

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE



**DC STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE  
FEDERAL AGENCY SECTION 106 REVIEW FORM**

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**PROJECT NAME/DESCRIPTION:** Proposed Installation of the FDR Prayer Plaque

**PROJECT ADDRESS/LOCATION DESCRIPTION:** WWII Memorial; Circle of Remembrance

**DC SHPO PROJECT NUMBER:** 17-0172 and 16-0044

The DC State Historic Preservation Office (DC SHPO) has reviewed the above-referenced federal undertaking(s) in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and has determined:

This project will have **no effect** on historic properties. No further DC SHPO review or comment will be necessary.

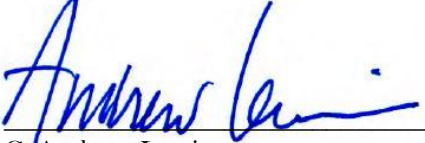
There are **no historic properties** that will be affected by this project. No further DC SHPO review or comment will be necessary.

This project will have **no adverse effect** on historic properties. No further DC SHPO review or comment will be necessary.

This project will have **no adverse effect** on historic properties **conditioned upon** fulfillment of the measures stipulated below.

Other Comments / Additional Comments (see below):

In our previous project memorandum dated November 10, 2015, we determined that the above-referenced undertaking would have “no adverse effect” on historic properties provided that we were given additional opportunities to review and comment on the final location and design details for the prayer plaque. The most recent NPS submittal established that the number of potential locations has been reduced from four to two and that the design details for both locations will be consistent with the existing materials, proportions and other aspects of the “Circle of Remembrance” setting into which the plaque will be introduced. Based upon our review of the documentation describing Alternative I and Alternative II, we believe both locations and designs will be appropriate and we concur with the NPS determination that either will have “no adverse effect” on historic properties, regardless of which is ultimately selected. Thank you for providing this additional opportunity to review and comment.

**BY:**   
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**DATE:** January 10, 2017

**D-Day Prayer: Preferred Concept Locations**

During the Site Analysis process, the Circle of Remembrance was selected as the best alternative. Two locations within this site have been studied for the siting of the D-Day Prayer.

In each alternative, the Circle of Remembrance is re-envisioned with the same materials used for the WWII Memorial, creating a more cohesive aesthetic. Therefore, each option calls for the replacement of the existing fieldstone wall and wooden benches with granite walls and benches consistent with the WWII Memorial.

- ① **Alternative I:** The D-Day Prayer is sited along the internal edge of the planter at the entrance to the Circle of Remembrance.
- ② **Alternative II:** This alternative 'completes' the Circle, placing the prayer on a granite wall the same height as the other walls.



**D-Day Prayer Design Alternative I**

Design Alternative I was selected as a preferred concept because the placement of the Prayer provides a strong visual connection with the WWII Memorial and the subtle design is harmonious with the existing pathways and planting.



**D-Day Prayer Design Alternative II**

Design Alternative II was selected as a preferred concept because it emphasizes the 'circular' form of the Circle of Remembrance and creates a strong visual connection with the WWII Memorial. This alternative would provide additional enclosure for the Circle, while creating a defined threshold.

