

# STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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## TECHNICAL AMENDMENT TO THE MEMORIALS AND MUSEUMS MASTER PLAN

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### Abstract

At its meeting of September 6, 2001, the Commission approved the Memorials and Museums Master Plan. That Plan designated 100 sites throughout the District of Columbia and environs as appropriate sites for commemorative works and similar museums and memorials. The Plan reflects the Reserve that NCPC, the Commission of Fine Arts (CFA) and the National Capital Memorial Advisory Commission (NCMAC) had established to protect the Mall.

Subsequently, Congress enacted P.L. 108-126, an amendment to the Commemorative Works Act. The amendment was signed into law on November 17, 2003. Section 202 of the Act expands the Reserve that NCPC, CFA and the NCMAC had provided for; it established a Reserve “within the core of the great cross-axis of the Mall,” and prohibits the siting of any Commemorative Work or Visitor Center in that Reserve after the date of enactment. The section is codified at 40 U.S. C. §8908. This Commission supports creation of the Reserve. Four of the sites designated in the Memorials and Museums Master Plan are in the Reserve designated by Congress in 2003 and must be removed as sites in the Plan.

### Commission Action Requested by Applicant

Adopt a technical amendment to the Memorials and Museums Master Plan.

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### Executive Director’s Recommendation

The Commission adopt a technical amendment that will:

Delete four sites in the Reserve from the list of sites appropriate for museums, memorials, and commemorative works: site 10 -- Constitution Gardens south of Constitution Avenue; site 18 -- South of Ash Road at the National Park Service horse stables, West Potomac Park; site 43 -- along the Potomac River shoreline in West Potomac Park (south of Lincoln Memorial); and site 70 -- along the Potomac River shoreline in West Potomac Park (west of FDR Memorial). Further, to implement this decision, NCPC will modify the maps on its website, and will place in each printed version of the Plan an amending page reflecting this action.