

A New Plan for Pennsylvania Avenue

Process Overview & Scoping for the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA)



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National Capital Planning
Commission (NCPC)



National Park Service
(NPS)



General Services
Administration (GSA)



District of Columbia
(DC)



DowntownDC Business
Improvement District (BID)



Events DC

WHAT ARE NEPA AND SECTION 106?

The **National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)** is part of a planning and decision-making process for federal projects. NEPA requires federal agencies to analyze the environmental impacts of actions and to engage the public as part of project planning.

Federal projects must also comply with **Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act**. Section 106 requires federal agencies to conduct formal review before construction, repair, or ground/visual disturbances to any historic or eligible properties, and to engage the public as part of project planning.

NEPA/SECTION 106 APPROACH AND TIMELINE

We are Here



How do you give input during the NEPA process?

- Leave a comment here today! (Scoping comment period: March 31 – April 30)
- Leave a comment at [HERE: npc.gov/initiatives/pennave/](https://www.npc.gov/initiatives/pennave/)
- Comment on the EA during the public review period

PURPOSE AND NEED

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Elevate and beautify Pennsylvania Avenue as an iconic corridor and an attractive gathering space for residents, visitors, and workers by upgrading the infrastructure and streetscape, enhancing the civic stage, and streamlining governance.

NEED

- **Restore Beauty and Grandeur** by modernizing outdated streetscape and aging infrastructure so the “main street of the nation” functions as a thriving, premier destination.
- **Expand Civic Stage Role** so the Avenue can attract and accommodate additional and more varied events, serve more often as a premier civic stage and gathering venue, and reduce strain on the National Mall.
- **Streamline Governance** by addressing split local and federal responsibilities that cause inefficiencies in operations, maintenance, and programming.



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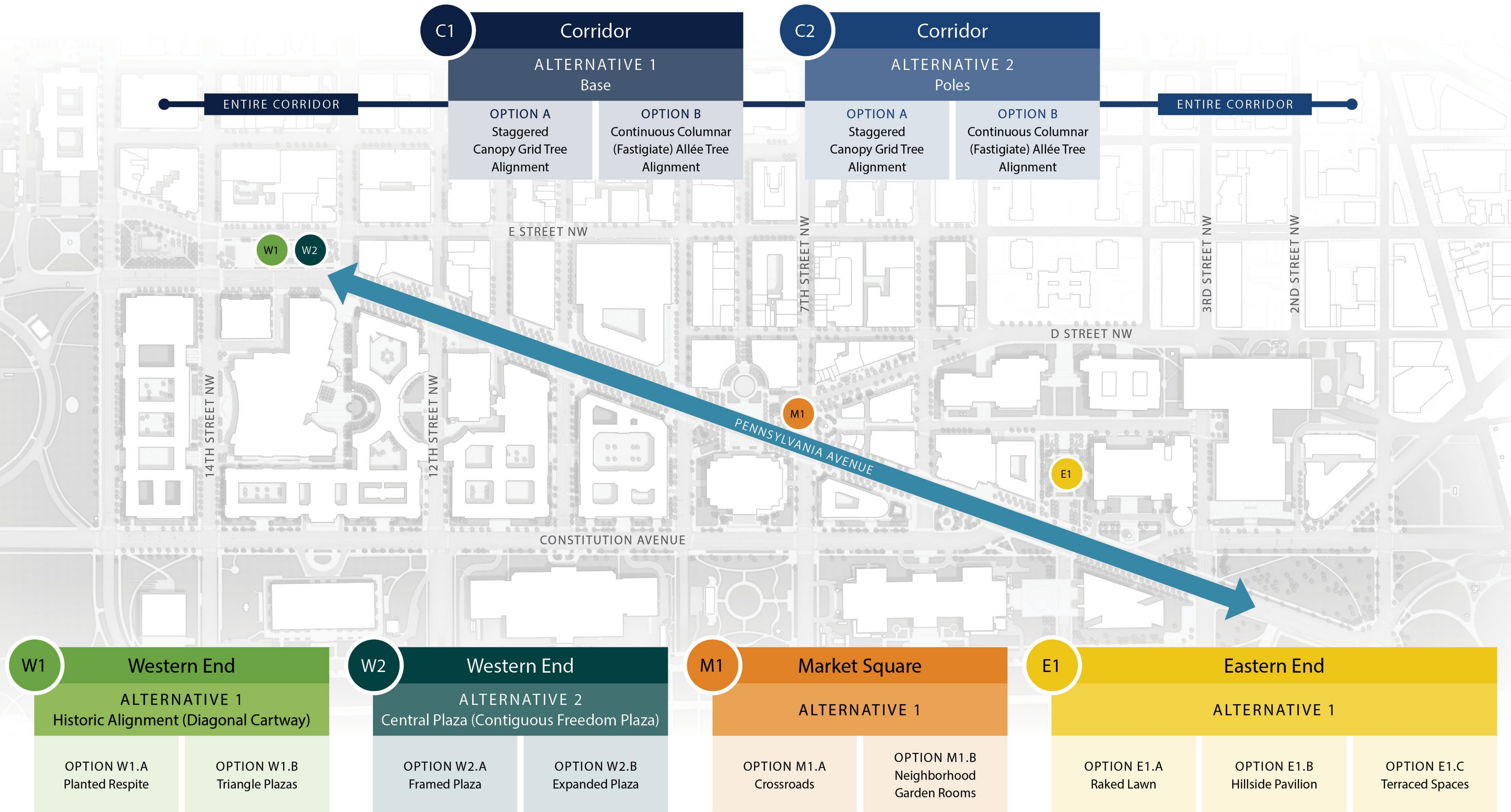
Are we missing anything?

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ALTERNATIVES FOR EVALUATION

OVERVIEW

See design concept materials for more details.



Are these the right alternatives?
Should we look at any other options? (Tell us what they are!)

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IMPACT TOPICS

ENVIRONMENTAL TOPICS IDENTIFIED

Vegetation and Trees



Visitor Use and Experience



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Noise



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Cultural Resources



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Traffic and Transportation



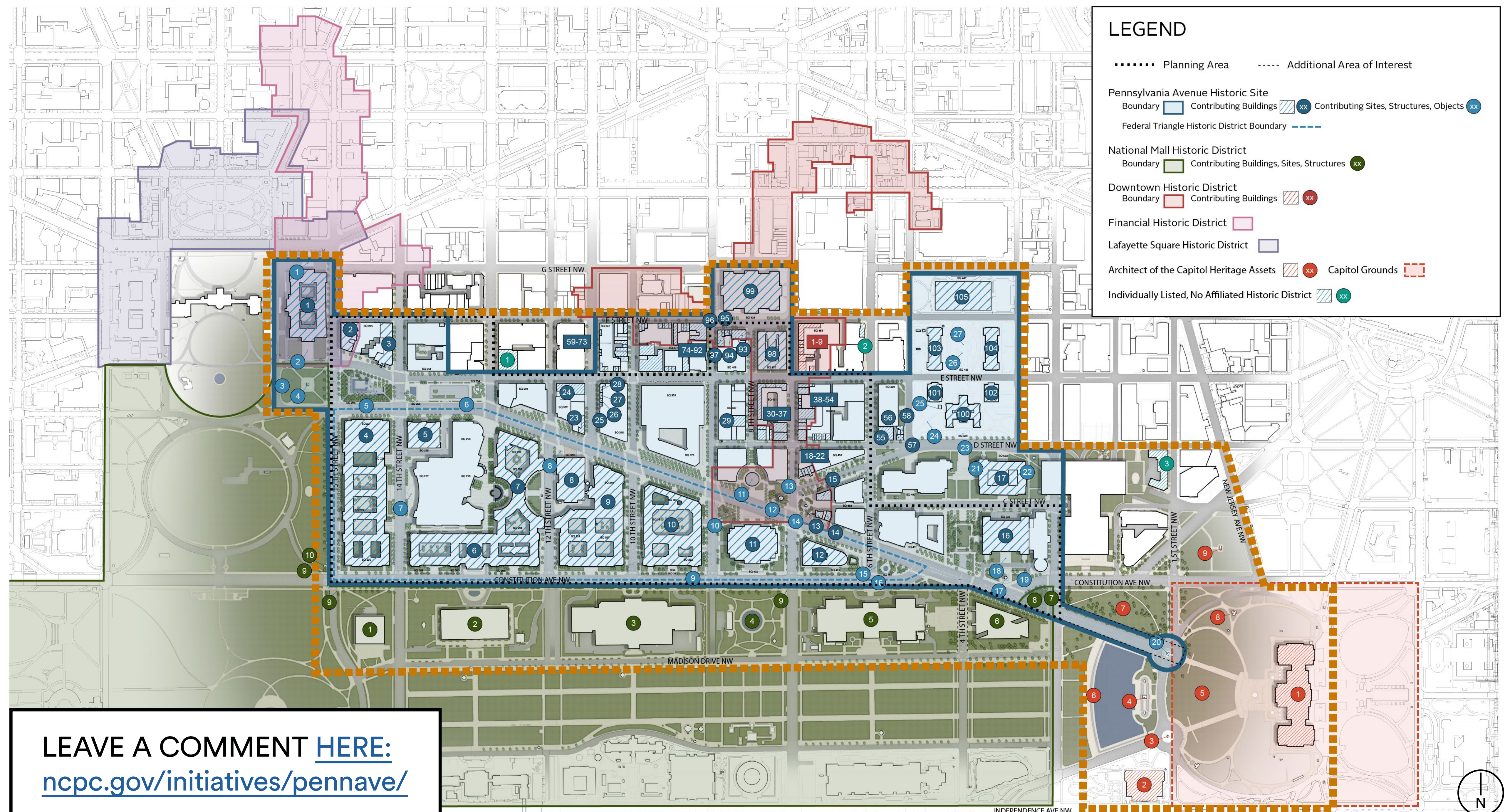
What other environmental issues affect Pennsylvania Avenue the most?

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SECTION 106

PROPOSED AREA OF POTENTIAL EFFECTS & IDENTIFIED HISTORIC PROPERTIES

This map shows the proposed Area of Potential Effects (APE) and all historic properties that have been identified within it. Due to the prominence of Pennsylvania Avenue between the U.S. Capitol and White House, the Avenue and its environs contain multitudes of historically, culturally, and architecturally significant buildings, sites, structures, and objects (memorials) associated with the development of Washington, DC. Elements of historic properties often contribute to multiple historic districts or sites and may also be individually listed at the local and national levels. The list of identified historic properties, categorized by historic district and keyed to the APE map, is available as part of the Section 106 process.



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