

STATUE OF LIBERTY NATIONAL MONUMENT
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WELCOME

TO THE PUBLIC SCOPING ONLINE PRESENTATION FOR THE

STATUE OF LIBERTY NATIONAL MONUMENT SECONDARY SECURITY SCREENING FACILITY CONSTRUCTION

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT/SECTION 106

OCTOBER 2016

PUBLIC SCOPING OVERVIEW

The National Park Service (NPS) is gathering public input for both the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Section 106 (S106) of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) to help us better understand the potential effects of a proposal to build a permanent secondary security screening facility on Liberty Island.

This presentation:

- Describes the project and project area
- Provides the purpose, need, and issues for the project
- Shows preliminary concept designs
- Outlines the regulatory processes for NEPA and S106
- Describes how you can provide feedback



THE PROJECT

Statue of Liberty National Monument is proposing to construct a secondary security screening facility on Liberty Island to replace the existing security screening tent. The new building(s) would house security screening operations for visitors with tickets to enter the Statue of Liberty and provide lockers for personal items not allowed in the Statue (back-packs, large purses, diaper bags, strollers, etc.).

PROJECT AREA



STATUE OF LIBERTY NATIONAL MONUMENT

Project Area Map

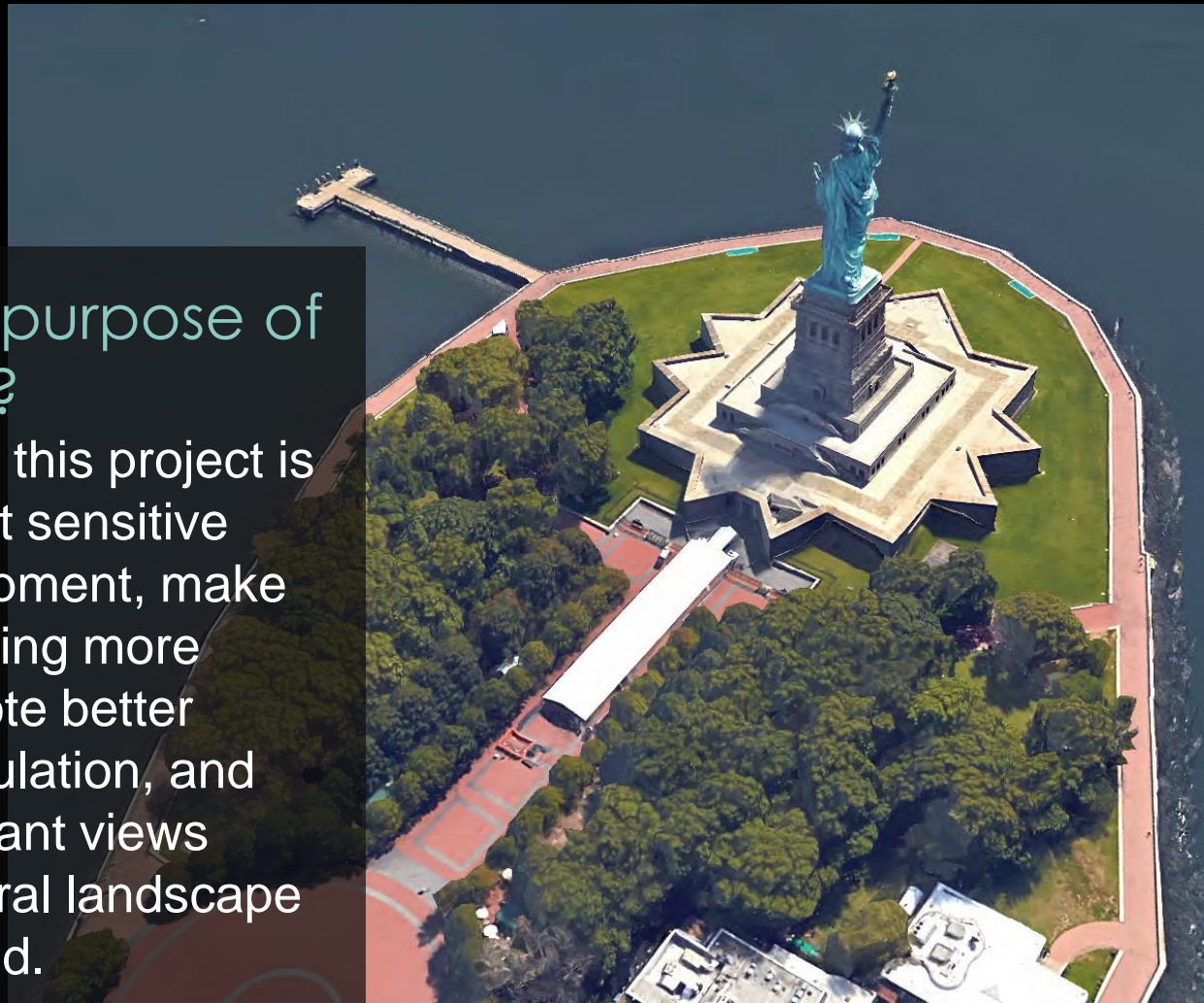
Project Area Boundary



PURPOSE

What is the purpose of the project?

The purpose of this project is to better protect sensitive screening equipment, make security screening more efficient, promote better pedestrian circulation, and improve important views within the cultural landscape on Liberty Island.

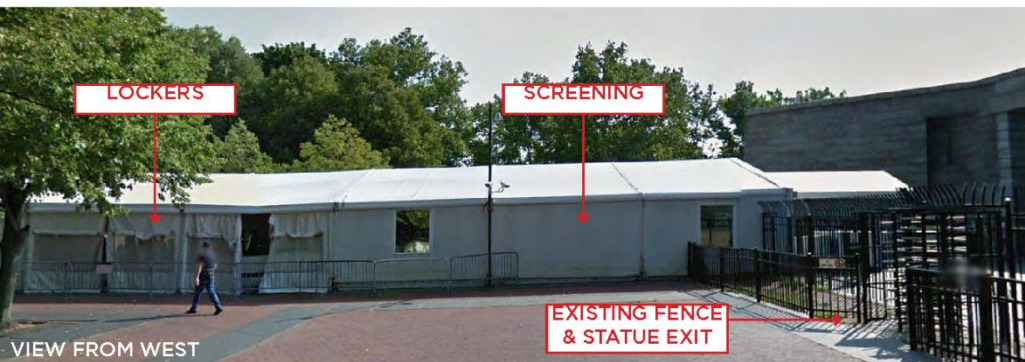


Why is this project needed?

This project is needed because:

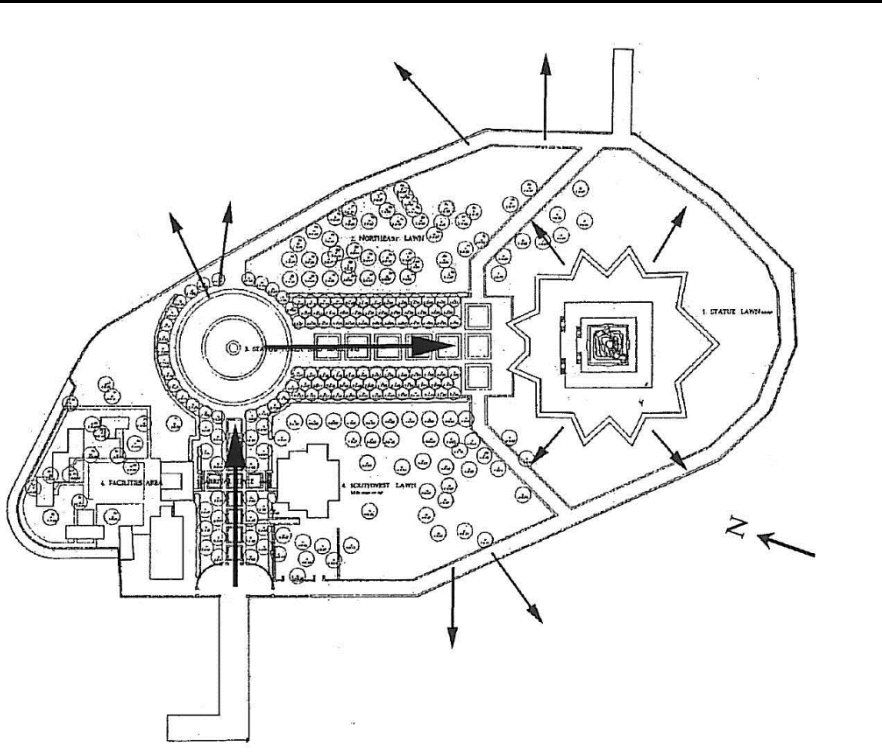
In response to the events of 9/11, Statue of Liberty National Monument enhanced security screening for all visitors entering the Statue. The screening tent, envisioned as a short-term security solution, is located on the main pedestrian mall. The tent detracts from the view of the back of the Statue, which was designed as a focal point within the cultural landscape. Additionally, the layout of the pre-fabricated tent limits the number of people who can be screened at any one time. As a result, the main mall is congested by visitors navigating around the tent and long security lines. Finally, the tent fabric degrades in the salt air of New York Harbor and must be repaired on a regular basis.

EXISTING CONDITIONS



IMPORTANT VIEWS

NPS has identified important views within the cultural landscape based on the intent of the design of the Statue's setting. These include:



- View along the arrival mall toward the flagpole
- View from the flagpole to the back of the Statue
- Outward views from the terreplein, pedestal and Statue crown
- Panoramic views from the perimeter path to New York and New Jersey

OBJECTIVES



What are the project objectives?

- Provide protection and resiliency for infrastructure and equipment.
- Maintain adequate security screening.
- Improve security screening efficiency.
- Restore major views within the cultural landscape.
- Site the new buildings in less visible areas.
- Relieve pedestrian congestion.
- Avoid archeological sites.

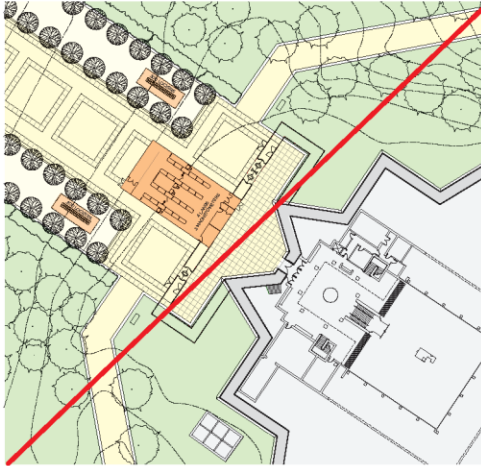
DESIGN SUMMARY

NPS is considering five (5) concept design locations on either side of the Statue entrance. Concepts differ in the following ways:

- The number of buildings (either one or two screening and locker buildings)
- The placement of the buildings
- The number of screening lanes per building

NPS considered, but rejected replacing the building in the location of the current tent because it would not alleviate congestion or open up the view, and would require a temporary facility during construction.

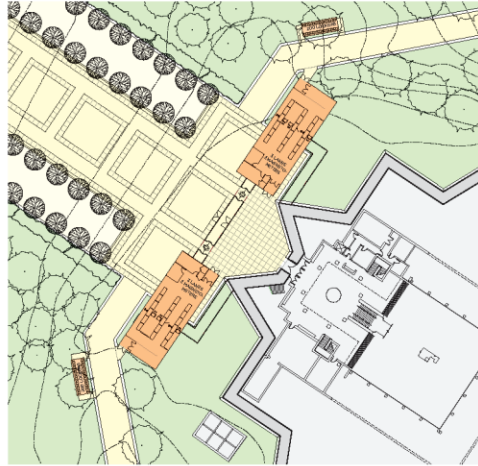
CONCEPT OPTIONS



OPTION 1

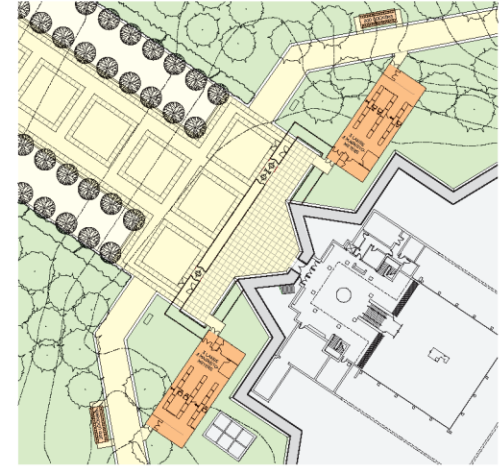
DISMISSED

- 1 BUILDING
- REPLACE EXISTING



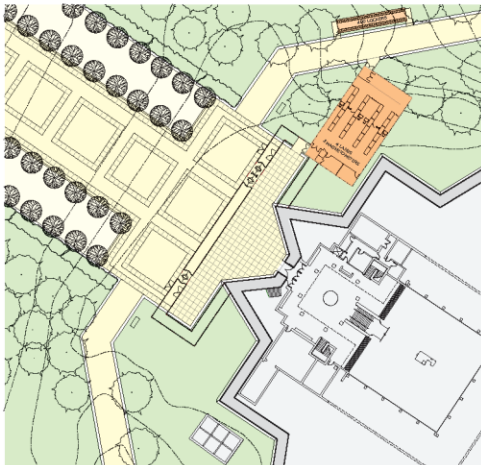
OPTION 2

- 2 BUILDINGS
- HALF IN PLAZA, HALF IN YARD



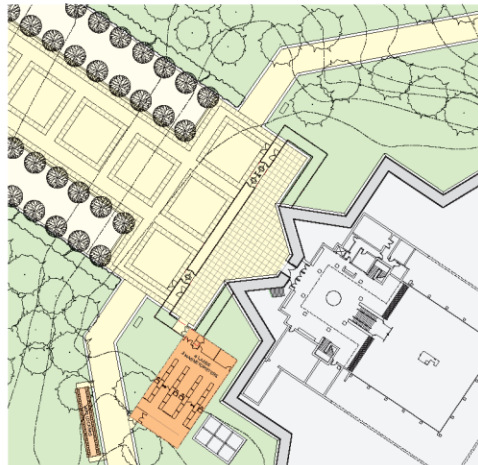
OPTION 3

- 2 BUILDINGS
- ENTIRELY IN YARD



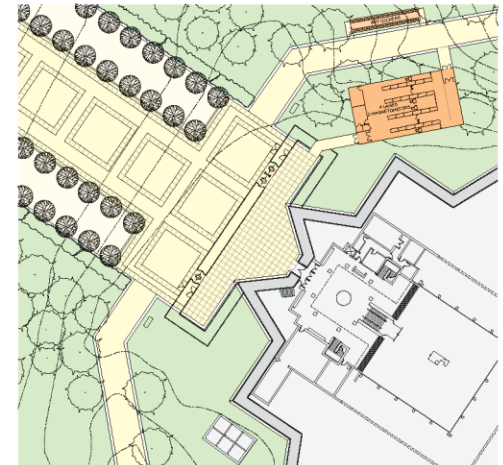
OPTION 4A

- 1 BUILDING
- IN EAST YARD, ALIGNED TO PLAZA



OPTION 4B

- 1 BUILDING
- IN WEST YARD, ALIGNED TO PLAZA



OPTION 5 PROPOSED ACTION

- 1 BUILDING
- IN EAST YARD, DIVORCED FROM PLAZA

PROPOSED ACTION

The NPS proposed action is to construct a resilient secondary security screening facility in the east yard divorced from the plaza and aligned with the east wing walk (Option 5). A proposed action is the initial NPS proposal and one option (alternative) to address the purpose and need for the project.

The NPS will prepare an environmental assessment that will analyze the different alternatives (including the no action alternative) and their effects.

LAWS & PROCEDURES



NEPA NATIONAL
ENVIRONMENTAL
POLICY ACT

NHPA NATIONAL HISTORIC
PRESERVATION ACT
SECTION 106

NEPA PROCESS

WE ARE HERE.

STEP 1

NPS Internal
Planning Meetings

STEP 2

Public Scoping

30 DAYS

STEP 3

Preparation of
the EA

STEP 4

Public Comment
Period on the EA

30 DAYS

STEP 5

Final Decision
Document

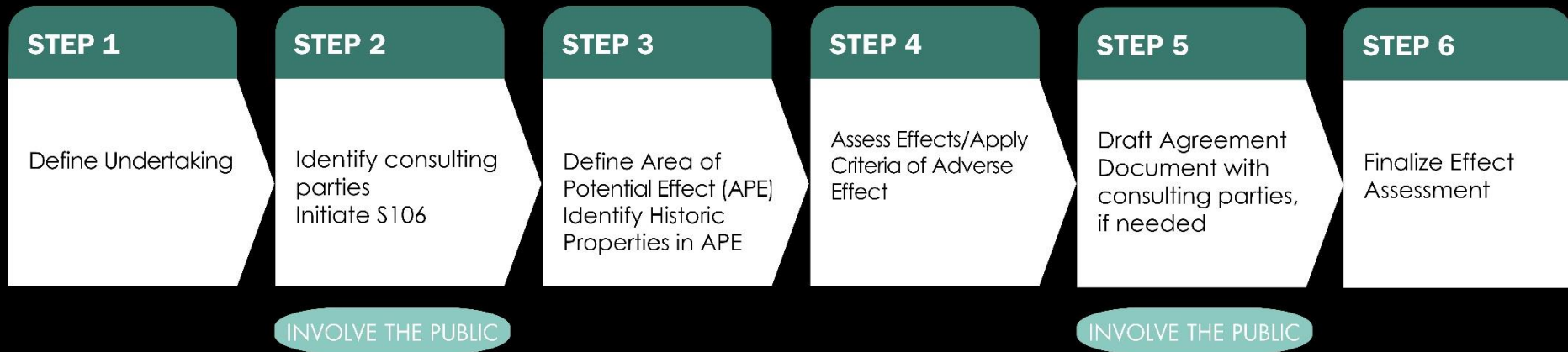


POTENTIAL IMPACT TOPICS

- CULTURAL LANDSCAPES
- ARCHEOLOGICAL RESOURCES
- VISITOR EXPERIENCE

Are there other issues you think should be analyzed?

NHPA SECTION 106 PROCESS



PROPOSED APE/HISTORIC PROPERTIES

The National Park Service believes that all of Liberty Island should be included in the Area for Potential Effect (APE) for this project. Historic properties within the APE that could be impacted are listed below.

AREA OF POTENTIAL EFFECT

- Liberty Island

HISTORIC PROPERTIES

- Statue of Liberty
- Statue pedestal
- Fort Wood
- Archeological sites related to both the prehistoric period and the military occupation of Fort Wood
- Historic District including: the views from within the cultural landscape





WHAT ARE YOUR CONCERNS?

- Which location design concepts do you think work best and why?
- Are there other design options NPS should consider to minimize the appearance of the new buildings in the landscape?
- Are there other options that could help relieve pedestrian congestion that NPS should consider?
- Are there any natural resource issues or historic properties that NPS has not identified?
- Are there other solutions that NPS has not considered?

Please provide any other issues or concerns you may have regarding this project.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION



NPS encourages your participation throughout the planning process.

Comments from the public scoping period will be used to:

- Develop areas of study in the EA
- Help the NPS identify key environmental concerns
- Better understand the potential effects of the project on historic properties

After NPS analyzes your comments and develops alternatives, you will be asked to comment on the environmental assessment and on any potential S106 agreement documents for this project in Winter 2017.

HOW TO COMMENT

YOUR COMMENTS ARE ESSENTIAL TO THIS PROCESS.

Please submit comments by **November 16, 2016** at:

[https://parkplanning.nps.gov/
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