorporate 106 consultation process information. Currently:**
 - a. **No Action**
 - b. **Alternative 1 Sustainable Garden**
 - c. **Alternative 2 Social Park**
5. **Assess adverse effects.**

An adverse effect is found when an undertaking may alter, directly or indirectly, any of the characteristics of a historic property that qualify the property for inclusion in the National Register in a manner that would diminish the property's integrity. Adverse effects may include reasonably foreseeable effects caused by the undertaking that may occur later in time, be farther removed in distance or cumulative.

6. Resolve adverse effects

- a. Minimize**
- b. Mitigate**
- c. Agreement - Programmatic Agreement or Memorandum of Agreement**

7. What's Next - Schedule for EA and next steps in 106