



Commission Action

September 7, 2023

PROJECT**National Desert Shield and Desert Storm Memorial Updates**

National Mall
23rd Street and Constitution Avenue
Washington, DC

SUBMITTED BY

United States Department of the Interior,
National Park Service

REVIEW AUTHORITY

Commemorative Works
per 40 U.S.C. § 8905

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7745

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APPLICANT'S REQUEST

Approval of revised final site
development plans

ACTION TAKEN

Approved revised final site
development plans

The Commission:

Approves the revised final site development plans for the National Desert Shield and Desert Storm War Memorial.

Finds the proposed revisions do not significantly alter the approved Memorial design or create any new impacts.

Finds the proposed pedestrian safety improvements are complementary to the Memorial and the streetscape. Similar safety measures are used at the United States Institute of Peace site located just north of the intersection.

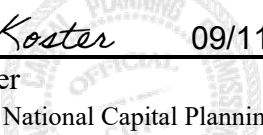
Recommends that if NPS and the U.S. Park Police determine pedestrian safety improvements are necessary on the east corner of 23rd Street and Constitution Avenue in the future, those improvements should be complementary to the current proposal.

Notes the originally-approved design intended to capture and reuse rainwater to irrigate the Memorial's planted areas. The revised design proposes to treat rainwater via bioretention and use potable water for irrigation.

Encourages limited use of the proposed irrigation system after plantings are established to reduce potable water use.

Notes the refined planting palette uses pollinator-friendly species, including milkweed, in response to Commission comments.

Supports incorporating a flagpole on the Memorial site and finds the proposed location does not interrupt views of the Lincoln Memorial.


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