

Foundry Branch Trestle Bridge Demolition

**National Historic Preservation Act
Section 106 Consulting Party Meeting #2**

**Rock Creek Park
Virtual Meeting
May 11, 2022**

Meeting Agenda

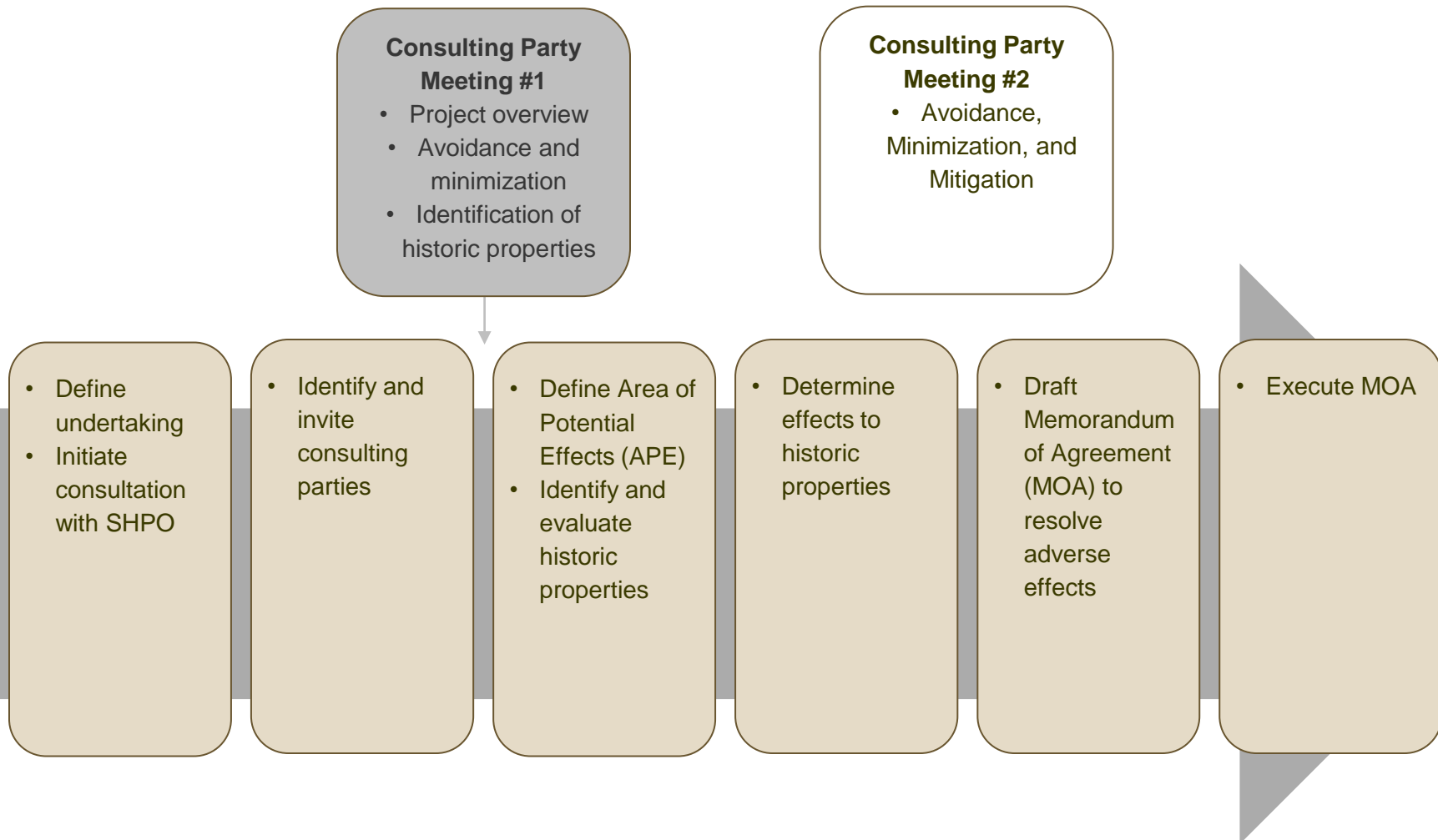
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- Review of Phase IA Archeological Investigation Results
- Review of APE and Historic Properties
- Review of Determination of Effects
- Resolution of Adverse Effects
- Next Steps

Project Description



- WMATA proposes to completely remove the trestle, abutments, and all associated infrastructure to 2 feet below grade.
- Following removal, the site will be regraded and re-seeded.

Section 106 Process Update



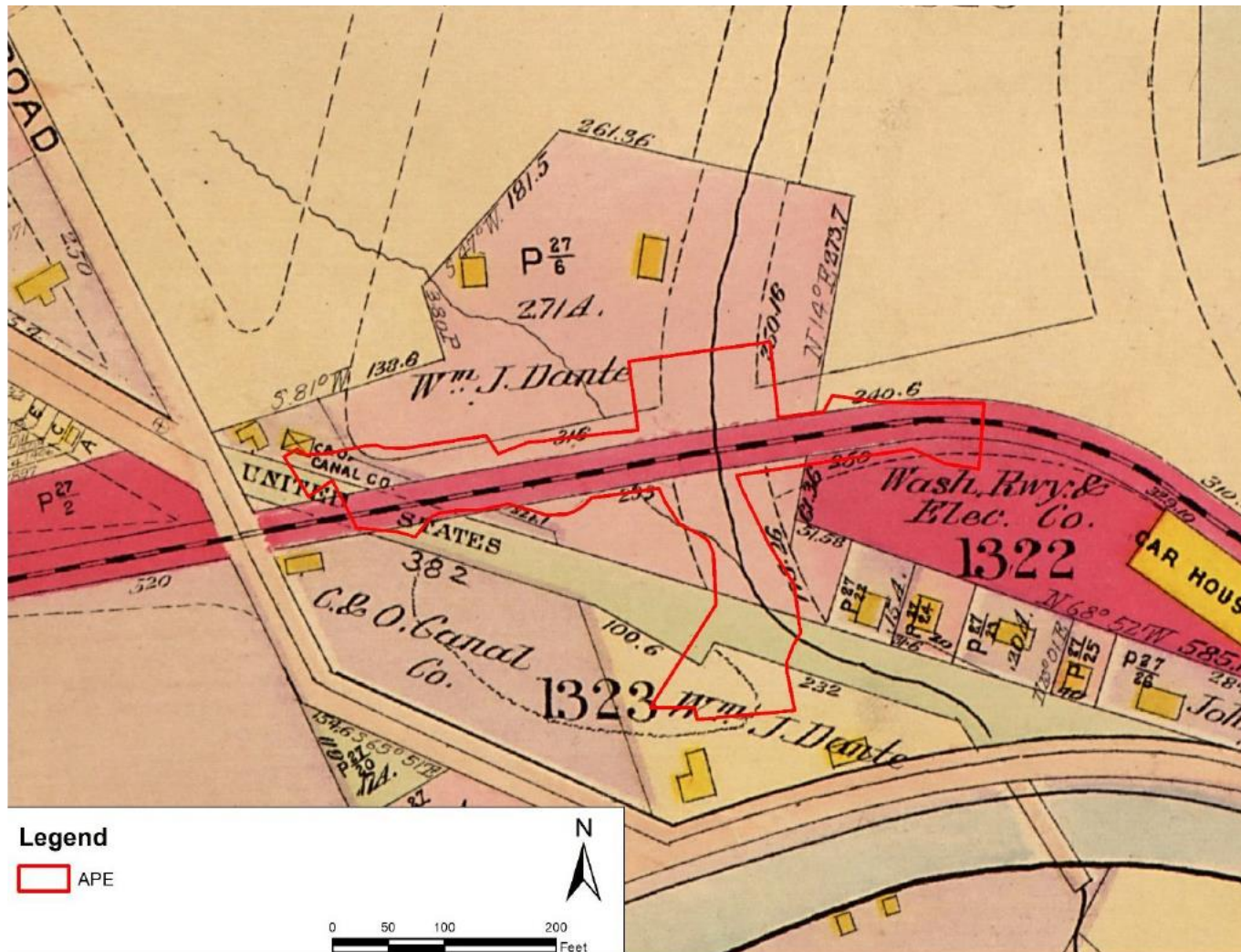
Section 106 Process Update

- **March 30, 2021: Consulting parties meeting #1**
- **May 6, 2021: WMATA initiated a Phase I archeological investigation of the APE for physical effects.**
- **June 21, 2021: NPS provided an update to the Consulting Parties on the required archeology.**
- **January 20, 2022: Draft archeological report received by NPS and SHPO.**
- **April 20, 2022: Final archeological report accepted by NPS and SHPO.**

Phase IA Archeological Investigation

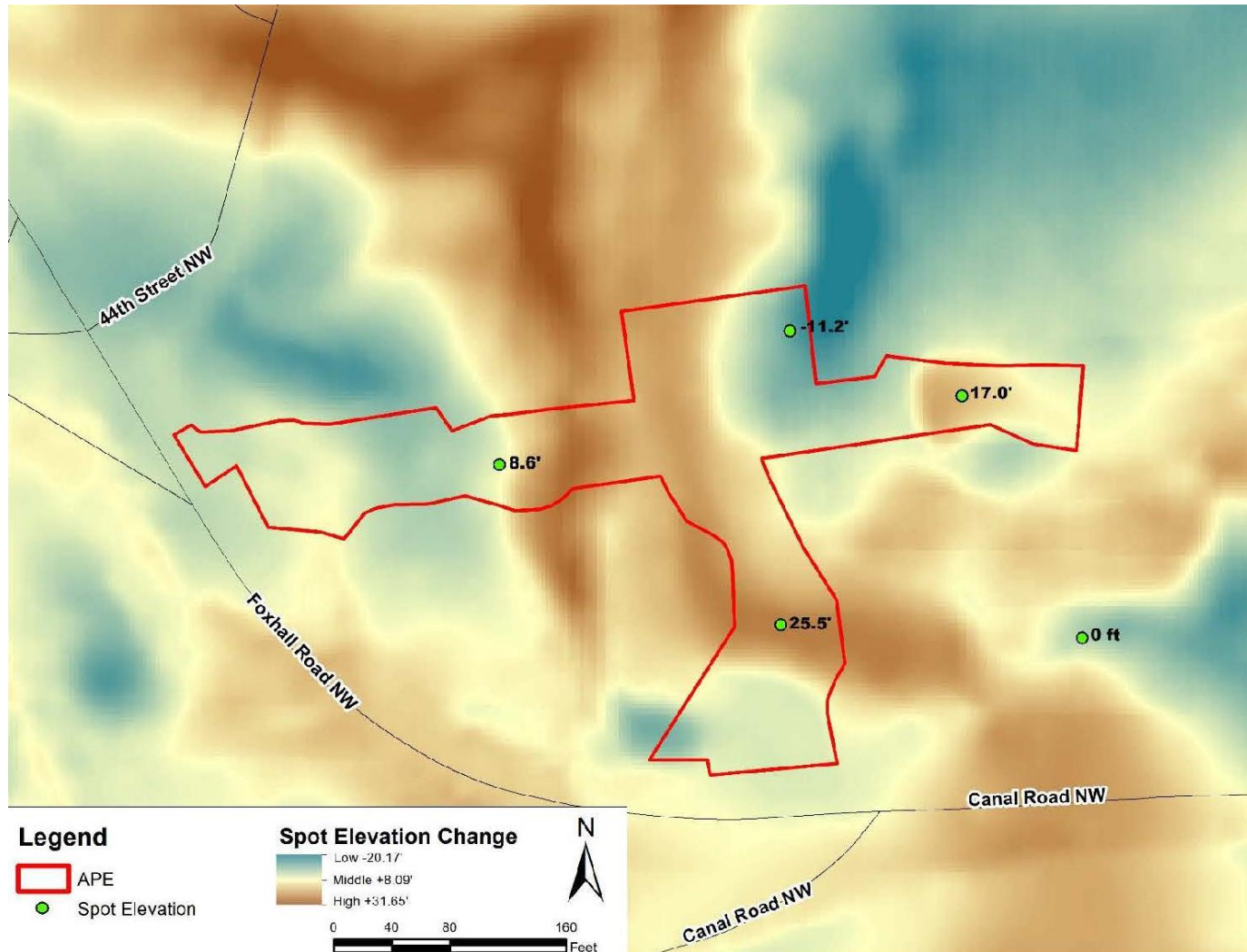
- Desktop assessment to gauge the archeological potential of the APE for physical effects.
- Investigation included the analysis of geo-archeological soil cores at eight locations.
- Archeologists completed a three-dimensional cut-and- fill analysis to assess the level of elevation change over time, which impacts the potential for archeology to exist.
- Due to substantial disturbance caused by grading, infilling, construction, and erosion, there is no potential to encounter prehistoric or historic archeological resources within the APE.

Phase IA Archeological Investigation



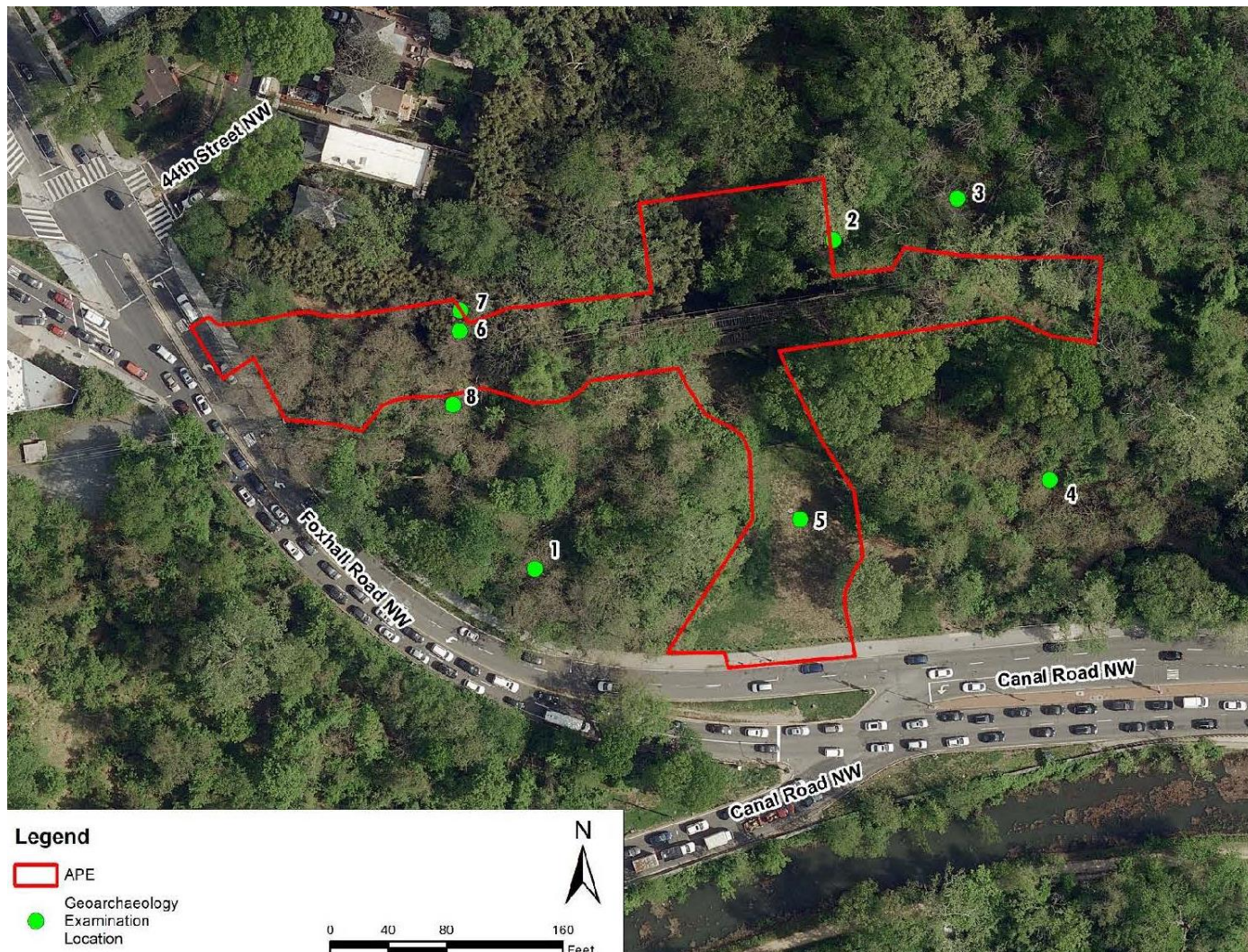
1907 Baist's Real Estate Atlas of Washington, DC, with APE depicted (RK&K 2022)

Phase IA Archeological Investigation



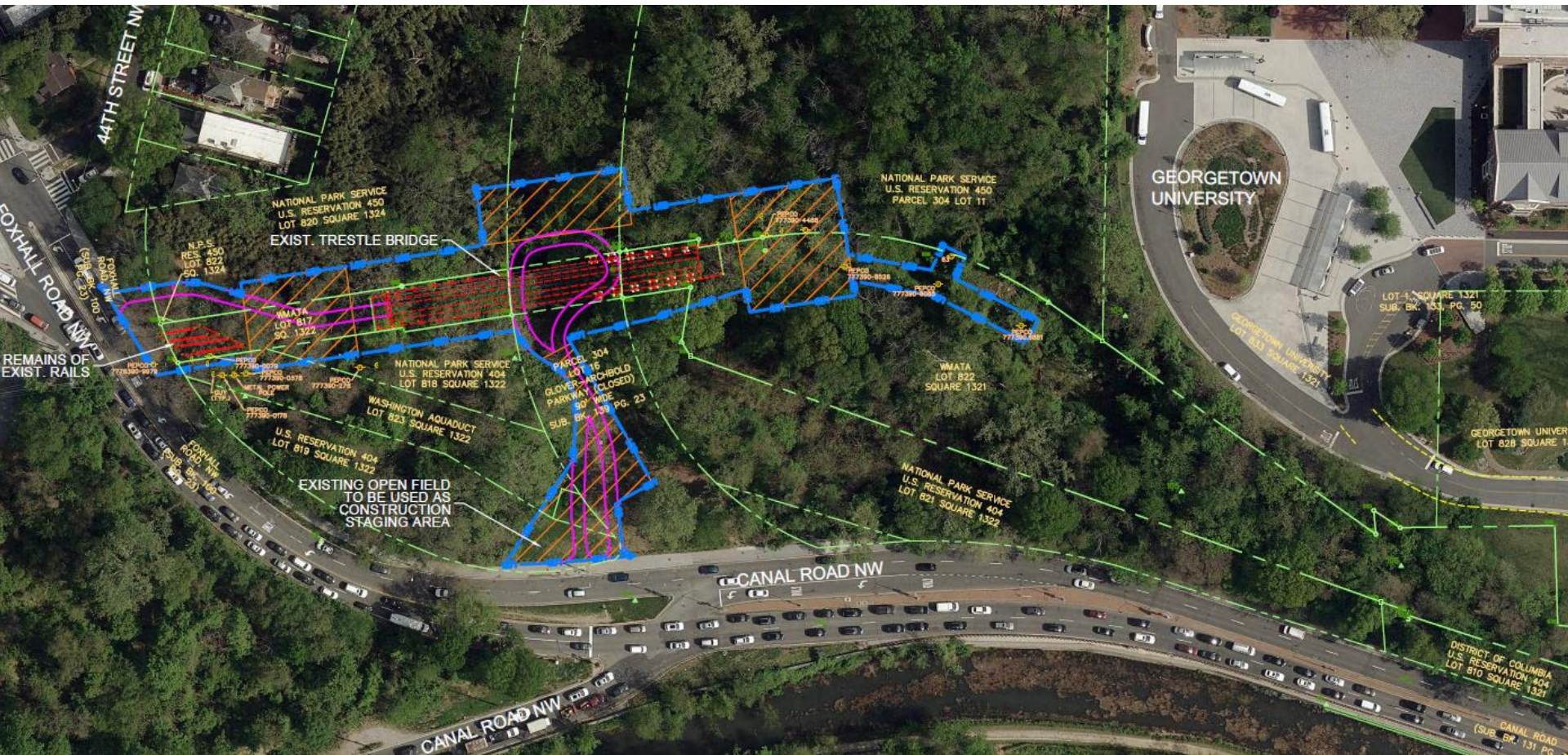
Cut-and-fill analysis for APE (RK&K 2022)

Phase IA Archeological Investigation



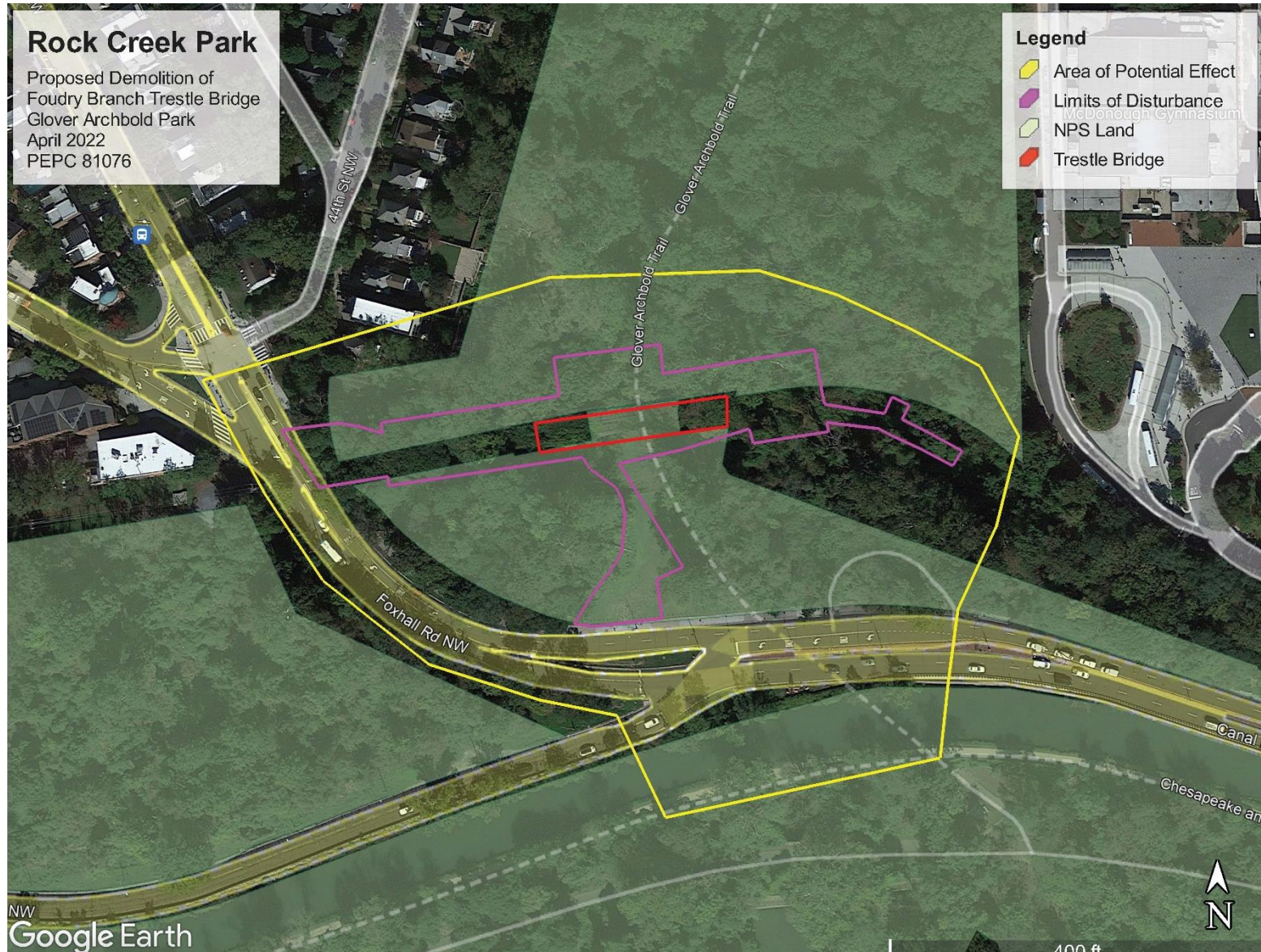
Geo-archeological examination locations (RK&K 2022)

Area of Potential Effect (APE)



Project's limits of disturbance, as provided by WMATA

Area of Potential Effect (APE)



Historic Properties

■ Glover Archbold Park

- Historic property listed in the National Register in 2006 (#06001260).
- Foundry Branch Trestle Bridge is a historic structure that contributes to the significance of the historic property.

■ Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Historic District

- Historic district listed in the National Register in 1966 (#66000036).
- No contributing views or resources are within the APE for visual effects.

Determination of Effects

- NPS submitted to the SHPO and ACHP a finding of Adverse Effect for complete removal of the trestle bridge (May 11, 2018).
- The NPS maintains that complete removal of the trestle will result in an Adverse Effect to the trestle bridge and Glover Archbold Park.
- No Adverse Effects are anticipated to archeological resources within the APE for physical effects.
- No Adverse Effects are anticipated to the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal Historic District.

Resolution of Adverse Effects

- A Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) is required to resolve the adverse effect.
- The intent of the MOA is “to develop and evaluate alternatives or modifications to the undertaking that could avoid, minimize or mitigate adverse effects on historic properties.”
- Alternatives previously considered include:
 - Transfer of ownership
 - Rehabilitation
 - Adaptive reuse

Resolution of Adverse Effects

- Mitigation is required when an undertaking will result in an adverse effect to a historic property.
- Mitigation involves compensation for the loss or diminishment of a historic property.

Next Steps

- Comments from consulting parties meeting #2 will be accepted until Wednesday, May 25, 2022.
- The NPS will formally submit their finding of Adverse Effect to the SHPO and ACHP.
- The NPS will develop a draft MOA for review by the consulting parties.
- If necessary, a third consulting parties meeting will be held to review the draft MOA.
- Following review, suggested edits and additions will be incorporated, and the MOA finalized and signed by the NPS, SHPO, ACHP, and WMATA.

QUESTIONS/ COMMENTS

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