



Parkland Restoration Plan

Environmental Assessment +
Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act

February 2018

Public Scoping Newsletter



Join us at a public open house!

A public scoping meeting will be held:

Tuesday, February 27, 2018

6:30 p.m to 8:30 p.m.

Arcade Building, Glen Echo Park

7300 MacArthur Blvd

Glen Echo, MD 20812

The National Park Service (NPS) is preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the restoration of parkland features adjacent to the Intelligence Community Campus-Bethesda (ICC-B), which is owned by the Office of Director of National Intelligence (ODNI). The project area is located in Bethesda, MD on federal land adjacent to the west of the ICC-B campus, between the ICC-B campus and the Potomac River. Two NPS units, the George Washington Memorial Parkway and the Chesapeake & Ohio (C&O) Canal National Historical Park administer the project area. The project involves restoring two eroded natural stream channels and one non-natural erosion channel that are downstream of the ICC-B and resolving sedimentation load issues at the C&O Canal. The proposed project is part of an agreement between ODNI and NPS to address pre-existing erosion and sedimentation concerns caused by stormwater runoff from prior development on the ICC-B site.

At this time, the NPS is announcing a public scoping meeting and a 30-day public scoping period to solicit public comments on this proposal. You are invited to attend a public open house and identify any issues, concerns, or ideas you may have regarding the proposed project so that NPS can appropriately consider them in the preparation of the EA.



Purpose + Need

Purpose

The purpose of the proposed project is to improve the long-term ecological function and drainage of two natural stream channels, stabilize a non-natural erosion channel, and resolve sedimentation issues on NPS land that is downstream of ICC-B.

Need

The project is needed to address stormwater runoff from development that has resulted in tree root and streambank undercutting, sedimentation deposition, and channel and culvert blockages, as well as sediment load in the C&O Canal requiring removal. Channel erosion has decreased the ecological functions and values of these channels and the C&O Canal.



How to Provide Comments

You may provide your comments at the public scoping meeting, via the project website, or by completing and mailing the comment form to NPS. Please provide comments by March 18, 2018.

<https://parkplanning.nps.gov/iccb>

OR

Superintendent
Attn: ICC-B Environmental Assessment
George Washington Memorial Parkway
700 George Washington Memorial Parkway
c/o Turkey Run Park
McLean, VA 22101

NEPA + Section 106 Processes

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), the NPS is preparing an EA that will evaluate the proposed project. The EA will address the project background, the purpose and need for the proposed actions, a determination of environmental issues and potential impacts resulting from the alternatives considered (including the no action alternative), and public involvement and agency coordination

Concurrent to the NEPA process, the NPS is conducting consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. As part of the Section 106 process, federal agencies are required to consider effects of any proposed action on cultural resources that are either listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP); and through consultation seek ways to avoid, minimize, or mitigate any adverse effects on cultural resources.

