



Wolf Trap Park (1.)



Text Amendment ZC 23-26 (2.)

Report of the Executive Director

During the past month, the Executive Director took the following actions under the Commission's delegation authority. Unless otherwise noted, all projects are in Washington, DC.

1. Final building plans for the Wolf Trap Park for the Performing Arts - Main Gate Replacement, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna, Virginia. (8593)
2. Report to the Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia for the Proposed Text Amendment to Create a Building Height Transition Setback and a Side Yard in Square 175, 1617 U Street, NW. (ZC 23-26)

During the past month, NCPC staff determined that the following projects are exempt from Commission review, based on certain criteria. Unless otherwise noted, all projects are in Washington, DC.

1. Preliminary and final building plans for the National Zoological Park Bridge and Creek Stabilization, 3001 Connecticut Avenue, NW. (8614)
2. Comments on concept plans for the Barnard Elementary School Classroom Expansion, 430 Decatur Street, NW. (8616)
3. Report to the Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia for the Map Amendment at Squares 5734 and 5735, 2300 Skyland Place, SE. (ZC 24-07)

Planning Updates

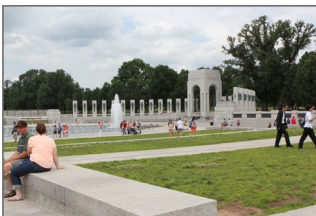
The New Pennsylvania Avenue Plan Kick-Off Meetings

During the week of December 9, staff and project partners hosted a series of meetings to advance work on the iconic corridor and reimagine Pennsylvania Avenue as a vibrant and functional public space. Over two days, the Implementation Program and Public Space Master Plan consulting teams engaged in a design charrette and shared key observations about who Pennsylvania Avenue is for and how design can be used to strengthen the connections between the Avenue, downtown, and the National Mall. A walking tour highlighted the three main public space areas along the Avenue: Freedom Plaza, Market Square, and John Marshall Park.



Stakeholders Help Map the National Mall's Commemorative Landscape

On December 17, staff convened experts and stewards of memorials and museums located in Washington, DC to discuss innovative ways to plan for the future of commemoration within the monumental core. Olin Studio is assisting NCPC to develop a new methodology for identifying and prioritizing commemorative sites. Stakeholders reviewed previous work and provided feedback that will be used to develop a final product. This work will inform the *Memorials and Museums Master Plan* update to be released next year.





Flood Risk Initiative

NCPC staff and consultant Moffat & Nichol continued to interview agency stakeholders to develop more information for the Potomac River flood risk initiative. Flooding and Resiliency Project Director **Julia Koster** presented the initiative to federal and regional agencies working on flood risk at the DC Silver Jackets quarterly meeting on December 16.

Public Outreach



NCPC Executive Director Marcel Acosta receives the Ronald K Kirby Award.

COG Honors Executive Director with Ronald F. Kirby Award

On December 12, 2024, the Executive Director received the Ronald F. Kirby Award for Collaborative Leadership at the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) annual membership and awards meeting for his long-standing work on regional planning at NCPC. The award is presented in the memory of **Ron Kirby**, COG's former Director of Transportation Planning, whose knowledge, counsel, and leadership helped the region reach consensus on major challenges over the years. The Ron Kirby award honors area government executives who work collaboratively with elected officials, stakeholders, and their communities to shape a better region. COG Executive Director **Clark Mercer** presented the award.



NCPC Provides Presentation to the Cosmos Club

On December 13, Senior Urban Planner **Matthew Flis** provided a presentation to the Cosmos Club regarding NCPC's efforts to re-imagine the tangle of highways that includes portions of I-66 and the E Street Expressway in the Foggy Bottom area. Developed in coordination with federal and District stakeholders, the most recent urban design concept shows what might be possible to repair the damage resulting from the presence of I-66 and the associated road network. A representative from Perkins Eastman, who was NCPC's lead consultant on the urban design concept, was also there for the presentation.



2024 NCPC Year in Review

NCPC released its mobile-friendly 2024 Year in Review which takes a look back at the agency's Centennial activities, highlights advancements in transforming Pennsylvania Avenue, key projects reviewed, and looks ahead to upcoming activities. The report is available online at:

<https://www.ncpc.gov/ar2024/>

Centennial Exhibit at NCPC's Offices

After a six-month tour through Washington, NCPC's Centennial exhibit found a home in the agency's office lobby where it is currently on display.

