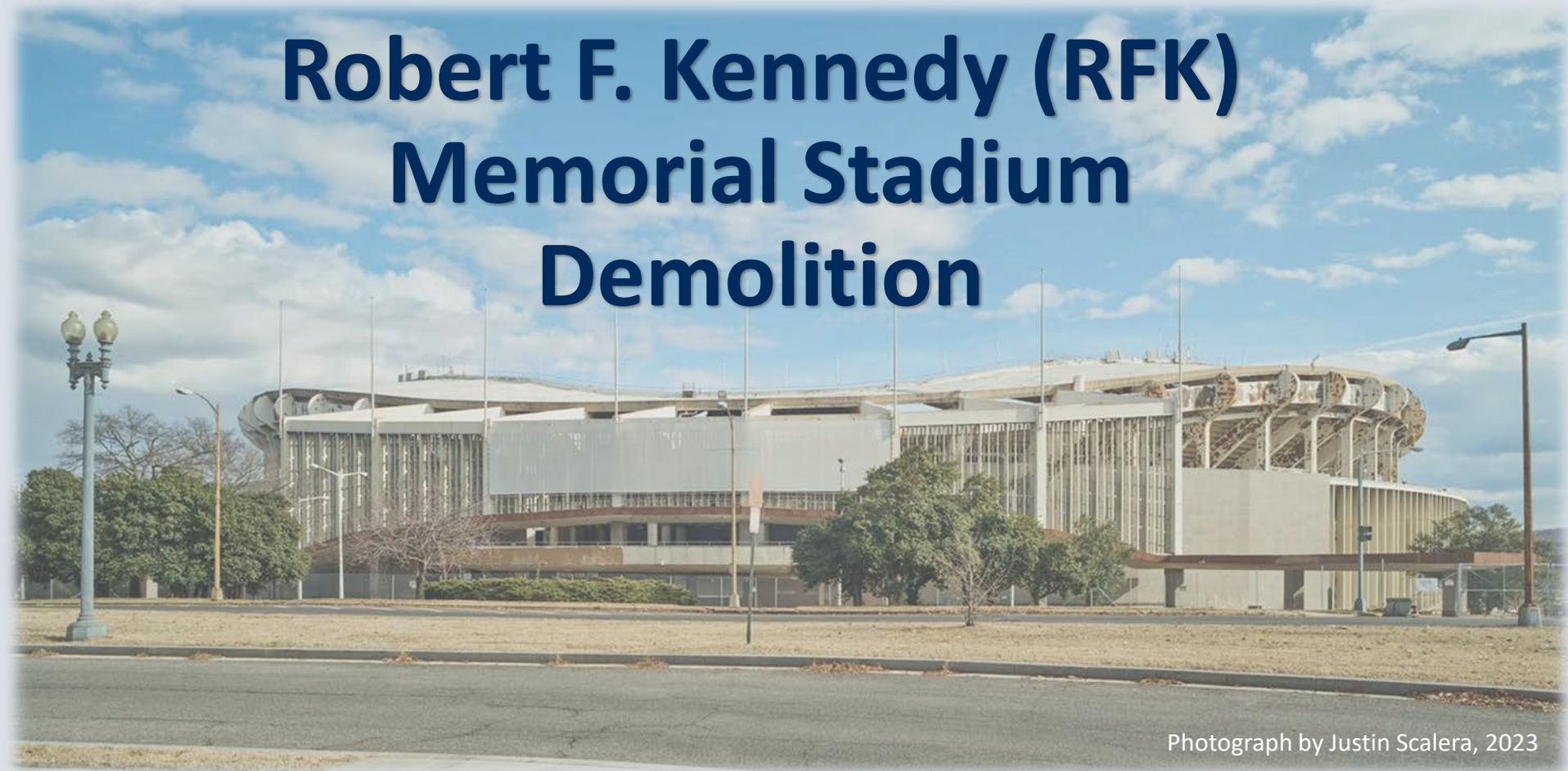




Robert F. Kennedy (RFK) Memorial Stadium Demolition



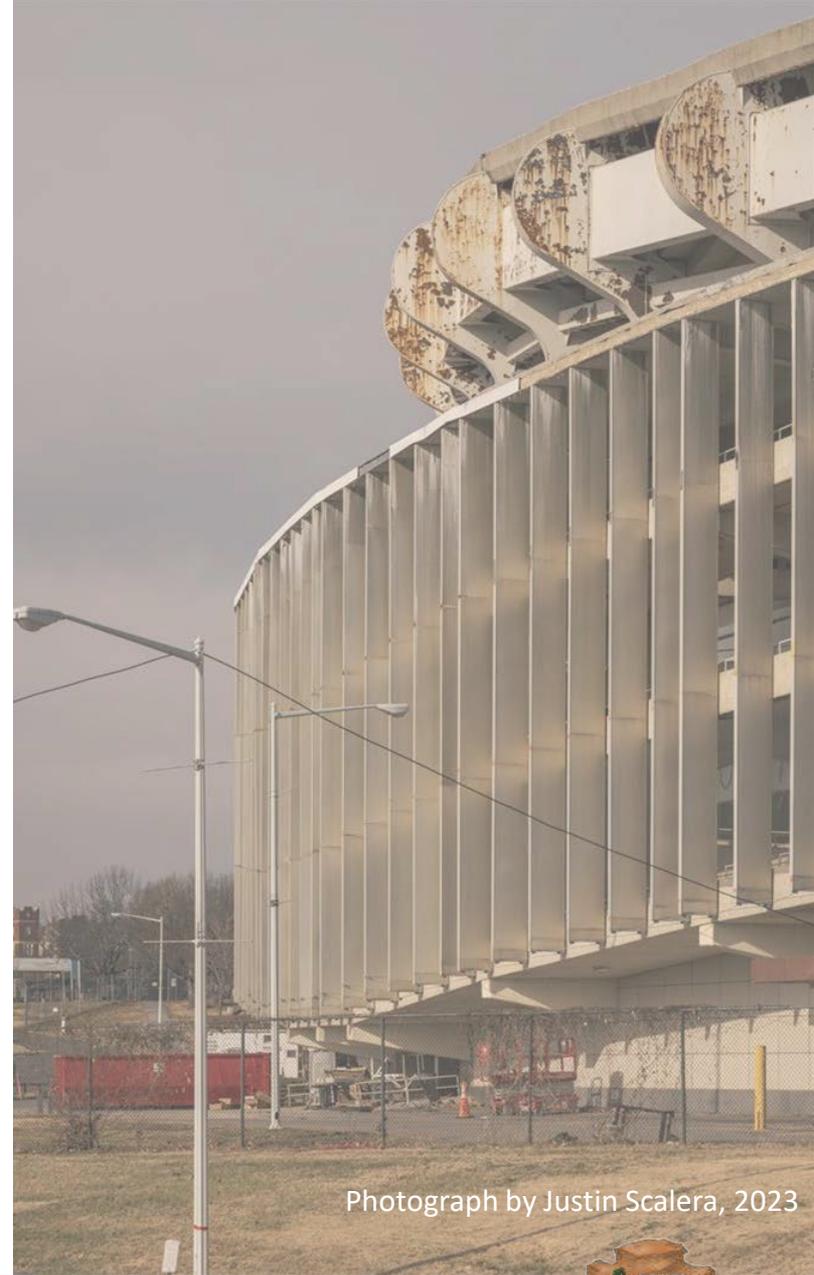
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Section 106 Consulting Parties Meeting #2

July 27, 2023

Progress/Schedule

- Environmental Assessment (EA) is being prepared concurrent to Section 106 consultation
- Section 106 initiated with DC SHPO June 6, 2023
- First Consulting Parties Meeting held June 6, 2023
- Assessment of Effects – August 2023
- EA Release – September 2023
- Memorandum of Agreement – September 2023



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Area of Potential Effects (APE)

Direct APE:

- Includes potential areas of surface and subsurface disturbance
- Equivalent to project's Limits of Disturbance (LOD) and potential staging areas

Indirect APE:

- Includes areas from which the demolition may be reasonably visible and that may be affected by noise and vibration associated with the demolition



Historic Properties within / adjacent to APE

Direct APE

- RFK Memorial Stadium (considered eligible for listing in the NRHP)
- Anacostia Park (Section F)

Indirect APE (listed in or eligible for listing in NRHP and/or DC Inventory of Historic Sites)

1. DC Armory
2. Kingman Park Historic District
3. Langston Golf Course Historic District
4. Young, Brown, Phelps, and Spingarn Educational Campus Historic District
5. Spingarn Senior High School
6. Langston Terrace Dwellings
7. Anne Archbold Hall
8. Reservation 13 Archaeological Site
9. Eastern High School
10. East Capitol Street Car Barn
11. Capitol Hill Historic District
12. Fort Circle Parks Historic District – Fort Chaplin (13) & Fort Mahan (14)
- 15 & 16. Kingman and Heritage Islands



Anne Archbold Hall, ca. 2010
(Credit: DC Preservation League)

East Capitol Street Car Bar, 1973
(Credit: Wm. Edmund Barrett, NCPD)



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Assessment of Effects for Direct APE

RFK STADIUM

➤ **Eligible for listing in the NRHP** and retains its overall integrity as a historic property.

➤ Alterations have not impacted its original massing or its limited architectural details.

The demolition of RFK Stadium will result in an ***adverse effect*** to a historic property.



ANACOSTIA PARK (SECTION F)

➤ Partially located within the Direct APE, **eligible for listing as a Historic District.**

➤ NRHP nomination is in progress;

➤ Earlier assessments considered RFK Stadium as a non-contributing resource.

The demolition will have temporary effects on the view of and from Anacostia Park and short-term impacts from demolition-related noise and vibration; these impacts will not permanently alter historic characteristics of the Park.



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Assessment of Effects for Indirect APE

- Demolition of RFK Stadium would result in a change in the views from *above-ground* historic properties in the Indirect APE
 - Reservation 13 Archaeological Site: No subsurface disturbance as a result of the demolition; therefore, there will be ***no adverse effects*** to this site.
- The stadium's year of construction (1961) does not fall within the periods of significance of most of the historic properties.
- Views of RFK Stadium are not a contributing feature to any of the historic properties.
- After demolition, the views from the historic properties towards the stadium site will be more aligned with views during their periods of significance.
- Short-term impacts to viewsheds and from noise and vibration during demolition activities will not permanently alter historic characteristics of historic resources.

The demolition of RFK Stadium will have ***no adverse effects*** on historic properties within or adjacent to the project's indirect APE.



Noise and Vibration

- The main source of noise and vibration during demolition will result from building materials falling to the ground.
- Gravels will be placed to lessen the amount of vibration and noise and the extent of their impacts.
- Noise and vibration monitoring before and during demolition activities.
- Monitoring units are remote-controlled and will be regularly moved to locations on-site and off-site, as necessary.



Effects on Unidentified Archaeological Resources

- Demolition activities within the direct APE are not expected to impact undisturbed ground. Staging areas will be within adjacent parking lots only.
- RFK Stadium is located within a highly modified urban landscape. There is little potential for the presence of archaeological resources within the direct APE.

The demolition of RFK Stadium will have *no adverse effect* on archaeological resources.

- Proposed construction activities for *future* development could have the potential to impact archaeological resources. Additional consultation with the DC SHPO and an assessment of archaeological potential would likely be needed.



Archaeology in DC (Credit: Stantec Consulting Services, Inc.)



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Section 106 Resolution of Adverse Effects

The demolition of RFK Stadium will result in an *adverse effect* to the stadium itself, which can not be avoided or minimized.

- **Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)** between NPS, Events DC, and DC SHPO

Proposed Mitigation Measures

- Documentation of the RFK Stadium property (interior and exterior) following the **Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS)** standards and guidelines.
- A **Historic Resource Study (HRS)** for RFK Stadium to cover topics including, but not limited to, its design and construction, historic context, key events, legislation, the reclamation of the land, etc.
- Outdoor **Interpretive Signage** to broadly address the history and significance of RFK Stadium; to include historic images of the stadium, significant events held at the stadium, the surrounding neighborhood, or other relevant subjects.



Discussion/Questions & Next Steps



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