

Overview of the Final Review

Additional Site Evaluation Factors:

Sites 1 & 2 are both large, prominent sites partially located in Area I. They lie in close proximity to major monuments and memorials, as well as the National Mall, and are easily visible to pedestrians. Both sites were visited by Commissioners and the Commission's Architectural Committee. In evaluating these two sites, the Eisenhower Memorial Commission (EMC) considered some additional factors.

- **3 Memorial Scenarios**

The Commission did not select a memorial designer or preferred memorial design prior to embarking on the site selection process. Therefore, a site that offered more flexibility for design scenarios was preferable. The three basic scenarios considered were as follows:

- 1) Plaza or Garden
- 2) Plaza with Pavilion that accesses underground space
- 3) Building with Garden Plaza.

An overview of these design scenarios follows this discussion.

- **Physical and Living Memorial**

In 2004, the Commission adopted a resolution stating its desire to create a memorial with two components – physical and living. The physical memorial would include a permanent structure, and the living memorial could contain programmatic elements. Opportunity for co-location or location of these two memorial components in proximity was considered in evaluating the two remaining sites. (Appendix 6)

Evaluation and Selection of Preferred Site:

An in-depth evaluation and comparison of these two sites was conducted in Spring 2005, and although Site #2 is appropriately prominent, accessible, and does not impede multiple design scenarios, it was deemed by the Commission that Site #1 was more accessible, more open to various design scenarios, a more favorable for the location of the living memorial, and most importantly, more thematically appropriate to memorializing Eisenhower. At the June 20, 2005 meeting of the Eisenhower Memorial Commission (EMC), Site #1 was chosen as the Commission's preferred site.

Scenario 1

Plaza or Garden as a Memorial

This scenario assumes that the physical memorial is represented by outdoor public space. A living memorial could be located in a building nearby.

Examples of Large Memorials



Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial (8 acres) **1-A**



Law Enforcement Officer's Memorial (3 acres) **1-B**



World War II Memorial (7.4 acres) **1-C**

Characteristics of Memorial Plazas

- Open space with paving and landscaping.
- Other site furnishings may include statues, engravings, bas-relief, benches, walls, lighting, landscaping and lawn, fountains, pools and water features.

Large memorials: 3 - 8 acres

- Multiple spaces can present different themes and activities within the memorial
- Accommodates large groups of visitors

Examples of Small Memorials



Albert Einstein Memorial (0.01 acres / 500 SF) **1-D**



Signers of the Declaration of Independence Memorial (0.04 acres / 2,000 s.f.) **1-E**



General Pulaski Memorial (0.17 acres / 7,500 SF) **1-F**

Small memorials: Less than .25 acres

- Single space presents the theme
- Accommodates small groups of visitors

Scenario 2

Plaza with Pavilion (that accesses underground spaces)

This scenario assumes the physical memorial is an outdoor and underground space. The underground space is suited for visitor activities such as exhibits, theater, and visitor center. Additional office/administrative space could be located nearby.



Sackler Museum, Enid A. Haupt Garden (4.25 acres)



Navy Memorial (1.23 acres)



Pershing Park (1.19 acres)



Sackler Museum Pavilion (3,000 SF at grade)
3 levels below



Navy Memorial Visitor Center (24,000 SF below grade)
Entry at Grade level



Pershing Park Pavilion (550 SF per level)
1 level at grade, 1 level below

Characteristics of Plaza with Pavilion

- Open plaza includes a pavilion or small building with entry at ground level and connection to underground space
- Plaza space similar to Scenario 1 and may include statues, engravings, bas-relief, benches, walls, lighting, landscaping and lawn, fountains, pools and water features.
- Plazas: 1 - 4.5 acres
- Pavilion footprint: 550 – 3,000 SF
- Underground space – 1 to 3 levels below grade

Scenario 3
Building with a Garden Plaza

This scenario assumes the physical memorial is outdoor and building space. The building could accommodate the living memorial activities, including visitor activities and office/administrative space.



Cato Institute
(0.76 acres / 33,000 SF)
6 levels at grade & 3 levels
of parking below

3-A



Finnish Embassy
(24,000 SF)
3 levels at grade & 1 level
below

3-B



**City Museum of
Washington, D.C.**
(2.7 acres / 60,000 SF)
3 levels at grade

3-C



Newseum, DC
(3.5 acres / 746,000 SF)
6 levels at grade

3-D

Building with Entry Plaza/ Landscape:

- Building can be multiple levels above and below grade.
- Building height ranges 1 - 6 levels above grade and 1 - 3 levels below grade.
- Plaza, park, and landscape may provide limited opportunities for water, walls, statues to portray theme.