

**INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE**  
RENEWAL OF EXISTING TEMPORARY PLANTERS AND NEW TEMPORARY  
SECURITY PLANTERS  
1111 Constitution Avenue, NW  
Washington, D.C.

**Delegated Action of the Executive Director**

November 23, 2005

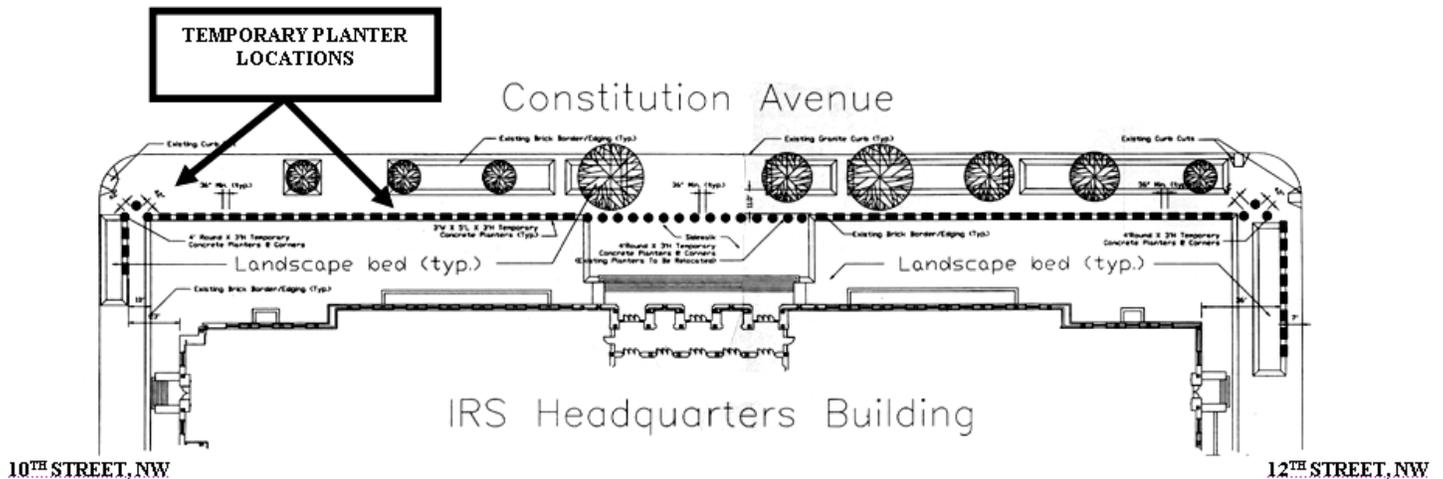
Pursuant to delegations of authority adopted by the Commission on October 3, 1996, I approve the preliminary and final site development plans for new temporary security planters at the Internal Revenue Service Headquarters Building on Constitution Avenue, between 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Streets, NW, as depicted on NCPC Map File No. 1.24(38.40)-41788 and the renewal of the approval for placement of existing temporary security planters at 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Streets and at Pennsylvania Avenue, for a period not to exceed two years.

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The General Services Administration (GSA) has submitted preliminary and final site development plans for new temporary perimeter security measures at the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Headquarters Building on Constitution Avenue, NW. The proposed improvements would involve removal of the existing and deteriorating pipe guardrail at the inside edge of the Constitution Avenue sidewalk and replacement of this barrier with 3 feet by 5 feet concrete planters. These planters match existing similar planters utilized at the building along 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Streets, NW. Additional circular planters would be used at the main entrance stairway of the building at Constitution Avenue, exactly replacing the rectangular planters currently located at the inside sidewalk line. Other rectangular concrete planters at 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Streets, adjacent to the building, would be relocated to the outside edge of the sidewalk at the existing sidewalk-level tree planting areas along the east and west walkways. The current building yard standoff distance at these locations is only 16 feet and does not adhere to standoff distance requirements necessary to protect those sections of the building.

An extension of the approval of existing temporary security planters located at 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Streets and at Pennsylvania Avenue has also been provided, for a period not to exceed two years, with the stipulation that this extension requires the applicant to report back to the Commission at the mid-point of the approval period, with a proposed schedule for replacing all temporary measures with a permanent solution in accordance with guidance included in the Urban Design

and Security Plan, as adopted by the Commission on October 3, 2002. The existing planters were located in the Federal Triangle in December 2001. GSA has identified an effort to establish a coordinated undertaking to locate and construct permanent security improvements encompassing the entire Federal Triangle, which includes the IRS building, but that effort has not yet been funded by Congress.



**SITE PLAN OF NEW TEMPORARY SECURITY PLANTERS AT IRS HEADQUARTERS BUILDING**

The proposed new temporary planters are exact matches of current planters utilized at the building and its environs. The Coordinating Committee reviewed and coordinated the proposed project at its meeting on November 9, 2005.

GSA has fulfilled its Section 106 responsibilities for consultation with the DC SHPO; the temporary placement of planters has been determined to have no adverse effect on the qualities that qualify the IRS building and the Federal Triangle for the National Register. NCPC staff has determined the project adheres to NCPC Categorical Exclusion criteria for the purposes of National Environmental Policy Act compliance.

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