National Capital Planning Commission

Reservation 28

Rehabilitation of “Bow Tie” Park

Washington, D.C.

Submitted by United States National Park Service

Preliminary and Final Site Development Plans

Project Synopsis

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Project Information

Commission meeting date: April 5, 2012

NCPC review authority: Approval – Federal Project in the District of Columbia (40 U.S.C. § 8722 (b)(1) and (d))

Applicant request: Preliminary and Final Approval of Site Development Plans

Delegated / consent / open / executive session: Delegated

NCPC Review Officer: Michael Weil

NCPC File number: 7357

Project summary:

The National Park Service (NPS) proposes to rehabilitate Reservation 28, a triangle "bow tie" park, located between 21st Street NW, I Street NW, and Pennsylvania Avenue NW (southeast of Washington Circle). Reservation 28 is under the administrative jurisdiction of the National Mall and Memorial Parks, and the project will repair the existing sidewalk, curbs, benches, and irrigation system as needed, and replace existing trash receptacles with new NPS standard receptacles at the edges of the park. In addition, the project will install a new planting bed with liriope in the southwest corner of the park, plant four new trees along the southern edge of the park, and restore/stabilize some eroded areas in the park. Lastly, the project will install a new decorative black metal fence along the western edge (adjacent to 21st Street, NW) of the park, similar in appearance to the fence located in the triangle park (Reservation 29) across Pennsylvania Avenue from the project site. The new fence and planting bed are intended to prevent pedestrians from walking across the turf in these areas to eliminate the creation of social paths and erosion.

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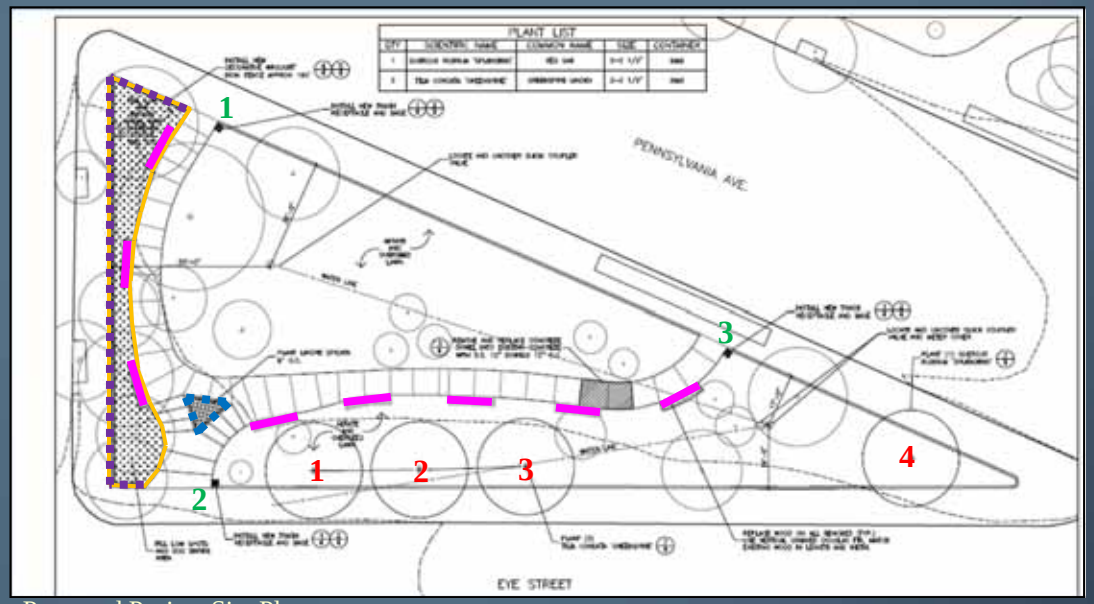
Project Location

Project Proposal

New Trees
New Grading
New Trash Receptacles
New Planting Area
New Fence
Replace Wood on Benches



Proposed Project Site Plan

Existing Condition Photo