



KENNEDY CENTER EXPANSION PROJECT

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND
CULTURAL RESOURCES (SECTION 106) CONSULTATION

PUBLIC MEETING – OCTOBER 22, 2014

WELCOME



OPPORTUNITIES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT



Tonight: Write your comments on the comment cards provided or provide them to the court reporter.

Submit comments electronically:
<http://parkplanning.nps.gov/KennedyCenter>

Written comments may be mailed:

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Executive Vice President
The John F. Kennedy Center for the
Performing Arts
2700 F Street, NW
Washington, DC 20566

Comments Period Closes November 10, 2014



PURPOSE:

The purpose of the proposed expansion is:

- to improve the facilities of the Kennedy Center by adding space for classrooms, rehearsal rooms, event spaces, and offices in a dedicated area; and
- to improve greater multimodal access to and from the Kennedy Center and the Potomac Waterfront.

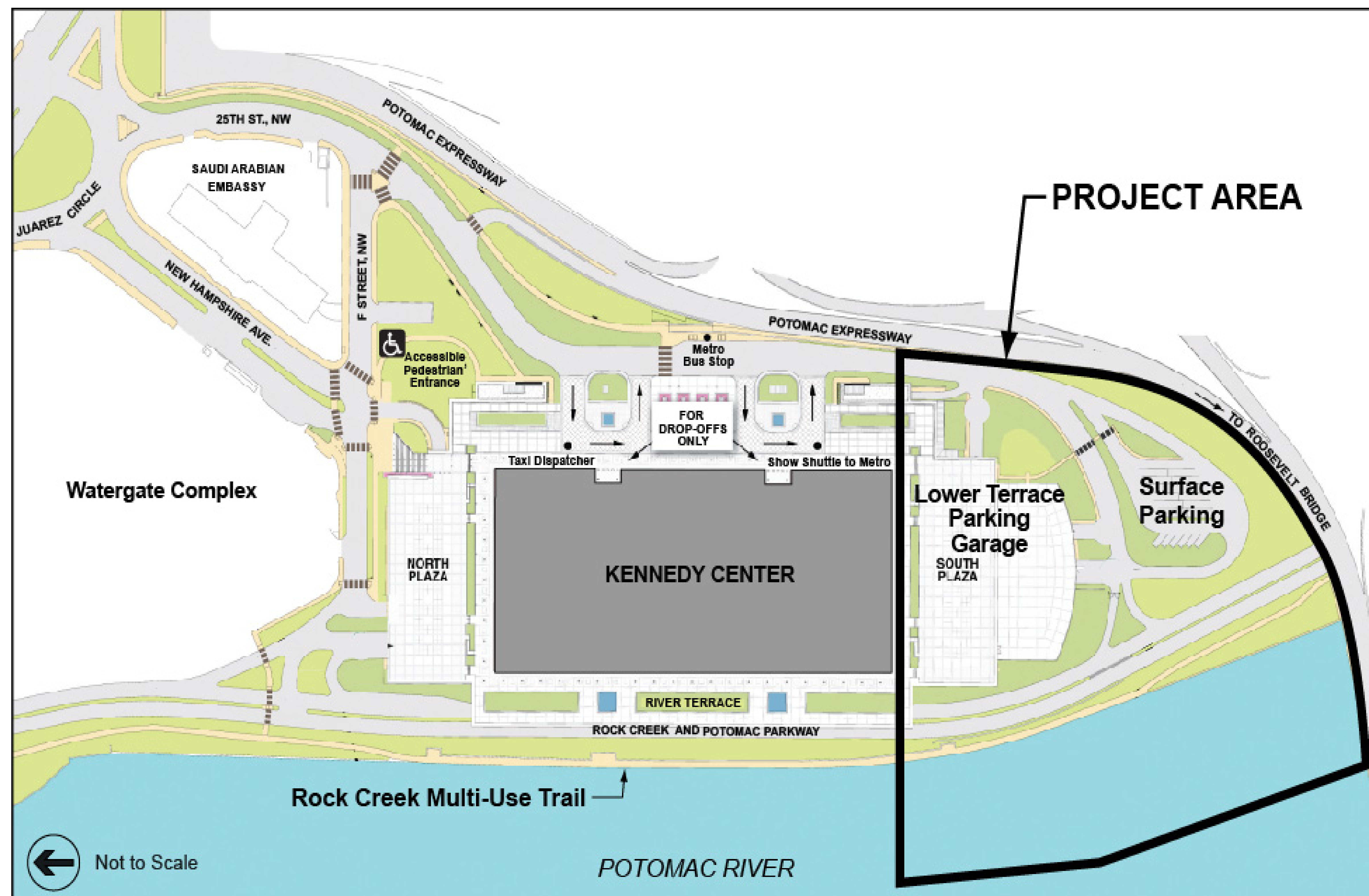
NEED:

The project is needed because the Kennedy Center, with the largest performing arts education initiative in the country, contains no dedicated classrooms, a limited number of rehearsal rooms, and no dedicated event space. There is also no direct bike/pedestrian access to and from the Kennedy Center to the east or southeast to the Rock Creek Paved Recreation Trail and the Potomac Waterfront.





ALTERNATIVE A – No ACTION



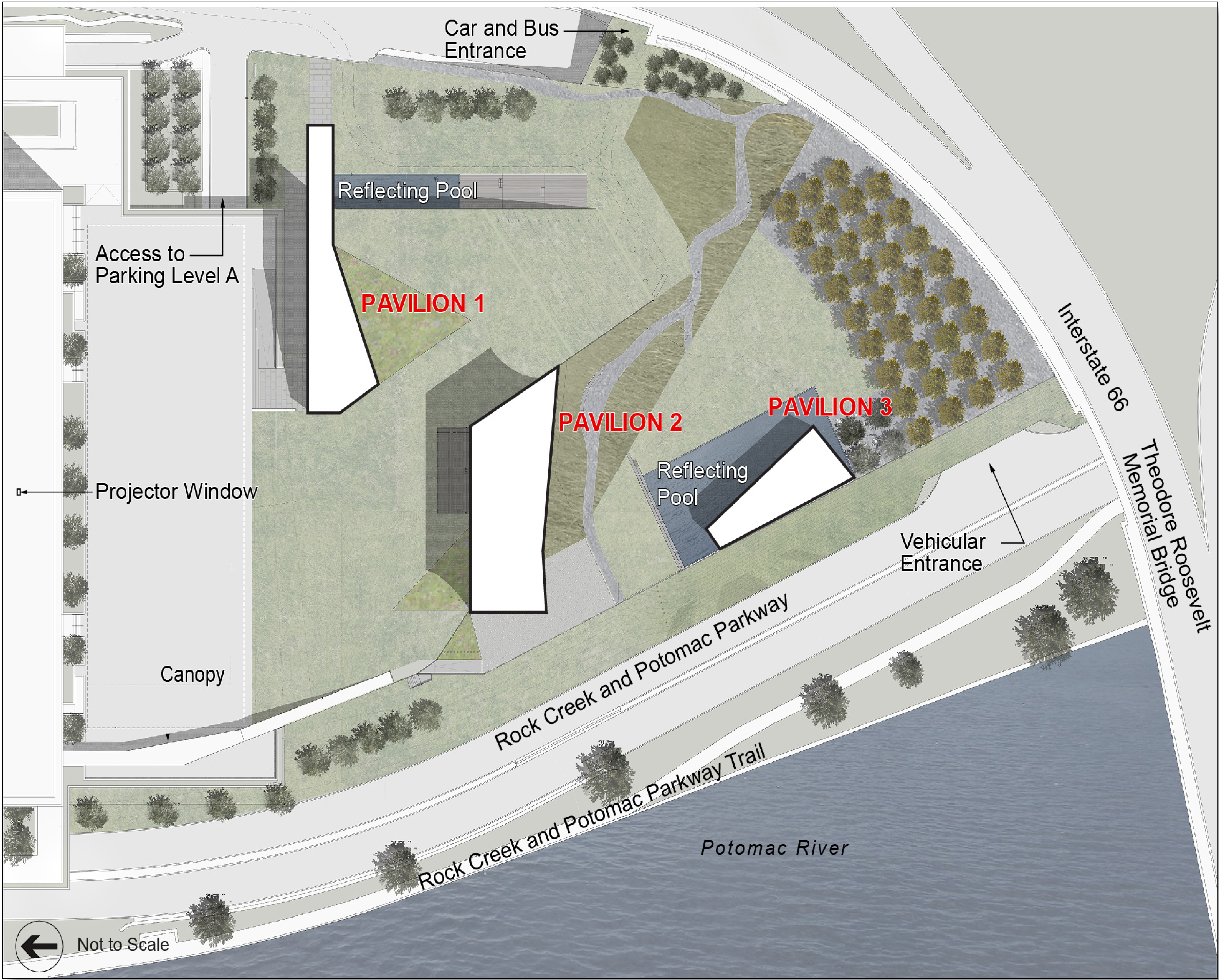


Alternative A – No Action

- Continuation of existing conditions, operations, and maintenance of the Kennedy Center, RCPP, and the Rock Creek Paved Recreation Trail
- No expansion to the south
- Multifunctional rooms would continue to serve as event space, classrooms, exhibition space
- No connection to the Potomac River



ALTERNATIVE B –
THREE LAND-
BASED PAVILIONS





Alternative B – Three Land-Based Pavilions

- Kennedy Center would expand to the south
- Construction of 3 land-based pavilions
 - Pavilion 1 footprint: 3,300 square feet
 - Pavilion 2 footprint: 6,200 square feet
 - Pavilion 3 footprint: 6,500 square feet
- New landscape design for entire south end
- Concrete perimeter wall would be removed
- Small section of existing building would be removed to provide an opening to project simulcasts of live performances
- 10-foot high canopy walkway to connect existing building to new pavilions
- New vehicular entrance



Alternative C – Two Land-Based Pavilions & River Pavilion (Preferred Alternative)

- Kennedy Center would expand to the south
- Construction of two land-based pavilions and one river pavilion
 - Pavilion 1 footprint: 3,300 square feet
 - Pavilion 2 footprint: 6,200 square feet
 - Pavilion 3 footprint: 6,500 square feet
- New landscape design for entire south end
- Concrete perimeter wall would be removed
- Small section of existing building would be removed to provide an opening to project simulcasts of live performances
- 10-foot high canopy walkway to connect existing building to land-based pavilions
- New vehicular entrance



Alternative C – Two Land-Based Pavilions & River Pavilion (Preferred Alternative)

River Pavilion –

- Floating pier on the Potomac River
- Consist of a 2-story structure & open space
 - First floor – interactive learning space
 - Second floor – café



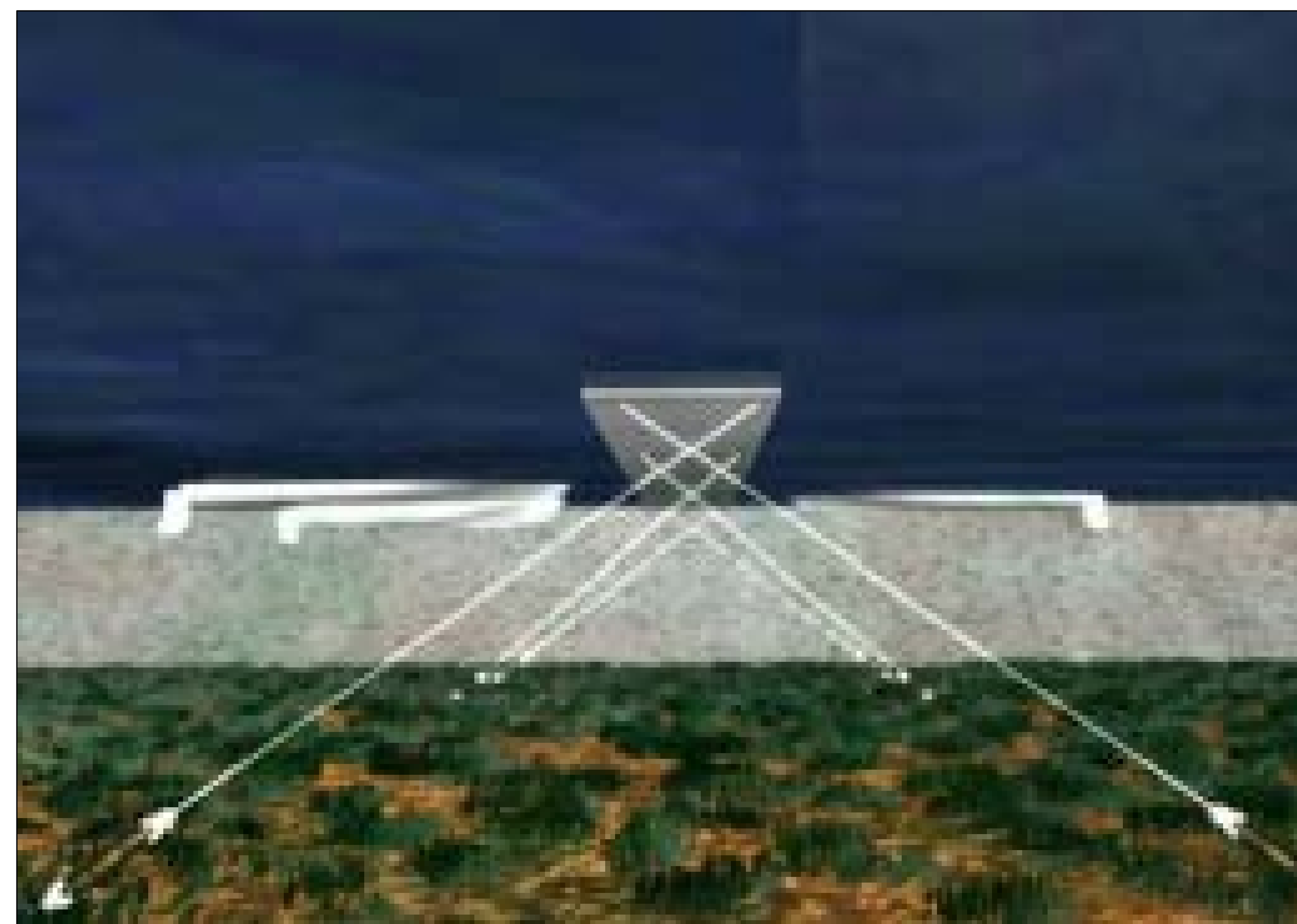
OPTIONS FOR ANCHORING RIVER PAVILION



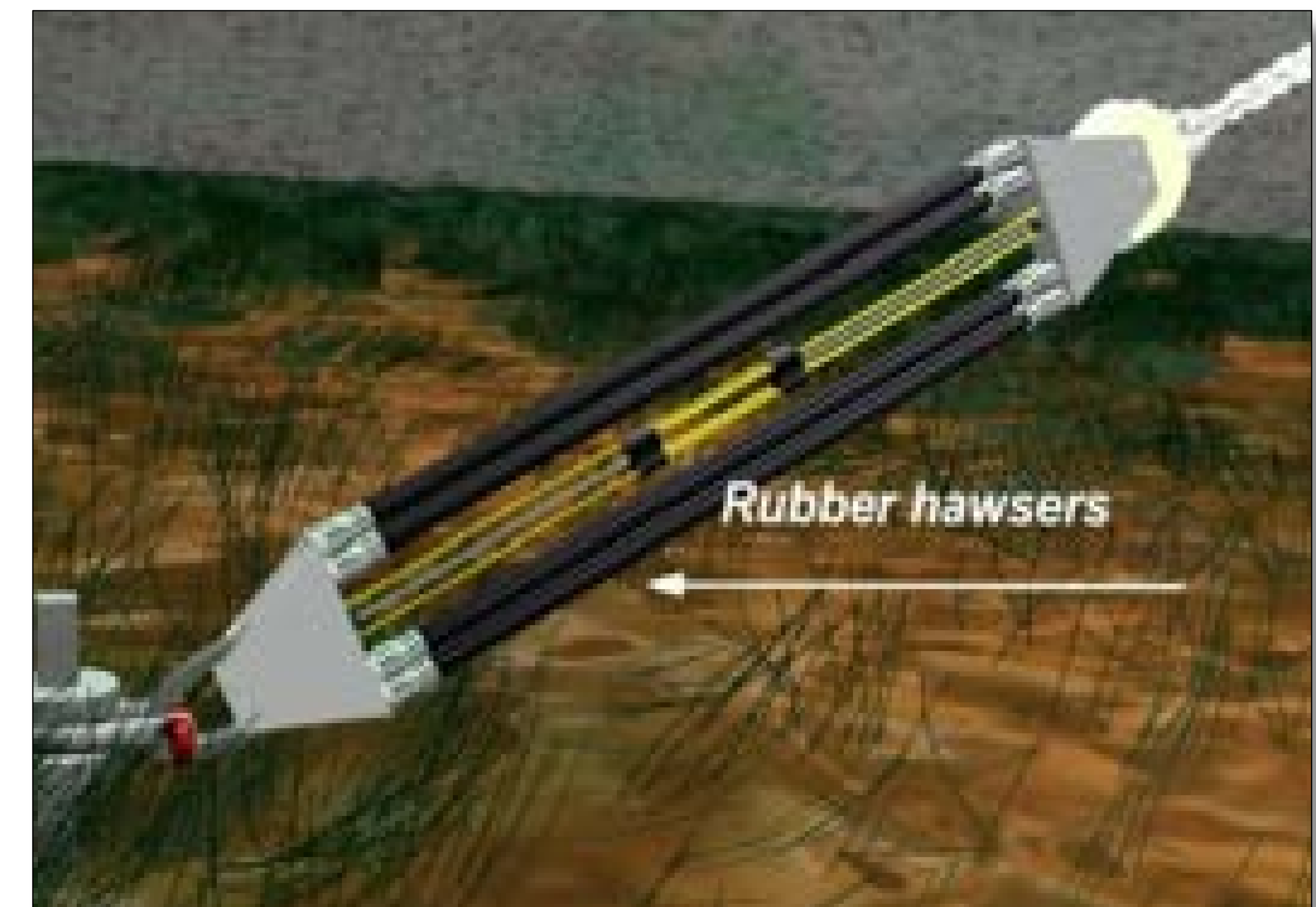
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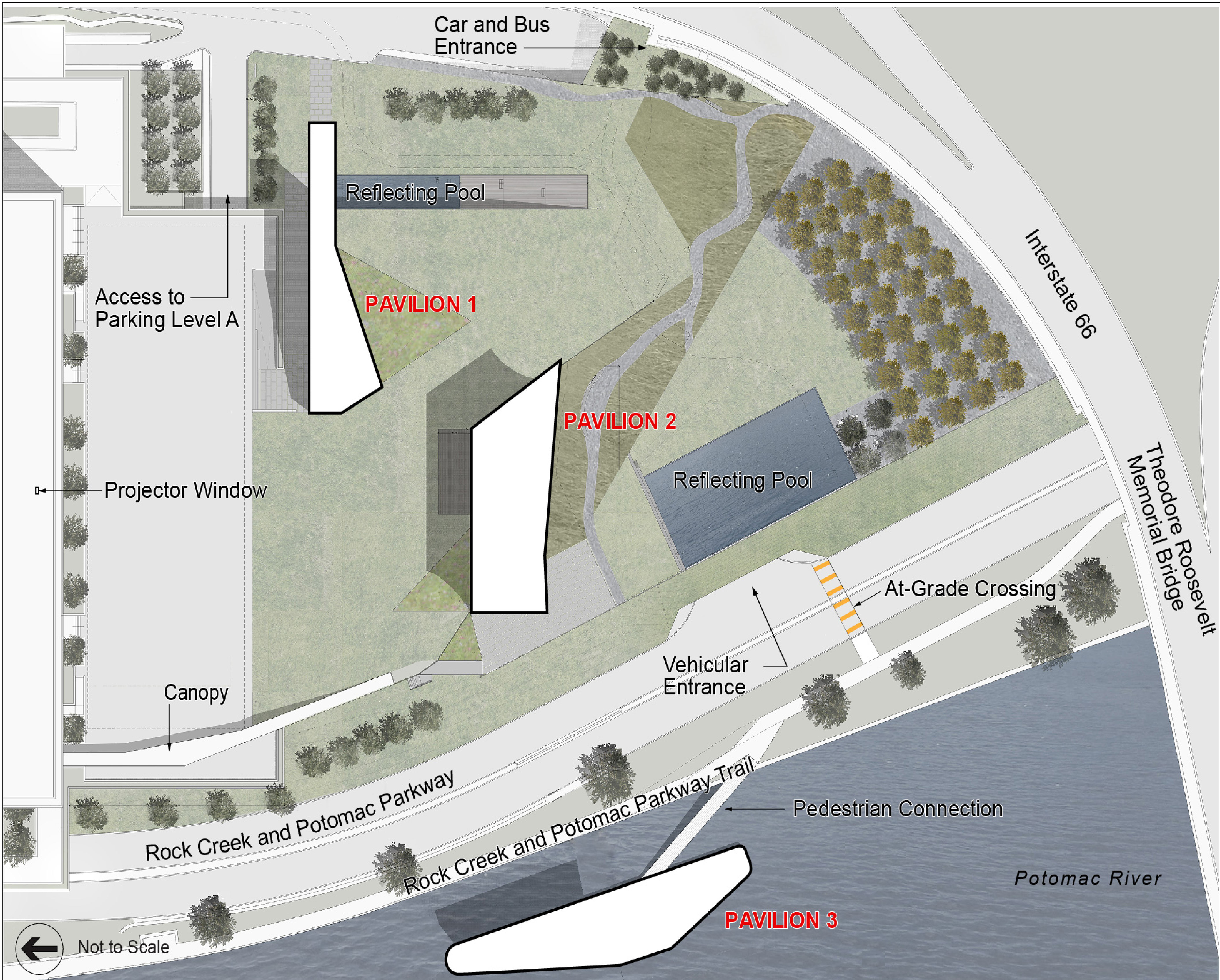
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ACCESS OPTION 1 – AT-GRADE STREET CROSSING





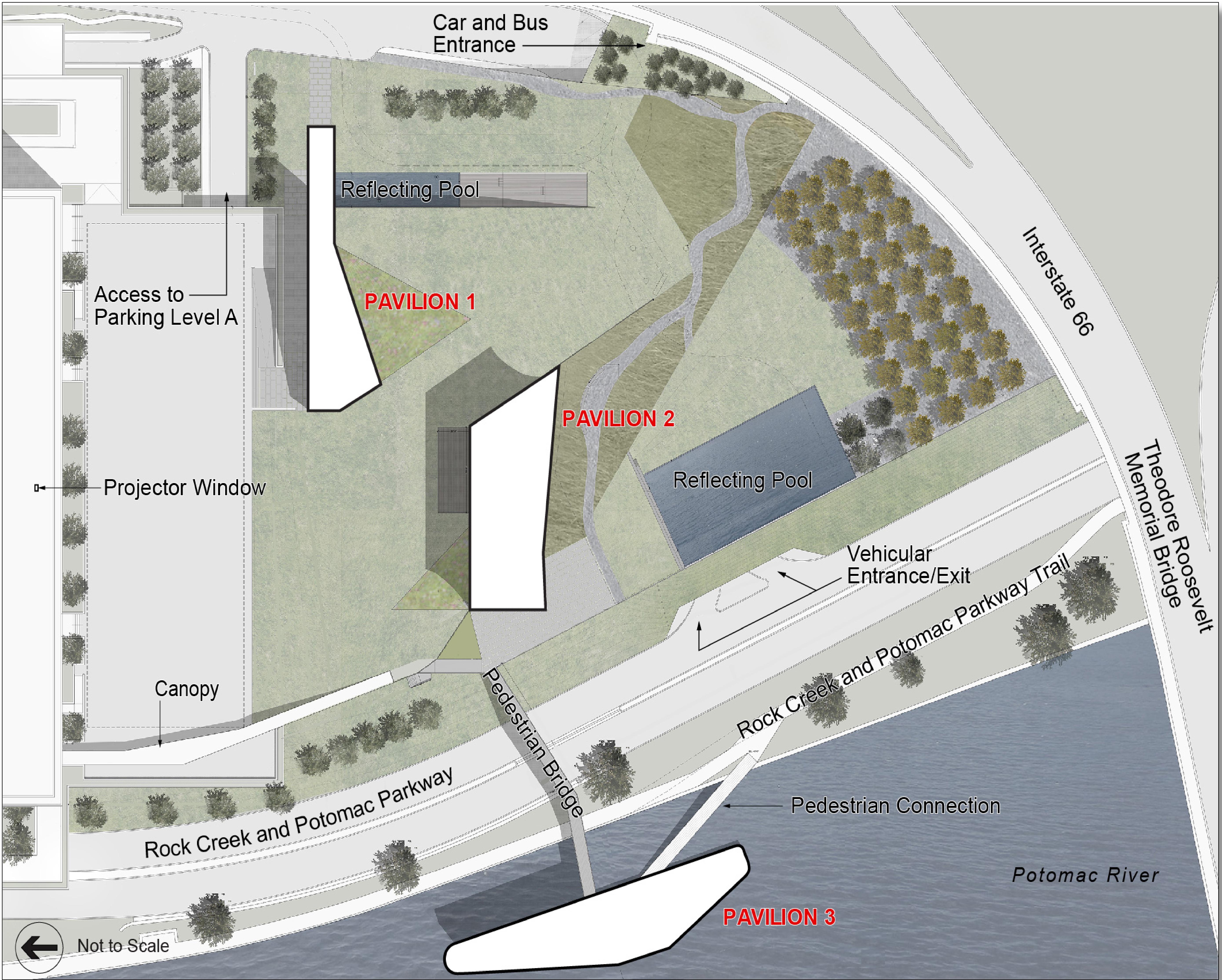
River Access Option 1

- At-grade street crossing of RCPP to the Rock Creek Paved Recreation Trail (pursuant to Public Law 107-224)
- Access to river pavilion via pedestrian connection from the Rock Creek Paved Recreation Trail
- Utilities directionally bored under RCPP



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RIVER ACCESS
OPTION 2 –
PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE
CROSSING OVER
ROCK CREEK AND
POTOMAC PARKWAY
(PREFERRED
OPTION)





River Access Option 2 (Preferred Option)

- Single pedestrian bridge to connect south terrace to river pavilion (pursuant to Public Law 107-224)
- Additional access to river pavilion via pedestrian connection from the Rock Creek Paved Recreation Trail
- Final design to be approved by NPS via guidelines set forth in MOA
- Utilities directionally bored under RCPP



SUMMARY OF IMPACTS

Impact Topic	Alternative A – No Action	Alternative B – Three Land-Based Pavilions	Alternative C – Two Land-Based & One River Pavilion
Water Quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none">No new stormwater management	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Minor impacts from stormwater runoff during constructionMitigated with erosion and sediment controls	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Minor impacts from stormwater runoff during construction, would be mitigated with erosion and sediment controlsNew stormwater management facilities would have beneficial impacts to water qualitynegligible adverse impact (due to river pavilion)
Floodplains	<ul style="list-style-type: none">No impacts	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Short-term and long-term negligible adverse impacts from ground disturbanceLittle change in ability of floodplain to convey floodwatersWould not contribute to flooding	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Short-term negligible adverse impacts to floodplains from ground disturbanceAddition of structures would result in little change to the ability of the floodplain to convey floodwatersWould not contribute to flooding.
Rare, Threatened, and Endangered Species	<ul style="list-style-type: none">No impacts	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Minor adverse impacts to sturgeon during construction would be mitigated with erosion and sediment controls	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Minor adverse impacts to sturgeon during construction would be mitigated with erosion and sediment controls and use of turbidity curtains around in-water construction
Cultural Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none">No impacts	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Moderate adverse impacts from changes in views to and from the Kennedy Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Moderate adverse impacts from changes in views to and from the Kennedy Center



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Visitor Use and Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">No new facilities or access to riverfront	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Short-term moderate adverse impacts from constructionLong-term net benefits from the proposed expansion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Short-term moderate adverse impacts from constructionLong-term benefits from the proposed expansion creating overall connectivityShort-term negligible impacts associated with construction of Option 1Short-term minor impact associated with construction of Option 2
Human Health and Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Long-term minor adverse impact from no dedicated route from the RCPP and Rock Creek Paved Recreation Trail	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Short-term minor adverse impact. From removal of contaminated soilsLong-term beneficial impact once soils are removedA long-term minor adverse impact due to lack of dedicated route to the Kennedy Center from the South	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Short-term minor adverse impact. From removal of contaminated soilsLong-term beneficial impact once soils are removedOptions 1 & 2 would create a dedicated route the Kennedy Center from the South <p>Option 1 would result in negligible to minor adverse impacts from potential conflicts between pedestrians and motorists</p>
Operations and Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none">No impacts	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Long-term minor adverse impacts from increased maintenance needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Long-term negligible to minor adverse impacts from increased maintenance needs including river pavilion
Traffic and Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">No impacts	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Short-term minor to moderate adverse impact from constructionLong-term negligible adverse impacts	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Short-term minor to moderate adverse impact from constructionOption 1 would have long-term moderate adverse impacts from new signalized at-grade crossingOption 2 would have a long-term negligible adverse impact from introduction of new connection from the Kennedy Center to the Rock Creek Paved Recreation Trail



NEXT STEPS

- Address comments received on EA
- Finalize Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)
- Issue Final EA/Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)