

Hello Madams and Sirs,

We are sending this note because you either attended our informational meeting on September 17, or have contacted the National Park Service (NPS) directly about the federal actions at Jackson Park related to the City of Chicago's ("the City") proposed Obama Presidential Center. The National Park Service and Federal Highway Administration developed a public website to keep the public abreast of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process regarding the proposed changes in and adjacent to Jackson Park, which were initiated by the City's proposal to build the Obama Presidential Center (OPC) and close roads in Jackson Park. The NPS website is at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/ChicagoJacksonPark>.

The website currently includes the September 17 informational meeting materials and proposed schedule. We have received comments during and since the meeting regarding a range of issues in relationship to the adjustment of the Urban Park and Recreation Recovery (UPARR) boundaries and the traffic mitigation and these comments will be considered while we develop an Environmental Assessment (EA) in compliance with NEPA.

We also heard concerns from the public on the City's OPC proposal, which is not a federal action or subject to federal control but which will be evaluated in the EA. The city responded to issues and concerns about the City's OPC proposal that were received at various meetings with the general public and National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) Section 106 consulting parties. These can be viewed at [https://www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/dcd/supp\\_info/jackson-park-improvements.html](https://www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/dcd/supp_info/jackson-park-improvements.html).

We appreciate your continued interest in this NEPA EA process and remind you that the NHPA Section 106 process overlaps with the NEPA process. Information from the NHPA Section 106 process will be incorporated into the NEPA EA and will help to inform the decision to either prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) or issue a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). Please continue to refer to NPS PEPC website for new developments on the federal EA. We expect to release the EA this winter for public comment. After analyzing public comment and developing responses to substantive comments, the federal agencies will release a determination to either prepare an EIS or issue a FONSI.

If you have process questions, you may contact [morgan\\_elmer@nps.gov](mailto:morgan_elmer@nps.gov) or 303-969 2317. We look forward to sharing the Environmental Assessment results for your comment later this winter.

Sincerely,



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