

**POTOMAC PARK LEVEE SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS**  
**NATIONAL MALL AND MEMORIAL PARKS AND THE NATIONAL**  
**CAPITAL REGION**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT - ERRATA**

The following changes have been made to the *Potomac Park Levee System Improvements Environmental Assessment* (January 2009) *Finding Of No Significant Impact (FONSI)* to correct minor statements of fact and update information. Additions to the text are identified by underlines and deletions are marked by ~~strikeout~~ unless otherwise noted.

**PROJECT SUMMARY**

**1. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED, PAGE iii**

The description of the No Action Alternative on page iii requires clarification describing the “north edge of the Reflecting Pool Levee”; the following change was made:

The no action alternative does satisfy the FEMA requirement at the levee that runs along the north edge of the Reflecting Pool levee.

**PURPOSE AND NEED**

**2. APPLICABLE FEDERAL LAWS, REGULATIONS, EXECUTIVE ORDERS, PLANS, AND POLICIES, PAGE 1-19.**

Since the release of the Draft Environmental Assessment, a final National Capital Framework Plan has been released.

**National Capital Framework Plan (Planning Initiative)**

The *National Capital Framework Plan (Framework Plan)* is a multiagency effort led by the NCPC with the CFA. This planning effort, by both agencies, shows how to create new and accessible destinations for cultural attractions throughout the city. The *Framework Plan* provides a comprehensive approach to easing demand for construction on the National Mall in addition to creating attractive urban locations throughout the city. A ~~preliminary~~ final plan was released in ~~fall 2007~~ March 1, 2009 accentuating the *Extending the Legacy Plan* and the *Malls and Memorials Master Plan*.

**ALTERNATIVES**

**3. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED BUT NOT CARRIED FORWARD, PAGE 2-41**

In the process of evaluating alternatives for the 17<sup>th</sup> Street closure structure, one additional flood control system was considered but not carried forward.

## **USE OF A INVISIBLE FLOOD CONTROL WALL**

Use of an Invisible Flood Control Wall (IFCW) was considered because the system would eliminate the high profile/sight restricting earth levee since the wall profile is only in place during a flood event. USACE determined that a light weight aluminum surface mounted system (such as IFCW) would be unacceptable because of reliability issues associated with this type of system. Proper installation of this type of system is complex and requires a large the amount of hardware. There is also a risk of damage to the posts and panels due to the soft nature of aluminum. In addition, the system could fail due to improper installation of component parts, and the fact that there is an inherent vulnerability of the structural struts and stoplogs used in the system.

## **CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION**

### **4. CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION, PAGE 5-1**

In the list of project stakeholders, two organizations are incorrectly named.

- Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP)
- ~~Committee of 100~~
- The Committee of 100 on the Federal City
- District of Columbia Office of Planning (DCOP)
- District of Columbia Department of Transportation (DDOT)
- District of Columbia Historic Preservation Officer (DC HPO)
- District Water and Sewer Authority (DC WASA)
- Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
- General Services Administration (GSA)
- ~~National Coalition to Save The Mall~~
- The National Coalition to Save Our Mall
- National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP)
- Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development (DMPED)
- Smithsonian Institution
- U.S. Commission of Fine Arts (CFA)
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)
- Washington Metropolitan Transportation Administration (WMATA)

### **5. CONSULTATION, PAGE 5-2**

On the list of consulting party agencies and organizations, two organizations are incorrectly named.

- ACHP
- CFA
- ~~Committee of 100~~
- The Committee of 100 on the Federal City
- DCOP
- DC HPO
- DC WASA
- GSA
- ~~National Coalition to Save The Mall~~
- The National Coalition to Save Our Mall
- National Parks Conservation Association
- NTHP
- Smithsonian Institution
- Washington DC Guild of Professional Tour Guides

## **6. LIST OF AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS WHO WILL BE NOTIFIED OF THE PUBLICATION OF THE EA**

- Alliance for Global Justice
- American Hiking Society
- American Institute of Architects
- American Society of Landscape Architects
- Architect of the Capitol
- Capitol Hill Business Improvement District
- Casey Trees
- ~~Committee of 100~~
- The Committee of 100 on the Federal City
- Councilmember Carol Schwartz
- Councilmember Jack Evans
- Councilmember Phil Mendelson
- Cultural Tourism DC
- DC Preservation League
- District of Columbia Chamber of Commerce
- Downtown DC Business Improvement District
- Eastern National
- Eisenhower Memorial Commission
- Equal Honor For All
- Howard University
- Landmark Services Tourmobile, Inc.
- Leadership Arlington
- Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Organization
- Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission
- National Association for Olmsted Parks
- ~~National Coalition to Save the Mall~~
- The National Coalition to Save Our Mall
- National Parks Conservation Association
- Organization of American States
- Penn Quarter Neighborhood Association
- Smithsonian Institution
- The National Park Foundation
- Trust for the National Mall
- United States Navy Memorial Organization
- Urban Land Institute
- Washington Area Bicyclist Association
- Washington DC Guild of Professional Tour Guides
- Washington Post
- Washington Smart Growth Alliance
- World Monuments Fund