

COMMISSION ACTION

NCPC File No. 6972



LINCOLN MEMORIAL GROUNDS AND WEST POTOMAC PARK REHABILITATION AND PERIMETER SECURITY

Constitution Avenue and Bacon Drive, NW
Washington, DC

Submitted by the National Park Service

September 3, 2009

Commission Action Requested

Approval of comments on concept design, pursuant to 40 U.S.C. § 8722(b)(1) and (d).

Commission Action

The Commission:

Comments favorably on the concept design for the rehabilitation of the Lincoln Memorial Grounds and West Potomac Park and for the installation of perimeter security, as shown on NCPC Map File No. 1.44(38.40)42846.

Recommends that the National Park Service develop the proposal with security barrier-retaining walls that are lower in height than the 36-inch walls shown in the concept design, so that the walls can be used as seating walls and be compatibly integrated into the historic landscape.

Notes that:

- The project is a comprehensive approach to address needed improvements in West Potomac Park as well as perimeter security for the Lincoln Memorial Grounds, and will replace the temporary vehicle barriers in place on the East Plaza of the Lincoln Memorial.
- The project is funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.
- The National Park Service is developing a security analysis and an environmental document that will assist the National Park Service and the Commission in reviewing the proposed perimeter security barriers.

- The project will also address the source and quality of the water in the Reflecting Pool, which is still under study and will be submitted to the Commission at a future date.

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