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Fallen Journalists Memorial **SITE SELECTION PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING**

April 19, 2023

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion,
or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or ***abridging the freedom of
speech, or of the press;*** or the right of the people peaceably to assemble,
and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

-U.S. Constitution Amendment I

*The Fallen Journalists Memorial Foundation may establish a
commemorative work on Federal land in the District of Columbia and
its environs **to commemorate America's commitment to a free press** by
honoring journalists who sacrificed their lives in service to that cause.*

-Public Law 116-253

Agenda

Welcome and Purpose of Meeting

- National Park Service (NPS)

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- Claire Sale, AECOM

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WELCOME AND PURPOSE OF MEETING

National Park Service

Welcome and Purpose of Meeting

- First of two public scoping/initial Section 106 meetings
- Process involves selecting a site and then a design for the memorial
- Receive public feedback on site alternatives

PROJECT BACKGROUND

Barbara Cochran, Fallen Journalists Memorial Foundation

Project Background

- Congress authorized establishment of the Fallen Journalists Memorial in Public Law 116-253 on Federal land in the District of Columbia
- This memorial is anticipated to be known as the Fallen Journalists Memorial
- Congress authorized the location of the commemorative work in Public law 117-328 within Area I as defined under the Commemorative Works Act
- Work must be consistent with the Commemorative Works Act
- Construction of the memorial will be sponsored and funded by the Fallen Journalists Memorial Foundation
- The memorial will be maintained by the NPS



NEPA AND SECTION 106 PROCESS AND ISSUES

Claire Sale, AECOM

Purpose and Need

Purpose of the Memorial

- To commemorate America’s commitment to a free press by honoring journalists who sacrificed their lives in service to that cause

Need for the Memorial

- To carry out Public Law 116-253 and address the current lack of a formal place for a memorial that honors fallen journalists and educates current and future generations about the critical role of the free press as a pillar of a vibrant democracy



PUBLIC LAW 116-253—DEC. 23, 2020 134 STAT. 1135

Public Law 116-253
116th Congress

An Act

To authorize the Fallen Journalists Memorial Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs, and for other purposes. Dec. 23, 2020 [H.R. 3465]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Fallen Journalists Memorial Act”.

SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION TO ESTABLISH COMMEMORATIVE WORK.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Fallen Journalists Memorial Foundation may establish a commemorative work on Federal land in the District of Columbia and its environs to commemorate America’s commitment to a free press by honoring journalists who sacrificed their lives in service to that cause.

(b) COMPLIANCE WITH STANDARDS FOR COMMEMORATIVE WORKS.—The establishment of the commemorative work under this section shall be in accordance with chapter 89 of title 40, United States Code (commonly known as the “Commemorative Works Act”).

(c) PROHIBITION ON USE OF FEDERAL FUNDS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Federal funds may not be used to pay any expense of the establishment of the commemorative work under this section.

(2) RESPONSIBILITY OF THE FALLEN JOURNALISTS MEMORIAL FOUNDATION.—The Fallen Journalists Memorial Foundation shall be solely responsible for acceptance of contributions for, and payment of the expenses of, the establishment of the commemorative work under this section.

(d) DEPOSIT OF EXCESS FUNDS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—If upon payment of all expenses for the establishment of the commemorative work (including the maintenance and preservation amount required by section 8906(b)(1) of title 40, United States Code), there remains a balance of funds received for the establishment of the commemorative work, the Fallen Journalists Memorial Foundation shall transmit the amount of the balance to the Secretary of the Interior for deposit in the account provided for in section 8906(b)(3) of title 40, United States Code.

(2) ON EXPIRATION OF AUTHORITY.—If upon expiration of the authority for the commemorative work under section 8903(e) of title 40, United States Code, there remains a balance of funds received for the establishment of the commemorative work, the Fallen Journalists Memorial Foundation shall transmit the amount of the balance to a separate account

Fallen Journalists Memorial Act, 40 USC 8903 note.

Organizations

Project Sponsor



Agencies

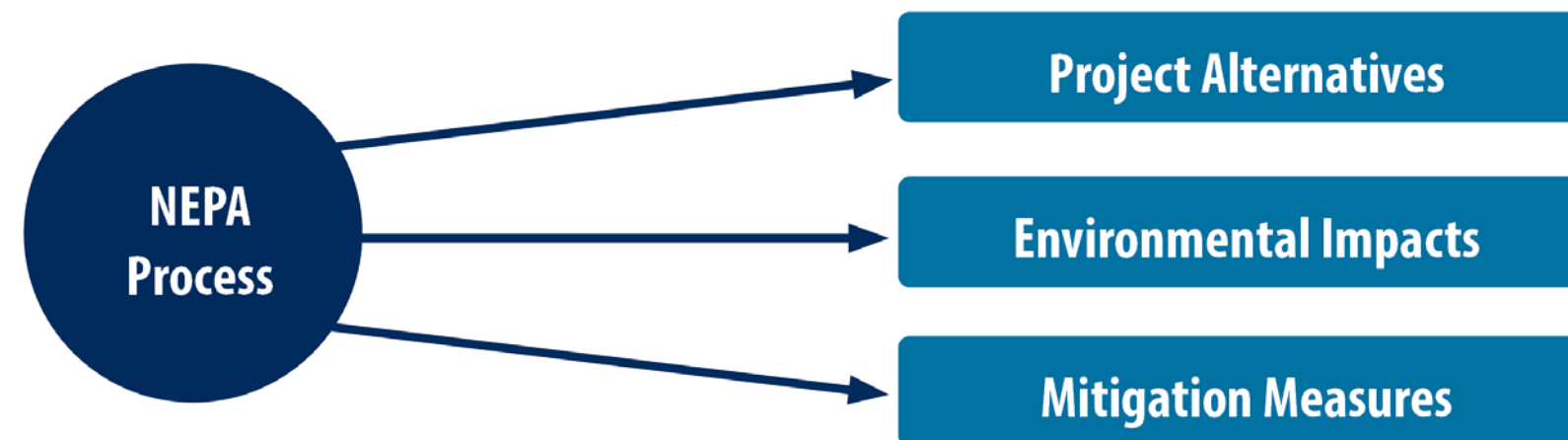


What is NEPA?

National Environmental Policy Act of 1969

(NEPA; Public Law 91-190; 42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.)

- Established a national policy for protecting the environment and requires evaluation of alternative actions
- Goal is to ensure informed decision-making
- Can conclude with an Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) or an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Record of Decision (ROD)

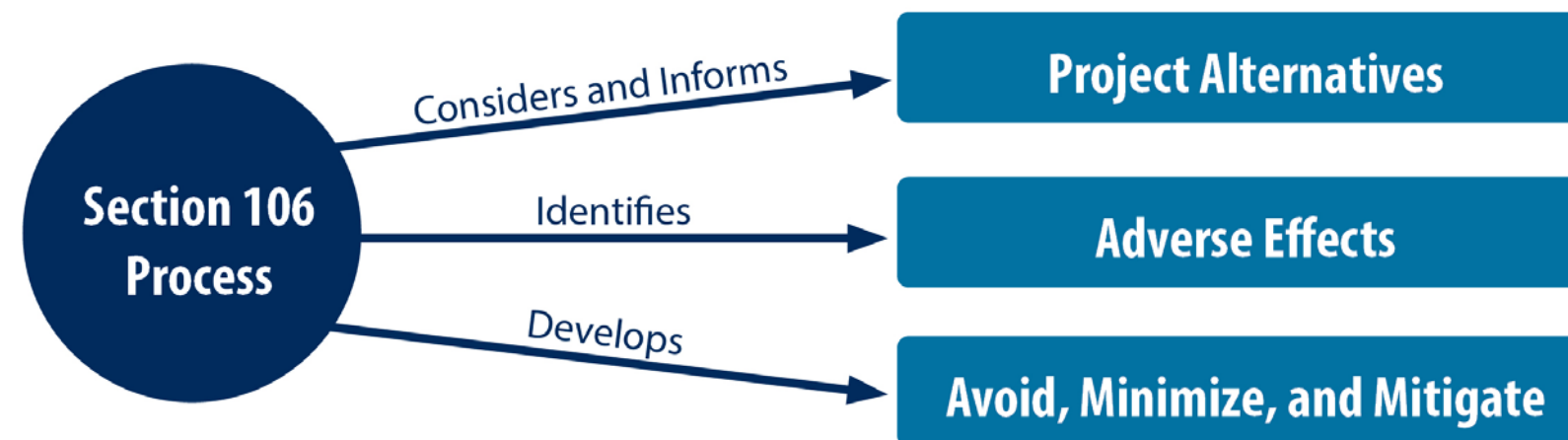


What is Section 106?

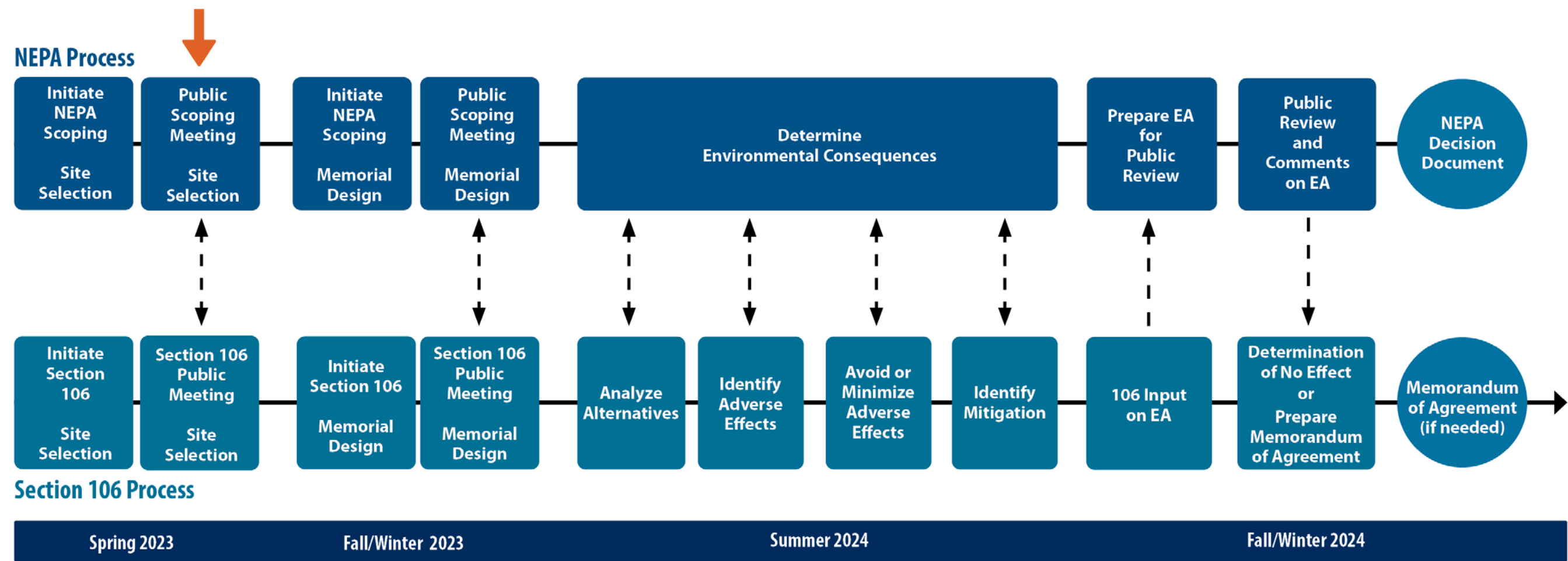
Component of National Historic Preservation Act of 1966

(NHPA; Public Law 89-665; 16 U.S.C. 470 et seq.)

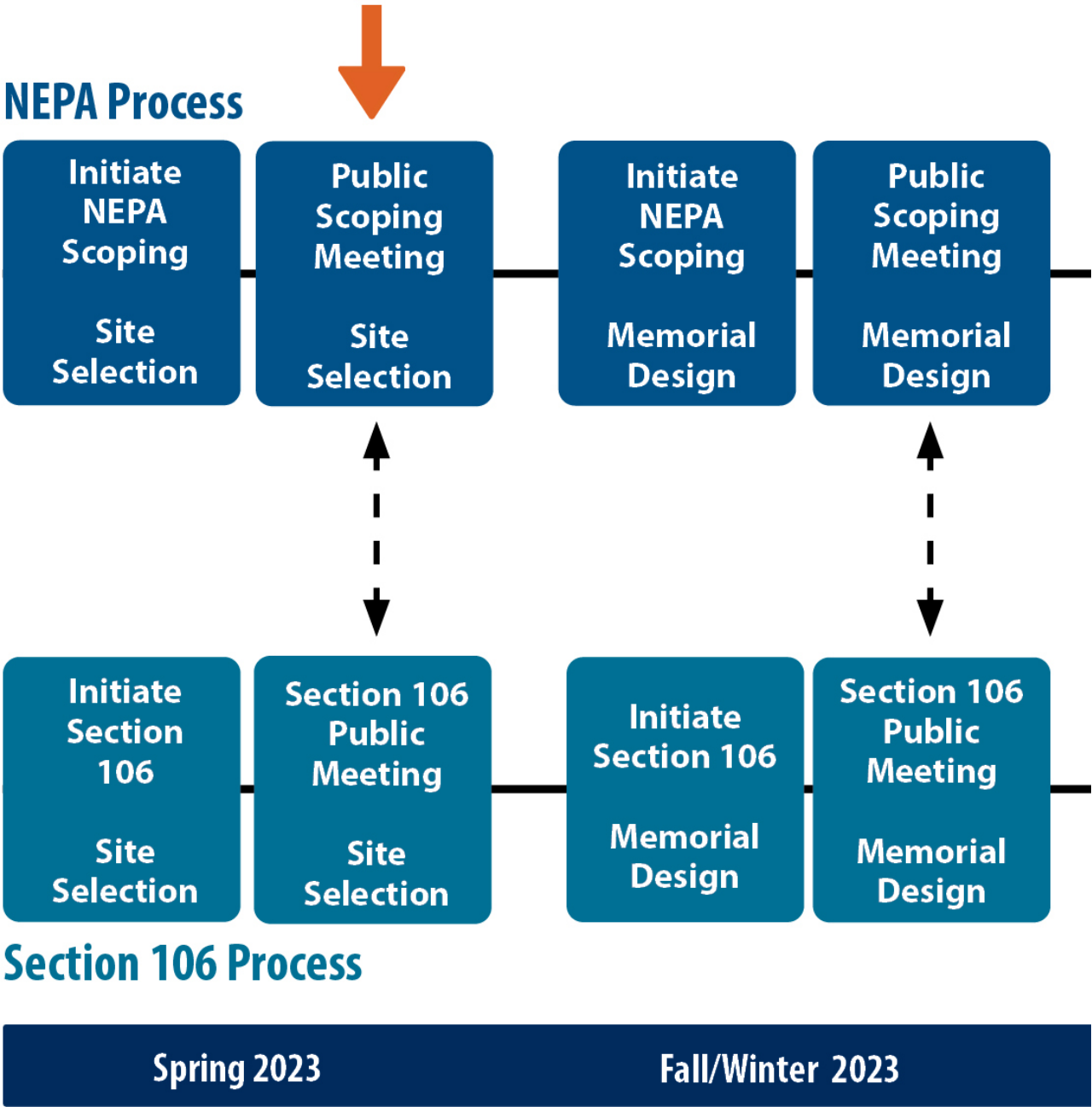
- Established a process to protect resources listed on, or eligible for listing in, the National Register of Historic Places, and requires the consideration of alternatives if effects on historic resources are anticipated
- Goal is to minimize potential harm and damage to historic properties
- Can conclude in a Determination of No Adverse Effect or a Memorandum of Agreement with Consulting Parties



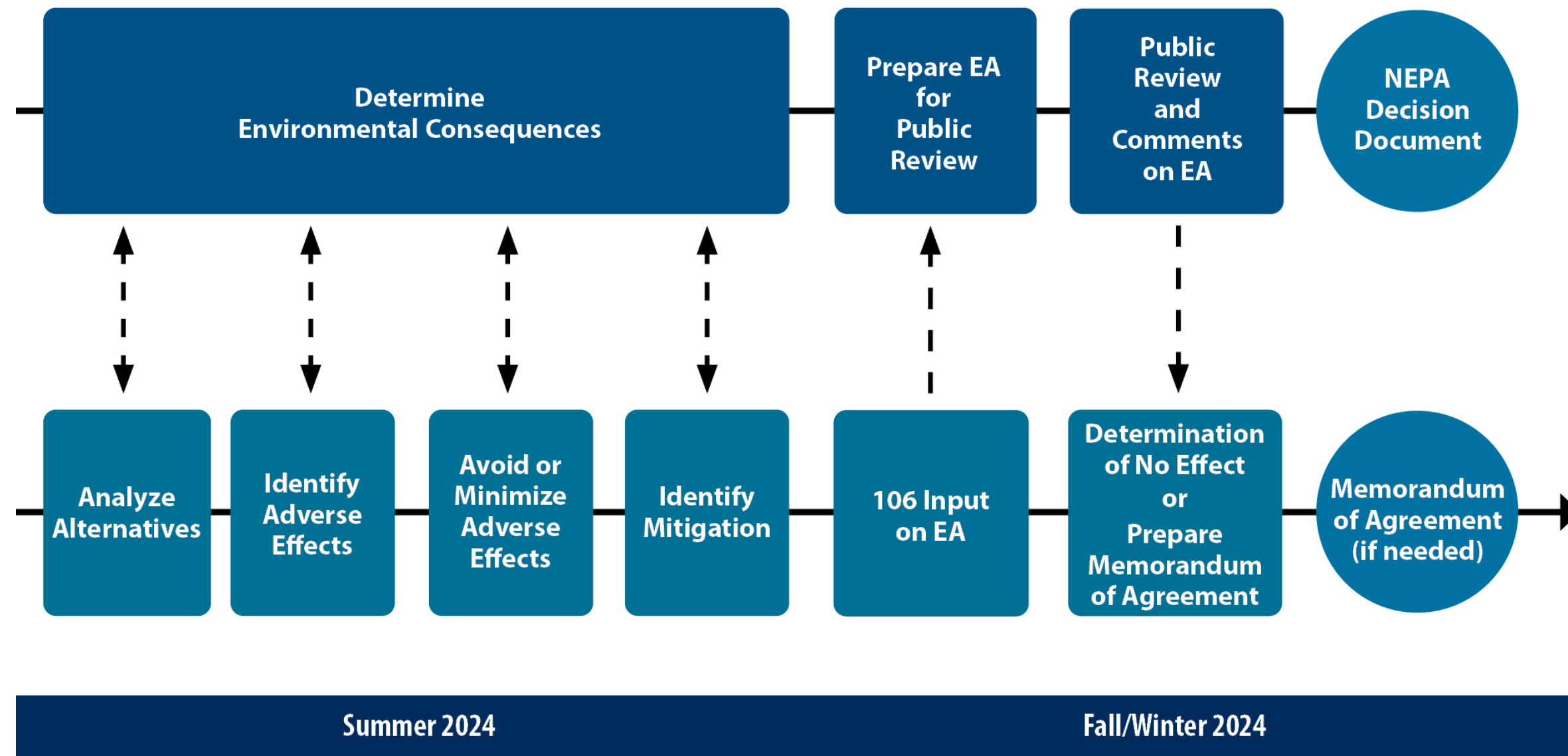
NEPA and Section 106: A Coordinated Approach



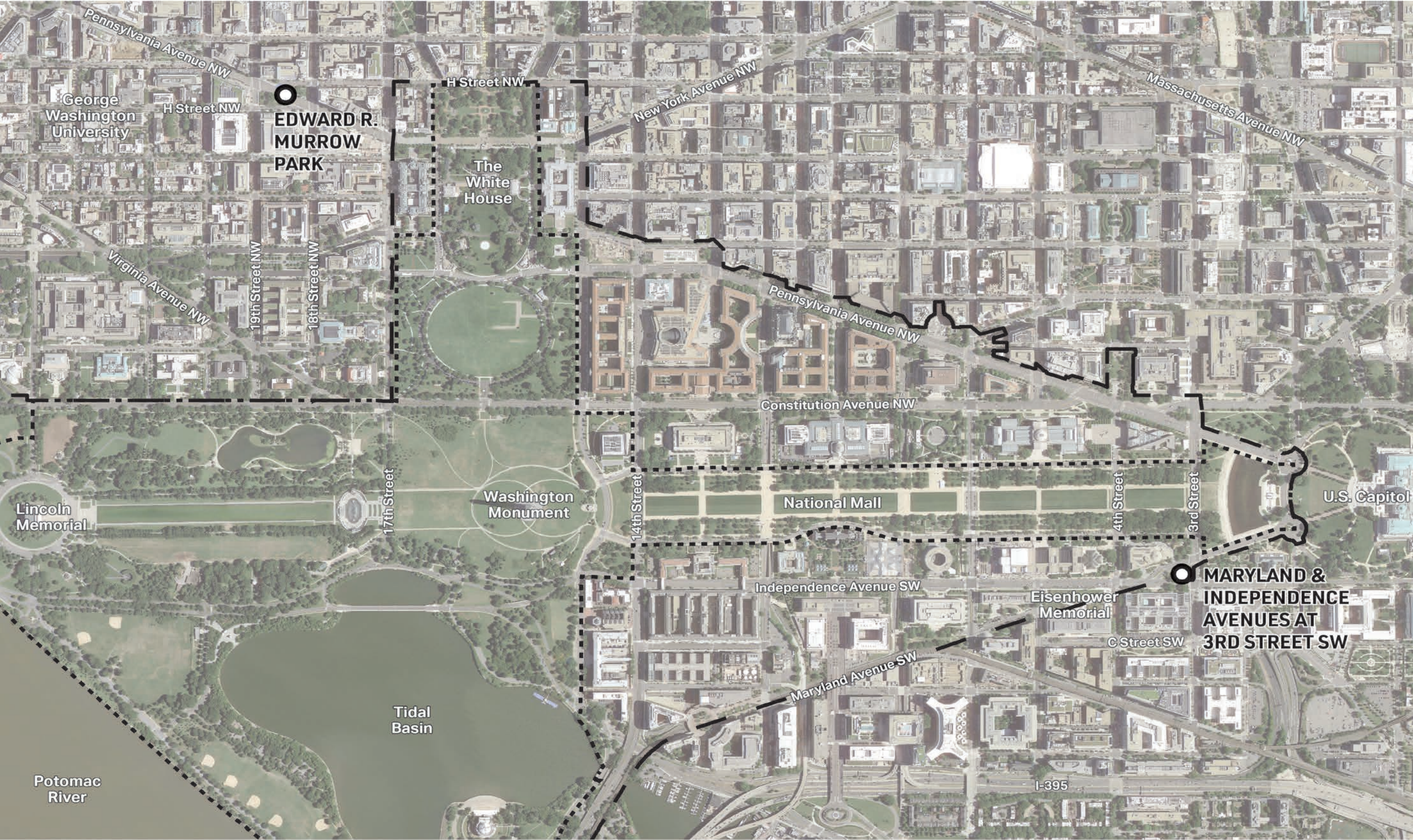
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NEPA and Section 106



Site Location Map



○ Potential Site - - - Area I The Reserve

What Issues Will the EA Address?

Cultural Resources

- Historic Resources
- Cultural Landscapes
- Archeology

Other Issues

- Utilities
- Visitor Use and Experience

Transportation

- Traffic Operations
- Parking
- Pedestrian Circulation

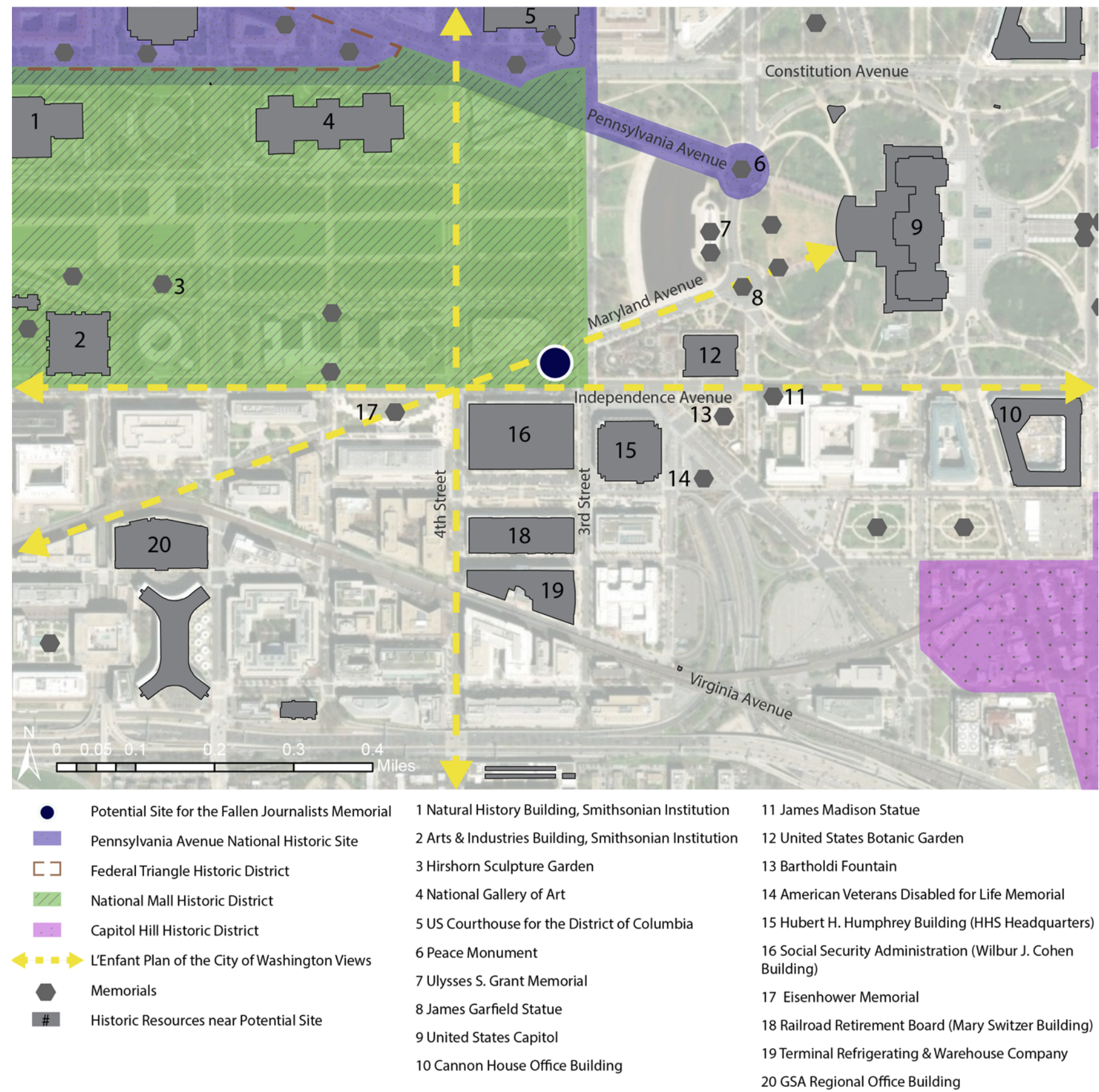
Natural and Physical Resources

- Soils
- Vegetation
- Water Resources
- Floodplains

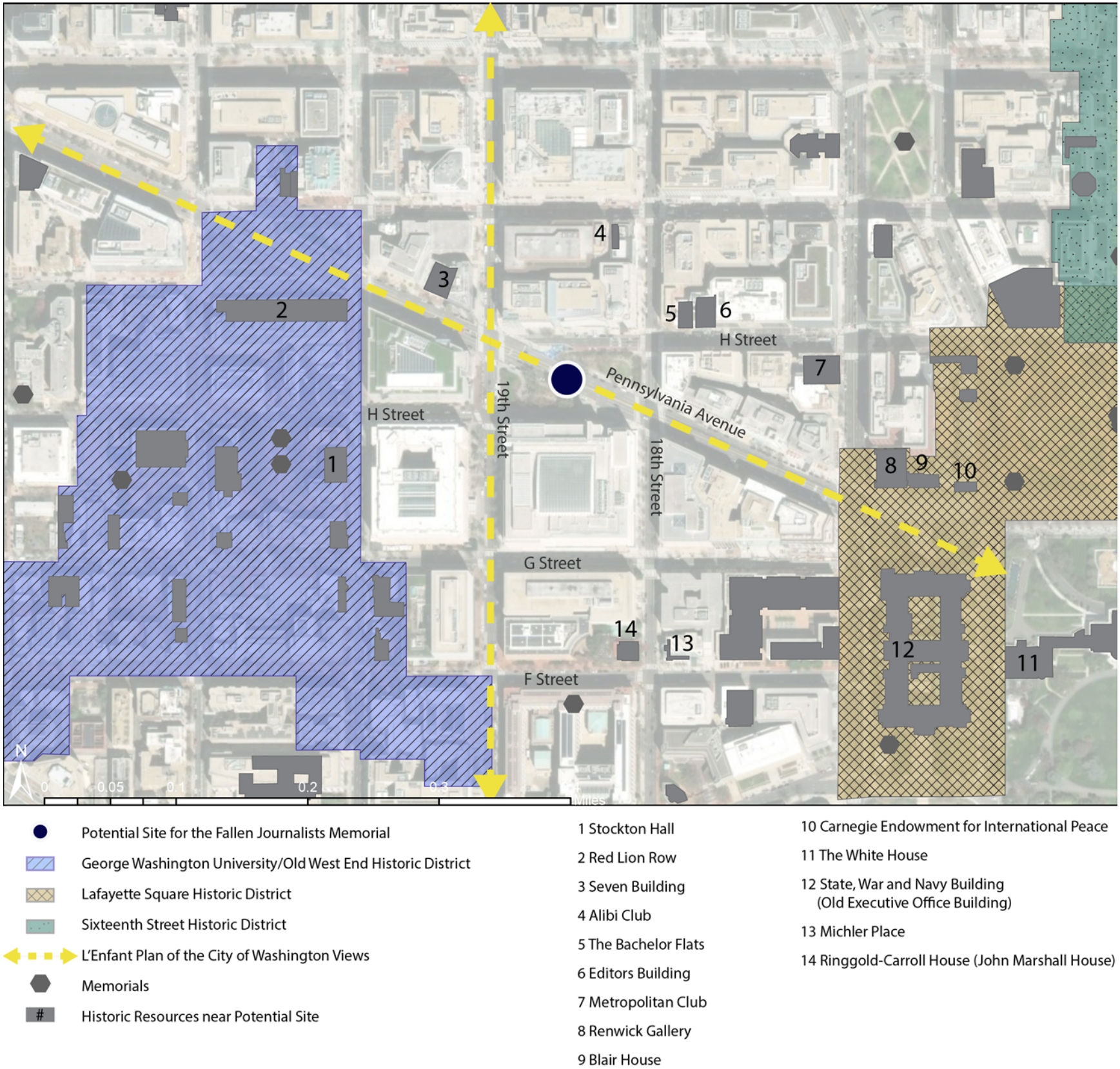
Section 106 Participants

- District of Columbia and Virginia State Historic Preservation Offices
- National Capital Memorial Advisory Commission
- Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
- National Capital Planning Commission
- U.S. Commission of Fine Arts
- Arlington National Cemetery
- Arlington County
- Preservation Organizations and Other Interested Parties
- General Public
- Tribes
 - ◊ Pamunkey Indian Tribe
 - ◊ Upper Mattaponi Indian Tribe
 - ◊ Rappahannock Tribe
 - ◊ Nansemond Indian Nation
 - ◊ Chickahominy Indian Tribe
 - ◊ Chickahominy Tribe Eastern Division
 - ◊ Monocan Indian Nation
 - ◊ Catawba Indian Nation
 - ◊ Delaware Nation
 - ◊ Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma
 - ◊ Shawnee Tribe

Historic Resources: Site 0 (Maryland and Independence Avenues)



Historic Resources: Site T (Edward R. Murrow Park)



PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Claire Sale, AECOM

Memorial Goals

Commemoration

- Recognize and honor **journalists' heroism and lives sacrificed** in service to democracy.
- Convey the dangers journalists face in **protecting and documenting the truth** enabled by freedom of the press.
- Provide a place for **reflection and intimate contemplation** for the public and serve as a focal point for those personally connected to fallen journalists.

Inspiration

- Serve as a **beacon for freedom of the press** and emphasize that a free and **independent press is a worthy cause in the past, present, and future.**
- Showcase **America's commitment to a free press** as a world-wide example and source of aspiration.
- **Inspire young memorial visitors** to consider a career in journalism.

Education

- Raise awareness and educate visitors about **risks to a free press and the contributions of journalism as a pillar of democracy** (i.e., the Fourth Estate).
- Illustrate journalists' role in witnessing, recording, and documenting historic events and seminal moments from **diverse backgrounds and perspectives.**
- Convey the breadth and depth of the various forms of journalism **protected by free press principles.**

Memorial Program

The desired site would accommodate a modestly sized, non-intrusive memorial without names or definitions that represents the full breadth of the news media – past, present and future. The program includes the following:

- A daily place of reflection to inspire respect for the sacrifice made by journalists in the cause of seeking truth to preserve our freedoms, and for family and friends to remember those journalists who have given their lives
- A focal point for understanding the First Amendment and how it has enabled the work of journalism in seeking truth to advance democracy and maintain freedom
- A convening place for commemorative events to honor journalists and to study the future of journalism in an evolving world
- An attraction that stimulates visitors to the Nation's Capital to access online educational programming to learn more about the importance of a free press to a functioning democracy

Site Criteria

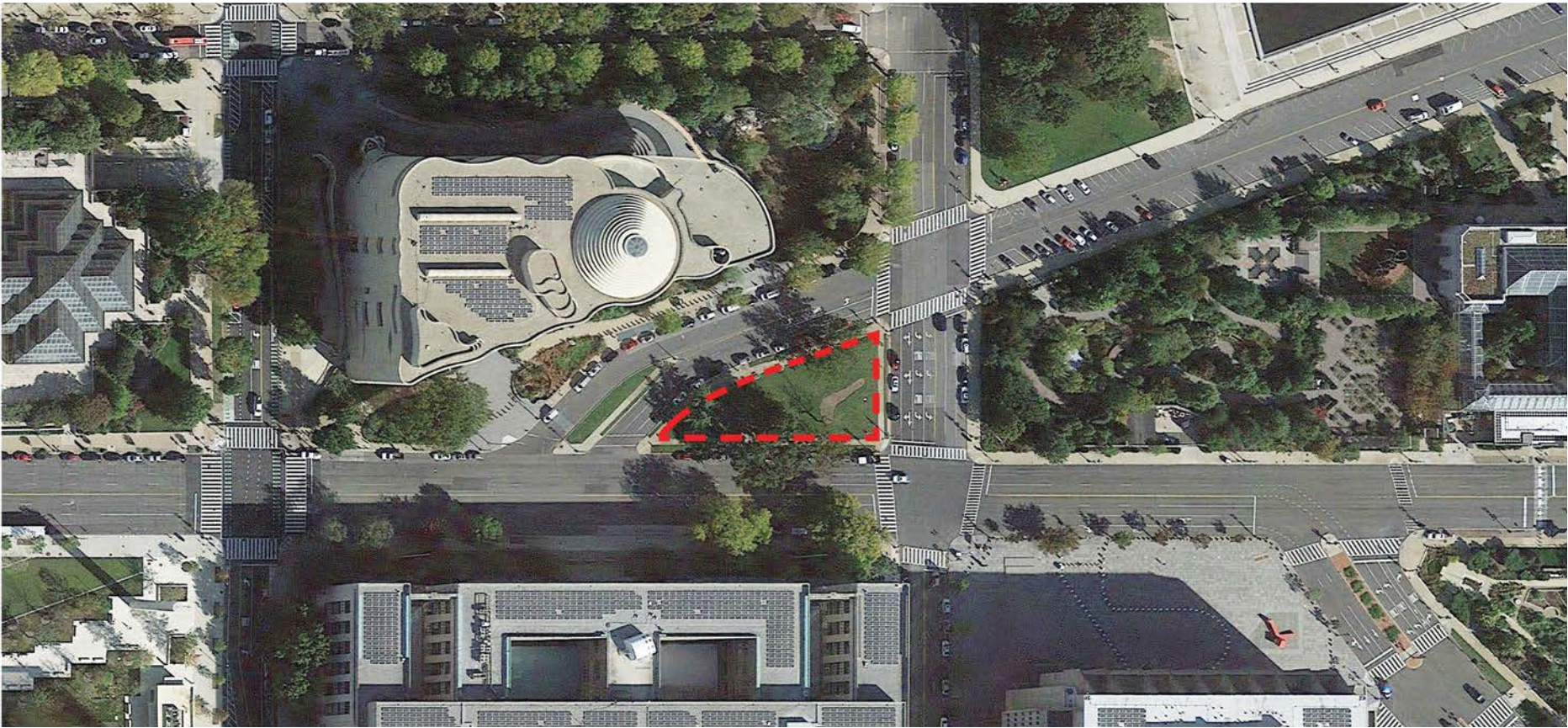
Site Criteria	Details
Program Suitability	The site should provide adequate space for a physical memorial and group gatherings and programmatic events. A memorial at the site should protect public space and enhance public use while avoiding encroachment or interference with existing memorials.
Thematic Nexus	The context of the site should be thematically or conceptually connected to the purpose or content of the memorial. In addition, it should be in close proximity to the three branches of government. This will illustrate America’s commitment to a press that is free from government control or oversight, while also critical to a functioning democracy.
Universal Accessibility	The site should be readily accessible not only to pedestrians and visitors to the nation’s capital, but to journalists who live and work in the area.
Site Prominence and Visibility	The site should be visible to government leaders and visitors in a way that reinforces America’s commitment to the freedom of the press.
Independence	The site should be nonadjacent to government buildings, highlighting the independent and essential role that journalists play in holding democratic institutions accountable to their citizens.
Site Availability	The site should be available through federal, District, or private properties. The site should not have known opposition to the placement of a memorial.
Transportation Access	This site should be accessible via public transportation.
Tranquility	The site should be a place that can offer a tranquil environment for reflection, commemoration and learning. Excessive noise, traffic, and other potential distractions are not desirable.
Infrastructure	The site should require minimal infrastructure improvements. Required changes, such as roadway improvements or relocated utility lines, would make potential sites more challenging.

Viable Site 0: Maryland & Independence Avenues at 3rd Street SW



Site Location: Southwest Site Size: ~0.31 acres Area I Location: Yes

Site Criteria	Notes
Program Suitability	Could accommodate permanent commemorative feature and gatherings; possible closure of Maryland Avenue for events
Thematic Nexus	Across Independence Avenue SW from Voice of America Headquarters and two blocks from U.S. Capitol; clear view of U.S. Capitol dome from site
Universal Accessibility	Two blocks from Metrorail station. Offers locations for those covering U.S. government and legislative process
Site Prominence and Visibility	Adjacent to U.S. Capitol Grounds and National Museum of the American Indian; one block from National Mall, Eisenhower and American Veterans Disabled for Live Memorials
Independence	Bordered on all sides by roadways
Site Availability	NPS jurisdiction
Transportation Access	A 4-minute walk from the Federal Center SW, a 7-minute walk from the L'Enfant Plaza, and a 16-minute walk from the Archives Metrorail stations
Tranquility	Location along busy Independence Avenue SW and less busy Maryland Avenue
Infrastructure	No known conflicts are present



1: View northeast

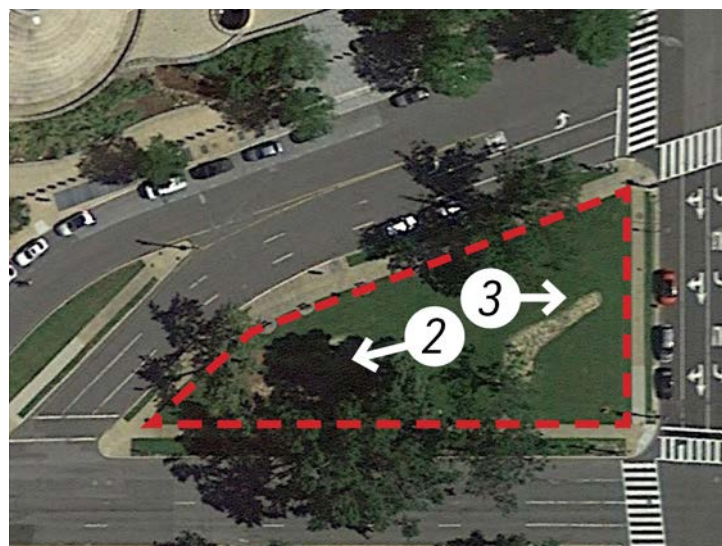
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2: View southwest (AECOM, 5/2021)









3: View east (AECOM, 5/2021)

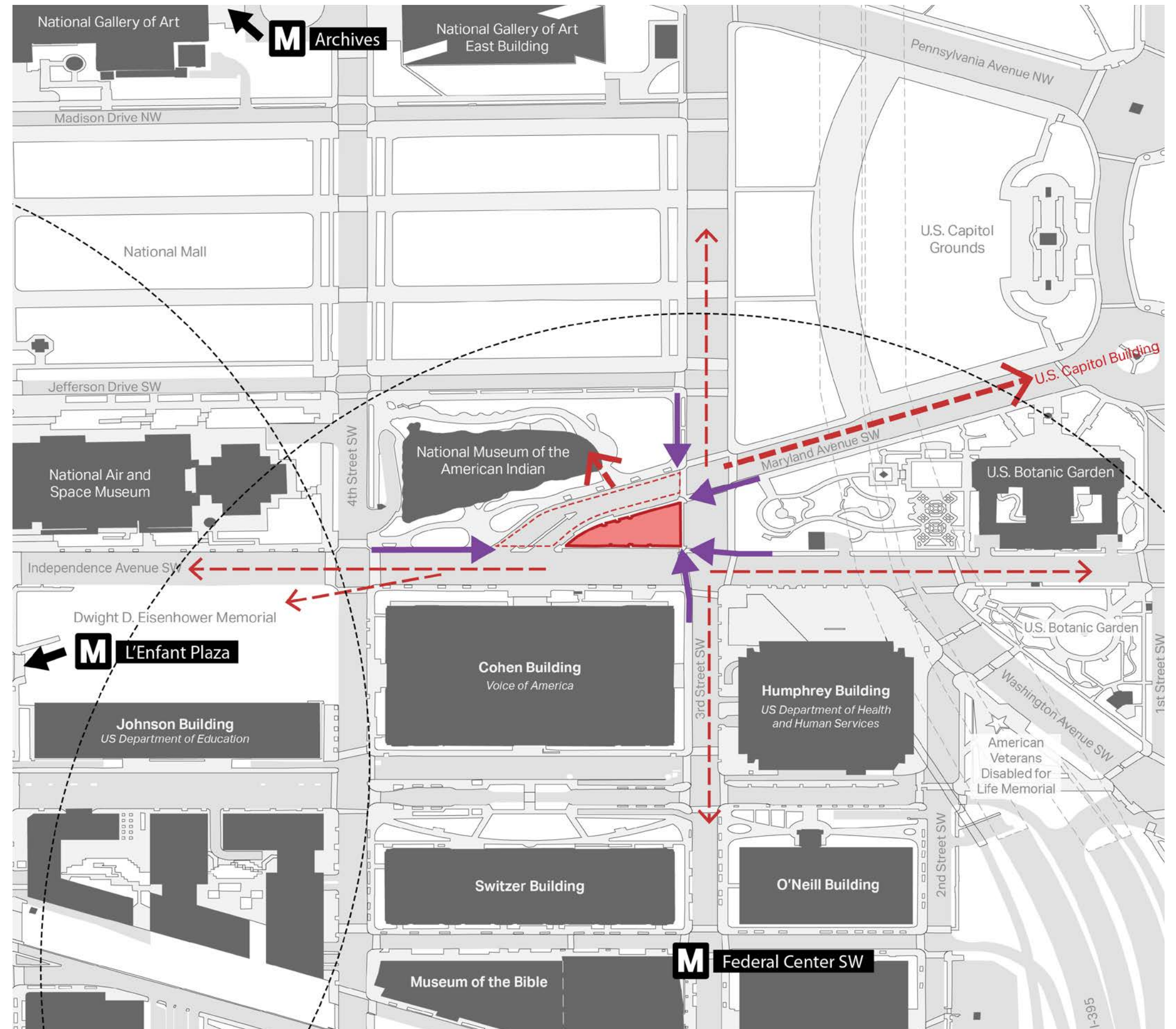


Site Analysis: Site 0

Maryland & Independence Avenues at 3rd St SW

- The site is a 4-minute walk from the Federal Center SW Metrorail station (Blue / Orange / Silver lines), a 7-minute walk from the L'Enfant Metrorail station (Green / Yellow / Blue / Orange / Silver lines) and a 16 minute walk from the Archives Metrorail station (Green/Yellow lines).
- The primary viewshed is northeast along Maryland Ave SW to the U.S. Capitol Building and immediately north to the east facade of the National Museum of the American Indian. Secondary, multi-directional views from the site extend east and west along Independence Avenue SW, north and south along 3rd Street SW and southwest toward the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial.
- Pedestrians have multiple access points to the site using crosswalks from adjacent parcels.
- The site has the potential to accommodate special events through the temporary closure of Maryland Avenue between 3rd Street SW and Independence Avenue SW.
- The vicinity of the site contains a rich commemorative landscape honoring presidents and veterans, and potentially EMS workers.

-  Viable Memorial Site
-  Pedestrian Access
-  Views from Site
-  Potential Expanded Event Space
-  Metrorail Station
-  5-minute Walking Radius from Metrorail Station



Thematic Links: Site 0

Maryland & Independence Avenues at 3rd St SW

1. US Capitol Building

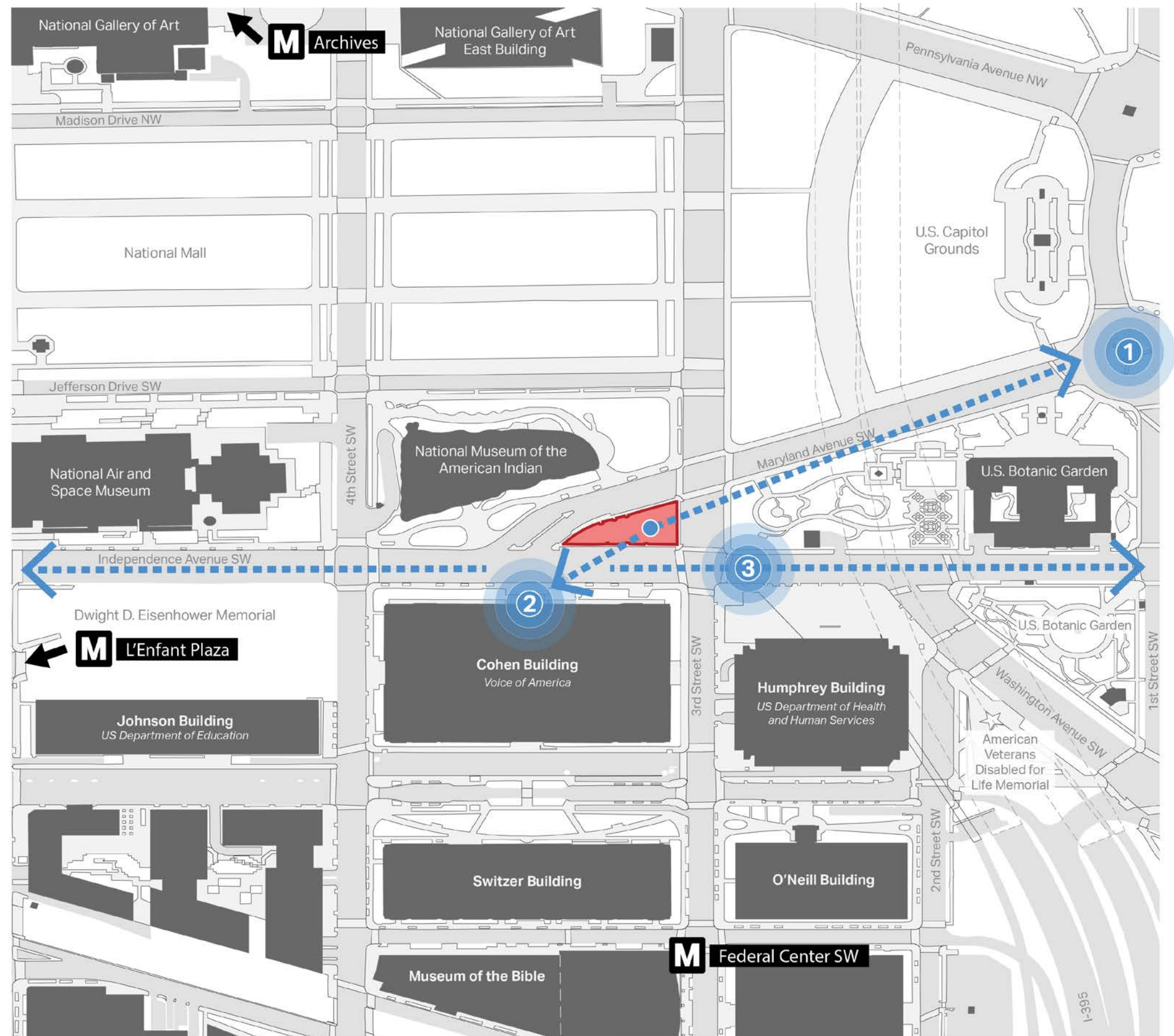
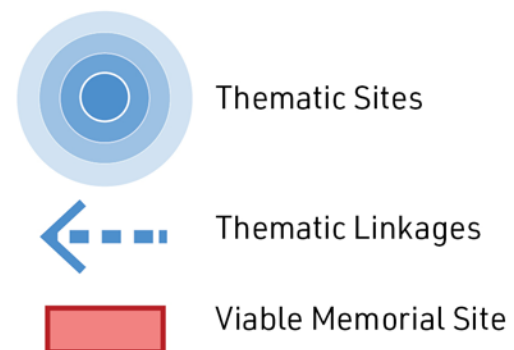
Adjacent to the U.S. Capitol grounds and with a direct, axial, and reciprocal view of the Capitol Dome, the site has a strong visual connection to the seat of the legislative branch of the U.S. federal government.

2. Voice of America (Cohen Building)

Directly north of the Cohen Building, the site has a strong visual connection to the headquarters of Voice of America, the oldest and largest American international broadcaster. Voice of America produces media in 47 languages and distributes throughout the world.

3. Independence Avenue

Independence Avenue forms the southern border of the site, emphasizing the importance of an independent free press.

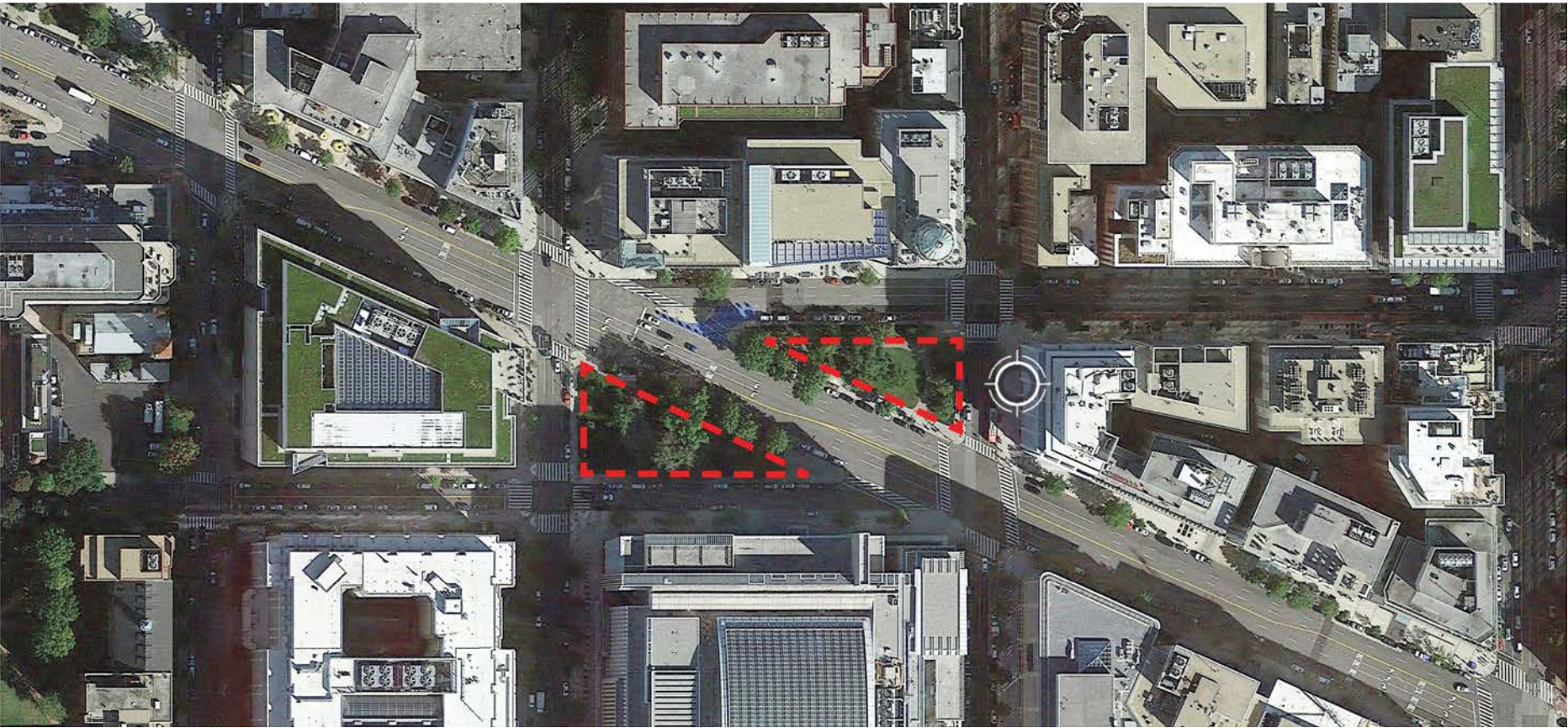


Viable Site T: Edward R. Murrow Park (between 18th and 19th Streets NW)



Site Location: Northwest **Site Size:** ~0.75 acres **Area I Location:** No

Site Criteria	Notes
Program Suitability	Site could accommodate permanent commemorative feature and gatherings
Thematic Nexus	Connection to park's namesake, Edward R. Murrow; two blocks from George Washington University's School of Media and Public Affairs
Universal Accessibility	One block from Metrorail station. Offers access to iconic Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Site Prominence and Visibility	Location in commercial and institutional area along Pennsylvania Avenue NW; four blocks from White House
Independence	Bordered on all sides by roadways
Site Availability	NPS jurisdiction
Transportation Access	A 2-minute walk from the Farragut West and a 7-minute walk from the Farragut North Metrorail stations
Tranquility	Location along busy Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Infrastructure	No known conflicts are present.



1: View southeast along Pennsylvania Avenue NW

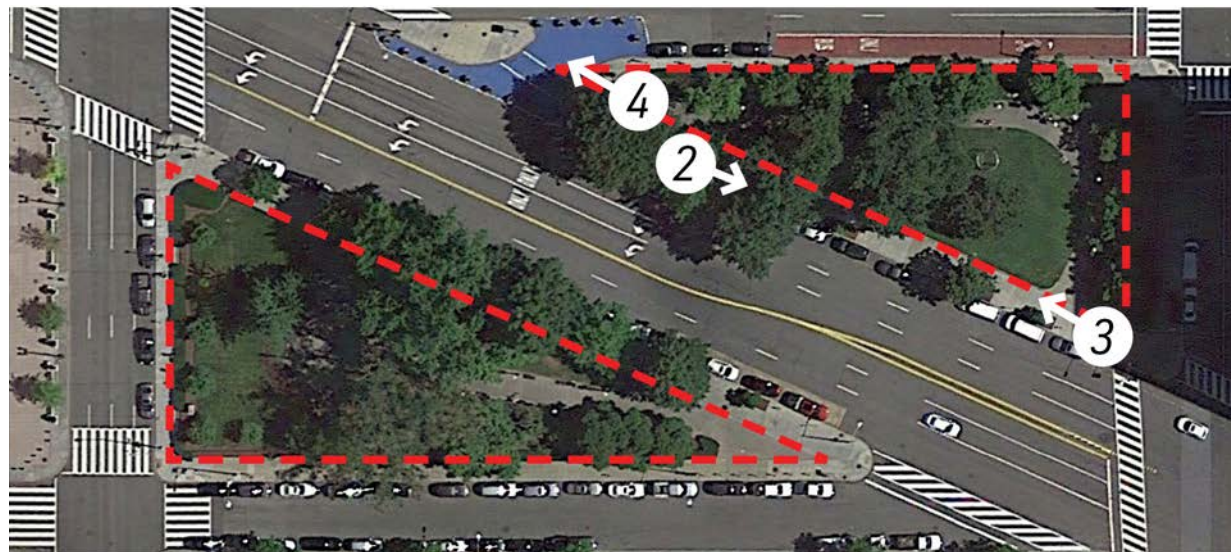
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2: View southeast on north side of Pennsylvania Avenue (AECOM, 7/2021)



3: View northwest on north side of Pennsylvania Avenue (AECOM, 7/2021)



4: View northwest on north side of Pennsylvania Avenue (AECOM, 7/2021)



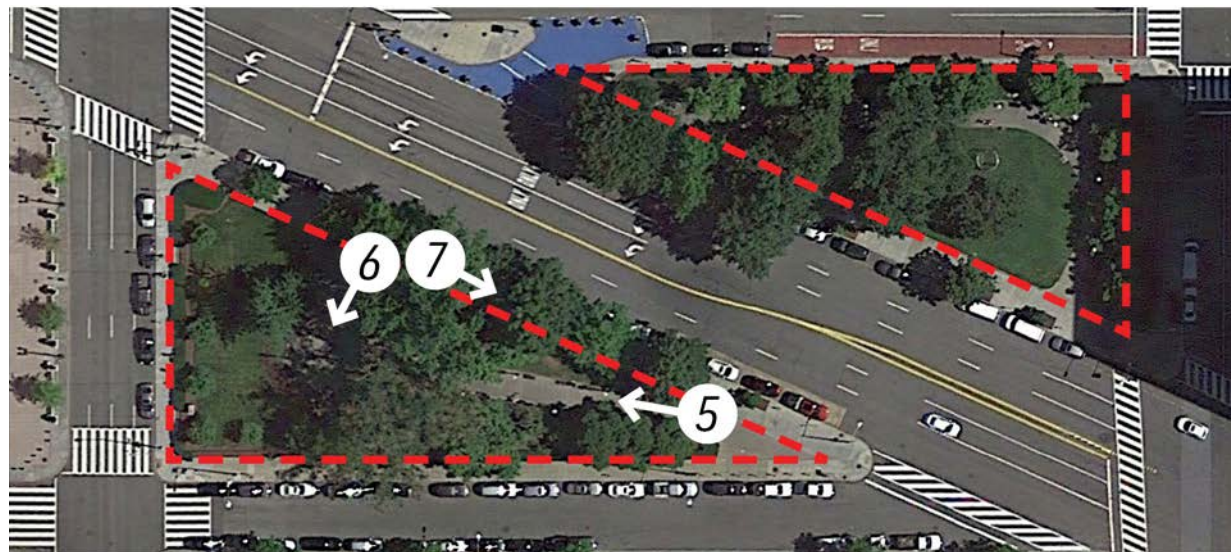
Viable Site T: Edward R. Murrow Park (between 18th and 19th Streets NW)



5: View east on south side of Pennsylvania Avenue (AECOM, 7/2021)



6: View south on south side of Pennsylvania Avenue (AECOM, 7/2021)



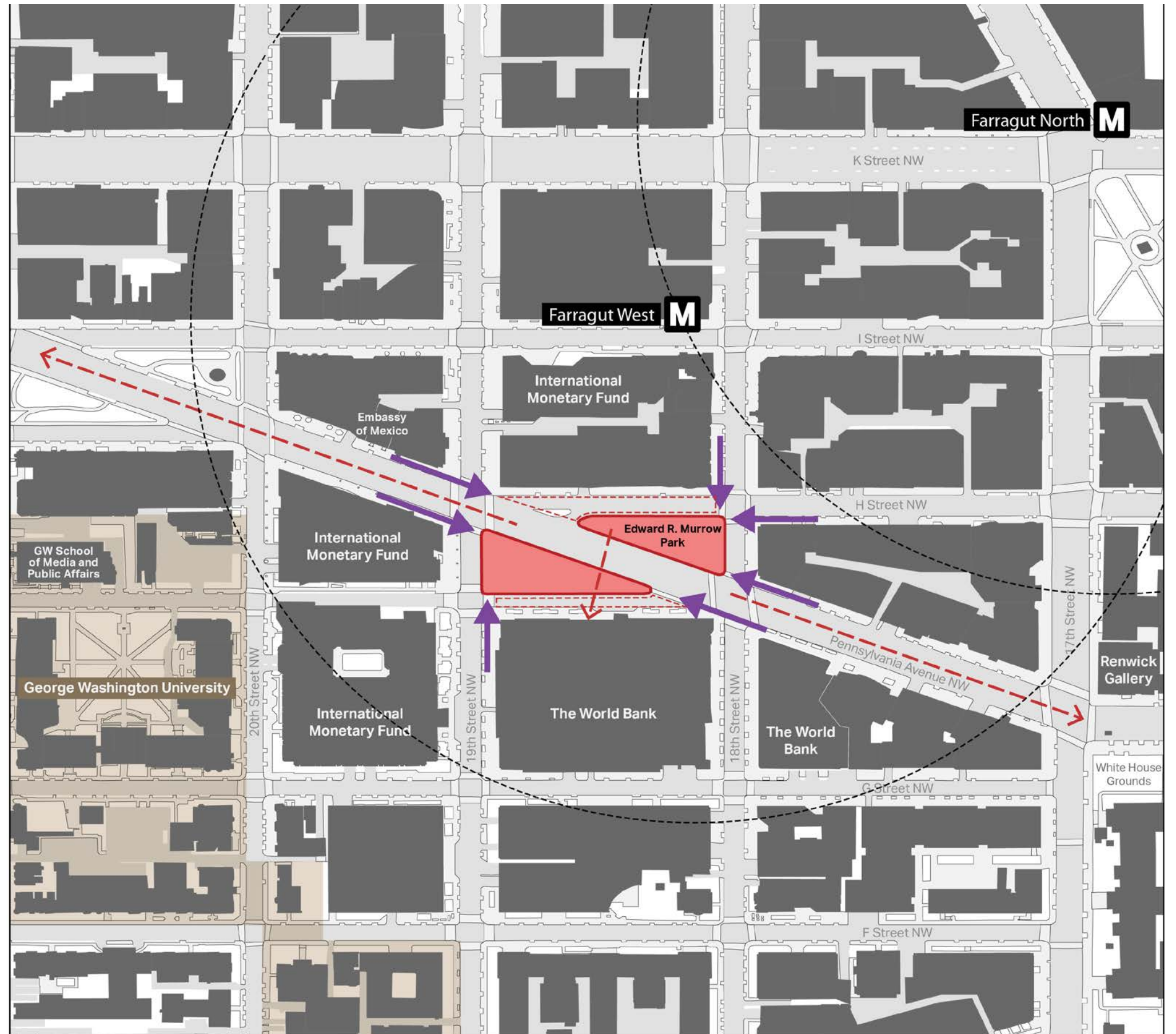
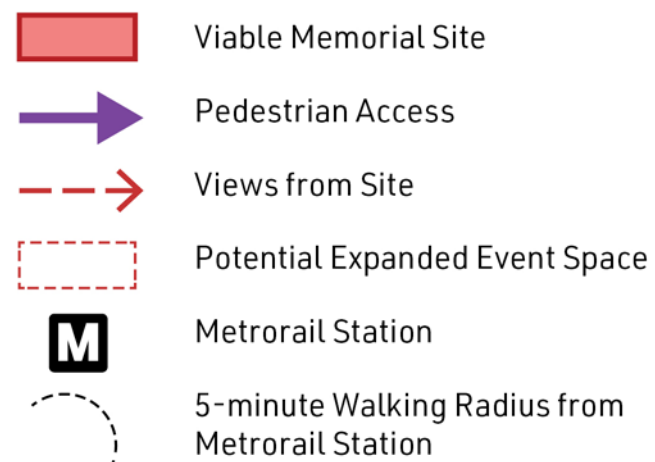
7: View southeast on south side of Pennsylvania Avenue (AECOM, 7/2021)



Site Analysis: Site T

Edward R. Murrow Park (between 18th and 19th Streets NW)

- The site is a 2 minute walk from the Farragut West Metrorail station (Blue/Orange/Silver lines), and a 7 minute walk from the Farragut North Metrorail station (Red line).
- The primary viewsheds are southeast and northwest along Pennsylvania Avenue.
- Pedestrians have multiple access points to the site using crosswalks from adjacent parcels.
- Expanded event space could be achieved with the closure of H St between 18th Street NW and 19th Street NW



Thematic Links: Site T

Edward R. Murrow Park (between 18th and 19th Streets NW)

1. Edward R. Murrow Park

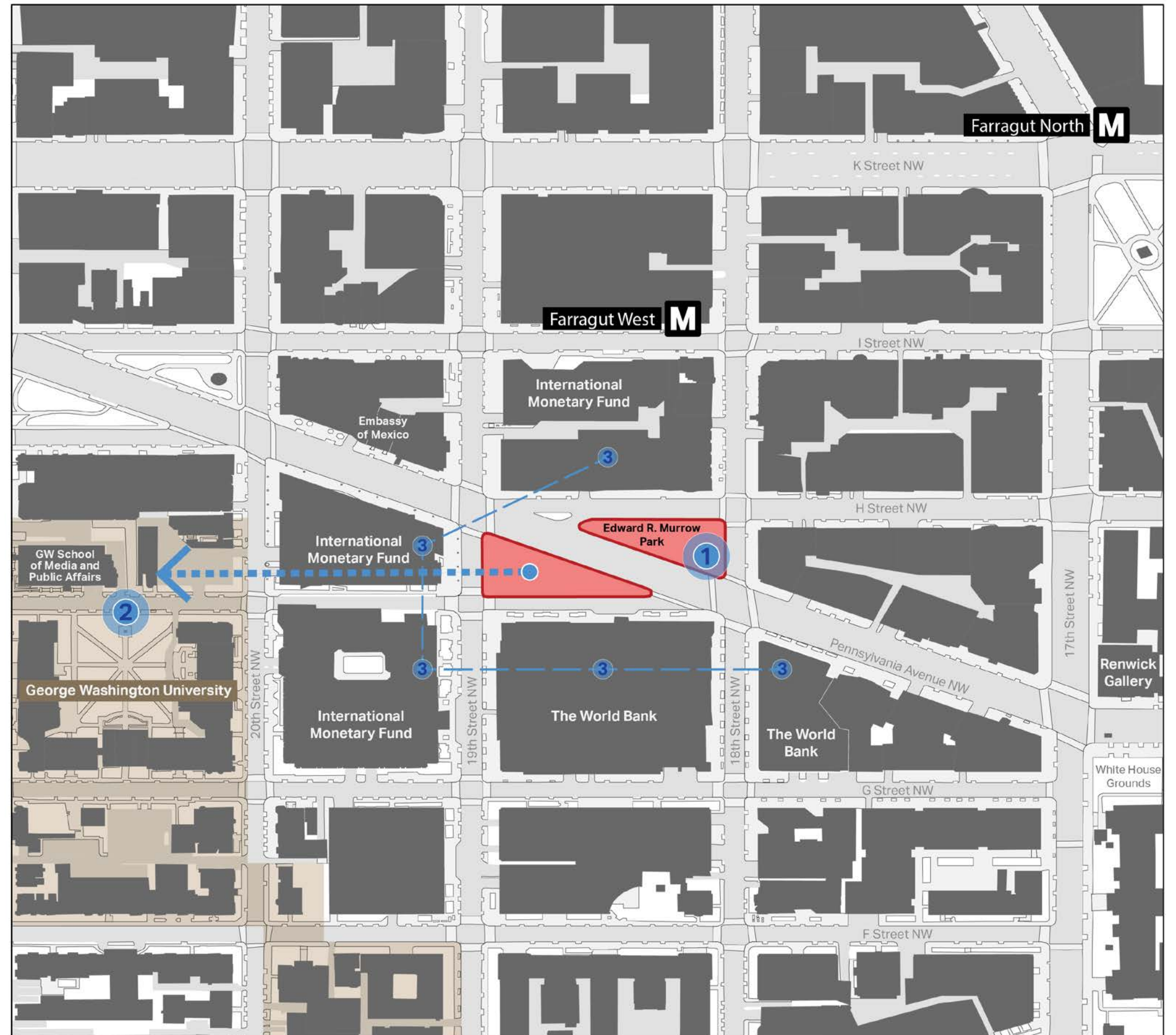
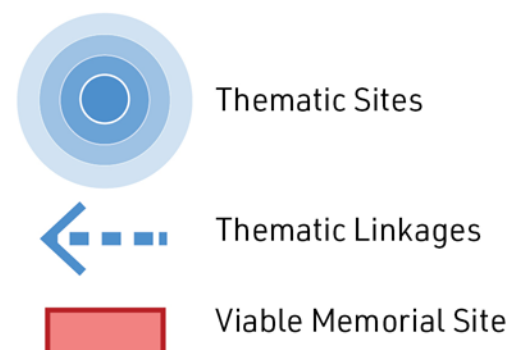
Park dedicated to Edward R. Murrow who was an esteemed and influential American radio and television broadcast journalist and war correspondent. He was appointed director of the U.S. Information Agency in 1961 by President John F. Kennedy.

2. George Washington University, School of Media and Public Affairs

The nearby GWU School of Media and Public Affairs focuses on the study of communication, journalism and media.

3. International Organizations

Multiple organizations with global missions surround the site.



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

How Can You Submit Comments?

After This Meeting

- Online: Submit comments by **May 4, 2023** at <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/fjm>
- Written Comments can be mailed to:

Laurel Hammig
Attn: Fallen Journalists Memorial
National Park Service
National Capital Region
1100 Ohio Dr. SW
Washington, DC 20242

- Mailed comments must be postmarked by **May 4, 2023** to receive consideration