



Information Presentation

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PROJECT

National Mall Design Competition
Sylvan Theater on the Washington Monument
Grounds and Constitution Gardens
Washington, DC

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REVIEW AUTHORITY

Approval
per 40 U.S.C. § 8722(b)(1) and (d)

PRESENTER

National Park Service

The National Park Service, in concert with the Trust for the National Mall, will be providing information presentations on the designs for the Sylvan Theater on the Washington Monument Grounds and Constitution Gardens. The Trust for the National Mall is the official non-profit partner of the National Park Service dedicated to restoring and improving the National Mall. In 2011, the Trust for the National Mall sponsored the National Mall Design Competition in an effort to revitalize these two sites according to the vision established by the National Mall Plan. The National Park Service approved and adopted the National Mall Plan in 2010 as a guiding framework for the rehabilitation and protection of the National Mall.

OLIN & Weiss/Manfredi won the design competition for the Sylvan Theater on the Washington Monument Grounds. One of the goals of the design competition was to create a stronger connection between the National Mall and the Tidal Basin by enhancing and rehabilitating the Sylvan Theater. The proposal looks to sculpt the ground plan and restore the tree canopy to create a new performance space that can accommodate a wide variety of events, and provide critical visitor amenities.

Rogers Marvel Architects & Peter Walker and Partners won the design competition for Constitution Gardens. Their design draws inspiration from the 1976 plan developed for the bicentennial and proposes to create a destination that can be used for a variety of recreational and cultural events. The proposal includes a grass amphitheater and a series of gathering spaces along Constitution Gardens' pond, part of which can be used as an ice skating rink in the winter.

PROJECT TIMELINE

Previous actions	None
Remaining actions (anticipated)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Comments on concept design– Approval of preliminary site and building plans– Approval of final site and building plans
