Please see pages 21 and 23 for an amendment that reflects the adoption of a Reserve on the National Mall.
The National Capital Planning Commission, the Commission of Fine Arts, and the National Capital Memorial Commission are the three federal agencies responsible for approving the location and design of new commemorative works on federal land. Since 1997 these three agencies have worked together as a joint task force to explore the issues affecting future memorials and museums. Congress has directed the National Capital Planning Commission to develop this master plan in consultation with the other two review bodies. A team of nationally recognized planning and design professionals has assisted in this effort. The master plan was issued in draft form in December 2000 and widely circulated for public comments. The task force carefully considered those comments in the preparation of this final plan. Supplemental and technical master plan material can be found at www.ncpc.gov.
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West Potomac Park near the Lincoln Memorial and Memorial Bridge offers an appropriate setting for small scale future memorial features and potential water shuttle landing areas.
INTRODUCTION

The memorials and museums that define Washington's Monumental Core express America's connections to its past and aspirations for its future. They help us understand what it means to be an American. However, as the demand for new memorials and museums in the National Capital continues to grow, there are concerns that the unabated construction of these attractions will overwhelm the historic open space on the National Mall and surrounding area. The National Capital Planning Commission, in cooperation with the Commission of Fine Arts and the National Capital Memorial Commission, has prepared this Memorials and Museums Master Plan to guide the location and development of future commemorative and cultural facilities in the District of Columbia and its environs. The master plan preserves the capital's open space, ensures that future generations of Americans will have an abundant supply of preeminent sites for their own museums and memorials, and reflects public consensus on where those sites should be.

The master plan extends the vision for Washington's Monumental Core as expressed in Extending the Legacy: Planning America's Capital for the 21st Century, a long-range planning framework released by the National Capital Planning Commission in 1997. In the Legacy vision, new museums, memorials, and other public buildings, strategically distributed to all quadrants of the city, can help generate local investment and contribute to community renewal. This master plan builds on Washington's great urban design traditions of the L'Enfant and McMillan Plans and recognizes that the symbolic city can enrich the economic, social, and cultural life of those who live and work in it.

This master plan identifies 100 potential sites for future memorials and museums and provides general guidelines for their development. Through this plan, the review agencies responsible for public land and federal commemorative policies have taken a broad look to identify good locations for future facilities. The plan does not suggest which individuals or historic events are suitable subjects for commemoration. Nor does it propose specific memorial designs or recommend funding strategies. Authorizing commemorative works is the responsibility of Congress. Design and funding are usually carried out by private sponsoring organizations.

The plan is intended to be a flexible, "living" document that can and should be revised as development opportunities and commemorative needs change. Some of the proposed sites are available now for new construction; others require significant infrastructure changes before they will be ready for new development. The sites in the plan's sensitive Area I are stipulated; however, the sites in Area II are simply recommended. For development proposals in Area I, the review commissions will consider only the 18 sites identified in this master plan. While the plan's sites in Area II are strongly suggested, memorial and museum sponsors are free to explore additional locations, although all sites are subject to final approval by the review bodies under the provisions of the Commemorative Works Act.

While the majority of master plan sites are located on federal land, some are on District or private land. The master plan calls for, and the commissions are committed to, full and timely consultation with all stakeholders—local residents, business and civic groups, and federal and city government agencies—as development proposals are considered. The master plan envisions future memorials taking many forms—gardens, plazas, cultural centers—all serving as city amenities for the enjoyment of visitors and residents.

The Memorials and Museums Master Plan is an effort to balance the need to protect the beauty and openness of Washington's Monumental Core with the desire of memorial and museum proponents to locate their attractions on prominent sites in the Nation's Capital. The plan offers a new landscape of commemoration that will strengthen and enhance Washington's unique character.
Aerial view of the Mall, looking east from above Lincoln Memorial toward the U.S. Capitol, with Constitution Gardens at left, the Reflecting Pool at center, and the Tidal Basin at right.
A CALL TO ACTION

Background

From 1900 to 2000, an average of one new memorial was dedicated in the Nation's Capital each year. Presently, there are twelve memorials authorized by Congress under the Commemorative Works Act (CWA) that are in various stages of development. Four new memorial proposals were introduced in the 106th session of Congress. And, with each passing year, more and more new ideas surface for commemorative works in the city. In the past 20 years, Congress has authorized 21 new memorials, 7 of which have been built near the Mall. If past trends continue, there could be more than 50 additional memorials in the heart of the Nation's Capital by 2050. Interest seems to be growing as well among sponsors of new museums and cultural centers aimed at recognizing and displaying the contributions, traditions, and artifacts of American society.

Over the last several years, ideas for new museums representing such familiar aspects of American everyday life as health and medicine, sports, music, and news, and vocations such as law enforcement and military service have been promoted for sites in the close-in portions of the District of Columbia. With the completion of construction of the National Museum of the American Indian at 3rd Street and Maryland Avenue, SW, the McMillan Plan for the Mall will be complete. No undeveloped sites for major new museums within the area between 3rd and 14th Streets remain. Nevertheless, as evidenced by current proposals, efforts to establish new storehouses of our nation's treasures abound.

Demands are increasing for prime locations in the heart of the Nation's Capital for new memorials and museums. At the same time, many people believe that the Monumental Core may soon surpass its capacity to accommodate these activities. Some believe we are encroaching on the settings of existing memorials, threatening the loss of the historic designed landscapes and features that make the Mall and its adjacent areas special places for residents and visitors alike.

The goal of the Memorials and Museums Master Plan is to identify and promote new memorial and museum sites outside the Monumental Core—in accordance with Extending the Legacy, NCPC's vision for the 21st Century. Dispersing memorials and museums beyond the Monumental Core is seen as a way of protecting the Mall and adjacent areas while at the same time offering new opportunities for commemoration, education, and exhibition that are appealing to sponsors and that enrich the entire city. This master plan builds on the work of the Joint Task Force on Memorials (JTFM), an interagency group comprised of NCPC, the Commission of Fine Arts (CFA), and the National Capital Memorial Commission (NCMC). This master plan addresses the following issues:

- Identifying the suitable sites in the Nation's Capital that are available to handle the memorials and museums that the nation will want to accommodate well into the 21st century.
- Developing concepts for new memorial and museum sites that reinforce the historic urban design features of the city, do not intrude upon the settings of existing memorials or museums, and result in minimal adverse environmental and transportation impacts and positive economic and other effects on the culture of local neighborhoods.
- Finding a way to make memorials and museums "work for a living" while also allowing them to be effective forms of commemoration or important centers of scientific and cultural information.

The master plan is a planning tool to help guide the location and development of memorials and museums in the Nation's Capital. It identifies appropriate locations and sites for future memorials and museums, comprehensively evaluates potential sites, and offers ideas on specific actions and strategies that NCPC and others should take to achieve the goals of the plan.
The 1986 Commemorative Works Act distinguishes between Area I and Area II.
Commemorative Works Act

The Commemorative Works Act of 1986 (CWA) provides standards for the placement of memorials on certain federal land in the District of Columbia and environs. No such similar legislation exists to guide the establishment of museums in the city, although Congress frequently authorizes national museums on federal lands. The District Government is in the process of reestablishing its review process for memorials on District land. Congress must authorize memorials that are subject to the CWA. The CWA makes a distinction between the close-in portions of the Nation's Capital, where commemorative works of "preeminent historical and lasting significance" to the Nation may locate, and areas outside this zone where works of "lasting historical significance" can be placed. The CWA refers to these two mapped precincts as Area I and Area II. These areas are shown on Figure 1-1.

A number of federal bodies are responsible for memorials in the city, hence their involvement in this master plan study. The CWA established the National Capital Memorial Commission (NCMC) to advise the Secretary of the Interior, the Administrator of the General Services Administration, and Congress on policy and procedures for establishing commemorative works in the District of Columbia and environs. The Director of the National Park Service (NPS) serves as Chairman of the NCMC, which is staffed by NPS personnel. NPS staff assists memorial proponents in the development of their proposals and in the review and construction of memorials once Congressional authorization has been granted. The Act requires that sponsors consult with NCMC in selecting sites and designs for commemorative works. In addition, Congress regularly consults with NPS and NCMC on memorial proposals and initiatives.

Before construction commences, memorials must receive the approval of NCPC, CFA, and either the Secretary of the Interior or the Administrator of the General Services Administration, as appropriate. In considering each memorial's site and design, the approval authorities are required to apply certain criteria, including the memorial's proposed setting, its potential encroachment on existing memorials, and the durability of its proposed materials. There is no such formal process for the establishment of national museums. Regardless, whether authorized by Congress or not, new museums located on federal land in the District of Columbia must receive approval from NCPC and review by CFA.

Existing Memorials and Museums

As of June 2001, there were 155 memorials and 74 museums on public land in the District of Columbia and environs. Of the memorials, 59 are located in Area I and 96 in Area II (as shown in Figure 1-1). The vast majority of memorials can be found in the original L’Enfant City, mostly in the Northwest quadrant of the city. Five memorials are located in the Southwest quadrant and five in the Northeast quadrant—there are no memorials in Southeast Washington and, in terms of local political boundaries, there are no memorials in Wards 5, 7, and 8. Ward designations relate to present (2001) boundaries. Some ward boundaries will change in January 2002.

As of June 2001, there were 155 memorials and 74 museums on public land in the District of Columbia and environs. Most memorials are sited in open space settings on National Park Service land, though few memorials are located on the Mall. This may be due, in part, to the existing restriction in the Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital, prohibiting memorials in the tree panels and greensward of the Mall, which is between 3rd and 14th Streets. In Virginia, there are several memorials within Arlington National Cemetery, along Memorial Avenue leading into the cemetery, and along the George Washington Memorial Parkway.

Many of the existing museums are under the control of the Smithsonian Institution and are located on the Mall. Others are in close-in residential neighborhoods; downtown office districts; and the heart of the city. Museums are not subject to the Commemorative Works Act, but it happens that Area I contains 28 museums—these are mostly located along the Mall, along Constitution Avenue (between 15th and 17th Streets, NW), and near the White House—and Area II contains 48 museums. There are no museums in Wards 5 or 7. The Anacostia Museum is located in Ward 8.
Joint Task Force on Memorials

In order to examine issues related to memorials in the Nation's Capital, NCPC formed a Memorials Task Force in 1996 and was joined in October 1997 by representatives of CFA and NCMC. Under the provisions of the CWA, these three federal bodies have review authority over memorials in the Nation's Capital. NCPC, which was first established in 1924, is the central planning agency for the federal government in the National Capital Region, which covers the District of Columbia and surrounding cities and counties in Maryland and Virginia. NCPC reviews and approves federal and District of Columbia government master plans and construction proposals, and engages in comprehensive and long-range planning for the federal government in the region. NCPC is responsible for approving memorials and museums on federal land.

CFA, which was established in 1910, is comprised of presidential appointees who review designs and locations of federal and municipal government projects, memorials on public lands, and private construction in the Georgetown area and on lands abutting the Monumental Core of Washington D.C. and Rock Creek Park. It also approves memorials authorized by Congress under the CWA.

NCMC was established in 1986 to assist Congress and the two principal memorial landholding agencies, the Department of the Interior and the General Services Administration (GSA), in implementing the Commemorative Works Act. The NCMC is an advisory board comprised of representatives from:

- Federal agencies with either jurisdiction over land in the Monumental Core or review responsibilities for memorials placed therein
- The Mayor of the District of Columbia
- The Architect of the Capitol
- The American Battle Monuments Commission

The NCMC advises Congress, the Secretary of the Interior, and the Administrator of GSA on the appropriateness of subjects for commemoration and on the location and design of memorials on land under their jurisdiction.

Functioning as the Joint Task Force on Memorials, representatives from these three agencies examined a broad range of issues related to memorials, including:

- Locations and designs of memorials that preserve open space and historic resources in the Monumental Core, while distributing cultural and commemorative resources throughout the city.
- Potential changes to the boundaries of Areas I and II in the CWA.
- Actions by review and approval bodies to encourage memorial sponsors to locate in Area II.
- Consideration of a moratorium on new memorials in Area I—restrictions that would go beyond those already in place, as set forth in the Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital, for the area on the Mall between 3rd and 14th Streets.

The task force, over the past three years, has addressed these issues. It has adopted a Commemorative Zone Policy that establishes a Reserve in the central portion of the Monumental Core in which no new memorial sites will be permitted. The task force has also developed ideas for dispersing memorials throughout the city and prepared recommended changes to the CWA aimed at improving the process of establishing national memorials. The task force has invited experts from around the country to share their ideas on how best to accommodate new memorials and museums. It has met with Congressional representatives, relevant committee staff, the Mayor's office, city council members and council staff, Arlington County representatives, and citizen groups and has regularly informed these parties of the task force's work and sought their comments.
Commemorative Zone Policy

Based on the recommendations of the task force, NCPC, CFA, and NCMC, in independent actions, adopted a Commemorative Zone Policy in January 2000. The policy reflects input from the public, the District Council, representatives of the D.C. Office of Planning, and members of Congress. The policy does several things:

- Preserves the integrity of the Monumental Core and its open space, recreation lands, and scenic qualities by limiting memorials in the close-in portions of the Core.
- Encourages memorials to locate in all quadrants of the city as a way of enhancing neighborhoods and supporting local revitalization efforts.
- Supports ideas in Extending the Legacy which call for increasing the public's use of the city's waterfronts and strengthening the important North, South, and East Capitol Street axes.

The Commemorative Zone Policy calls for the establishment of an area termed the Reserve, which encompasses the central cross axis of the National Mall formed by its primary resources—the U.S. Capitol, Lincoln Memorial, White House, Washington Monument, and Jefferson Memorial. The White House, Washington Monument, and Jefferson Memorial define the Reserve’s north-south axis. (See Figure 1-2). The U.S. Capitol, Washington Monument, and Lincoln Memorial define the east-west axis.

Under the adopted Commemorative Zone Policy, no new memorial or museum sites will be approved for this cross-axial area. The new policy is designed to preserve the urban design integrity of the Nation's Capital and to encourage placement of new memorials and museums in strategic locations throughout the city. The policy does not apply to the grounds of the U.S. Capitol, which are under the jurisdiction of the Congress through the Architect of the Capitol. While these grounds are technically not part of the Reserve, the Commemorative Zone map on the following page recognizes that the Capitol Grounds are an inappropriate location for the construction of monuments or memorials. The policy also delineates an expanded boundary for Area I, which is federally-owned land surrounding the Reserve. Area I generally is bounded by Constitution and Pennsylvania Avenues to the north, the area surrounding the U.S. Capitol that is under the jurisdiction of the Architect of the Capitol to the east, Maryland Avenue and the 14th Street Bridge to the south, and Boundary Channel Drive and Arlington National Cemetery to the west. Area I was first delineated in 1986 in the
This Potomac River view of the Lincoln Memorial defines the dignity and setting of our nation’s prominent memorials, whose purpose can be complemented by future commemorative actions.
CWA and this plan recommends expansion to the west of the Potomac River. Area I includes Constitution Gardens, the Smithsonian museums on the Mall, West Potomac Park, the Federal Triangle, Columbia Island, and portions of the Potomac waterfront. In the new policy, Area I is considered to be a sensitive area designated for commemorative works of preeminent historic and national significance. Area II encompasses the rest of the city with emphasis on the important North, South, and East Capitol Street axes, as well as circles and squares on major avenues, waterfronts, urban gateways, and scenic overlooks. It is in this area where the task force will encourage development of new commemorative works.

The policy recognizes that although the sponsors of new memorials are generally required to raise private funds for construction, any memorial locating on public land in the Nation’s Capital or its environs receives an enormous subsidy in the form of irreplaceable federal property. Furthermore, the value of such land grows immensely as demand for close-in sites increases. Creating incentives for locating memorials on other sites (outside the Reserve and beyond Area I) where demand may not be as intense as it is for sites in the Core) could require an infusion of public funds to address unique site development issues.

The new policy affects only new memorial proposals, not those that already have received approval by the respective approval bodies. The policy (including the establishment of the Reserve) is part of proposed amendments to the CWA that have been transmitted to Congress. The amendments will clarify and strengthen the CWA and provide guidance to those responsible for establishing memorials in the Nation’s Capital. In 2000, these amendments passed the Senate in S.311, but were not acted on by the full House of Representatives.

**Purpose of Study**

The Memorials and Museums Master Plan, which has been prepared in close cooperation with CFA and NCMC, builds upon the general principles laid out in the Commemorative Zone Policy. This Master Plan has two major purposes. First, federal agencies responsible for memorials and museums in the city have an obligation to ensure that suitable memorial and museum sites are available for future generations. The technical document accompanying this plan contains inventories of existing memorials and museums within the District and its environs and a forecast of future memorial and museum demands.

This plan also contains a recommended framework (based on historic planning influences, urban design considerations, and current planning and development initiatives) for locating future sites. Also included are general guidelines for where and how memorials and museums should be accommodated on key sites in the Nation’s Capital over the next 50 years.

The plan’s siting criteria, general guidelines, and implementation strategies are intended to serve as tools that federal decision-makers, local officials, community residents, and prospective memorial and museum sponsors can draw upon to help guide the future development of memorials and museums within Washington, D.C. and close-in portions of Arlington County.

The recommendations contained in this plan are directed at national museums and major commemorative works of national significance (e.g., memorials subject to the Commemorative Works Act). Nevertheless, the plan recognizes that there are individuals, groups, and events of local or regional significance that deserve recognition and that Washington, D.C. serves multiple purposes—National Capital, home to over 500,000 city residents, and the center of a growing metropolitan area of 4.5 million residents. While the master plan’s focus is on national memorials and museums, the plan’s recommendations can also help provide a framework for District of Columbia planning officials to meet local commemoration needs. In addition to the twelve District-controlled sites in this report, the District plans to identify other District sites suitable for local memorials.

Secondly, the master plan is intended to advance the vision for the Monumental Core expressed in Extending the Legacy: Planning America’s Capital for the 21st Century, released by NCPC in November 1997. The Legacy Plan proposed placing memorials and museums and other federal activities outside the traditional core of the city, in locations that provide not only appropriate settings for commemorative works but also satisfy important local economic and neighborhood objectives. This master plan builds on Legacy and treats memorials and museums as more than simply objects or emblems. As important contributing elements within the urban landscape, they can enhance and strengthen civic spaces. A basic premise of this master plan is that memorials and museums, properly placed and sensitively designed, can provide a source of community identity and pride, bolster local neighborhood revitalization efforts, and serve as a means of expanding neighborhood-based tourism.
Figure 2-1  L’Enfant Plan for Washington, 1791
The Framework

Washington is blessed with a great number and wide variety of public open spaces, from waterfront parks to urban plazas. As a result, there are literally hundreds of possible commemorative sites in the District. To help select the most appropriate sites, NCPC, in consultation with CFA and NCMC and expert urban design consultants, developed a commemorative framework based on established design considerations. This framework provides an organizational hierarchy of sites for today and for the future.

Planning Influences

Several bold concepts set forth in historic and current plans strongly influenced the development of the framework and the identification of potential sites. The most important plans include the L’Enfant Plan, the McMillan Plan, the Federal Elements of the Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital, and NCPC’s Extending the Legacy.

The L’Enfant Plan of 1791 established the physical layout of Washington. Located within the confines of the Anacostia and Potomac Rivers, the Florida Avenue escarpment, and the Anacostia Hills, the Plan recognized the importance of natural features.

Although various components have been lost or intruded upon over the last 210 years, the L’Enfant Plan continues to be the single greatest urban design influence in the District of Columbia. The central positions of the Capitol Building and the White House, the basic shape of the original L’Enfant City, and the urban grid are shown on the L’Enfant Plan. Figure 2-1 depicts the broad urban design direction of the L’Enfant Plan.

The McMillan Plan was a continuation and expansion of the L’Enfant Plan and, in response to growth, an early effort aimed at comprehensively planning the City of Washington. Prepared in 1901, the McMillan Plan grouped public buildings, including the Federal Triangle, to accommodate and organize governmental activities.

The McMillan Plan also stressed the importance of open space in the city. It established a park system and proposed connecting the Civil War forts that encircled the city with a parkway. The McMillan Plan also concentrated resources in key locations throughout the city. Through these and other efforts, the Plan expanded the city past the boundaries of the L’Enfant Plan. Figure 2-2 illustrates many of the urban design concepts proposed in the McMillan Plan for the Monumental Core.

Extending the Legacy was prepared in 1997 by NCPC. Legacy proposes to re-establish the U.S. Capitol as the center of monumental Washington by guiding federal activities and civic features to portions of North, South, and East Capitol Streets, thereby extending redevelopment into each quadrant of the city. In addition, the plan recommends removing intrusive elements that interrupt the L’Enfant Plan, such as surface freeways and rail lines. Legacy also promotes the enhancement of natural resources and waterfront lands. It removes barriers that have divided communities and hampered mobility throughout the city, while proposing new connections between neighborhoods. Figure 2-3 illustrates the planning guidance included in Extending the Legacy.
Framework Intent

Washington, D.C. is a symbolic city where many of the nation’s values—democracy, opportunity, diversity, and mobility—were born and are defended and redefined. As the primary showplace for the nation's commemorative works and most treasured artifacts, the National Mall plays an important role in symbolizing these core values. The special commemorative and cultural resources present in the Mall area, the careful planning that has shaped its development over time, and its unique appearance make it an enduring Special Place. The primary purpose of the Master Plan Framework is to establish and illustrate an organizational hierarchy for identifying and evaluating current and future commemorative sites consistent with the urban design traditions of Washington. The framework:

- Highlights the special character of key locations outside the Monumental Core.
- Utilizes existing natural features, including waterways, natural areas, and
- Balances the monumental traditions of the L’Enfant Plan with the concentrated core and connected open spaces of the McMillan Plan.
- Incorporates selected Special Streets and Special Places from the Comprehensive Plan to re-center the city around the U.S. Capitol and the White House.
- Encourages revitalization of urban areas in a manner that is consistent with the Legacy vision.

This distribution to key points in the city can serve as a catalyst for revitalization of long-neglected areas and as focal points for community pride. By integrating ceremonial spaces with everyday spaces, the framework also recognizes that Washington, D.C. must function as both a national capital and as a hometown. The framework includes a strong commitment to ecological protection, environmental stewardship and historic preservation. It reconnects the built environment with the natural surroundings, focusing on the waterfront and places where the axial geometry crosses topographic high points. The framework’s emphasis on the waterfront offers numerous opportunities for environmental protection and reclamation, and proposes to increase public access to the city’s long-neglected, but valuable, water resources. The framework also emphasizes the important role that memorials and museums can play in fostering neighborhood revitalization throughout the city.
The framework recognizes that memorials and museums can be powerful tools for bolstering economic development. By providing a neighborhood with civic beauty and giving residents a sense of ownership and pride, memorials and museums can further revitalization efforts. Such benefits have been realized in the area surrounding the Navy Memorial. As a long-term guide, it focuses on redefining key areas and reclaiming lost opportunities throughout the city. The framework has been designed to offer policymakers the flexibility to accommodate change over time. The framework honors the past, embraces the natural setting of the Nation's Capital, and recognizes important economic activity areas and neighborhoods. It is a framework upon which the nations' history, values, and dreams can be exhibited for future generations. It connects key economic activity areas and neighborhoods throughout the city with the Monumental Core.

The framework continues and builds upon the historical foundations of the early planning efforts and urban design traditions that make Washington, D.C. a renowned capital city. It honors the past, yet responds to modern-day realities and needs. It does not attempt to create one or more new Malls. Rather, the framework preserves the historic open space of the traditional Monumental Core area and, in new ways, creates a special character in other strategic places throughout the city.

By dispersing memorials and museums beyond Washington's traditional federal precincts and bringing the benefits of these national attractions to city neighborhoods and commercial districts, the framework supports fundamental American values. Rather than concentrate cultural resources in traditional federal precincts, the framework places them in all quadrants of the city.
Framework Components

The framework incorporates, and is based upon, the natural landforms and physical features that formed the boundaries of the original city, supported by an internal network of distinctive urban features that offer appropriate locations for future memorials and museums. The physical foundation has three elements: a crescent-shaped band that follows the general alignment of the Potomac and Anacostia Rivers along the southern border of the Monumental Core; the principal roadways that radiate from the White House and U.S. Capitol; and focal areas that are formed by the intersection of these major streets with the waterfront.

The framework suggests key opportunity areas and potential sites that have distinction and that can accommodate new memorials and museums. Figure 2-5 illustrates the principal framework elements in a sequence of images that depicts their relationship and context to the city’s natural and cultural features.

The framework's most important element is the Waterfront Crescent. The Waterfront Crescent is aligned on major waterfront lands along the Potomac and Anacostia Rivers. These open spaces along the District's waterfront offer prime, visible areas for commemoration, especially at points where major axes that radiate from the U.S. Capitol intersect the waterway.

The framework's crescent shape is strengthened internally by a lattice of Monumental Corridors. These Corridors include Special Streets and the circles, squares, reservations, and corner parks formed by the intersection of the city's diagonal avenues with the orthogonal grid system.

The intersection of the Waterfront Crescent and the major Monumental Corridors offers a special opportunity for a concentration of commemorative works. These Commemorative Focus Areas include the three areas where the Waterfront Crescent intersects with the western extension of the National Mall, with South Capitol Street, and with East Capitol Street.

Inherent in the framework are several urban design principles that can be used to organize commemorative opportunity areas. These principles are based on symbolic prominence, visual linkages, and aesthetic quality. For example, to reinforce the focal importance of the U.S. Capitol and the White House, the framework includes areas that have symbolic axial relationships to either central element. The framework also includes areas that have strong visual connections with other existing major commemorative resources. Also included in the framework are areas with distinct identities and unique aesthetic qualities, such as natural beauty, notable architecture, and clusters of civic art. Although the master plan framework is based largely on the Waterfront Crescent, Monumental Corridors, and Commemorative Focus Areas—key elements of the Monumental Core—it recognizes that commemoration should not be contained within the bounds of the original L’Enfant City.

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The framework's extension of the roadway lattice reaches out to include various distinctive communities, such as neighborhoods, historic resources, and natural areas beyond the Monumental Core. Inclusion of these important, vibrant communities is crucial both to the economic and social development of the communities themselves and to the overall vitality of Washington, D.C.

Furthermore, the framework does not preclude the selection of site areas that are located beyond the framework elements. This framework is not a tool for including or excluding possible sites; rather, it is an attempt to organize and promote certain areas as suitable locations for commemorative and cultural resources. Figures 2-6 and 2-7 illustrate the generalized elements of the master plan framework.

Figure 2-7 The Framework Diagram summarizes planning considerations for directing the location of future memorials throughout the District of Columbia.
Washington’s monumental core, viewed from the Arlington Ridge vicinity with the Iwo Jima Memorial in foreground, capturing the city’s riverfront and parkland character.
SITE SELECTION

A major component of the master plan is the identification and compilation of potential future memorial and museum sites in the District of Columbia and environs.

The process that was undertaken in the initial identification, evaluation, and short-listing of the potential locations was, by necessity, iterative. The initial list of locations was both expanded and reduced on several occasions resulting in a final list of locations that was agreed upon for purposes of additional evaluation and refinement. A select list of prime locations was also identified and all sites were categorized as to prominence, size, availability, and numerous other factors.

The initial list of potential locations was a compilation of sites:
- Identified by the National Park Service
- Suggested by NCPC
- Included in the NCPC Legacy Plan
- Identified because they would complete or restore missing elements of the L’Enfant Plan
- Added by consensus of the JTFM and consultant team

Combining sites from each of these processes resulted in a total of 402 potential sites for initial evaluation.

Identification of Candidate Sites
Initial Short-Listing of Candidate Sites

NCPC conducted an initial analysis of the selected 402 potential memorial and museum locations for the purpose of preparing a short-list of approximately 100 candidate locations that would undergo more detailed urban design, transportation, environmental, and economic evaluation. The process of preparing this short-list of "Candidate" locations, as they were called, incorporated the following steps:
- Identifying and mapping various planning criteria identified as applicable to the description and analysis of potential sites.
- Developing site-specific evaluation criteria and preparing associated reference databases and maps.
- Applying evaluation criteria to potential locations.
- Weighing and ranking the potential locations.
- Short-listing candidate locations.
- Gathering JTFM and agency review and comments on candidate locations.
- Obtaining consensus.

Candidate Sites Relative to the Design Framework

The site selection process also evaluated the candidate locations relative to elements of the framework. Each location was assigned a level of significance based on the planning and urban design principles described earlier in this report. The elements of the framework were placed in the following order of importance:
- Waterfront Crescent
- Monumental Corridors (Gateway Boulevards and Principal Avenues)
- Commemorative Focus Areas

Final Candidate Sites and Site Locations

A brief summary of each site was distributed to the members of the JTFM and other interested parties, including the Committee of 100, Advisory Neighborhood Commissions, District Council Members and staff, select staff from Congressional oversight committees, etc. After review and comment, a consensus was reached and the final short-list of 100 Candidate memorial and museum sites was completed. Figure 3-1 illustrates these sites with respect to the master plan framework. These 100 sites and site locations then underwent detailed analysis and evaluation by the consultant team.

Identification of Prime Sites

All of the candidate sites are prominent locations capable of accommodating memorials or museums of national importance. Nevertheless, the relative significance of each site or site location varies depending upon how the site relates to the principles that underlie the framework. These principles include symbolic prominence, visual linkages, and aesthetic quality. The Prime Sites are those of the highest order. Because of their high visibility and strong axial relationships with the U.S. Capitol and the White House, they should be reserved for subjects of lasting historical and national importance.

Of the 100 candidate sites, 20 are identified as prime sites. Nine of these are considered to be current Prime Sites, or sites available for immediate development with minimal changes while the other 11 Prime Sites are either dependent on implementation of Legacy proposals or would require some other modifications to enable development in the future. Twelve Prime Sites are under the jurisdiction of the NPS. Although most of the Other Candidate Sites (those not designated as Prime) are on National Park Service or General Services Administration lands, approxi-
mately 34 of the recommended sites are located on non-GSA or NPS lands (i.e., other federal land, District of Columbia, WMATA, or private lands). Only eight of the recommended sites are on private property.

The remaining 80 candidate sites are not ranked. This is not to suggest, however, that they are not important sites. They are highly recommended because of either their linear visual connections between key existing and future commemorative features, their role in reinforcing the overall design structure of the Nation’s Capital, or the support they could provide to federal and local planning or development objectives.

**Site Evaluation Criteria and Process**

Site evaluations were performed on the 100 candidate sites to document the physical and contextual characteristics of each site relative to its suitability and appropriateness for a commemorative feature.

The site evaluation included:
- factors to consider in evaluating each candidate site
- Several specific questions for each factor
- Values assigned to the potential responses to each criteria

To assist in evaluating site suitability, the technical evaluation applied: (1) Planning and Urban Design Criteria; (2) Economic Criteria; (3) Transportation Criteria; and (4) Environmental Criteria. A brief description of each criterion follows. For more detailed background on the site evaluation criteria and process, consult the technical master plan document.

**Planning and Urban Design Criteria**
The physical characteristics, visual quality, and the presence of historic or cultural resources were evaluated as part of each site analysis. The site’s relevance to the master plan framework, along with its attractiveness and suitability as a potential memorial or museum destination, factored into the evaluation.

**Economic Criteria**
The nature of a memorial or museum—that is, who or what is being commemorated or displayed—influences its associated economic status. However, for the purposes of the master plan, economic analysis focused on the ways in which adding a memorial or museum to a candidate site would economically benefit the surrounding area, and the region as a whole. The evaluation included analysis of a site’s existing economic uses (e.g., offices) and amenities (e.g., retail).

**Transportation Criteria**
The evaluation of transportation at candidate sites addressed access requirements and constraints; the general magnitude of development that might be accommodated, given resources at the site; and potential transportation improvements. Six modes of transportation were evaluated: Metrorail; Metrobus; pedestrian; water-based vehicles; the Legacy circulator; and passenger vehicles. Access to each site, via these modes, was assessed based on factors such as walking distances, parking availability, and proximity to the waterfront and key roadways.

**Environmental Criteria**
In its environmental evaluation, the task force identified a number of environmental issues pertaining to each site. Such issues include: sensitive ecological resources; land uses and regulations; required physical alterations; environmental contamination; and necessary infrastructure improvements. For the Prime Sites, the task force consulted existing environmental documents and information.

Many of the Candidate Sites feature direct views to Washington’s major monuments.
Figure 3-1 Candidate Site Locations
With Prime Sites listed first, the 100 candidate sites are:

**Candidate Memorial and Museum Sites**

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<td>Memorial Avenue at George Washington Memorial Parkway (west of Memorial Bridge)</td>
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<td>E Street expressway interchange on the east side of the Kennedy Center</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>Intersection of Maryland and Independence Avenues, SW (between 4th and 6th Streets)</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>Kingman Island (Anacostia River)</td>
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<td>Freedom Plaza on Pennsylvania Avenue, NW between 13th -14th Streets</td>
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<td>Potomac River waterfront on Rock Creek Parkway (south of the Theodore Roosevelt Bridge)</td>
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<td>East Capitol Street east of 19th Street (north of the Armory - current west entrance to RFK)</td>
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<td>South Capitol Street terminus at the Anacostia River, SE/SW (Florida Rock 'amenity' site)</td>
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<td>10th Street Overlook at south end of L’Enfant Promenade, SW</td>
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<td>Constitution Gardens south of Constitution Avenue</td>
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<td>Walt Whitman Park along E Street between 19th and 20th Streets, NW</td>
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<td>On the Tidal Basin on Maine Avenue west of 14th Street, SW (north of Outlet Bridge)</td>
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<td>13</td>
<td>In East Potomac Park on the Potomac River (at the current railroad and/or Metrorail bridges)</td>
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<td>The intersection of New York and Florida Avenues (and new Metrorail Station)</td>
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<td>Pennsylvania Avenue and the Anacostia River (at west end of the Sousa Bridge)</td>
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<td>Anacostia River waterfront south shore in Anacostia Park, SE (Architect of the Capitol nursery)</td>
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<td>West of North Capitol Street on McMillan Reservoir Grounds, NW (former sand filtration plant)</td>
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<td>18</td>
<td>South of Ash Road at the NPS horse stables site, West Potomac Park</td>
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- **Site 43**: Along the Potomac River shoreline in West Potomac Park (south of Lincoln Memorial)
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*Figure 3-2 Prime Candidate Site Locations*

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<td>West shore of the Anacostia River at Massachusetts Avenue, SE</td>
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<td>23</td>
<td>Anacostia Park, SE south of Anacostia River near the Douglass Bridge</td>
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<td>24</td>
<td>Woodrow Wilson Plaza or Benjamin Franklin Circle (12th or 13th Streets, south of Pennsylvania Avenue, NW)</td>
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<td>25</td>
<td>Northeast corner of Louisiana Ave and 1st Street, NW</td>
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<td>26</td>
<td>Washington Avenue (Canal Street) at 2nd Street, SW</td>
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<td>27</td>
<td>In East Potomac Park on Washington Channel, facing 7th Street, SW</td>
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<td>28</td>
<td>Daingerfield Island on George Washington Memorial Parkway (south of Reagan National Airport)</td>
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<td>On the grounds of St. Elizabeths Hospital, SE</td>
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<td>On the north shore of Oxon Cove, SW</td>
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<td>Fort Davis Park north of Pennsylvania Avenue, SE (Bowen Road and 38th Street)</td>
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<td>Northeast corner of Maryland and Constitution Avenues, NE</td>
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<td>Circle at the intersection of Pennsylvania and Potomac Avenues, SE (near Potomac Avenue Metrorail Station)</td>
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<td>Anacostia River waterfront in the Southeast Federal Center, SE</td>
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<td>On the north shore of the Anacostia River (immediately east of the Douglass Bridge, SE)</td>
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<td>East of 14th Street and north of I-395 (within the Portals Project, SW on Maryland Avenue extended)</td>
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<td>East side of Washington Channel at Water Street and 7th Street, SW</td>
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<td>Edward Murrrow Park (18th/19th) or James Monroe Park (20th/21st), (Pennsylvania Avenue, NW)</td>
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<td>Franklin Square (between I, K, 13th, and 14th, Streets, NW )</td>
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<td>In Rock Creek Park between M Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW</td>
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<td>Intersection of Eastern Avenue and 16th Street, NW</td>
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<td>D.C. side of Chain Bridge, NW (on Canal Road)</td>
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<td>The intersection of Canal Road and Foxhall Road, NW (in Glover Archbold Park)</td>
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Site Selection

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![Figure 3-3 Candidate and Prime Candidate Site Locations](image)

Source: NCPC, June 2001
North of Massachusetts Avenue, NW and Macomb Street
(at Glover Archbold Parkway)

Tenley Circle Reservations
(at Wisconsin/Nebraska Avenues and Yuma Street, NW)

Potomac River at Rock Creek Parkway at west side of Kennedy Center

East side of Rock Creek at the end of Virginia Avenue, NW

On the Potomac River at the foot of Wisconsin Avenue
(Georgetown Waterfront Park)

North of the Pentagon North Parking area (on Boundary Channel in Virginia)

On the Virginia side of the Theodore Roosevelt Bridge

25th Street on Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
(Either of two existing triangular parks on the Avenue)

New Washington Convention Center at Mount Vernon Square
(Massachusetts and New York, NW)

Intersection of New York and New Jersey Avenues and M Street, NW

Anacostia River north shoreline east of 11th Street
(between the Martin Luther King Memorial and Sousa Bridges)

South side of Martin Luther King Memorial Bridge
(11th Street, on the Anacostia River)

Virginia side of the 14th Street Bridge
(location of former Twin Bridges Marriott)

The intersection of New York, West Virginia, and Montana Aves, NE

Pennsylvania Avenue east of the Sousa Bridge (east intersection with the Anacostia Freeway on the Anacostia River)

North shore of the Anacostia River in the Washington Navy Yard, SE

North side of Martin Luther King Memorial Bridge
(11th Street, east of Washington Navy Yard, SE)

Along Potomac River shoreline in West Potomac Park
(west of FDR Memorial)

Intersection of Maryland and Florida Avenues and Benning Road, NE

Maryland Avenue in the general location of the entrance to the National Arboretum

New Hampshire and Georgia Avenues, NW
(Georgia Avenue-Petworth Metrorail Station)

Near Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport, Daingerfield Island represents one of many candidate sites located within parkland settings that could be suitable for a future memorial.
74 West shoreline of Kingman Lake in the Anacostia River (NE and SE of RFK Stadium)
75 Intersection of Massachusetts, South Carolina, and Independence Avenues, SE
76 Fort Chaplin Park on East Capitol Street (at approximately Fort Drive, west of Benning Road)
77 Southeast Federal Center at M Street, SE
78 At Anacostia Metrorail Station south of Howard Road, SE (on either WMATA or federal property)
79 Rosslyn Gateway Park, Rosslyn Circle, or 1101 Wilson Boulevard (Arlington, VA)
80 Circle in front of entrance to historic terminal at Reagan Washington National Airport
81 Marina on the Potomac River in Bolling Air Force Base, SW (between Chanute and Edwards Places)
82 Fort Stanton Park north of Suitland Parkway, SE, near 20th Street
83 Rhode Island Avenue Metrorail Station
84 Fort Totten Metrorail Station (or located in Fort Totten Park)
85 On U.S. Soldiers' and Airmen's Home grounds, NW (west of North Capitol Street)
86 Northwest corner of 16th Street and Military Road, NW (in Rock Creek Park)
87 South of Military Road (at 27th Street) or north of Military Road, NW (west of Oregon Avenue)
88 Westmoreland Circle at Massachusetts and Western Avenues, NW (at entrance to Dalecarlia Parkway)
89 South of V Street, west of Half Street, SW
90 Intersection of Georgia and Eastern Avenues, NW
91 On 8th Street, NW on Barry Street (Banneker Recreation Center)
92 Glenwood Cemetery (north of Rhode Island Avenue and east of North Capitol Street)
93 Fort Lincoln north of New York Avenue, NE (west of the Anacostia River)
94 On north side of Alabama Avenue, SE immediately east of St. Elizabeths (near Congress Heights Metrorail Station)
95 On the north side of the National Museum of American History (14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW)
96 On Eastern Avenue and Barnard Hill Drive, NE (between Rhode Island and Michigan Avenues)
97 At the intersection of M Street and Delaware Avenue, SW
98 Park triangles near the intersection of New Jersey and Massachusetts Avenues, NW
99 Intersection of South Capitol Street and Anacostia Freeway (I-295--east side)
100 Adjacent to the Brentwood Maintenance Facility, New York Avenue, NE. (east of Florida Avenue)
One of several recent concepts for a revitalized South Capitol Street with mixed land uses and new public spaces reaching from the U.S. Capitol to the Anacostia River waterfront.
Implementing the Plan

This chapter focuses on making the plan a reality. It identifies: existing processes that can be strengthened to improve the way memorials and museums are built in the city; mechanisms and regulatory tools that can be used to reserve key sites for future commemorative activities; and ideas for assisting memorial or museum sponsors as they go about addressing their individual site-related commemorative needs, including major efforts the city and federal government should undertake to enhance the settings for commemorative resources and promote new commemorative activities. In order to ensure that future commemorative resources continue to be successful forms of commemoration while also serving as tools to promote broader federal and local objectives, several planning issues must be resolved or processes strengthened. These are organized under the following four headings.

- **Commemorative Proposal Process or the practices and procedures by which review bodies select the location and design of new commemorative resources in the Nation’s Capital.**

- **Commemorative Site Acquisition or the actions necessary to preserve key lands in the city for future memorial and/or museum uses.**

- **Site Infrastructure Improvements or the major physical changes and enhancements to the built environment that are needed at key locations around the city to enhance the settings for commemorative resources and promote new commemorative activities.**

- **Community Linkages or ways commemorative resources can help local revitalization. This includes opportunities for strengthening the cultural and historic associations between commemorative resources and neighborhoods.**

The following section contains a summary of master plan implementation measures. A fuller discussion of each measure is contained within the technical document, which can be obtained from NCPC. While each recommended site would have its own unique set of implementation tools, the following provides a general overview of the effort required to encourage and advance the goals of the master plan. Where possible, the master plan identifies the public entity responsible for a particular action.

**Commemorative Proposal Process**

Like most long-range plans, realization of the vision is expected to occur over many years. One overriding concern of the Task Force is the extent to which federal and District of Columbia agencies and other affected parties take into consideration the new inventory of recommended commemorative sites as they consider individual development proposals on or near recommended sites. NCPC intends to revise the federal elements of the Comprehensive Plan to include the adopted Commemorative Zone Policy. NCPC and the District government, working with the NCMC, should also provide regular reports on the progress being made in implementing the master plan. This collaboration can provide an opportunity to suggest priority locations for memorials and for additions or revisions to the master plan that may advance local planning objectives. The following action should be undertaken.

- **NCPC and the District government should encourage the redistribution of new memorials and museums throughout the city through changes in the Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital.**

Unlike today, however, where an inventory of potential memorial and/or museum locations is not available to the public or prospective sponsors until after a proposal is being considered by review bodies, such information and other siting considerations will be publicly available in advance of the site selection process. By providing data on the constraints and/or opportunities that the review agencies have identified for 100 recommended locations around the city, the master plan represents public agency consensus on sites that are considered to be appropriate for commemorative resources.

- **NCMC, NCPC, CFA, and the District and Arlington County governments should provide guidance and support for commemorative proposals by directing prospective sponsors to sites that reinforce the master plan urban design framework.**

Amendments to the Commemorative Works Act, suggested by NCPC, CFA, and NCMC and passed by the Senate in July 2000, also provide improved guidance and direction for the process of establishing commemorative works in the Nation’s Capital. The following actions are additional opportunities for advancing the master plan through process changes and other proposals:

- **NCMC should improve its notice procedures to local residents, ANCs, District...**
elected officials, and officials from affected suburban jurisdictions of upcoming meetings to consider sites for commemorative works. This could include circulation of the proposal for comment to affected and interested agencies, the general public, and professional and civic groups and organizations.

- NCMC and the District of Columbia should identify and coordinate existing federal and District of Columbia commemorative works policies and planning actions to develop a more uniform and coordinated approach to locating new memorials and museums in the city and to better distinguish between national and local commemoration needs and interests.

Commemorative Site Acquisition

The following actions are aimed at either advancing acquisition of key commemorative lands that are not presently under federal control or facilitating the reservation of key parcels of land as non-federal properties are redeveloped. Only the degree of restriction required to achieve the objective of safeguarding critical lands for future commemoration is envisioned. Unless acquired by the federal government, development of commemorative features on private lands should be arranged with the consent of property owners and development of commemorative features on lands under the jurisdiction of the District government should be arranged with the agreement of the District.

- The federal and District governments should identify key parcels at recommended master plan locations that should be reserved for significant new commemorative features.

- The federal and District governments should utilize existing land management programs and regulatory controls (e.g. project planning/review authorities, zoning, planned unit development process, etc.) to preserve lands for commemorative resources at recommended master plan sites while also furthering desired redevelopment objectives.

- The National Park Service, NCPC, and/or General Services Administration (to the extent permitted by law) should purchase parcels located within the urban fabric of the District of Columbia for national commemorative action, if necessary. Only eight of the recommended master plan sites, seven in the District and one in Virginia, are privately-owned and are potential candidates for acquisition. The federal government should also identify government lands in its inventory to surplus or exchange or provide some other compensation to the District to account for potential loss of property tax and other revenue from possible federal purchases.

Site Infrastructure Improvements

This section recommends strategies that build on the District’s tradition of using public/private partnerships to undertake bold revitalization efforts to shape the city’s appearance. A fairly recent example of effective government and private partnerships is the redevelopment record of the Pennsylvania Avenue Development Corporation. This agency successfully advanced redevelopment of America’s Main Street, Pennsylvania Avenue, from the U.S. Capitol to the White House. Several new and reconfigured national commemorative features were developed in the Pennsylvania Avenue corridor through this partnership.

The following are several ways the public sector could support large-scale redevelopment and site improvements related to recommended commemorative locations:

- In order to advance infrastructure improvements at potential memorial sites, the Secretary of the Interior should be authorized to seek appropriated funds for grants or loans to approved commemorative sponsors in order to defray the cost of correcting or improving extraordinary site conditions associated with potential sites within the urban fabric of the District.

- The District and federal governments should use existing local, regional, and federal environmental programs to improve the condition of the Anacostia and Potomac River waterfronts and advance the master plan vision.

- District and federal officials should work together to establish the necessary legislation and administrative authorities to revitalize and improve Monumental Corridors, Commemorative Focus Areas, and Special Streets and create within these settings areas of high visual quality, improved safety, and enhanced amenity.

Transportation infrastructure improvements are also vital to realizing the master plan’s vision. By providing better access to the city’s waterfronts, monumental corridors, and communities, Washington can reduce its dependence on personal vehicles, while improving linkages to the city’s commemorative features.
From Plan to Action

Possible transportation improvements include future bridge redesigns and a new water shuttle service that could improve access to memorials and museums.

The following suggested actions would provide improved transit access and circulation for Washington and its future commemorative sites:

- **As proposed in Legacy, the District and federal governments should initiate a river bridge revitalization and replacement program for the Theodore Roosevelt and 14th Street Bridges and for all bridges on the Anacostia River as they reach the end of their useful lives. Such a revitalization and replacement program could also provide opportunities to improve access to the waterfront, increase the visual prominence of selected areas of the city, and encourage opportunities for new commemorative features.**

- **The federal and District governments should support the efforts of the Downtown Business Improvement District to establish an alternative transit system (i.e., downtown circulator) that could provide greater access to central city and waterfront memorial and museum locations.**

- **The federal and District governments should ensure that sites for new memorials and museums, when selected, take maximum advantage of regional river transit and downtown circulator systems as they are established.**

- **The federal and District governments should improve bikeway and pedestrian routes along riverfronts and throughout the city to provide improved access to existing and proposed memorial and museum sites.**

More than 30 percent of the recommended commemorative sites are located along the city’s waterfronts. Consequently, implementation of the plan would be benefited greatly by a river-based transit system. Similar access gains would be realized for downtown sites with the development of a downtown circulator transit system, complementing the existing Metrorail and bus systems, private vehicles, tour bus service, and taxis.

- **The federal and District governments should initiate a study of waterfront transit landing areas to identify and encourage coordinated connections to new riverside commemorative sites while promoting new community amenities.**

- **Federal and District officials should work with the private sector to establish a water-based tour vehicle system operated by a private franchise. Such a system could support improved waterfront access and tourism related to commemorative resources.**
Not surprisingly, the success and expansion of public rail systems has led to a reassessment of the need for some existing and future highway projects. With an expanding transit system in place, access to many future national memorials and museums could be made accessible by way of Metrorail and other supporting transit systems. The planned New York Avenue Metrorail Station near Florida Avenue, NE, for example, could serve as a catalyst for community revitalization while providing access to potential nearby commemorative features.

NCPC and the District government should work with WMATA to site memorials and museums at existing and planned Metrorail stations within the District of Columbia. Transit can provide improved access to the city's neighborhoods, employment centers, and waterfront areas.

Community Linkages

The Memorials and Museums Master Plan identifies a number of potential commemorative sites within existing or potential neighborhood settings, including such neighborhoods as Anacostia, Shaw, Kingman Park, Brookland, and Marshall Heights. These neighborhoods are vibrant centers of residential, cultural, and commercial activity and their revitalization and linkage is crucial to the implementation of the master plan.

The following strategies address opportunities for linking the master plan to local revitalization:

- The federal government should work with the District to encourage ongoing community revitalization efforts in areas near Prime Sites.
- The District of Columbia and NCPC's waterfront initiative should be advanced as a comprehensive strategy for revitalizing the city's principal waterfront areas and as a vehicle for furthering the master plan's urban design principles.
- Federal and District of Columbia historic preservation agencies should inventory the historic urban design and cultural elements of the city and its waterfront areas as an initial step in restoring or complementing the historic features of related neighborhoods and local areas.
- Federal and District historic preservation agencies and the NCMC should coordinate to direct future commemorative features to sites offering supporting cultural and historic interpretive opportunities.
- The federal and city governments should encourage memorial sponsorship of existing historic neighborhoods, buildings, landscapes, and features in conjunction with future commemorative actions.
- The federal government should encourage the adaptive reuse of historic structures and settings, and underutilized federal properties, by integrating new memorial and museum activities within them, where appropriate.
This concept for redesign of civic spaces at the Anacostia Metro Station area could provide potential locations for future memorials and museums (looking northwest from Martin Luther King Ave)
Policies for New Memorials and Museums

The Memorials and Museums Master Plan establishes policies for the siting and design of new memorials and museums throughout the District of Columbia. Review agencies will consult these policies when evaluating individual proposals for new commemorative works in the Nation's Capital. The policies are as follows:

Sites

1. Preserving the integrity of the Monumental Core—its vistas, open spaces and recreation areas—is the primary objective of limiting the number of new museums and memorials.

2. New memorials and museums are to be encouraged in all quadrants of the city as a way of reinforcing local communities and local revitalization efforts.

3. No new memorial or museum may be located within the Reserve, as defined in the Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital.

4. Only museums and memorials of the "highest historical and national significance" may be located in Area I; however, no museums or education centers may be located in East Potomac Park or on other parkland in Area I.

5. New memorials proposed for Area I, as defined in the Commemorative Works Act, shall be limited to sites identified in this master plan. Those proposed for areas outside Area I should locate on sites in this plan.

6. New memorials shall not be located on the U.S. Capitol grounds.

7. All new memorial and museum sites should be appropriate to their subject, and respectful of their immediate surroundings.

Design

1. Memorials and museums should reinforce key design features of the L'Enfant and McMillan Plans, including major streets and avenues, waterfronts, and scenic overlooks.

2. Special attention should be paid to locating new museums and memorials along major avenues and Special Streets.

3. Placing new memorials along the Potomac and Anacostia Rivers will promote greater use and better public understanding of Washington's rivers and should be encouraged.

4. Prominent sites, such as promontories and broad intersections, should be reserved for significant memorials.

5. New memorials must not encroach on neighboring memorials and open space.

6. Adapting older buildings or structures for new museums and memorials should be encouraged.

7. Visitor services at memorials in Area I should be limited to only small information kiosks and restroom facilities and should not contain buildings or interior spaces housing exhibits, displays, collections, or other interpretive products and programs normally found in museums, visitor centers, or education centers.

Connections

1. Whenever possible, new museums and memorials should serve as catalysts for economic development and for public and private urban design improvements.

2. Museums and memorials should enhance the image and identity of their surroundings. New museums and memorials should take advantage of existing infrastructure, especially public transportation.

3. Locating commemorative works close to other civic projects will likely increase tourism and educational opportunities.

4. Memorials and museums should support established land uses and local planning objectives.

5. The District government, appropriate Advisory Neighborhood Commissions, and neighborhood organizations must be consulted in planning museums and memorials outside the Monumental Core.
Candidate sites were evaluated by applying the specific urban design, economic, transportation, and environmental criteria defined in Section 3 (for Site Evaluation Criteria, see the technical master plan material, posted on NCPC’s website at www.ncpc.gov). The following Prime Site evaluations were conducted based on site reconnaissance and using data obtained from NCPC and other sources.

In addition to these 20 prime sites, 80 additional sites are considered within this master plan. Those additional sites are included at the end of the Prime Site evaluations and provide overview assessments of each site's potential to accommodate future memorials and museums.

The diagram below illustrates the approximate location of the 20 Prime Sites within the master plan framework’s Waterfront Crescent, Monumental Corridors, and Commemorative Focus Areas.

With Prime Sites listed first, the 100 candidate sites are:

Candidate Memorial and Museum Sites

No. General Location/Description

Note: Sites #1 through 20 represent the Prime Sites

1 Memorial Avenue at George Washington Memorial Parkway
   (west of Memorial Bridge)
2 E Street expressway interchange on the east side of the Kennedy Center
3 Intersection of Maryland and Independence Avenues, SW
   (between 4th and 6th Streets)
4 Kingman Island (Anacostia River)
5 Freedom Plaza on Pennsylvania Avenue, NW between 13th -14th Streets
6 Potomac River waterfront on Rock Creek Parkway
   (south of the Theodore Roosevelt Bridge)
7 East Capitol Street east of 19th Street
   (north of the Armory - current west entrance to RFK)
8 South Capitol Street terminus at the Anacostia River, SE/SW
   (Florida Rock ‘amenity’ site)
9 10th Street Overlook at south end of L’Enfant Promenade, SW
10 Constitution Gardens south of Constitution Avenue
11 Walt Whitman Park along E Street between 19th and 20th Streets, NW
12 On the Tidal Basin on Maine Avenue west of 14th Street, SW
   (north of Outlet Bridge)
13 In East Potomac Park on the Potomac River
   (at the current railroad and/or Metrorail bridges)
14 The intersection of New York and Florida Avenues
   (and new Metrorail Station)
15 Pennsylvania Avenue and the Anacostia River
   (at west end of the Sousa Bridge)
16 Anacostia River waterfront south shore in Anacostia Park, SE
   (old Architect of the Capitol nursery)
17 West of North Capitol Street on McMillan Reservoir Grounds, NW
   (former sand filtration plant)
18 South of Ash Road at the NPS horse stables site, West Potomac Park
19 The intersection of Maryland and Virginia Avenues, SW
   (between 7th and 9th Streets)
20 Federal Building #2, north of Washington Boulevard, Arlington, VA
Location:
This site location is at Memorial Avenue, across the Potomac River, east of Arlington National Cemetery. The location is on axis with the Lincoln Memorial to the east and the Women in Military Service for America Memorial and Arlington House to the southwest. While the exact site boundaries have not been determined, the site configuration is generally circular. The site location encompasses the parkland to the southwest of the circle.

Framework Context:
This is a pivotal location in both the framework and the Federal City’s historical development. This site location is on the approach to Arlington National Cemetery and within the Waterfront Crescent portion of the Urban Design Framework. The McMillan Plan envisioned this site on the Potomac River as a crucial marker connecting the District and Virginia. It is on axis with the Lincoln Memorial at the eastern end of Memorial Drive and offers good views to the Washington Monument and the Kennedy Center. In addition, the abundance of other historical resources within walking distance, including Arlington National Cemetery, the Women in Military Service for America Memorial, Kennedy Grave Site, and Arlington House make this site a prime gateway location for the development of a major federal memorial.

Site Description Summary
The Memorial Avenue location presents very limited opportunity for economic development or for spin-off economic benefits from the establishment of a museum or memorial. The physical constraints of the site and the highly limited development potential for the surrounding parkland make it difficult to envision mixed-use or other economic activities occurring on or near the site. Additionally, the distance from the site to the nearest neighborhoods and business districts limits the potential to establish economically viable visitor service amenities.

Vicinity:
The majority of current visitors to the Arlington National Cemetery area access the site via passenger vehicles, tour buses, tournamobiles, or the Arlington Cemetery Metrorail Station (Blue line). There are several regional roadways in the vicinity of the site, including the Arlington Memorial Bridge, I-66, and the historic George Washington Memorial Parkway. Arlington National Cemetery’s parking garage is located on Memorial Avenue. The Arlington Cemetery Metrorail station is within 1,000 feet of the circle. The Potomac River waterfront is located approximately 1,500 feet from the site, but in order to traverse the route between the circle and the waterfront, pedestrians must cross the flow of traffic traveling at high speeds from Washington Boulevard onto Memorial Bridge.

Urban Design Conditions
The Memorial Avenue location presents very limited opportunity for economic development or for spin-off economic benefits from the establishment of a museum or memorial. The physical constraints of the site and the highly limited development potential for the surrounding parkland make it difficult to envision mixed-use or other economic activities occurring on or near the site. Additionally, the distance from the site to the nearest neighborhoods and business districts limits the potential to establish economically viable visitor service amenities.

Environmental Conditions
The site location is a mix of natural area and roadway adjacent to the Potomac River. The site location features generally flat topography, a lawn area, and tree groves. The site’s riverfront setting offers possible habitat for animal species. The site is close to major noise sources, including airplanes in the flight path over the Potomac River and a heavy volume of traffic on Memorial Circle. This heavy volume of traffic also produces adverse air quality conditions, which starkly contrast with the peaceful, natural setting of the adjacent Arlington National Cemetery.
Memorial Avenue at George Washington Memorial Parkway

Commemorative Opportunity:

Jurisdiction: Federal – National Park Service

A primary memorial site opportunity exists in association with Memorial Avenue. Although the existing circle at the west end of Memorial Bridge is not viewed as appropriate for the location of a future memorial, a major destination site opportunity exists to the west of the circle on the Virginia side of the channel.

The destination memorial site is estimated at from two to four acres. While memorial development would not likely require many physical improvements in the site vicinity, development could require upgrades to existing utilities.

Site development can both enhance existing parkland and complement the existing memorials along Memorial Avenue toward the entrance of Arlington National Cemetery.

A memorial at this location could enhance design principles of the McMillan Plan including the historic built environment of Memorial Bridge and Memorial Avenue without competing with existing memorials.

Design Considerations:

1. The site has evolved over time. Memorial designs must respect this historic context, e.g., the radius of the circle, the relationship to Memorial Bridge, Memorial Avenue, Arlington National Cemetery, etc., as well as views to the Lincoln Memorial.

2. The opportunity exists to enhance the views and vistas inherent in the historic and topographic development of the Federal City. The location has omnidirectional views with axial views/vistas both across Memorial Bridge to the Lincoln Memorial and west along Memorial Avenue to the hemicycle and to Arlington House.

3. A memorial in this area could help establish this location as a destination and would afford the opportunity to improve existing infrastructure through the addition of special features and other amenities.

4. A memorial at this location can complement the existing memorials on Memorial Avenue, as well as the dignity of Arlington National Cemetery. Memorial site development should incorporate and enhance existing parkland.

5. The location west of the channel is suitable for a destination-type memorial with buildings and interpretive facilities.

6. Access to the destination site opportunity would be from both the Arlington Cemetery Metrorail Station and from the nearby Arlington National Cemetery parking garage. No additional private vehicle parking would be provided in association with this memorial site.

View looking east from the entrance to Arlington National Cemetery towards the Memorial Bridge and Lincoln Memorial. A potential memorial site is located near the area of the Spanish War Memorial.
Site Description Summary

This site location is on the east side of the Kennedy Center near the E Street Mall. The site opportunity area is an irregular configuration of roadway, landscaped lawn areas, and tree groves. The site is surrounded by high-density residential and government office uses, the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, and highway connections.

Urban Design Conditions

This site, centered on the Kennedy Center entrance at the western terminus of the E Street axis, is within the Urban Design Framework's western Commemorative Focus Area. The site location is in the Foggy Bottom area, which has a strong identity due to the presence of George Washington University and the concentration of federal and international agency office buildings. This highly visible site includes the Kennedy Center, a major cultural resource, and a Special Place. The location also has indirect axial relationships with the White House and the Lincoln Memorial and offers views, although slightly obstructed, to the Potomac River and the Theodore Roosevelt Bridge. The opportunity to construct an urban plaza on a deck over the redesigned E Street Expressway interchange would create an enhanced entrance sequence to the Kennedy Center.

Economic Conditions

The E Street Expressway site offers the potential for minimal to significant economic development, depending on the use and the reconfiguration of the existing roadways and open spaces. The neighboring commercial districts at the Watergate and adjacent to George Washington University are ripe for greater commercial development, given accordant visitor amenities such as parking and food service. A museum at the site would likely spin off new visitor traffic and create demand for amenities, while a monument or memorial constructed atop a new urban deck would likely serve more as an urban design feature than as an economic agent.

Transportation Conditions

This site has excellent passenger vehicular access with numerous parking opportunities. However, the pedestrian facilities are practically non-existent. The eastern side of the Kennedy Center, facing the city, fronts a ramp system from the E Street Expressway, I-66, and Route 50. This ramp system acts as a barrier to pedestrian traffic. It is likely that the Circulator will serve this site as well as a water transportation dock on the west side of the Kennedy Center on the Potomac River. With these public transportation modes in place and pedestrian access improvements to the east, the supporting transportation modes would be able to accommodate a moderate to large volume of visitors.

Environmental Conditions

The site, in its current use as roadway network with small landscaped areas, offers little natural habitat for plants or animal species. There are no water resources on the site. Although the site receives some noise impact from the automobile traffic on the E Street Expressway and from air traffic over the Potomac River, the site does not have adverse air quality characteristics. Although the site formerly contained industrial activities (fuel tanks), there is no visible evidence of previous industrial uses or environmental contamination on the site.
Commemorative Opportunity:

**Jurisdiction:** District of Columbia and Federal Highway Administration

This future site has the potential to accommodate a major memorial on axis with E Street and at the east entrance to the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. Depending on the redesign of the expressway ramps and associated deck and incorporation of the Kennedy Center plaza, the primary site might be several acres in size. Museums flanking a central feature are also appropriate.

Memorial and/or museum development, while consistent with the Legacy proposal to reconfigure the E Street Expressway, would require certain alterations to the site. Due to steep slopes, development could require moderate to extensive grading and slope stabilization measures.

Reconfiguration of the roadway network could require the relocation or addition of utilities and could increase the size of the site, resulting in a substantial opportunity for development.

**NCPC’s Extending the Legacy** illustrates an urban plaza at this location and the potential for the future development of flanking buildings that could also house a museum and other related memorial elements.

![Image](image.png)

The image above looks west from E Street to the Kennedy Center. Proposals to reconfigure the E Street Expressway interchange could include an area for the development of an urban plaza that could incorporate a memorial and/or flanking museums.

**Design Considerations:**

1. This site on the E Street axis could serve as a focal point at the western end of E Street extended.

2. Development of a memorial in this location offers the opportunity to contribute to the development of a thematic memorial corridor along E Street (from 18th Street to the Kennedy Center).

3. A memorial could be a catalyst for the development of other public and private open space improvements and associated amenities that would encourage pedestrian activity.

4. A large plaza should be heavily landscaped. The memorial should be scaled in relation to the plaza and surrounding development. The memorial feature should be large enough so that it can be seen from a distance while at the same time not obstructing the view of the Kennedy Center.

5. Site development and memorial/museum design should both complement and enhance the entrance plaza in front of the Kennedy Center as well as the building itself.

6. Opportunities exist to develop alternate means of access and additional parking in association with future development. In addition, a future water taxi stop is envisioned along the Potomac River at the Center.

7. Future development opportunities adjacent to the memorial plaza may also provide support space to house museums, interpretive centers and other related memorial elements.
A significant land area adjoining the Kennedy Center contains road alignments that could be transformed into new civic spaces that would connect the Center with the E Street corridor. The photo above depicts the extent of land area presently dedicated to roadways. Concepts have been proposed for reconfiguring this network of roads and introducing a new plaza above them.

At right, the Kennedy Center is shown in the context of future conditions that would extend the E Street corridor and create a new public space on the east side of the Kennedy Center. Potential future improvements to the Center could also include a new pedestrian stairway that would connect the Center’s west terrace with the Potomac River waterfront and Rock Creek Parkway.
Concepts for redefining the E Street corridor include a new civic plaza at the J. F. Kennedy Center, shown at left, by redesigning adjoining roads and ramps that presently restrict direct pedestrian access from E Street. Another proposal for improving access to the Center includes a conceptual waterfront stairway, shown at right, that would link the Center’s terrace with existing waterfront walkways and a proposed watercraft landing area.
Site Description Summary

This site location is between Maryland and Independence Avenues and 4th and 6th Streets, SW. It is located south across Independence Avenue from the Smithsonian's Air and Space Museum on the National Mall and southwest of the Capitol Grounds. The generally rectangular site is currently a mix of paved streets under the jurisdiction of D.C., a triangular community garden under the jurisdiction of the National Park Service, and the Department of Education (FOB-6) which borders the paved plaza to the south. FOB-6 is under the jurisdiction of the General Services Administration.

Urban Design Conditions

This site is prominently located at the intersection of two Special Streets and offers axial views along Maryland Avenue to the U.S. Capitol. The site location falls on the Monumental Corridor element of the Urban Design Framework. The site is within walking distance of the National Mall and the Capitol. The site location's prominent framework and design qualities offer a high potential for accommodating a major federal memorial. A primary memorial on this site could relate thematically to the Department of Education.

Economic Conditions

The site is adjacent to primary tourist destinations such as the National Air and Space Museum, as well as government installations such as NASA and the Departments of Education and Health and Human Services. The site offers little in terms of potential for neighborhood revitalization or economic development, but would increase the demand for visitor amenities in the immediate area. Conceivably, the site could provide these amenities and capitalize on existing visitor traffic. However, the potential to generate new economic activity for the region is not high.

Transportation Conditions

This site has an excellent supporting transportation system that has the potential of capitalizing on every mode of transportation evaluated with the exception of water transportation (i.e., highways, commuter trains, Metrobus, touring vehicles). The closest Metrorail station is L'Enfant Plaza (2 blocks), through which the Yellow, Blue, Orange and Green lines can be accessed. (The Federal Center Metrorail Station (4 blocks) and the Smithsonian Metrorail Station (5 blocks) provide access to the Blue and Orange lines.) It is expected that a significant percentage of visitors to a memorial museum at this location would utilize the Metrorail because of the number of lines connecting at L'Enfant Plaza, the number of secondary Metrorail stations in the vicinity, and the number of surrounding attractions. Public transportation use would increase with the implementation of the Circulator system, which could connect at L'Enfant Plaza to create an Intermodal Station. The transportation characteristics surrounding this site demonstrate that it would be possible to accommodate a large volume of visitors.

Environmental Conditions

The location's current mix of an urban plaza, roadway, and triangular garden area contains a variety of environmental features. The urban plaza has a section of tree groves and the garden area has a section of grasses. There are no water resources on the site. The site receives some noise impact from the tour buses and automobile traffic on Independence Avenue. However, there are no adverse air quality characteristics and no evidence of previous industrial uses or environmental contamination.
Commemorative Opportunity:

**Jurisdiction: Federal – General Services Administration and the National Park Service District of Columbia, Department of Public Works**

The Maryland Avenue Monumental Corridor is one of several avenues identified in *Extending the Legacy* for major revitalization. Proposals have been made to redefine the previous alignment of Maryland Avenue between the Capitol and the Tidal Basin area. These actions would increase the prominence of the existing public plaza that is located north of the Department of Education building.

The visibility of the site is also shaped by its location facing the National Air and Space Museum. In the near future, this prominence will be heightened by the completion of the new Native American Museum that will adjoin the site on Independence Avenue and 4th Street, SW.

Memorial development should take advantage of the site’s location on two Special Streets, as well as the direct axial vista to the Capitol. The significant scale of the existing plaza is similar to that of Freedom Plaza on Pennsylvania Avenue. Depending on specific location and configuration, memorial development could displace some current uses. Renovation and redesign of the existing plaza would complement adjoining federal government and visitor uses.

![The Maryland Avenue Monumental Corridor as it appears today, above, with an existing park at the U.S. Department of Education. A revitalized alignment of this prominent Avenue would provide new opportunities for public space improvements and commemorative elements.](image)

1. Any future memorial should respect and reinforce this location’s prominence as a civic plaza at the intersection of two Special Streets, Maryland and Independence Avenues, and its association with the Dept. of Education.

2. The opportunity exists to redevelop either portions of or the entire plaza in conjunction with a new memorial. The site could consist of a primary memorial, with associated and smaller memorials.

3. Any future memorial should incorporate existing reciprocal vistas along Maryland Avenue. The mass and scale should not obstruct or obscure the primary axial relationships along the Avenue, and should not overshadow the Department of Education building.

4. The location is facing the National Air and Space Museum and will adjoin other important sites that draw tourists and visitors. A memorial could draw visitors to the plaza while advancing plans to revitalize and realign Maryland Avenue.

5. The design of any future memorial should allow for public gatherings while providing adequate space for commemorative reflection.

6. Any future memorial should utilize and take advantage of existing infrastructure, including existing street parking and Metrorail access.

7. Amenities such as parking and visitor services, i.e., restrooms, gift shops, and parking, should not be located at this site; nearby buildings should serve these uses. This site is not appropriate for a building.
Design Considerations:

A concept for re-establishing the alignment of Maryland Avenue is shown at left. The illustration depicts the potential future prominence of the Avenue, with visual linkages and new public spaces between the U.S. Capitol and the Tidal Basin.
In the future, the Maryland Avenue Monumental Corridor could provide increased vitality and accessibility to Southwest Washington. The image at left proposes a sequence of public space improvements within a reconfigured street alignment.

The concept plan above conveys one idea for redesigning the existing public plaza at the U. S. Department of Education, located on Maryland Avenue and facing the Air and Space Museum.
Location:

This site location is at the East Capitol Street Gateway, just east of RFK Stadium along the Anacostia River. Kingman Island is the largest, extending from Benning Road on the north approximately 5,000 feet to the south. Kingman Island varies in width from 800 feet to less than 100 feet. The associated Heritage Island is approximately 1,500 feet long in the north-south direction, with a width varying between 100 to 400 feet. The land area totals approximately eight acres. Although Kingman Island is the larger of the two islands, both are possible locations for memorial development.

Framework Context:

Urban Design Conditions

This site is located in a Commemorative Focus Area on the eastern edge of the Waterfront Crescent. Furthermore, it is on-axis with the Capitol and RFK Stadium. The low elevation and dense vegetation on the west bank of the Anacostia River obscures many views from the island. The general location is in an area that has a transitional identity as a mix of civic and residential uses. This location could serve as a District or a federal memorial site opportunity. It is currently under the control of the District government.

Economic Conditions

Access would be the paramount consideration in determining the magnitude and direction of economic development at Kingman Island site. While the areas to the west of the island are constrained by existing land uses, the neighborhoods to the east stand to accrue the greatest economic benefit from the establishment of a museum or memorial on Kingman Island. By including Mayfair Parkside, River Terrace, and the Kenilworth areas into any museum or memorial redevelopment plans for Kingman Island, sponsors would create significant positive economic effects for the residents and businesses in the area.

Transportation Conditions

Kingman Island is separated from most existing modes of transportation. There is no Metrorail station or Metrobus stop in the vicinity of the site. It is not likely that the Circulator system will extend to the island. Vehicular access onto the island is not permitted. Pedestrian access is gained from bridges connecting to existing parking lots. There are parking facilities located near RFK Stadium on the west side of the Anacostia River that are within walking distance. There are existing pedestrian facilities, but the majority of the sidewalks are in poor condition. They are narrow and overgrown with vegetation and should be improved prior to the construction of a pedestrian-generating memorial/museum on Kingman Island. There is potential for water transportation, which would greatly improve access to this site and would provide a public transportation option for visitors.

Environmental Conditions

The island is long and narrow with irregular boundaries and is generally flat, although it rises gently from the water. This site location has an abundance of natural resources. The dense vegetation of this riparian forest provides habitat for numerous plant and animal species. The remote, lush character of the island is enhanced by the absence of traffic, airplanes, and other harmful noise and air pollutant sources. Previous uses of this site, however, likely have resulted in environmental contamination.
Commemorative Opportunity:

**Jurisdiction:** District of Columbia  
Dept. of Parks and Recreation

A future memorial could relate thematically to the natural qualities of the Anacostia River or Kingman Island. Memorial development could enhance the Anacostia River waterfront (through increased use of the water for recreation and transportation purposes) and strengthen the East Capitol Street Monumental Corridor. Memorial development would need to be sensitive to the residential neighborhoods located east and west of the island. As envisioned in *Legacy*, the RFK parking lots could be redeveloped as parklands, thereby providing an appropriate setting for reuse of the island.

A detailed assessment of potential site contamination would be required before memorial development could begin. Memorial development also could require extensive grading and clearing, slope stabilization, and utility upgrades although the intent should be to maintain the island’s natural character.

Due to the limited modes of available transportation, the volume of visitors that could be supported by the transportation system is dependent upon pedestrian facility improvements, implementation of the water transportation system, and the pedestrian route between the RFK surface parking lots and the island.

Design Considerations:

1. A memorial at this location could enhance the waterfront by providing increased scenic value, encouraging river traffic, and providing passive recreation.

2. The design and development of the memorial should not entail substantial site improvements or alterations detrimental to the existing landscape and setting.

3. Memorial siting should be located so that required associated visitor services do not degrade the environment.

4. The memorial could encourage recreational activities and waterfront vitality. Accessibility from the river should be emphasized.

5. Pedestrian connections between Heritage and Kingman Islands and Anacostia Park to both the east and west should be enhanced.

6. Limited visitor services might be included at the memorial or at other nearby locations along the Anacostia River.
Freedom Plaza is located on Pennsylvania Avenue near the White House in the heart of the Downtown Core and Federal Triangle area. The site location is bounded generally by Pennsylvania Avenue and 13th, 14th, and E Streets, NW. The proposed site, which is long and narrow, is currently developed as a formal plaza. The site has an existing scaled reproduction of the L'Enfant Plan for Washington. In addition, there is a fountain on the western edge of the site, a memorial statue of General Casimir Pulaski in the tree-lined, recessed, northeast corner, and a Martin Luther King, Jr. Day time capsule under the plaza. The site area is less than two acres.

This site location, along a Monumental Corridor, is a centerpiece of the Urban Design Framework. The site location is within walking distance of both the White House and the Capitol, as well as the National Mall. The site area also offers numerous cultural resources, including the National Theatre, the John Wilson Building (the District's City Hall), the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center, and the Old Post Office. The site location offers a direct axial view down Pennsylvania Avenue (a Special Street) to the Capitol. The site location has been designated a Special Place and was highlighted as an urban square in both the L'Enfant and the McMillan Plans.

The Freedom Plaza site is in an active business district that also draws a substantial number of tourists, due to the nearby retail activities, theaters, and hotels. Much of the area is already economically mature. A memorial would likely rely on existing visitor patterns and spending behaviors in the area and not generate economic impacts independent of its neighbors. Greater street-level retail opportunities do exist in the area, but the site's strongest economic potential is likely as a mixed-use redevelopment with commemorative and commercial activities integrated on-site. The Navy Memorial mixed-use development could serve as a model for economic planning at the Freedom Plaza site.

This site has an excellent supporting transportation system. The closest Metrorail station is Metro Center (less than 1,000 feet), through which the Red, Blue and Orange lines can be accessed. The Federal Triangle Metrorail Station (approximately 1,000 feet from the site) and the McPherson Square Metrorail Station (approximately 2,000 feet from the site) both provide access to the Blue and Orange lines. There is also excellent vehicular access to this site complemented by numerous public parking garages and on-street parking opportunities. The Circulator might be routed near the plaza if demand dictates. Metrobus access is excellent.

Due to the open, urban character of this location, there are few natural resources associated with the site. The hard-sired plaza does not offer soil, water resources, or habitat for animal species. However, a few trees and planting beds line the northeastern edge of the plaza by the Pulaski statue. Although the site receives impacts from traffic along Pennsylvania Avenue, the site does not suffer from adverse air quality.
Commemorative Opportunity:

Jurisdiction: Federal – National Park Service

Opportunities exist to redevelop either portions of the plaza or the entire plaza in conjunction with a new primary memorial and/or potential associated memorials. Developing this site location as a destination-type memorial could enhance the axial relationship between the White House and the U.S. Capitol, provide space for commemorative events, and cater to the nearby tourist market. Ultimately, development could transform the site into an important gateway to the Downtown area. A memorial at this location would be able to accommodate a large volume of visitors because of the public transportation capacity of the three nearby Metrorail stations, numerous parking opportunities, and good regional roadway access.

Since the site is generally level, future memorial construction would not require major sitework other than removal of the existing plaza and lowering it to sidewalk level or below. However, developing the site for a higher use may require slight upgrades to utilities, especially lighting. The design principles of the L'Enfant Plan should be enhanced through the appropriate placement and design of a memorial at this location. The memorial should be oriented toward pedestrians and, if related in theme to nearby activities, could encourage additional activity.

Design Considerations:

1. Any future memorial should respect and relate to its location on Pennsylvania Avenue, and include a significant feature at this location. The original design concept for the plaza included two major pylons and sculpture representing the U.S. Capitol and the White House.

2. The opportunity exists to redevelop either portions of the plaza or the entire plaza in conjunction with a new memorial. The site could consist of a primary memorial, with associated and smaller memorials. Any future memorial should incorporate existing reciprocal vistas along Pennsylvania Avenue. The mass and scale should not change the primary axial relationships along Pennsylvania Avenue, and should not overshadow the importance of the Wilson Building.

3. The location is near the White House Visitors Center and other sites that draw tourists and visitors. A memorial could draw visitors to the plaza and into Downtown through related museums or thematic connections.

4. The design of any future memorial should provide adequate space for commemorative ceremonies and casual gatherings. A memorial at this location could utilize a nearby building for a related museum. Any future memorial should utilize and take advantage of existing infrastructure, including existing street parking and Metrorail and Metrobus access.

5. This site is not appropriate for a building. Amenities such as parking and visitor services, i.e., restrooms, gift shops, and parking, should not be located at this site. Any design should recognize the importance of the Wilson Building as the District of Columbia City Hall.

The view shown above is looking east along the axis of Freedom Plaza. Although the site location has fulfilled historic design plans by being an urban plaza, this plaza has not achieved the vibrancy of public use that the early city planners envisioned.
## Location:
![Map of Potomac River Waterfront on Rock Creek Parkway, south of the Theodore Roosevelt Bridge](image)

This multiple site location is along Rock Creek Parkway, northwest of the Lincoln Memorial and in the National Mall environs. The primary site location is located on the Potomac River Waterfront between the Theodore Roosevelt and Arlington Memorial Bridges. Other potential sites include those located near the Constitution Avenue axis, the “belvedere” site at the terminus of Constitution Avenue on the Potomac, and a focal point site at the northeast terminus of the Roosevelt Bridge. The belvedere and parkway drive to the Lincoln Memorial are part of the design of Memorial Bridge and the related watergate steps.

## Framework Context:
![Framework Context Diagram](image)

This site location is consistent with the Commemorative Focus Area at the western edge of the Waterfront Crescent element of the Memorial Framework. The site location is situated between the Theodore Roosevelt and Arlington Memorial Bridges along Rock Creek Parkway and the Potomac River. It also is located along both sides of Constitution Avenue extended between the National Mall and the Kennedy Center. This location offers sweeping views of the Potomac River and Lincoln Memorial.

The sites at the eastern terminus of the Roosevelt Bridge offers a primary gateway opportunity, as does the belvedere site at the implied western end of the Constitution Avenue axis. The site’s strategic location near many historic, cultural, and environmental resources offers the potential for both a major destination memorial and several smaller memorial opportunities. Most of these sites should be considered after the Roosevelt Bridge approach ramps are reconstructed in the future. These actions will potentially extend the alignment of Constitution Avenue to the Potomac River.

## Economic Conditions
As parkland and open space, the Potomac River Waterfront sites offer little on-site economic development potential. The economic value of these sites is to aggregate with other waterfront attractions to create a critical mass of small contributing memorials to support greater capital area tourism and amenities. Few commercial or residential areas stand to gain directly by the addition of a single memorial on the Potomac River Waterfront sites.

## Transportation Conditions
The transportation modes that would facilitate access to and from this site are passenger vehicles, the water transportation system, and the Circulator system. Parking is limited to on-street spaces. In order to encourage use of the water transportation system, wayfinding signs should be provided between the dock and the site. With limited pedestrian and parking facilities in the vicinity, the site may be suitable for a smaller, non-destination memorial. With potential future redesigned circulation systems, the access system for the site could be improved to accommodate a moderate scale memorial.

## Environmental Conditions
The site location is a combination of an open, natural land area and roadway network. Specifically, the rolling lawns and tree groves along the Potomac River Waterfront merge with the roadway network of the Rock Creek Parkway and the Theodore Roosevelt Bridge. The traffic associated with this roadway creates some environmental impacts on the site, in the form of noise, noxious fumes, and adverse air quality.
Commemorative Opportunity:

Jurisdiction: Federal – National Park Service

This location includes both current and future site opportunities of varying size in and around the Theodore Roosevelt Bridge ramps, including the existing “belvedere” at the visual terminus of Constitution Avenue at the Potomac River. The area around these sites includes developed parkland and informal multi-purpose recreational uses. Memorial site opportunities approximate ¼ acre; the belvedere site is less than ¼ acre. Due to close proximity of potential sites, the development of one site may preclude the future development of other adjoining sites.

Memorial development offers the potential to enhance this gateway entrance into the L’Enfant City from the Roosevelt Bridge, while respecting the zone of influence around the Lincoln Memorial. Development should enhance the surrounding natural and historic features and incorporate existing recreation areas. Development should also incorporate existing long-distance views across the Potomac River, as well as offer public access from the water to the site, possibly as a future water taxi stop. Depending on the specific placement, memorial development could necessitate limited grading/filling operations and utility improvements on the sites. If the sites were to be developed as destination memorials, a pedestrian crossing across the Rock Creek Parkway and an adequate sidewalk system would be necessary.

Design Considerations:

1. The existing belvedere is an appropriate site for memorial statuary or a sculptural element, such as a major fountain. Other future sites might accommodate a major landscape solution and, on one site, a possible memorial or museum building, as suggested in Legacy. These sites offer significant waterfront opportunities. Memorial design should preserve the passive and informal qualities of the waterfront, the open vistas across the Potomac River to Virginia and, the natural environment of Rock Creek and West Potomac Parks.

2. Memorial design and development should not compromise the public’s use of parkland and open space, eliminate multi-purpose recreational fields, or encroach upon or compete with the Lincoln or Vietnam Veterans Memorials. A future memorial presents the opportunity to identify the gateway entrance from the Theodore Roosevelt Bridge to the L’Enfant City and the Monumental Core.

3. Memorials should provide civic enhancement and complement the character of the waterfront parkland and Rock Creek Parkway. Waterfront memorials provide vistas across the river. Memorials here would take advantage of the water taxi at the Kennedy Center. Memorials should incorporate pedestrian-oriented amenities for casual gathering, as well as opportunities for viewing from nearby roadways. There are existing opportunities for pedestrian amenities and limited services for tourists at this end of West Potomac Park.

4. Existing buildings in this vicinity including the Naval Observatory, might provide opportunities for related educational or museum facilities.
Location:
This site location is the grassed median between the eastbound and westbound lanes of East Capitol Street immediately to the east of 19th Street, SE. It is immediately west of RFK Stadium and north of the D.C. Armory. The site is rectangular in shape, measuring approximately 200 feet by 800 feet and totaling approximately four acres. The site is currently developed as an urban landscaped open space, which is used for both active and passive recreation. It is surrounded by residential and sports-related uses, as well as surface parking lots that serve RFK and the Armory.

Framework Context:

Urban Design Conditions:
This site location is in the eastern Commemorative Focus Area, at the intersection of a Monumental Corridor and the Waterfront Crescent. The site is on East Capitol Street (a Special Street) and on axis with the U.S. Capitol and the Washington Monument, although topography and vegetation partially obstruct prominent views. This site is a dominant feature of numerous plans for the city, including the Legacy Plan. The site also is near District resources such as RFK Stadium and the D.C. Armory (buildings that serve as gathering places for city residents), and is located in an area of increasingly strong identity. This site location offers the potential for a significant focal point memorial.

Economic Conditions:
The East Capitol Street/RFK Stadium site offers strong potential for increasing economic activity in the Lincoln Park, Capitol Hill, and surrounding neighborhoods. A major commemorative feature or museum that would draw significant visitation could substantially change the economic character of the area. The new visitors to the area would create demand for visitor services such as restaurants, retail shops, and consumer amenities. In combination with development incentives and urban planning, these new amenities could add new economic activity to the area. The East Capitol Street/RFK Stadium site satisfies nearly all of the criteria to leverage commemorative resources and encourage revitalization in an area seeking new capital and investment.

Transportation Conditions:
This site has public transportation and vehicular access. The Stadium/Armory Metrorail Station is approximately 900 feet from the site, which provides access to the Blue and Orange lines. There is also excellent vehicular access to this site complemented by public parking lots and on-street parking opportunities. The Circulator may connect to the Stadium/Armory Metrorail Station to create an Intermodal Station. There are existing pedestrian facilities on the adjacent roadways but some need improvements. Specifically, the sidewalks along East Capitol Street are narrow and in poor condition.

Environmental Conditions:
This landscaped urban site is between the eastbound and westbound lanes of East Capitol Street. This generally flat site has a spacious lawn and ornamental trees, which do not offer evidence of animal habitation. While the site location is near the Anacostia River, there are no water resources on the site. The site is subject to some intermittent noise from automobile traffic and events at the RFK Stadium. There is no evidence of previous industrial uses or environmental contamination on the site.
Commemorative Opportunity:

Jurisdiction: Federal – National Park Service

Memorial development should enhance the symbolic qualities of this location’s role as an entrance to the L’Enfant City and relate thematically to the Stadium/D.C. Armory Complex. Future memorials must respect the scale and context of the surrounding community.

Due to the site’s consistent topography, character, and the surrounding uses, memorial development would not likely require many site alterations. Due to the public transportation opportunities nearby and the good vehicular access, it is likely that the site’s transportation resources could support a moderate to large volume of visitors.

However, if a large pedestrian-generating memorial/museum were to be developed at this location, the sidewalks along East Capitol Street would need to be improved. This site is highly visible and should be reserved for a major memorial.

The memorial should take advantage of the physical and symbolic qualities of the East Capitol Street corridor and celebrate this entrance to the historic L’Enfant City. The memorial should enhance and emphasize views to the Capitol and the Washington Monument.

1. The memorial could complement, in its design or theme, the entrances to the Stadium or the Armory. The memorial should not compete visually or thematically with the existing George Preston Marshall monument which is proposed to be relocated.

2. The memorial should respect the scale and character of the surrounding community.

3. Design of the memorial could provide basic amenities such as seating and areas for casual gatherings. Adequate space should also be provided for accommodation of commemorative ceremonies.

4. Visitor services for the site could be included in adjacent buildings.

Proposal for redesigning the west entrance to the RFK Stadium to provide new definition as a public park where a memorial site could complement the area’s public buildings.

The view depicted above is from the median between the eastbound and westbound lanes of East Capitol Street looking east to RFK Stadium. The D.C. Armory is immediately adjacent to the south.
South Capitol Street terminus at the Anacostia River, SE/SW

Site Description Summary

This site location is prominently located on the South Capitol Street axis at the Anacostia River waterfront. This site also is bordered by South Capitol, S, and T Streets, SW and is near the Frederick Douglass Bridge. Development of this site location would be consistent with the principles of the L'Enfant, McMillian, and Legacy Plans and the Urban Design Framework.

Urban Design Conditions

This location combines several key features of the framework. As a centerpiece of the framework on the southern terminus of South Capitol Street and on the Anacostia waterfront, the site has the potential to be the location of a major "gateway" memorial. It could add energy and activity to the Anacostia River shoreline serving as a major waterfront destination, visually and symbolically linking both sides of the Anacostia River and connecting to the Poplar Point area. Although the site is directly on axis with the Capitol, the Southeast/Southwest Freeway and the Frederick Douglass Bridge ramps currently obstruct prominent views. Redevelopment within the area could help enhance the importance of the South Capitol Street axis by reestablishing the visual connection to the U.S. Capitol. In this respect, the location strongly reinforces the principles underlying the Monumental Corridors component of the framework. Finally, located at the juncture of several major framework elements (Commemorative Focus Area), the site has a high degree of distinction and offers an excellent opportunity for accommodating a major memorial or a cluster of museums.

Economic Conditions

South Capitol Street offers a tremendous opportunity to join a commemorative or museum resource with commercial undertakings to develop successful mixed-use entities. The surrounding neighborhood would see substantial economic benefits from tourist and commercial activity in the area, with the increased need for restaurants, retail, and visitor services. Proposals to redevelop the Southeast Federal Center/Washington Navy Yard and the waterfront as a whole would naturally make use of the central siting of the South Capitol Street location. Visitors drawn to the new development, if accompanied by incentives and investment, would find the South Capitol Street site a key to the economic functions on the waterfront.

Transportation Conditions

Currently, access to this site is difficult. There is no public parking at the terminus of the corridor and no Metrorail or Metrobus access. South Capitol Street is a major corridor, however, and could be improved to accommodate higher volumes of vehicular traffic. This site is a good candidate for a water transportation dock, as well as a connection with the Circulator system. These modes would greatly enhance access to this location and connect it with other areas along South Capitol Street and across the Anacostia.

Environmental Conditions

The site is characterized by industrial uses. Its primary natural feature is its waterfront location. The site location does not receive much noise but does have some air quality concerns from the industrial and manufacturing uses of the surrounding parcels. These uses of the surrounding parcels and of the primary site itself indicate possible conditions of contaminated soils and other resources on the site.
Jurisdiction: Private Property

This location is on axis with South Capitol Street. The primary site at the end of South Capitol Street is bordered by S Street on the north, by T Street on the south, and the Anacostia River on the east. Although the primary site is within an area covered by an approved planned unit development, future redevelopment of the corridor could potentially result in a larger site area. Memorial and/or museum development at this location offers the potential to enhance the South Capitol Street corridor and gateway from Anacostia by developing a prominent civic feature at the terminus. Concepts for this area are still preliminary and need to be reviewed and refined with District officials and the private sector as part of the current Anacostia waterfront planning effort. While development at the primary site location would require investigation and possible remediation, it would not require extensive site alteration, except for possible shoreline stabilization and utility upgrades. Memorial and museum development at this location would require major improvements to pedestrian facilities to link transportation systems with other critical connections. With these transportation improvements in place, the level of access to and from this potential memorial/museum location would increase significantly.

1. A memorial on this site has the potential to emphasize the South Capitol Street axis. This could further the design principles contained in the L’Enfant and McMillan Plans. The development of future memorials and/or museums within this area would be consistent with the vision of NCPC’s Legacy Plan.

2. Memorials and museums on the Anacostia River should link both sides of the river, symbolically and visually; a memorial or museum in this location could have visual and symbolic connections to similar activities in the James Creek and Poplar Point areas.

3. The site is one of several located on the proposed Anacostia River waterfront promenade. A memorial in this location could become a major waterfront destination.

4. This location could support a major memorial and/or cluster of museums. A major memorial or museum cluster at this location could help emphasize the importance of the South Capitol Street axis. Vertical elements aligned with this axis could emphasize the symbolic connection to the Capitol. Other site features should focus attention on waterfront vistas.

5. Principal features should be visible from the river and the opposite shoreline. Reciprocity of views should be emphasized to promote visual and symbolic connections across the river.

6. Memorial design should provide for the future incorporation of waterside access. Amenities should include spaces for small gatherings and contemplative areas.
Recent proposals for redefining the South Capitol Street terminus at the Anacostia River provide promising opportunities for locating future memorials and museums in conjunction with local revitalization efforts.

These illustrations include concepts from Extending the Legacy and other redevelopment plans for South Capitol Street. These examples can provide important guidance in the planning effort for the South Capitol Street Monumental Corridor.
Design Proposals:

These concept drawings show how South Capitol Street revitalization could provide new civic improvements including future memorials and museums.
10th Street Overlook at south end of L'Enfant Promenade, SW

Site Description Summary

This potential site is located at the terminus of the 10th Street promenade, immediately to the south of L'Enfant Plaza, SW. This four-acre site currently includes a small plaza and surrounding hillside, referred to as Benjamin Banneker Park. It connects via a bridge over the Southwest Freeway to a pedestrian promenade to L'Enfant Plaza, with a possible connection to Maine Avenue. The elliptical-shaped site location is in an open urban setting with hardscape, a fountain, benches, lights, and a few trees. Surrounding land uses include offices, hotel, roadways, and surface parking.

Urban Design Conditions

The site is highly visible on a crest above the Washington Channel and the Southwest waterfront. The site, which has been designated a Special Place, is historically important as the southern terminus of 10th Street and the L'Enfant Promenade. The location has a direct visual relationship with and is within walking distance of many federal elements, including the Jefferson Memorial. The site also is immediately adjacent to L'Enfant Plaza, which has a strong identity with numerous office, commercial, and institutional uses, as well as a Metrorail station. The site location at a topographic high point affords 360-degree views of the city, including a prominent view of the Washington Channel. This site location offers the opportunity to create a federal focal memorial that can reconnect the National Mall and L'Enfant Plaza to Maine Avenue and the water.

Economic Conditions

A museum or memorial at the 10th Street Overlook site would create new visitor traffic, both pedestrian and automotive. A significant potential exists for increased use of the L'Enfant Plaza underground amenities and shops. A commerative feature or museum on this site, properly executed, could also build an economic link from the Mall to Water and G Streets in Southwest. Currently, these areas do not benefit greatly from tourism and visitor traffic to Washington D.C. This link, along with the possibility of drawing water taxi traffic heading for the Washington Mall, would help to develop the neighborhoods economically.

Transportation Conditions

This site has an excellent supporting transportation system. The closest Metrorail station is L'Enfant Plaza (approximately 1,500-feet away), through which the Yellow, Blue, Orange and Green lines run. It is expected that a significant percentage of visitors to a memorial/museum at this location would use Metrorail because of the number of lines connecting at L'Enfant Plaza and the synergy created from the surrounding attractions. Likewise, public transportation use would increase with the implementation of the Circulator system and the water transportation system. The Circulator system has the potential of connecting to both L'Enfant Plaza and the water transportation system, whose dock would be less than 1,000 feet from the site. There are excellent pedestrian facilities along the L'Enfant Promenade. The transportation characteristics demonstrate that it would be possible to accommodate a high volume of visitors at a future memorial/museum on the site.

Environmental Conditions

The open, urban setting of this site location features hardscaping, with design features to support the existing fountain and parkland. However, the surrounding hillside features a mix of roadway and natural resources associated with the site. The steeply sloped hillside has a lawn area. The site receives a low to moderate level of noise and some adverse air quality from airplanes in the National Airport flight path and from automobile traffic on the Southeast/Southwest Freeway (I-395). However, there is minimal adverse air quality from the automobile and airplane traffic. There is no evidence of previous industrial uses or environmental contamination on the site.
Commemorative Opportunity:

Jurisdiction: Federal – National Park Service

Memorial development at this location could draw visitors down the 10th Street promenade from the Smithsonian museums to the Washington Channel through both direct physical connections and amenities that could be provided within the corridor.

Future connection to a Legacy-proposed pedestrian footbridge over Washington Channel would be crucial to creating a seamless experience from the National Mall to the Washington Channel and to Hains Point, and beyond.

In order to take advantage of the waterfront position, the path from the overlook to the waterfront needs to be improved with a wayfinding system. Memorial development should also enhance the views afforded by this scenic overlook.

Since the slope conditions are generally steep, future memorial construction could require moderate grading and slope stabilization. Potential redesign of the circulation system around the overlook, as well as possible construction of pedestrian access to the waterfront, may require further environmental assessment and remediation activities.

Design Considerations:

1. The site is appropriate for a major memorial and/or museum at this terminus of 10th Street, a Special Street. The memorial should serve as a focal point on the 10th Street promenade and should provide reciprocal views to and from the waterfront.

2. The site is a significant scenic overlook and any future memorial and/or museum should respect and enhance these existing views.

3. Future reciprocal views could include the Jefferson Memorial (which is currently obscured by Interstate 395) and the Smithsonian Institution Building (“the Castle”) on Independence Avenue (which would be visible if the Forrestal Building were removed sometime in the future).

4. In the L’Enfant Plan, 10th Street connects with the Washington Channel. Development of this site should physically connect 10th Street and the waterfront areas. Safe pedestrian access should be provided through the memorial site.

5. This could be an important pedestrian connection to the water. The memorial should provide amenities to draw pedestrians from L’Enfant Plaza and the surrounding federal enclave to the overlook and the waterfront beyond.

6. A proposed memorial to Benjamin Banneker has been sited along the promenade between this site and Independence Avenue on axis with L’Enfant Plaza.
Existing conditions within the L’Enfant Promenade, looking north to the Forrestal Building beyond which the Smithsonian Institution Building is located. Revitalization and redefinition of this area could be complemented by future improvements and the potential introduction of commemorative elements within the Promenade and Overlook.
Design Proposals:

Concepts for revitalizing the L’Enfant Promenade with improvements that redefine the 10th Street Overlook while reshaping the existing setting of the Promenade. Views from within the Promenade to the Smithsonian Institution Building could be re-established, providing improved linkage between the National Mall and the Washington Channel area.
Constitution Gardens south of Constitution Avenue, NW

Site Description Summary
This site location is in the western portion of Constitution Gardens, just south of Constitution Avenue, north of the Reflecting Pool, and between the Lincoln Memorial and Washington Monument Grounds west of the National Mall. Although the entire area of Constitution Gardens was considered for memorial development, the western end is the most viable location. This site location between the crest of the hill and the west shore of the lake is generally semi-circular in shape, is bounded by the existing paths and the zone of influence of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial to the west. The overall character of the site is open and natural and the site is currently used as passive park and recreation space.

Urban Design Conditions
This site is located within the National Mall Environs and is part of the Monumental Corridors component of the Urban Design Framework. The site is within a Special Place (West Potomac Park) and is adjacent to a Special Street (Constitution Avenue). The site location is within walking distance of the Lincoln Reflecting Pool, Rainbow Pool, and several smaller memorials, including the 56 Signers Memorial, the Vietnam Women’s Memorial, the approved Black Revolutionary War Patriots Memorial, and the approved World War II Memorial. From the site, prominent views are possible to the Washington Monument. Because of Constitution Garden’s strategic location along the National Mall extension, close to various other significant historic and cultural resources, opportunities exist for developing several important and visible memorials in this area.

Economic Conditions
The economic benefits of siting a memorial within Constitution Gardens would be diffuse, rather than concentrated in any specific neighborhood or area. The area around Constitution Gardens is a combination of institutional and parkland and offers little opportunity to accommodate new economic entities or neighborhood development. A memorial would add to the critical mass of attractions in the National Capital Region and help increase the length of stay for area visitation. However, economic benefits would neither occur primarily at the site nor would they assist with the creation of new businesses in revitalizing neighborhoods.

Transportation Conditions
The areas surrounding Constitution Gardens currently attract a large number of visitors. The transportation characteristics surrounding the site appear to favor vehicular access rather than public transportation; however, a large number of visitors utilize the Metrorail system to the Mall area and then walk to each attraction. In addition, the parking availability is limited to on-street spaces. Since there is already a synergy between attractions in the area of Constitution Gardens, it is likely that it will be extended to any future memorial on this site. Transportation mode choices will be consistent with the patterns currently present in the area. In the future, this site may be near the Circulator system route, which would greatly improve access to this location.

Environmental Conditions
The topography of the site varies from rolling to steep slopes, depending on the direction of approach. The site features an open lawn with a few trees near the southern slope. The site’s topsoil, foliages, and adjacent lake offer habitat for animals, including squirrels, birds, and ducks. Although the site location receives noise disturbance from airplanes in the flight path over the Potomac River, the site does not suffer from any other adverse air quality characteristics.
Constitution Gardens south of Constitution Avenue, NW

**Commemorative Opportunity:**

**Jurisdiction:**
Federal – National Park Service

One primary memorial and several smaller memorial site opportunities may exist within Constitution Gardens (to the north of the Reflecting Pool and between the Lincoln Memorial and the Washington Monument Grounds). A major site potential is located at the west end of the lake. This site, preliminarily determined to be between the crest of the hill and the west end of the lake, is limited by the “zone of influence” of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. The recommended potential primary site should be within two acres in size and be of limited height.

Memorial development affords the ability to incorporate views of federal elements, such as Constitution Lake and the Washington Monument. Memorial development that respects the zone of influence and settings of the surrounding memorials can enhance the finished landscape of Constitution Gardens. Memorial development could incorporate existing infrastructure and amenities in the area.

The opportunity exists to reinforce the existing quality of Constitution Gardens as a finished landscape. The paved area to the east of the lake, north of the World War II Memorial, is not considered to be a future memorial site.

1. Potential future memorials sited within Constitution Gardens must respect the existing landscape setting of West Potomac Park and, more specifically, the informal landscape character of Constitution Gardens. Development of one site opportunity may preclude another.

2. Many sites, including the primary site, are highly visible from Constitution Avenue and from various locations across the lake. They are also visible from one another. A future memorial should be of modest height and scale in order to maintain existing views and view corridors. New memorials should take advantage of existing opportunities for enhancing visual connections between existing and proposed memorials.

3. Future development must respect existing adjacent memorials by limiting the number and size of available sites and the scale and extent of memorial-related development. The future memorials should reflect appropriate limitations on massing and height. Memorials should not encroach upon or compete with one another. Memorials should be primarily “green” with paved areas limited to circulation elements. The opportunity exists to integrate water into the design of the primary memorial site.

4. Future memorials should take advantage of existing infrastructure although the pathways and edge of the lake could be altered at the west end. They should integrate existing circulation elements into the design and incorporate the open space, water, and woodlands amenities currently present in the area. Parking and vehicular access to these sites is limited to that which is currently available.

*This view is looking east from the crest of the hill toward Constitution Lake and the Washington Monument. The Vietnam Veterans Memorial is located to the west, on the other side of the hill, and the Reflecting Pool is to the south.*
Walt Whitman Park, along E Street between 19th and 20th Streets, NW

Location:

Site Description Summary
This site location, along E Street between 19th and 20th Streets, NW, is in the Foggy Bottom area west of the White House. The site location is along the E Street corridor at the point where the expressway emerges from its tunnel. The two-acre site has a slightly rolling topography and is primarily green with an open, urban feel. Known as Walt Whitman Park, the eastern quarter of this rectangular site is a playground, while the remainder is a landscaped lawn surrounded by a tree buffer.

Urban Design Conditions
Located at a designated Special Place at the intersection of Special Streets, this site location reinforces the Monumental Corridors component of the Urban Design Framework. The east end of the site has an indirect axial relationship with the White House via New York Avenue. Just west of the site is Virginia Avenue, which provides a direct relationship with the Washington Monument. The site location is within walking distance of other historic and cultural resources, including the Kennedy Center and architecturally significant federal office buildings, such as the historic Department of the Interior and the General Services Administration buildings.

Economic Conditions
The Walt Whitman Park site location offers the potential to accommodate a feature that attracts high visitor traffic, such as a major memorial. However, the economic nature of the area, with existing office and State Department buildings, creates questions about how and where new economic activities would occur. With proper incentives and public/private investment, this site would be highly suitable for a commemorative feature, possibly in partnership with George Washington University. The office buildings presently provide daytime economic activity; the challenge would be to bring new economic benefits north of Virginia Avenue on evenings and weekends.

Transportation Conditions
This site has better passenger vehicle access than public transportation access. The park is located one block away from Virginia Avenue, a major vehicular corridor with nearby public parking facilities including both on-street and garage parking. There is poor Metrorail access with the closest station being Farragut West, located approximately 2,500 feet from the site. Metrobus is directly available. There is a possibility that the Circulator might be routed near the park if the demand is high, however, it is more likely that the route will be closer to the Mall.

Environmental Conditions
The site location features slightly rolling topography consisting of an open lawn area, with ornamental trees on the edges. There are no water resources near the site, and no adverse noise or air quality conditions are present. There also is no evidence of contamination on or near the site.
Commemorative Opportunity:

Jurisdiction: Federal – National Park Service

This location presents the opportunity to locate one or more small memorials in an existing urban park setting. The park area is approximately one acre in size. The E Street site to the west of 20th Street could also be developed as either a federal memorial location or as a District commemorative site, giving the precinct an attractive pedestrian-oriented park character.

Memorial development would enhance the current open, passive parkland setting of the site in addition to helping transform the E Street corridor into a memorial boulevard space. The transportation characteristics of this site are most compatible with a memorial that will generate a low to moderate number of visitors. A large number of visitors to this location would warrant the provision of additional public transportation facilities such as the Circulator.

Due to the topography, location, and surrounding uses in the area of the site, memorial development would likely require only minor site alterations, including limited grading and no stabilization or utility improvements.

Any future memorial in this location should incorporate some form of interpretive resources related to the life and work of Walt Whitman.

Design Considerations:

1. This location on a major transportation corridor is a gateway to Downtown and is near the White House and President’s Park.

2. The E Street corridor has the potential to become a thematic memorial boulevard. This primary location could accommodate a major memorial on the boulevard.

3. The existing urban park is near an enclave of federal office buildings and a memorial could complement these uses. A memorial park would also provide relief to pedestrians and office workers in the area.

4. Memorial design and development in this location should retain and enhance the current urban park setting and open space character, and should respect the urban scale of the park and the surrounding buildings.

5. The opportunity exists to develop a pedestrian-oriented destination memorial at this location.

6. The design should complement the design of nearby Rawlins Park.

7. The site is located where the E Street tunnel rises to grade to become a wide boulevard. The opportunity exists to create a major feature at this point of arrival in the city.
**Location:**

This site location on the eastern edge of the Tidal Basin is within the National Mall Environs. The site location is prominently situated near the Jefferson Memorial and heavily traveled roadways. Site opportunities exist on the current site of the Liberty Loan Building, or in a location to be determined in conjunction with the realignment of the 14th Street Bridge (as proposed in the Legacy Plan).

**Framework Context:**

The site location reinforces both the Monumental Corridors and Waterfront Crescent portions of the framework. Its historic landscape setting on the Tidal Basin in close proximity to other memorials within the National Mall Environs provides a strong cultural and design context. The location offers an opportunity to incorporate relationships and prominent views to other important memorials, such as the Jefferson Memorial and the Washington Monument, as well as the possibility of strengthening an axial relationship between the Jefferson Memorial and the U.S. Capitol (on Maryland Avenue extended). The waterfront location offers the potential for a prominent memorial or memorial/museum at a significant gateway to the L’Enfant City from Virginia.

**Vicinity:**

The Maine Avenue and Tidal Basin sites offer interesting potential for linking visitor traffic on the Washington Mall to the Southwest Waterfront and fish markets. In directions other than southeast from the site, however, physical constraints, built environment, and parkland make opportunities for economic development very limited. The strongest possibility for economic development, towards the Southwest Waterfront, would require a reconfiguration that would draw visitors across what is today an intimidating 14th Street Bridge terminus and underpass.

**Transportation Conditions**

This site is located near the 14th Street Bridge and, therefore, has good regional access by passenger vehicle. Both the on-street parking and nearby parking garages offer limited parking opportunities. Although access by passenger vehicles is difficult, visitors can access this site by walking from the Smithsonian Metrorail Station. In the future, a water transportation system or the Circulator could provide supplemental transportation services.

**Environmental Conditions**

The site location is a combination of roadway network and natural areas. Topography ranges from flat, to rolling. This area is subject to moderate to high noise levels, as well as some adverse air quality impacts, from traffic on Maine Avenue and the 14th Street Bridge and from airplanes in the flight path over the Potomac River. There is no evidence of former industrial uses or environmental contamination at the location.
Commemorative Opportunity:

Jurisdiction: Federal – General Services Admin.

A large future memorial/museum site could include land currently occupied by the Liberty Loan Building and/or adjacent lands that could be made available with realignment of the 14th Street Bridge, as envisioned in NCPC’s Extending the Legacy.

Memorial development could take advantage of the proximity to the Tidal Basin and to other memorials by incorporating major views to these features. Economic opportunities at the Southwest Waterfront are substantial; the area is ripe for new investment and development should visitor and commercial access challenges be addressed.

In terms of transportation improvements, a clear pedestrian route between the site and the waterfront should be developed during the planning of any future memorial or museum at this location. Likewise, development would require a wayfinding system to better guide pedestrians to various transportation modes. Depending on memorial configuration and specific location, development could require some filling and slope stabilization.

Design Considerations:

1. A memorial at this location could provide pedestrian interest. A future opportunity exists for a destination memorial and/or museum.

2. Should the Liberty Loan site become available, it should be considered for reuse or replacement as a museum and an associated memorial.

3. Any future memorial and/or museum should respect the existing natural and historic landscape setting of the Tidal Basin and Jefferson Memorial.

4. A memorial located at this site should take advantage of the existing open vistas across the Tidal Basin and the proximity to distant landmarks, such as the Washington Monument and the Jefferson, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, and planned Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorials.

5. The design of any future memorial or museum in this location should not compete visually with the Jefferson Memorial.

6. A memorial and/or museum in this location could provide visitor services and enhanced amenities.
In East Potomac Park on the Potomac River at the rail bridges  Site 13

Location:

Site Description Summary

This site location is in East Potomac Park near the 14th Street, railroad, and Metrorail bridges. East Potomac Park is within the National Mall Environs, between the Potomac River and Washington Channel. The site location is currently a combination of landscaped, open park land, roadway infrastructure, and surface parking. The site location assumes the redesign of the 14th Street Bridges, as proposed in Extending the Legacy. For the purposes of this site analysis, the land around the current railroad and Metrorail bridges was evaluated.

Framework Context:

Urban Design Conditions

This site location is consistent with and strongly reinforces the framework’s Waterfront Crescent, and it offers the potential to be a major gateway memorial location. One possible site is on an extension of L’Enfant’s principal north-south axis between the White House and the Jefferson Memorial. The location also offers axial views to the Jefferson Memorial and Washington Monument, as well as sweeping views across the Potomac River to Virginia. There is a small memorial to Cuban-American Friendship in this area; however, the area does not currently have a strong identity.

Vicinity:

Economic Conditions

The East Potomac Park site does not offer strong potential for increasing economic activity outside of the Monumental Core area, but could serve as a center for visitor amenities and services amidst the memorials and monuments drawing south from the Tidal Basin. Should a major memorial locate at this site, visitor amenities could be included in the plans in order to provide needed visitor services at this parkland site. Commercial water taxis stand to benefit economically but little economic revitalization is likely to spin off into neighborhoods.

Transportation Conditions

This site has limited accessibility due to the lack of available public transportation and parking opportunities. It is located near the 14th Street Bridge, which is a major vehicular corridor, so it has good regional accessibility. However, there are few public parking opportunities within a reasonable distance of the site with the exception of on-street parking. The existing transportation constraints at this location currently limit visitation to moderate levels.

Environmental Conditions

The site location has rolling topography and numerous tree groves, which provide limited habitat for various animal species. The site is affected by moderate noise levels from traffic on the 14th Street Bridge and from airplanes in the National Airport flight path. There is no evidence of prior industrial use or environmental contamination on the site, although the site soils are derived from dredged river sediments. While the site’s riverfront location is a tremendous asset, the associated floodplain provides some challenges for development.
Commemorative Opportunity:

Jurisdiction: Federal – National Park Service

The site's topographical variation and floodplain location could require limited grading and filling, as well as stabilization of the shoreline. An opportunity exists to identify one or more memorial sites in and around the future redesign of both rail and highway overpasses over the Potomac River in East Potomac Park. The major memorial opportunity in this location is associated with several potential sites that are associated with potential plans for a new “14th Street” bridge, as envisioned in NCPC’s Extending the Legacy.

Opportunities include: developing the new bridge as a memorial; development of one site on either or both sides of the relocated bridge, with frontage on the Potomac River; and development of lesser memorial site opportunities also on both sides of the new bridge which is envisioned as a future monumental gateway entrance to the city.

There is a potential water transportation dock nearby which could connect to the Legacy Circulator system at an Intermodal Station. The Circulator would provide excellent public transportation access to this area and improve the viability of a memorial at this location.

1. This location is appropriate for a future major destination memorial and/or several small memorials. The development of a museum is not deemed appropriate because the construction of a building would be inconsistent with the current policies applicable to East Potomac Park.

2. Site opportunities exist for the siting and design of both small, contributing, and destination memorials.

3. The Prime Site is located on the extension of L’Enfant’s principal north-south axis between the White House and the Jefferson Memorial. The siting and design of a future memorial in this location must respect the “zone of influence” of the Jefferson Memorial.

4. This Prime Site opportunity represents a major gateway potential. Any future memorial should preserve the natural environment and open space setting of East Potomac Park.

5. Any future memorial should not compromise the public’s use of parkland and open space.

6. A future memorial should incorporate the open views/vistas across the Potomac River.

7. This is a significant Potomac River waterfront site potential. Future memorials should preserve the passive and informal qualities of the waterfront.

8. Waterfront memorials should be sited and designed so as to accommodate future waterside access.
The Intersection of New York and Florida Avenues, NE

Site Description Summary

Located at the intersection of New York and Florida Avenues, this site represents an important node along this gateway corridor and entrance to the historic L'Enfant City from the east. The complex intersection of New York and Florida Avenues and 1st and O Streets generally forms triangular parcels that offer numerous opportunities for potential memorial features. The site location includes primarily roadway and commercial uses, with surrounding development that includes a mix of commercial/industrial/manufacturing uses, as well as several underutilized/vacant parcels.

Urban Design Conditions

The site is highly visible and consistent with the Monumental Corridors component of the framework. The site also represents a potential Special Place, strategically located at the crossroads of two designated Special Streets (New York and Florida Avenues). Intermittent views of the U.S. Capitol exist along this section of New York Avenue. This site location at the intersection of two major streets and at the base of a bridge offers an opportunity to set up a dramatic entry sequence into the L'Enfant City. The New York Avenue Metro station proposed nearby will provide increased accessibility, visibility, and prominence to the area associated with this intersection.

Economic Conditions

The site on New York and Florida Avenues offers multiple economic development opportunities. With the completion of new office space and the realization of private and public sector plans for the immediate area, the intersection of New York and Florida Avenues will demand greater street-level retail and consumer services. The accordant change in pedestrian patterns lends itself well to consideration of public-private partnerships for open space plazas and a central museum or memorial. In addition, the site is along a well-known gateway corridor for Washington D.C. commerce and tourism. A museum or memorial would enhance the market for new economic development and help spur the establishment of new consumer, retail, and food services.

Transportation Conditions

The site is located adjacent to principal roadways and surrounded by dense development. This area has good vehicular and pedestrian facilities, but currently lacks public transportation with the exception of Metrobus. Parking is available on-street and surface/garage lots are located along 1st Street within approximately four blocks of the site. The addition of a Metrorail stop near this site would complement the existing transportation facilities and provide alternative means of access without utilizing the roadway system. As a result, a site at New York and Florida Avenues would be able to conveniently accommodate a significant number of visitors with the existing transportation facilities and the addition of Metrorail access.

Environmental Conditions

Due to the urban character of the site location, there are few natural resources associated with the site. The soil is primarily urban fill and the groundcover is primarily hardscape. There are no wetlands or other water resources on the site and the site does not offer visible evidence of habitat for plant or animal species. However, the site receives noise and air quality impacts from the high levels of vehicular traffic and other commercial activity in the area.
Commemorative Opportunity:

Jurisdiction: District of Columbia, National Park Service, and/or Private Properties

Potential redesign of the New York/Florida Avenue intersection greatly influences the design of a commemorative feature at this location. Redesign could offer varying site opportunities, such as a circle or a square up to a total of two acres in size or, if bisected by one of the avenues, the site could offer two or more triangular reservations (from 1/4 acre to one acre in size).

Regardless of the ultimate configuration of this intersection, concepts for developing parcels should consider a range of commemorative opportunities. Opportunities exist for secondary memorials near a primary memorial on the square (or circle) and/or on separate reservations. These parcels could also be considered separately as potential new memorial sites.

Potential redesign of the intersection may require significant regrading should a traffic circle concept be implemented. In any redesign, traffic circulation should remain a priority. With past industrial and manufacturing activity in the area, redevelopment associated with this site may require soils testing and remediation activities.

Design Considerations:

1. New York and Florida Avenues are Special Streets in the Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital and New York Avenue is also a major gateway corridor into the city. A future memorial at this location should celebrate and mark the entrance to the historic L’Enfant City.

2. A major destination memorial is appropriate at this location. The opportunity exists to create a significant memorial that would create a prominent civic feature at the cross axis of New York and Florida Avenues. This location is linked symbolically to major focal points within the city.

3. It is important that any future memorial maintain and enhance existing major views and vistas. The L’Enfant Plan recognized the importance of providing reciprocal views along major avenues for symbolic connectivity, access, and visual orientation.

4. A future memorial at this location could also serve to support ongoing economic development activities in the area. A memorial could support development of the New York/Florida Avenue area as a significant activity node. Pedestrian activity should be encouraged to enhance economic development opportunities in the area.

5. The development of museums, interpretive centers, and other related facilities are also possible at this location. Such facilities should be provided in conjunction with nearby existing and/or planned development.
The alignments of New York and Florida Avenues in Northeast Washington create a complex and prominent intersection, where adjoining redevelopment efforts are presently in progress. The area’s potential for improved visibility and vitality suggests that this intersection could accommodate new commemorative elements that would be accessible, in part, through recent plans for a new Metrorail station in the vicinity.
Recent proposals for the intersection of New York and Florida Avenues, NE, call for neighborhood redevelopment and redefinition of public spaces and related site improvements. Above, proposed development is shown with several conceptual ideas for commemorative features. At right, two concepts for redesigning the circulation patterns of the intersection.
Location:

This potential site is located on Pennsylvania Avenue, SE, immediately west of the Anacostia River, and serves as a gateway into the L’Enfant City from the east. Also known as Barney Circle, over the years this area has been reconfigured to accommodate various roadway designs. The current configuration provides a half-circle of open space, which could serve as the primary opportunity area for memorial development.

Framework Context:

Urban Design Conditions

This site location is a designated Special Place on axis with the U.S. Capitol. The site’s location along a Monumental Corridor (Pennsylvania Avenue) in the Waterfront Crescent qualifies it as a centerpiece of the urban design framework. Furthermore, the gateway location is adjacent to the historic John Phillip Sousa Bridge and Congressional Cemetery, and offers numerous sweeping views of the east bank of the Anacostia River and up Pennsylvania Avenue. These factors offer potential for this site to be a prominent focal point and a key memorial location opportunity.

Vicinity:

Transportation Conditions

Barney Circle is located on a major vehicular corridor; however there are very few parking opportunities outside of the surrounding neighborhoods. Within the neighborhoods, on-street parking is permitted. The closest Metrorail station is the Potomac Avenue Station, which is located approximately 1,000 feet from the circle and provides access to the Blue and Orange lines. It is possible that the Circulator might connect with the Potomac Metrorail Station to an Intermodal Station. This would improve the public transportation to and from the site. There are no crosswalks enabling pedestrians to access the interior circle where the site would be located. The circle currently experiences a heavy traffic volume and the addition of a crosswalk may negatively affect the vehicular traffic flow.

Site Description Summary

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Economic Conditions

As part of a larger economic revitalization plan, with incentives and public/private investment, the Barney Circle site offers significant opportunities for economic development. A major commemorative feature, whether a museum or memorial, at this site should integrate with redevelopment of the surrounding area and form the focal point for a visitor destination. With new visitor traffic, demand for amenities and food service would grow. The neighborhoods surrounding Barney Circle on both sides of the Anacostia River are in need of new investment and a memorial or museum could serve as an effective piece of an economic strategy for the area.

Environmental Conditions

The site, a combination of roadway and open area, has few natural features and no trees. Silt and gravel soil conditions do not present optimal conditions for vegetative growth. Although the site is near the Anacostia River waterfront, there are no water resources on the site. While the site receives high levels of automobile traffic, air quality is generally good. Also, there is no evidence of previous industrial use or environmental contamination on the site.
Commemorative Opportunity:

Jurisdiction: District of Columbia

A major memorial site opportunity exists at the Pennsylvania Avenue “interchange” at the western end of the John Phillip Sousa Bridge. The site is currently defined by the configuration of this interchange. The existing roadway and related ramps result in an approximate one-acre primary site. However, the future redesign of this interchange could result in a larger site.

Potential memorial features could incorporate the waterfront views, nearby Congressional Cemetery, and the site’s historically significant location on Pennsylvania Avenue. Public transportation to the site should be improved with the Circulator and possible water transportation.

During the planning of a memorial/museum at this location, pedestrian safety measures should be evaluated. In terms of environmental factors, development of the site would require minimal site stabilization and utility improvements.

Design Considerations:

1. The site is located on Pennsylvania Avenue and at a gateway to the L’Enfant City.

2. In its existing context, the primary site is virtually inaccessible by pedestrians and would offer only a limited opportunity for a destination memorial; however, a future redesign of this interchange could offer the opportunity to incorporate a major memorial in this location.

3. Located on Pennsylvania Avenue, the theme and design of this memorial should reflect the significance of the site and possibly tie to other existing and future memorials located along this monumental avenue.

4. The site provides substantial views of the Anacostia River. These views should be maintained and, to the extent possible, specific vistas should be incorporated into the design of the memorial.

5. The site also has a well-defined view corridor to the U.S. Capitol. Memorial designs should respect and accentuate this vista.

6. The memorial should be designed to visually link the east and west sides of the Anacostia River.

7. A future memorial could integrate the nearby Anacostia River and associated NPS parkland. A memorial might also be developed in association with nearby Congressional Cemetery.
Location:

This site location is on the south shore of the Anacostia River near the South Capitol Street corridor and east of the Frederick Douglass Bridge. The site, which currently is used as passive open space, is surrounded by additional parkland/open space, and underutilized/vacant areas. Although this area currently has a transitional identity, its riverfront location offers a panorama of the Southeast Federal Center and the Washington Navy Yard.

Framework Context:

Urban Design Conditions

The site location strongly supports the Urban Design Framework. It is located within the southern Commemorative Focus Area on the Waterfront Crescent and on axis with New Jersey Avenue. The site’s riverfront location offers reciprocal views across the Anacostia River, including a significant axial view of the U.S. Capitol. The site location is highly visible from New Jersey Avenue on the north side of the river and from the adjacent Frederick Douglass Bridge. Also, the site is near many important historic and cultural resources, including the Washington Navy Yard and the Anacostia Historic District. The site can also be incorporated into a memorial entranceway to the historic L’Enfant City from the southern bank of the Anacostia River. This site location offers the opportunity for a major destination memorial, museums, and/or several smaller memorials.

Vicinity:

Economic Conditions

The Anacostia Park site offers substantial economic development opportunities. The neighborhoods to the south of the site and to the west across the Frederick Douglass Bridge would serve as the most likely location for visitor support services for a major museum or memorial. These areas, targeted for redevelopment as part of Washington’s waterfront and adjacent to the Navy Yard, are primed for new investment and new capital. With easy access and historic significance, an opportunity exists to create a destination that would build demand for economic activity. Another possibility would be to integrate a commemorative feature or museum with a broader real estate development at or near the site.

Transportation Conditions

Metrorail and Metrobus access are near the site. South Capitol Street is a major corridor that may be improved to accommodate higher volumes of vehicular traffic. This site is a good candidate for a water transportation dock. This would greatly enhance access to this site and connect it with other areas along the waterfront.

Environmental Conditions

The site location has a rolling topography, with a vast lawn area of wildflowers and grasses and a small grove of trees that offers habitat to animal species. Although the site receives a low to moderate level of noise from traffic, it is not subject to adverse air quality. Past land uses present some environmental concerns, which will likely require some remediation.
Anacostia River waterfront south shore in Anacostia Park, SE

**Commemorative Opportunity:**

**Jurisdiction: Federal – National Park Service**

The location is limited to the National Park Service (NPS) parkland to the east of the Frederick Douglass Bridge (Anacostia Park, Area C) on the south shore of the Anacostia River. The area is approximately 12 acres in size. This location contains several sites that could accommodate several small memorials, a major memorial, memorial park, and/or museum. The primary opportunity at this location is the meadow area immediately to the east of the Douglass Bridge. Potential current and future memorial development includes sites within the ramp system of the bridge, on the bridge’s axis, on the water’s edge, and at the extension of the New Jersey Avenue axis. Memorial development could accommodate axial views, the open space character of the location, and the waterfront setting.

The development of a memorial/museum at this location, should include new pedestrian facilities in the development plan linking the transportation systems and any other critical connections. With these transportation modes in place, the level of access to and from this site would accommodate moderate visitation to a memorial/museum. Memorial development also could require limited grading/filling operations, stabilization associated with its waterfront location, and some utility improvements.

1. Several sites are available at this location: one is within the ramp system immediately to the east of the Frederick Douglass Bridge; another current site exists in close proximity to the bridge. Smaller sites also exist between the current park drive and the river. Future sites offer more significant memorial opportunities including memorial sites on the extension of the New Jersey Avenue axis at several locations.

2. The area is highly visible from across the Anacostia River as well as from the Frederick Douglass Bridge. A specific view corridor exists along the New Jersey Avenue axis to the U.S. Capitol. To the maximum extent possible, memorials should incorporate axial relationships and views, vistas, and established view corridors.

3. This location offers the opportunity for a waterfront memorial site or sites, whose open space character and setting should be preserved. An opportunity exists to develop a permanent parkland amenity, incorporating major memorial and museum elements that should reflect the importance of the site’s urban design framework and sensitive environmental constraints associated with the Anacostia River and floodplain.

4. As this location affords the opportunity for a major destination memorial and/or museum, specific consideration should be given to access from the Anacostia Metrorail Station, the utilization of the existing Metro parking garage facility, the need for future parking requirements, and the potential for access by water taxi.
### Location:

This 25-acre site is located between North Capitol and 1st Streets and Channing Street and Michigan Avenue, NW, immediately east of the McMillan Reservoir. Once used to filter water, the plant was closed and sold by the federal government to the District for “community development purposes” in 1987. The site was listed in the District’s Inventory of Historic Sites in 1991. The site is composed of 20 sub-surface catacombs made of non-reinforcing concrete and two courts. The site is currently unused, overgrown with scrub vegetation, and surrounded by a high chain link fence. The former water filtration plant could provide a cultural context for future development on the site incorporating what remains of the salvagable water filtration equipment.

### Framework Context:

This site location, on a Monumental Corridor (North Capitol Street), is consistent with the framework. Because of its strategic location and site history (little of Frederick Law Olmsted, Jr.’s original plan for the site remains), the site location has been designated a Special Place. The site, adjacent to the historic McMillan Reservoir (a Special Place), offers direct views to various landmark buildings, such as those associated with Howard University, Trinity College, and Catholic University. The combination of these various urban design and historic factors at this key location within the Corridor enhances the potential of the site to serve as a federal and/or District memorial location.

### Economic Conditions

The McMillan Reservoir Sand Filtration Plant Site offers strong potential for economic development in the LeDroit Park, Bloomingdale, Park Place, Howard University, and Trinity College neighborhoods. The site must be stabilized prior to any reuse however. According to the District, stabilization costs range from $16-28 million (July 2000). A major museum or memorial at the site would draw visitation from the Mall and could be an element of a comprehensive strategy to inject economic vitality into the immediate neighborhoods. The success of a commerative work as an economic development agent would be highly dependent on adjacent uses and the ability of the sponsors to create a critical mass of attractions at or near the site. A successful redevelopment, however, could integrate well with surrounding neighborhoods and bring new investment and capital to the area and its residents.

### Transportation Conditions

Public transportation to the site and parking are considerable challenges. Although the site is on North Capitol Street, a regional roadway, key intersections around the site are approaching “failure”. Metrorail stations are beyond a reasonable walking distance. Four bus routes pass the site, but only one has the potential to bring some visitors to the site. On-street parking is permitted during most hours although peak hour parking restrictions are in force on North Capitol Street. There are no public parking garages or surface lots in the vicinity. The site is large enough, however, to accommodate some dedicated parking carefully integrated into a future design. Absent major improvements, the site would be limited to either a memorial with low visitation or one drawing visitors from adjacent neighborhoods.

### Environmental Conditions

The site is characterized by varying topography and dense vegetation. The deck of the facility is at 170 feet above sea level. The two courts across the site are at 165 feet. Voluntary growth has compromised the structural integrity of the site. This vegetation offers limited habitat for animal species. Although the site receives moderate levels of noise from surrounding uses, there is minimal to no adverse air quality impacts associated with these uses. According to the District, no harmful or hazardous contaminants were found on the site in a Phase 1 assessment.
Commemorative Opportunity:

Jurisdiction: District of Columbia

This location could accommodate several small memorials, a memorial park, a major memorial, or a museum. Although the exact site boundaries are yet to be determined, the general location is defined by North Capitol Street to 1st Street, NW and from Channing Street to Michigan Avenue. This includes approximately 25 acres under the jurisdiction of the District of Columbia that is planned for redevelopment. The location is immediately adjacent to the McMillan Reservoir. Memorial development could enhance the significance of the North Capitol Street corridor, as well as incorporate the open space, promote reuse of the site, and preserve and enhance historic features. Commemorative activities, in conjunction with private sector redevelopment on the property, also could help establish the location as a neighborhood center and symbol of the Capital City.

Development of a major memorial/museum on the site would require additional transportation improvements such as additional parking spaces or greater transit and tour bus services. In terms of environmental factors, site development could require moderate to substantial filling and some slope stabilization. Due to the site’s previous use, site development also could require a thorough environmental analysis.

Design Considerations:

1. Multiple future memorial and/or museum site opportunities exist at this site location.
2. The development of memorials or museums at this location should be consistent with the prominence of North Capitol Street as a historic design element and ceremonial approach to the U.S. Capitol.
3. The design should incorporate open space and parkland, and should feature appropriate amenities to reflect the character of this part of North Capitol Street and the distinctive historic character of the McMillan Reservoir and Sand Filtration Plant.
4. Memorial or museum development should be coordinated with the proposed reuse of the McMillan Sand Filtration Plant area. More specifically, the design of memorials and/or museums should be compatible with the scale and character of the planned redevelopment of this site.
5. Reuse of a part of the site will require the accommodation of the existing-to-remain water treatment infrastructure.
6. A memorial or museum on this site could relate, thematically, to Senator James McMillan, chairman of the Senate Park Commission responsible for the 1901 McMillan Plan, water resources and the Corps of Engineers’ contributions to the creation of the District’s historic water supply system, or possibly to the nearby Soldiers’ and Airmen’s Home.

The images above depict the grounds of the former McMillan Reservoir where the operations of a water filtration plant left a lasting signature on the landscape. Vistas of the U.S. Capitol and Washington Monument are found throughout the McMillan Reservoir Grounds.
South of Ash Road at the NPS horse stables site, West Potomac Park

Site Description Summary

This prime opportunity area is located within the National Mall Environs on Ash Road, just north of Independence Avenue. The area is situated between the zones of influence of the Korean War Veterans and D.C. World War I Memorials. The site currently is used as the horse stables for the U.S. Park Police and is surrounded by open space and recreation uses.

Urban Design Conditions

This site location is consistent with the Monumental Corridor and Waterfront Crescent component of the Urban Design Framework. The site is located in close proximity to numerous memorials and cultural resources. It is strategically located within the historic context of the Mall, adjacent to Independence Avenue (a Special Street) and near the cultural landscape of West Potomac Park. These strong urban design factors, as well as the site's location in an area with a strong symbolic and visual identity, offer the potential for the site to accommodate a significant memorial.

Economic Conditions

The economic benefits of siting a memorial near Constitution Gardens would be diffuse, rather than concentrated in any specific neighborhood or area. The area around Ash Road is a combination of institutional and parkland uses and offers no opportunity to accommodate new economic entities or neighborhood development. A memorial would add to the critical mass of attractions in the National Capital Region and help increase the length of stay for area visitation. However, economic benefits would neither occur primarily at the site nor would they assist with the creation of new businesses in revitalizing neighborhoods.

Transportation Conditions

This site has limited available public transportation and parking opportunities. It is located near Independence Avenue, which is a major vehicular corridor, so it has good regional accessibility. However, there are few parking opportunities within a reasonable distance of the site with the exception of limited on-street parking. A potential water transportation dock could provide water access within approximately 1,000 feet (which could be connected to the Circulator system at an Intermodal Station). The Circulator system would most likely be routed along Independence Avenue, adjacent to the site and would provide an excellent public transportation access route. The area surrounding this site currently accommodates a large volume of visitors who would access this site by foot.

Environmental Conditions

The site location features dense vegetation surrounding its edges, which offers habitat for animal species. There are no water resources immediately adjacent to the site location. The site is not affected by significant noise or air pollution. Likewise, there is no evidence of previous industrial uses or environmental contamination on or near the site.
Commemorative Opportunity:

Jurisdiction: National Park Service

A potential primary site opportunity exists on the current location of the National Park Service (NPS) stables facility (approximately equidistant between the Korean War Veterans Memorial and the District of Columbia’s World War I Memorial pavilion). The site setting is less than one acre. The site has the potential to accommodate a memorial of limited size and visibility.

The historic context of the Mall, the Special Street status of Independence Avenue, and the natural landscape in West Potomac Park must be preserved in any future redevelopment of this site location for memorial use. Memorial development on the site could support the design objectives of the L’Enfant and McMillan Plans while enhancing the landscape of West Potomac Park.

From an access and transportation perspective, a memorial at this location would complement the existing attractions and add to the existing synergy. In terms of environmental factors, memorial development would not likely require grading, filling, or slope stabilization. However, memorial development would require the removal of the existing stables and could require various utility improvements.

1. The design principles of the historic L’Enfant and McMillan Plans may be enhanced through the appropriate placement and design of a memorial at this location.
2. As the site is within the historic context of the Mall and West Potomac Park, a future memorial should respect and complement the historic landscape setting.
3. Future memorial development must respect adjacent memorials. The relatively small size of the site and its proximity to two other prominent nearby memorials suggest a memorial of limited scale and extent with assumed limitations on massing and height. Memorial development is restricted to an area equivalent to that of the adjacent District of Columbia World War I Memorial.
4. Consideration should be given to the axial relationship of the site with 20th Street to the north. The memorial might also be placed on the axis of the planned to-be-relocated West Basin Drive (immediately to the west of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial).
5. The future memorial should take advantage of existing infrastructure. It should respect and preserve the adjacent existing amenities of parkland and woodlands, and should integrate existing circulation elements. The existing trees (except for the white pines) should be incorporated into the memorial’s siting and design.
6. Access to the memorial site would be limited to that available to adjacent sites; no additional parking will be provided in the development of this memorial.
The Intersection of Maryland and Virginia Avenues, SW

Site Description Summary

This site location is south of the National Mall, in the Southwest Federal Center area near L'Enfant Plaza. The site boundaries are C, 7th, and 9th Streets, and the rail lines to the south. The site is surrounded by federal office uses and is within walking distance of the Capitol.

Urban Design Conditions

This site strongly reinforces the framework, located at the intersection of two Special Streets (Maryland and Virginia Avenues). The location is at a potential urban square prominently featured in the L'Enfant Plan as a mirror image of Market Square on Pennsylvania Avenue (where the Navy Memorial is located). The site offers a dramatic view and direct axial relationship to the U.S. Capitol. The site is also on the 8th Street axis, highlighted in the Legacy Plan as a prominent corridor. Furthermore, the site is strategically located near L'Enfant Plaza and the Mall, two areas that offer numerous cultural resources and amenities. Memorial development on this site has the potential to not only enhance the site but also to showcase this square as a significant element in future plans for the city.

Economic Conditions

The intersection of Maryland and Virginia Avenues is located in a mixed-use area, with institutional, commercial (primarily office), tourism, and residential uses nearby. This mix of uses, and the potential for upgrading the food service and retail offerings at street level and underground at L'Enfant Plaza, gives the site a high suitability for locating a museum or memorial.

Transportation Conditions

This site has an excellent supporting transportation system that has the potential of capitalizing on multiple modes of transportation. The L'Enfant Plaza Metrorail Station has an entrance on the site, through which the Yellow, Blue, Orange and Green lines can be accessed. The Virginia Railway Express has a stop at this location, which may be relocated to 4th Street. It is expected that a significant percentage of visitors to a memorial/museum at this location would utilize the Metrorail because of the number of lines connecting at L'Enfant Plaza, the number of secondary Metrorail stations in the vicinity and the synergy created from the surrounding attractions. The transportation characteristics surrounding this site demonstrate that it would be possible to accommodate a large volume of visitors.

Environmental Conditions

The site is rectangular and flat, but has an irregular edge and slope where it abuts the rail line. The site currently features an expansive lawn and a buffer of trees by the rail line. There are no wetlands or other water resources on the site. While the vegetation and topsoil offer a favorable setting, the railroad presents some concerns. The railroad generates noise and air quality impacts and presents possible environmental contamination constraints.
Commemorative Opportunity:

Jurisdiction: Federal – National Park Service

The size of the currently available parcel is less than one acre; however, this area could be increased by the future inclusion of the railroad rights-of-way. Memorial development could create an important civic space at this Special Place and complement museums and other cultural resources on the Mall. Development could take advantage of the view and axial relationship to the Capitol and 8th Street, as well as pedestrian access to the National Mall.

Memorial development in conjunction with the implementation of the Circulator system (which could connect at L’Enfant Plaza to create an Intermodal Station) would increase use of public transportation.

Although enactment of the Legacy proposal to remove the rail lines would improve the environmental quality of the site, environmental assessment and possible remediation would be required for memorial development. Memorial development would likely require limited filling/grading and utility improvements.

The site is identified in the L’Enfant Plan as a significant urban square, a mirror image of the square at the intersection of Pennsylvania Avenue and the 8th Street axis (site of the Navy Memorial).

Design Considerations:

1. The design principles embodied in the L’Enfant Plan can be enhanced through the appropriate placement and design of a memorial at this location.

2. An opportunity exists to create an important civic place at the intersection of Maryland and Virginia Avenues, SW. The placement of a memorial at this location could serve to support the location’s Special Place qualities.

3. A future memorial should both respect and incorporate the reciprocal vistas that can be established along the Maryland Avenue and Virginia Avenue view corridors. Axial relationships along Virginia Avenue and Maryland Avenue should be enhanced in all directions. The 8th Street cross axis, a key feature of the L’Enfant Plan, should be recognized in a memorial design.

4. Proximity to museums on the Mall is an important feature and attraction of this location; a memorial at this location could complement nearby museums.

5. Any future memorial should be pedestrian-oriented. A memorial at this location can encourage activity and enhance the visitor’s experience. Visitor services could also be located in conjunction with a memorial here.

6. A memorial at this location will have excellent accessibility by alternative modes of transportation including the L’Enfant Plaza Metrorail Station.

7. Future memorial designs should include green landscaped area, given the passive nature of the existing site and the prevalence of paved areas in the immediate vicinity.
**Location:**

This location encompasses the site of Federal Building #2, adjoining the U.S. Marine Corps Henderson Hall and a highway maintenance yard located on Columbia Pike. Site area is estimated to be approximately 36 acres. The Federal Building occupies the highest points on the site, while large surface parking areas occupy generally sloping parcels that are located between Columbia Pike and I-395. A prominent sloping lawn area is located due east of the building and faces the Monumental Core viewshed. Other adjoining uses include highway, commercial, and residential.

**Urban Design Conditions**

The location represents a potential major gateway. The hilltop setting of these potential sites provide dramatic views over the Pentagon and into the L’Enfant City. The hillside on which Federal Building 2 is located is a prominent location that is highly visible from Columbia Pike and I-395. Proximity to the southern limits of Arlington National Cemetery affords a distinguished landscape setting and suggests an opportunity to complement the adjoining setting with a related commemorative use. Redevelopment of this site for other uses has been under consideration for some time. A ten-acre site for a memorial has been identified in conjunction with plans for the site proposed by Arlington National Cemetery. This area would create a signature portal between Washington and Virginia, particularly as viewed from the vehicular approach from I-395. The existing lawn and hillside located east of the Federal Building represents an excellent opportunity to establish a significant commemorative element, should the existing building be removed. Under the Defense Authorization Act, a ten-acre site may be reserved by the Secretary of Defense for a National Military Museum or other memorials that the Secretary considers compatible.

**Economic Conditions**

The Federal Building #2 site offers potential for economic activity within the Columbia Pike and Washington Boulevard corridors, Pentagon City, and surrounding neighborhoods. Plans for the site include the demolition of the existing building. A major commemorative feature or museum that would draw significant visitation could complement the economic character of the area without impacting the immediate contemplative setting of Arlington National Cemetery. The new visitors to the area would increase demand for nearby visitor services such as restaurants, retail shops, and consumer amenities. With redevelopment of the site to focus on the arrival experience into the Nation’s Capital, new amenities could add significantly to economic activity in the area. This location satisfies nearly all of the criteria to incorporate commemorative resources within a community while also promoting economic vitality.

**Transportation Conditions**

This site has good public transportation and excellent vehicular access. The Pentagon and Pentagon City Metrorail Stations are approximately 2500 feet from the site, and provide access to the Blue and Orange lines. Vehicular access is provided through Columbia Pike, Washington Boulevard, Route 27, and I-395. This vehicular access is complemented by existing public parking lots and on-street parking opportunities. There are existing pedestrian facilities on the adjacent roadways but some need improvements. Shuttle service to adjoining Metrorail stations and extensions of the nearby Arlington National Cemetery tourbus stops should be considered in planning for future visitors to this site. Pedestrian circulation improvements in the vicinity should include upgraded sidewalks along Columbia Pike and alignments to adjoining neighborhoods. New pedestrian linkages should be considered to serve the Pentagon and the mixed use community of Pentagon City in order to improve accessibility between Metrorail and the site.

**Environmental Conditions**

The site, in its current use with a major building compound and parking areas near a major highway network, offers little natural habitat for plants or animal species. There are no water resources on the site. Although the site receives some noise impact from the automobile traffic on I-395 and from Columbia Pike, the site does not have adverse air quality characteristics. Although the site may have contained industrial activities (fuel tanks), there is no evidence of previous environmental contamination on the site.
**Commemorative Opportunity:**

**Jurisdiction: Federal – Department of Defense**

The prominent setting and variety of sites at this location provide significant opportunities for a memorial and/or museum, in conjunction with potential plans associated with Arlington National Cemetery. Potential memorial sites include a sloping area east of the present FB#2 and on an existing parking area facing I-395. The adjoining Arlington National Cemetery provides an appropriate context for related commemorative actions that would complement and enhance the existing contemplative setting.

Topographic features and proximity to the I-395 corridor provide excellent visibility and hillside vistas to Washington's monuments, in addition to the nearby Pentagon. For visitors and residents approaching the District of Columbia from the south on I-395, this location represents an important symbolic entrance into the city due to the dramatic views from the highway's elevated terrain. These conditions reinforce and enhance potential commemorative facilities within these sites.

Potential commemorative actions at this site must be coordinated with Department of Defense plans for the site and respect the complex institutional and monumental setting of adjoining uses.

1. The design of a memorial or museum at this location could define and establish a new gateway near the border of the District of Columbia and the State of Virginia. Due to the site's strategic location, the distinctive topographic and visual features of the site create a sense of arrival into the Monumental Core from Virginia.

2. The size and scale of this site provide ample opportunities for a major memorial or museum that would emphasize significant national achievements and sacrifices such as those honored today at Arlington National Cemetery.

3. The location also provides an opportunity to celebrate the historic growth and maturity of the Nation’s Capital as witnessed by the remarkable vistas of public buildings and sweeping landscapes that grace this area.

4. Under the Fiscal Year 2000 National Defense Authorization Act, FB #2 will be demolished and the site transferred to the Army for expansion of Arlington National Cemetery. The Secretary of Defense may reserve up to 10 acres of the property for a National Military Museum and such other memorials as the Secretary deems appropriate.

5. While the extent of existing on-site parking should be replaced with future landscape and memorial elements, the site is large enough to support visitor parking that may be needed to support commemorative features.

6. Future consideration of new memorials at this site should include pedestrian linkages to the nearby Pentagon and Pentagon City Metrorail Stations. Potential access points to the adjoining Arlington National Cemetery should be reviewed.
The recommended locations represent many potential sites for future commemorative features within the city. The listing of potential memorial and museum sites is associated with federal site inventory databases.

The sequence of site numbers is not intended to reflect a hierarchy of site suitability for a future memorial or museum. Each site offers unique characteristics for a potential commemorative action. Some sites are available today, while others would require new infrastructure and redevelopment to make them available for commemorative resources.

These sites reflect a range of features, sizes, and character. The selection of an individual site is still subject to the approval of the appropriate review agencies.

Note: The following site descriptions include Advisory Neighborhood Commission mapping references updated through January 2001.
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Evaluating Potential Sites

21 Maryland Avenue near Anacostia Park and Langston Golf Course, NE (at 22nd Street)
22 West shore of the Anacostia River at Massachusetts Avenue, SE
23 Anacostia Park, SE south of Anacostia River near the Douglass Bridge
24 Woodrow Wilson Plaza or Benjamin Franklin Circle (12th or 13th Streets, south of Pennsylvania Avenue, NW)
25 Northeast corner of Louisiana Ave and 1st Street, NW
26 Washington Avenue (Canal Street) at 2nd Street, SW
27 In East Potomac Park on Washington Channel, facing 7th Street, SW
28 Daingerfield Island on George Washington Memorial Parkway (south of Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport)
29 On the grounds of St. Elizabeths Hospital, SE
30 On the north shore of Oxon Cove, SW
31 Fort Davis Park north of Pennsylvania Avenue, SE (Bowen Road and 38th Street)
32 Northeast corner of Maryland and Constitution Avenues, NE
33 Northeast corner of Maryland Avenue and D Street, NE
34 Northeast corner of Pennsylvania and Independence Avenues, SE
35 Intersection of Pennsylvania and South Carolina Avenues at D Street, SE (near Eastern Market Metrorail Station)
36 Circle at the intersection of Pennsylvania and Potomac Avenues, SE (near Potomac Avenue Metrorail Station)
37 Anacostia River waterfront in the Southeast Federal Center, SE
38 On the north shore of the Anacostia River (immediately east of the Douglass Bridge, SE)
39 East Potomac Park on Washington Channel (between golf course and Hains Point, SW)
40 East Potomac Park on Potomac River (between golf course and Hains Point, SW)
41 On Maryland Avenue, SW (extended), between 12th and 14th Streets, SW (within the Portals Project, SW)
42 East side of Washington Channel at Water Street and 7th Street, SW
43 Along Potomac River shoreline in West Potomac Park (south of the Lincoln Memorial)
44 Edward Murrow Park (18th/19th) or James Monroe Park (20th/21st), (on Pennsylvania Avenue, NW)
45 Franklin Square (between I, K, 13th, and 14th, Streets, NW)
46 In Rock Creek Park between M Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
47 Intersection of Massachusetts and Florida Avenues, NW; 22nd & Q Sts.
48 Intersection of Pennsylvania and Constitution Avenues, NW; at 3rd Street
49 Intersection of Eastern Avenue and 16th Street, NW
50 D.C. side of Chain Bridge, NW (on Canal Road)
51 The intersection of Canal Road and Foxhall Road, NW (in Glover Archbold Park)
52 The northern end of Key Bridge at M Street, NW (and the Whitehurst Freeway)
53 North of Massachusetts Avenue, NW and Macomb Street (at Glover Archbold Parkway)
54 Tenley Circle Reservations (at Wisconsin/Nebraska Avenues and Yuma Street, NW)
55 Potomac River at Rock Creek Parkway at west side of Kennedy Center
56 East side of Rock Creek at the end of Virginia Avenue, NW
57 On the Potomac River at the foot of Wisconsin Avenue (Georgetown Waterfront Park)
58 North of the Pentagon North Parking area (on Boundary Channel in Virginia)
59 On the Virginia side of the Theodore Roosevelt Bridge
60 25th Street on Pennsylvania Avenue, NW (Either of two existing triangular parks of the Avenue)
61 New Washington Convention Center at Mount Vernon Square (Massachusetts and New York, NW)
62 Intersection of New York and New Jersey Avenues and M Street, NW
63 Anacostia River north shoreline east of 11th Street (between the Martin Luther King Memorial and Sousa Bridges)
64 South side of Martin Luther King Memorial Bridge (11th Street, on the Anacostia River)
65 Virginia side of the 14th Street Bridge (location of former Twin Bridges Marriott)
66 The intersection of New York, West Virginia, and Montana Aves, NE
67 Pennsylvania Avenue Sousa Bridge (east intersection with the Anacostia Freeway on the Anacostia River)
68 North shore of the Anacostia River in the Washington Navy Yard, SE
69 North side of Martin Luther King Memorial Bridge (11th Street, east of Washington Navy Yard, SE)
70 Along Potomac River shoreline in West Potomac Park (west of FDR Memorial)
71 Intersection of Maryland and Florida Avenues and Benning Road, NE
72 Maryland Avenue in the general location of the entrance to the National Arboretum
73 New Hampshire and Georgia Avenues, NW (Georgia Avenue-Petworth Metrorail Station)
74 West shoreline of Kingman Lake in the Anacostia River (NE and SE of RFK Stadium)
75 Intersection of Massachusetts, South Carolina, and Independence Avenues, SE
76 Fort Chaplin Park on East Capitol Street
**South of Maryland Avenue at 22nd Street, NE**
**Within Anacostia Park at Langston Golf Course**

### Location:

![Site Location Map](image)

### Site Description Summary:

Occupying approximately one acre of mostly wooded land, this site is within the historic Langston Golf Course and adjoins the National Arboretum and a neighborhood of multi-family dwellings, a major portion of which are under renovation (Carver Terrace). The approach to the site on Maryland Avenue includes gradually ascending topography toward the National Arboretum. This corridor provides excellent views of the Capitol further west from Maryland Avenue. The site is located on the south side of Maryland Avenue with prominent views of the National Arboretum and Langston Golf Course. The context of the site would benefit from the redesign of the terminus of Maryland Avenue at this location and from the reopening of the former Arboretum entrance on M Street.

### Framework Context:

![Framework Context Diagram](image)

### Physical Characteristics:

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### Urban Design Framework:

- **Relative Prominence:** District
- **Comp. Plan Element:** Special Street
- **Framework Element:** Monumental Corridor
- **Plan Compatibility:** Consistent
- **Memorial Proximity:** Drive
- **Potential Identity:** Transitional

### Vicinity:

- **Neighborhood and Open Space:** Indirect
- **Adjoining Uses:** Residential, Golf Course
- **Special Street, Special Place:** Street, Landscape
- **Gateway Corridor:** Special Street Terminus

### Site Access:

- **Vehicular Corridor:** No
- **Metrorail Proximity:** None
- **Metrobus Proximity:** Very Good
- **Pedestrian Access:** Good
- **Parking Availability:** Fair - Only Street Parking
- **Intermodal Station Proximity:** No
- **Circulator Node Proximity:** No
- **Water Access:** No

### Profile:

- **Development Term:** Present
- **Ownership:** NPS
- **ANC:** 5B
- **Current Development Project:** NA
- **NPS Reservation:** NA
- **NPS Park Name:** Anacostia Park, Section G
- **NPS Total Park Acreage:** 123.94

### Commemorative Opportunity:

In the context of community revitalization and in association with ties to adjacent open space parcels, this site would be suitable for a moderate to large scale commemorative feature and a potential museum site. Significant community improvements are required for roads and renovation of existing multi-family dwellings located in the vicinity. The site has significant potential in conjunction with other potential sites associated with the terminus of Maryland Avenue. Their combined expansive landscape settings and topography provide design opportunities for future national commemorative features at the Maryland Avenue terminus at the National Arboretum.

### Visual Quality:

- **Prominent Views:** Neighborhood and Open Space
- **Vistas:** Indirect
- **Existing Setting:** Residential, Golf Course
- **Potential Setting:** Special Street Terminus
- **Gateway Corridor:** Yes

### Historic & Cultural Resources:

- **Historic Resources:** Special Street, Special Place
- **Cultural Resources:** Street, Landscape
- **Historic District:** Langston Golf Course
- **Arts/Entertainment District:** NA
- **Embassy Proximity:** NA
- **Memorial Zone:** 2
- **Museum Proximity:** Drive

### Site Image:

Partial view of site with wooded character and natural context that could provide settings for future commemorative features near National Arboretum and Langston Golf Course.
West shore of the Anacostia River at Massachusetts Avenue, SE
In Anacostia Park

Site Description Summary:
This potential site is located on the western shore of the Anacostia River at the extension of Massachusetts Avenue, SE, beyond DC General Hospital. This site provides a waterfront setting with wooded margins and direct access from both RFK Stadium and the Barney Circle area. Views across the river include those of the Anacostia Park and the existing rail bridge. Presently secluded, this area could offer excellent recreational and commemorative feature opportunities as part of the broader revitalization of RFK Stadium, DC General Hospital, and the overall Anacostia River waterfronts. The site is closely associated with the East Capitol Street Monumental Corridor portion of the master plan framework.

Commemorative Opportunity:
In association with the revitalization of the adjacent parkland and campus settings, this site would be suitable for a medium scale memorial feature. In conjunction with significant commemorative features that have been proposed for this waterfront area, this site represents one of several waterfront locations that could provide suitable commemorative focus. New features should be coordinated with other potential commemorative features that could be located within other adjoining RFK stadium sites. The linear park system along the west shore of the Anacostia River provides an excellent opportunity to link potential commemorative sites.

Physical Characteristics:
- **Location:** Southeast
- **Acreage:** 0.5
- **Configuration:** Irregular
- **Overall Character:** Open/Wooded
- **Terrain:** Flat
- **Adjoining Uses:** Parkland, Institutional

Framework Context:

Urban Design Framework:
- **Relative Prominence:** Federal, District
- **Comp. Plan Element:** Open Space
- **Framework Element:** Consistent
- **Plan Compatibility:** Commemorative Focus Area
- **Memorial Proximity:** Drive
- **Potential Identity:** Transitional

Historic & Cultural Resources:
- **Historic Resources:** NA
- **Cultural Resources:** NA
- **Historic District:** NA
- **Arts/Entertainment District:** NA
- **Embassy Proximity:** Yes - Waterfront Corridor
- **Memorial Zone:** Drive

Site Access:
- **Vehicular Corridor:** Yes - Mass Ave
- **Metrorail Proximity:** Fair - Stadium Armory
- **Metrobus Proximity:** Fair
- **Pedestrian Access:** None
- **Intermodal Station Proximity:** Yes - Water
- **Circulator Node Proximity:** Yes
- **Water Access:** Yes

Profile:
- **Development Term:** Present
- **Ownership:** NPS
- **ANC:** 6B
- **Current Development Project:** NA
- **NPS Reservation:** 343G
- **NPS Park Name:** Anacostia Park, Section G
- **NPS Total Park Acreage:** 123.94

Visual Quality:
- **Prominent Views:** Waterfront and Open Space
- **Vistas:** Indirect
- **Existing Setting:** Sports/Entertainment Complex,
- **Potential Setting:** Hospital, Parkland
- **Gateway Corridor:** Commemorative Focus Area
- **Memorial Proximity:** Yes, Waterfront Corridor

Vicinity:

Site Image:
Riverfront site location with wooded and open areas as viewed from across the Anacostia River within Anacostia Park
### Site Description Summary:

The site is strategically located on the shoreline of the Anacostia River within Anacostia Park and within close proximity to the Frederick Douglass Bridge. It offers dramatic vistas of the Anacostia waterfront. Topographic conditions are generally flat and the site is primarily open meadow. The site faces the Southeast Federal Center and Navy Yard, which are located across the Anacostia River. The site is located within an area presently under study by the Anacostia Waterfront Initiative for potential new waterfront uses.

### Commemorative Opportunity:

With its prominent location, high visibility, ease of accessibility and future development potential within close proximity, this is an excellent site for a future memorial. Direct visual linkages to the Washington Monument and U.S. Capitol and strong physical connections to the waterfront provide suitable interpretive settings for future commemorative elements. Any commemorative proposals will need to be coordinated with plans to revitalize the Anacostia Waterfront.

### Physical Characteristics:

| Location | Southeast |
| Acreage | Varies |
| Configuration | Irregular |
| Overall Character | Wooded/Open |
| Terrain | Flat |
| Adjoining Uses | Parkland, Metro Parking |

### Urban Design Framework:

| Relative Prominence | Federal |
| Comp. Plan Element | Open Space |
| Framework Element | Commemorative Focus Area |
| Plan Compatibility | Consistent |
| Memorial Proximity | Drive |
| Potential Identity | Yes |

### Vicinity:

- **Vehicular Corridor:** Yes - South Capitol St.
- **Metrorail Proximity:** Good - Anacostia
- **Metrorail Proximity:** Good
- **Pedestrian Access:** Good - Street, Metro Garage
- **Intermodal Station Proximity:** Yes - Metro
- **Circulator Node Proximity:** No
- **Water Access:** Yes

### Site Image

View of open spaces near the Frederick Douglass Bridge where the context for a potential commemorative feature would be complemented by an established waterfront setting.
Woodrow Wilson Plaza and Benjamin Franklin Circle
12th and 13th Streets, NW at the Federal Triangle

Site Description Summary:
These established public spaces along the Pennsylvania Avenue corridor are defined by dramatic architectural elements and the historic context of the Federal Triangle. Benjamin Franklin Circle is defined by the hemicycle on 12th Street across from the Old Post Office pavilion and within the arc of the Ariel Rios Building, while the Woodrow Wilson Plaza is on the axis of 13th Street between the Ronald Reagan and Ariel Rios Buildings. Their character represents the grand scale and architectural embellishment of the Beaux-Arts style Federal Triangle.

Commemorative Opportunity:
The Woodrow Wilson Plaza and Benjamin Franklin Circle provide opportunities for future commemorative elements. These established public plazas and thoroughfares are appropriate settings within which national commemorative features can be incorporated. The Benjamin Franklin Circle contains two general areas for consideration on either side of 12th Street. The Woodrow Wilson Plaza represents a major federal public space within which a future memorial could be placed. In both locations future commemorative actions must respect the established character of these significant places. Consideration should be given to relocating the Ben Franklin statue to this site and utilizing the vacated site as a new memorial location on Pennsylvania Avenue.

Location:

Framework Context:

Physical Characteristics:

Visual Quality:

Historic & Cultural Resources:

Site Access:

Profile:

Site Image

View of prominent public spaces associated with the Ronald Reagan Building where future commemorative features could be incorporated within the context of existing physical setting
Location:

This prominent triangular park on Louisiana Avenue and First Street, NW is located on the northern side of Capitol Hill between Constitution and New Jersey Avenues. This small park is located within the Monumental Corridor portion of the master plan urban design framework. This site is within view of the Taft Memorial, located due east across Louisiana Avenue and within a block of the National Japanese American Memorial to Patriotism (also located on Louisiana Ave). Adjoining office and institutional uses to the north visually frame the site within the open space setting of the U.S. Capitol. Established trees and level terrain provide a small scale open space setting that adjoins the Capitol grounds.

Commemorative Opportunity:

With direct views from Constitution Avenue and with close proximity to the Taft Memorial, this site may be appropriate for a small scale commemorative feature that complements the public open spaces associated with the U.S. Capitol. Established trees on this site provide an understory area within which limited commemorative features could be located. This small park provides a punctuation point in the overall sequence of outdoor spaces associated with Capitol Grounds and any new feature should reflect this important context and scale.

Vicinity:

Provenance: Federal Elements

Prominent Views: Federal Elements

Existent Setting: Park

Potential Setting: Same

Gateway Corridor: Yes, National Mall

Profile:

Development Term: Present

Ownership: Architect of Capitol

ANC: 6A

Current Development Project: NA

NPS Reservation: NA

NPS Park Name: NA

NPS Total Park Acreage: NA

Prominent triangular park on Capitol Hill as viewed from Louisiana Avenue, NW, with Taft Memorial in background at higher elevation
The site is located on public space within the context of the U.S. Capitol. Situated between the National Botanic Gardens and the Department of Health and Human Services, this parcel features open landscape elements associated with entrance ramps to Interstate 395. This potential site’s proximity to the National Mall and U.S. Capitol is significant.

Opportunities for future commemorative features at this location could include either a memorial or a museum. The site facing the Health and Human Services Building could be developed for either purpose. The future setting for this area could be a gateway from the Mall to a revitalized South Capitol Street. This corridor could take on a new prominence in linking the city’s present and future cultural facilities.
In East Potomac Park on Washington Channel
At the intersection of extended axis of 10th and M Streets, SW

Location:

One of several potential waterfront sites in East Potomac Park is located on the Washington Channel shoreline. These sites offer dramatic waterfront vistas within the established open space setting of East Potomac Park. Adjoining park uses include passive and active recreation activities including golf, swimming, and biking. These sites also offer the potential of future water tourism, enhancing accessibility and interpretive potential. Existing site conditions are waterfront landscaped open spaces with lawn areas and tree clusters. These sites are accessible throughout the year by vehicle from Ohio Drive.

Framework Context:

These sites feature excellent settings for potential commemorative features. The extensive land area of East Potomac Park, combined with the expansive waterfront area associated with the Washington Channel, provide medium scale commemorative opportunities. Consideration of these sites should include potential relationships with other future memorial sites and uses within East Potomac Park. This coordinated planning effort should focus on providing suitable scale and context for those future features. Potential water-based transportation in the vicinity would enhance access and visibility of these sites.

Physical Characteristics:

| Location:     | Location: Southwest |
| Vehicular Corridor: | No |
| Metrorail Proximity: | None |
| Metrorobus Proximity: | None |
| Pedestrian Access: | Fair |
| Parking Availability: | Good |
| Intermodal Station Proximity: | Yes - Water |
| Circulator Node Proximity: | No |
| Water Access: | Yes |
| Relative Prominence: | District/Federal |
| Comp. Plan Element: | Open Space, Recreation |
| Framework Element: | Waterfront Crescent |
| Plan Compatibility: | Consistent |
| Memorial Proximity: | Walk |
| Potential Identity: | Yes |

Site Access:

Washington Channel shoreline provides an appropriate landscape setting for a future commemorative feature that would reflect the parkland context of East Potomac Park’s waterfront.

Commemorative Opportunity:

Vicinity:

East Potomac Park

Site Description Summary:

Visual Quality:

Prominent Views: Waterfront and Open Space
Prominent Vistas: Indirect
Existing Setting: Waterfront Park
Vicinity Setting: Waterfront Park Node
Gateway Corridor: Yes, Waterfront Corridor
Vehicular Corridor: Special Street
Metrorail Proximity: Landscape
Metrorobus Proximity: Historic District
Pedestrian Access: NA
Parking Availability: NA
Intermodal Station Proximity: Yes
Circulator Node Proximity: NA
Water Access: Walk

Site Image:

Historic & Cultural Resources:

Historic Resources: NA
Cultural Resources: NA
Historic District: NA
Arts/Entertainment District: NA
Embassy Proximity: NA
Memorial Zone: NA
Museum Proximity: NA

Profile:

Development Term: Present
Ownership: NPS
ANC: 2D
Current Development Project: NA
NPS Reservation: 333
NPS Park Name: East Potomac Park
NPS Total Park Acreage: 329.5
Daingerfield Island on George Washington Memorial Parkway
South of National Airport

Location:

This parkland location is south of Reagan National Airport. Existing conditions include wooded wetland and shoreline areas with a trail system, a marina, and restaurant area. Expansive lawn areas are associated with the George Washington Memorial Parkway. Potential views across the Potomac River include the airport, and Washington’s Monumental Core. Several potential commemorative sites are located within this large open space. Within the flight path of Reagan National Airport, height restrictions for new development would be a factor in establishing any new large-scale memorial features in this location.

Framework Context:

Daingerfield Island offers open and wooded waterfront settings that would be suitable for a commemorative feature that could be appreciated from both river and land.

Site Description Summary:

This park setting provides a wide range of potential commemorative opportunities. The waterfront setting establishes a tranquil interpretive environment that could be appropriate for small or medium scale commemorative features. The greatest opportunity for visibility is in close proximity to the marina and restaurant, while the wooded reaches of the island offer the potential for quiet reflection and remarkable vistas across the Potomac. Potential future river-based transportation opportunities could provide greater access and visibility to this location.

Physical Characteristics:

Location: Alexandria, VA
Acreage: 0.25 - 4
Configuration: Undefined/to be determined
Overall Character: Open/Wooded
Terrain: Flat
Adjacent Uses: Parkland

Visual Quality:

Prominent Views: Waterfront and Open Space
Vistas: Federal, District
Existing Setting: Waterfront Park, Marina
Potential Setting: Same
Gateway Corridor: Yes, Waterfront Corridor

Historic & Cultural Resources:

Historic Resources: Potential
Cultural Resources: NA
Historic District: Yes
Arts/Entertainment District: NA
Embassy Proximity: NA
Memorial Zone: NA
Museum Proximity: Drive

Vicinity:

Site Access:

Vehicular Corridor: Yes - GW Mem PKWY
Metrorail Proximity: None
Metroros Bus Proximity: Poor - DASH line
Pedestrian Access: None
Parking Availability: Fair - No Street Parking
Intermodal Station Proximity: Yes
Circulator Node Proximity: No
Water Access: Yes

Profile:

Development Term: Present
Ownership: NPS
ANC: NA
Current Development Project: NA
NPS Reservation: 404V
NPS Park Name: GWMP
NPS Total Park Acreage: TBD
The prominent topographic and landscape features of the St. Elizabeths Hospital campus provide remarkable vistas to the Nation’s Capital. The wooded slopes of this campus and related approaches from the south provide equally prominent settings. Comprising a campus of several hundred acres, St. Elizabeths is bisected by Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, SE. The northern escarpment of the western campus offers the most dramatic vistas into the city. The east campus is District property. The western portion of the campus was designed by Frederick Law Olmsted. Although the general public is presently not allowed to enter the western campus, the federal government is considering surplusing this portion of the campus and availing it to future development.
The Oxon Cove site is located on the South Capitol Street Monumental Corridor. This corridor provides dramatic vistas of the city for those approaching Washington from the south. The site is located within a large wooded area on the northern shore of Oxon Cove. Of particular interest are the views provided to this wooded area from the existing northbound bridge that crosses Oxon Cove. With significant sloping terrain, the site is highly visible from this bridge. This waterside view appears prior to the expansive Capitol views that are available closer to the city. This setting is appropriate for a significant memorial feature. Currently, existing site access is restricted.

Potential commemorative features on this site would benefit from the dramatic sequence of city views along I-295. While site access is currently limited, vehicular access could be established through D.C. Village. Water-based access could be provided to this site, also enhancing its potential interpretive opportunities. The site’s strategic location on a prominent hillside within the established South Capitol Street gateway corridor provides a significant opportunity for a significant future memorial feature that could accentuate the natural qualities of the area.

![View looking north from Interstate 295 toward potential site where a major memorial feature could be incorporated within the Oxon Cove wooded shores of this visually important open space.](image-url)
**Fort Davis Park on Pennsylvania Avenue, SE**

**Location:**
Located within the context of Fort Davis Park, this site offers a historic wooded setting on the Pennsylvania Avenue gateway corridor just inside the District of Columbia border with Maryland. Within this predominantly woodland context, the location is also bordered by residential and commercial uses. Visibility of the site is established by the undulating topographic features that accentuate Fort Davis Park's hillside setting.

**Site Description Summary:**
Potential commemorative features at the Fort Davis Park site could include a memorial or museum, depending upon the specific location identified. A small, medium, or large scale memorial could face Pennsylvania Avenue, SE or could be located at a central area within the park. A location along Pennsylvania Avenue would reinforce the gateway corridor while also providing a neighborhood amenity.

**Commemorative Opportunity:**

**Framework Context:**

**Physical Characteristics:**

**Location:** Southeast
**Acreage:** 0.25 - 0.50
**Configuration:** Irregular
**Overall Character:** Wooded
**Terrain:** Sloping
**Adjoining Uses:** Residential, Commercial

**Urban Design Framework:**

**Relative Prominence:** District/Neighborhood
**Comp. Plan Element:** Special Place
**Framework Element:** Monumental Corridor
**Plan Compatibility:** Consistent
**Memorial Proximity:** Drive
**Potential Identity:** Yes

**Site Access:**

**Vehicular Corridor:** Yes - Pennsylvania Ave.
**Metrorail Proximity:** None
**Metrobus Proximity:** Very Good
**Pedestrian Access:** Good
**Fair - Only Street Pkg:** Perp
**Intermodal Station Proximity:** No
**Circulator Node Proximity:** No
**Water Access:** No

**Profile:**

**Development Term:** Present
**Ownership:** NPS
**ANC:** 7B
**Current Development Project:** NA
**NPS Reservation:** 518
**NPS Park Name:** Fort Circle Park
**NPS Total Park Acreage:**

**Prominent Views:** Community/Neighborhood
**Vistas:** Indirect
**Existing Setting:** Parkland
**Potential Setting:** Same
**Gateway Corridor:** Yes

**Historic & Cultural Resources:**

**Historic Resources:** Special Street, Special Place
**Cultural Resources:** Street, Landscape
**Historic District:** NA
**Arts/Entertainment District:** NA
**Embassy Proximity:** NA
**Memorial Zone:** 2
**Museum Proximity:** Drive

**Vicinity:**

**Prominent Views:**

**Vistas:**

**Existing Setting:**

**Potential Setting:**

**Gateway Corridor:**

**Community/Neighborhood**

**Special Place, Special Street, Landscape**

**Street, Landscape**

**NA**

**NA**

**NA**

**2**

**Drive**

Wooded character of Fort Davis Park provides background for incorporating a significant memorial or museum within this large open space on the Pennsylvania Avenue corridor.
Site Description Summary:
This location along the Maryland Avenue Monumental Corridor is characterized by residential uses and direct views of Stanton Park and the U.S. Capitol. The existing triangular parcels are small landscaped features defined by the intersecting streets. These parcels are highly visible physical nodes along the Maryland Avenue corridor.

Commemorative Opportunity:
These small landscaped triangles, a feature of the L’Enfant Plan, present limited opportunities for potential commemorative features. Large existing trees occupy the central portions of these parcels. The sites’ locations on this monumental corridor with direct views to the Capitol provide an appropriate context for small memorials or memorial landscapes within these parcels.

Framework Context:

Physical Characteristics:
- Location: Northeast
- Acreage: 0.25
- Configuration: Triangular
- Overall Character: Open
- Terrain: Flat
- Adjoining Uses: Residential

Urban Design Framework:
- Relative Prominence: District/Neighborhood
- Comp. Plan Element: Special Street
- Plan Compatibility: Monumental Corridor
- Plan Proximity: Walk
- Potential Identity: Yes

Vicinity:

Site Access:
- Vehicular Corridor: Yes - Constitution
- Metrorail Proximity: Fair - Union Station
- Metrorail Proximity: Good
- Pedestrian Access: Good
- Pedestrian Proximity: Fair - Only Street Parking
- Intermodal Station Proximity: No
- Circulator Node Proximity: Yes
- Water Access: No

Profile:
- Development Term: Present
- Ownership: NPS
- ANC: 6A
- Current Development Project: NA
- NPS Reservation: 205
- NPS Park Name: Triangle
- NPS Total Park Acreage: 0.25

View of parcels associated with this visible intersection with views to the U.S. Capitol. Location offers opportunity for small scale memorial within existing park settings.
**Location:**
This small triangular parcel is located within the setting of an established residential community on Maryland Avenue, NE. Its context is supported by the prominence of nearby Stanton Square and direct views to the U.S. Capitol from the Avenue. The site has a lawn with an existing sculptural element. The proximity of the parcel to an adjoining rowhouse associates the parcel with the residential use.

**Commemorative Opportunity:**
The size and context of this site suggest that a small commemorative feature, such as a sculpture, plaque or landscape element would be most appropriate at this location. Its small size and perceived relationship with an existing residential block limit its use for a public memorial of a larger scale. A connection might be made with its corresponding park to the west across the intersection. Articulating this space with a potential commemorative element could provide additional definition and add to the variety of urban design elements within the Maryland Avenue Monumental Corridor.

**Site Description Summary:**

**Physical Characteristics:**
- **Location:** Northeast
- **Acreage:** 0.25
- **Configuration:** Triangular
- **Overall Character:** Open
- **Terrain:** Generally Level
- **Adjoining Uses:** Residential

**Urban Design Framework:**
- **Relative Prominence:** Neighborhood
- **Comp. Plan Element:** Special Street
- **Framework Element:** Monumental Corridor
- **Plan Compatibility:** Consistent
- **Memorial Proximity:** Walk
- **Potential Identity:** Yes

**Vicinity:**
- **Vehicular Corridor:** No - Constitution Near
- **Metrorail Proximity:** Poor - E. Market/Union
- **Metrobus Proximity:** Very Good
- **Pedestrian Access:** Good
- **Intermodal Station Proximity:** No
- **Circulator Node Proximity:** No
- **Water Access:** No

**Profile:**
- **Development Term:** Present
- **Ownership:** NPS
- **ANC:** 6A
- **Current Development Project:** NA
- **NPS Reservation:** 207
- **NPS Park Name:** Triangle
- **NPS Total Park Acreage:** 0.65

**Visual Quality:**
- **Prominent Views:** Community and Neighborhood
- **Vistas:** Indirect
- **Existing Setting:** Residential Neighborhood
- **Potential Setting:** Same
- **Gateway Corridor:** Yes

**Historic & Cultural Resources:**
- **Historic Resources:** Special Street, Place
- **Cultural Resources:** Building, Street, Landscape
- **Historic District:** Yes
- **Arts/Entertainment District:** NA
- **Embassy Proximity:** NA
- **Memorial Zone:** Drive
- **Museum Proximity:**

**Site Image:**
Triangular parcel at Maryland Avenue and D Street intersection offers a small scale commemorative opportunity within the neighborhood context established along this significant corridor.
**Northeast corner of Pennsylvania and Independence Avenues, SE**

**Between 2nd and 3rd Streets, SE**

### Location:

![Map of the location](image)

### Site Description Summary:

This small landscaped parcel on Pennsylvania Avenue, SE offers a neighborhood setting with office, residential and commercial uses. The site is presently characterized as a neighborhood park that provides definition for the nearby public buildings and commercial establishments. The site is one of several important physical nodes along the Pennsylvania Avenue corridor between the U.S. Capitol and the Anacostia River. This triangular parcel offers established landscape elements within the context of the Library of Congress and the U.S. Capitol and views toward those Capitol Hill landmarks.

### Commemorative Opportunity:

Potential commemorative actions for this site must consider the small size of the parcel. A future memorial feature could include a small memorial and memorial landscape element on the landscape parcels that comprise the sequence of small parks along the Pennsylvania Avenue corridor. The site's location near the U.S. Capitol provides an interpretive context that is suitable for a commemorative feature.

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### Vicinity:

![Map of Vicinity](image)

### Site Access:

- **Vehicular Corridor:** Yes - Independ./Pennsylvania Aves.
- **Metrorail Proximity:** Good - Capitol South
- **Metrobus Proximity:** Good
- **Pedestrian Access:** Good
- **Intermodal Station Proximity:** Fair - Only Street Parking
- **Circulator Node Proximity:** Yes - Metro
- **Water Access:** Yes

### Site Image

View of the triangular parcel on Pennsylvania Avenue that could incorporate a future commemorative feature of small scale that would reinforce the mixed use setting of the corridor and enhance views of the Library of Congress and the U.S. Capitol.

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### Framework Context:

- **Federal Elements:** Special Street/Parkland
  - Landmark, Special Street
  - Building, Street
  - Yes
  - NA
  - NA
  - Memorial Zone
  - Walk

- **Landmark, Special Street:**
  - Yes

- **Building, Street:**
  - Yes

- **Special Street/Parkland:**
  - Yes

- **Federal Elements:**
  - Yes

- **Special Street:**
  - Yes

- **Parkland:**
  - Yes
Intersection of Pennsylvania and South Carolina Avenues, SE
At 8th and D Streets, SE, Near Eastern Market Metro

Location:

Site Description Summary:
This well-defined public space along the Pennsylvania Avenue, SE corridor offers a neighborhood setting with adjoining low density residential and commercial uses. The site is presently characterized as a neighborhood park and provides identity to the nearby Eastern Market Metro Station entrance. This site is one of several important physical nodes along the Pennsylvania Avenue corridor between the U.S. Capitol and the Anacostia River. The triangular parcel offers established landscape features, lawn areas, and seating.

Commemorative Opportunity:
Potential commemorative actions for this site must consider the residential scale of neighboring parcels. Future memorial features could include small or medium scale elements within the landscape parcels that complement the sequence of small parks along the Pennsylvania Avenue corridor. The site’s location near the Eastern Market Metro Station presents an opportunity for a future memorial feature that provide increased aesthetic amenity for transit users, Pennsylvania Avenue commuters, and residents.

Framework Context:

Physical Characteristics:

Urban Design Framework:

Historic & Cultural Resources:

Visual Quality:

Vicinity:

Site Access:

Profile:

Prominent Views: Community and Neighborhood Indirect
Prominent Vistas: Public Park / Metro Station
Existing Setting: Public Park / Metro Station
Potential Setting: Yes
Gateway Corridor: Yes

Consumptive Resources:

Relative Prominence: District / Neighborhood
Comp. Plan Element: Special Street
Framework Element: Monumental Corridor
Plan Compatibility: Consistent
Memorial Proximity: Walk
Potential Identity: Yes

Historic Resources: Special Street, Place
Cultural Resources: Street, Landscape
Historic District: Yes
Arts/Entertainment District: NA
Embassy Proximity: NA
Memorial Zone: 2
Museum Proximity: Drive

Site Image:

Community and Neighborhood Indirect
Public Park / Metro Station
Public Park / Metro Station
Yes

South Carolina Ave SE

Pennsylvania Ave SE

Pennsylvania Ave SE

Pennsylvania Avenue offers a suitable commemorative opportunity for small scale features within the context of this principal corridor with residential and mixed uses.
Circle at the intersection of Pennsylvania and Potomac Avenues, SE
Near the Potomac Avenue Metro Station

Site Description Summary:
This highly visible traffic circle on Pennsylvania Avenue, SE offers a neighborhood setting of low density residential and commercial uses. The site is characterized as open parkland that provides identity to the nearby Potomac Avenue Metro Station. This site is one of several important physical nodes along the Pennsylvania Avenue corridor between the U.S. Capitol and the Anacostia River. This traffic circle, fed by Potomac and Pennsylvania Avenues and 14th Street, SE, tends to reinforce the sequence of spaces to and from the nearby Barney Circle and Anacostia River bridge crossing portal.

Commemorative Opportunity:
Potential commemorative actions for this site must consider the residential scale of neighboring parcels. Future memorial features could include small or medium scale elements within the landscaped parcels that comprise the sequence of small parks located along the Pennsylvania Avenue corridor. The site's location near the Potomac Avenue Metro Station provides an opportunity to create a distinctive civic feature at this location that can serve as an amenity for transit riders, Pennsylvania Avenue commuters and residents.

Location:

Framework Context:

Physical Characteristics:

Location: Southeast
Acreage: 0.25
Configuration: Irregular
Overall Character: Open
Terrain: Generally Level
Adjoining Uses: Mixed Use

Site Access:

Vehicular Corridor: Yes - Pennsylvania Ave.
Metrorail Proximity: Very Good - Potomac Ave.
Metrobus Proximity: Very Good
Pedestrian Access: Good
Parking Availability: Good
Intermodal Station Proximity: Yes - Metro
Circulator Node Proximity: Yes
Water Access: No

Profile:

Development Term: Present
Ownership: NPS
ANC: 6B
Current Development Project: N/A
NPS Reservation: 054F
NPS Park Name: Triangle
NPS Total Park Acreage: 0.26

Visual Quality:

Prominent Views: Neighborhood and Open Space
Vistas: Indirect
Existing Setting: Parkland/Metro Station
Potential Setting: Parkland/Metro Station
Gateway Corridor: Yes

Historic & Cultural Resources:

Historic Resources: Special Street
Cultural Resources: Street
Historic District: NA
Arts/Entertainment District: NA
Embassy Proximity: Memorial Zone
Museum Proximity: Drive

Site Image:
View looking into circle within which several potential commemorative opportunities of moderate scale could be incorporated within Pennsylvania Avenue's gateway corridor.
Within the Southeast Federal Center there are several potential sites that are or will be suitable for a new memorial. This location is generally identified as being on the Anacostia waterfront within the SE Federal Center. On-site is generally located to the east of 2nd Street, SE on the waterfront. This site is characterized by government offices and industrial uses. The SE Federal Center and the adjoining Navy Yard are experiencing significant redevelopment with new office and support facilities under construction.

A potential commemorative opportunity exists within the SE Federal Center, generally on axis with New Jersey Avenue and the Anacostia waterfront. While public space redefinition and other SE Federal Center improvements are needed to establish an appropriate setting for a future memorial, this area provides excellent interpretive potential for commemorative features of medium to large size. The historic character of the Navy Yard and the dramatic waterfront vistas that are found within the Center create an excellent setting for future memorials. Potential water-based transportation systems in the future could provide greater visibility and accessibility to the SE Federal Center.

View of Center site with visual linkages between the parcel and the monumental core. This setting offers future conditions that would reinforce potential commemorative features.
On the north shore of the Anacostia River
Immediately east of the Frederick Douglass Bridge, SE

Site 38

**Location:**

Presently characterized by vacant industrial properties, this site is located within the South Capitol Street gateway. It also is within the master plan’s South Capitol Street Commemorative Focus Area. A planned unit development has been approved for the site. The development consists primarily of commercial office space. This site would offer significant visibility within a future enhanced setting. While infrastructure and adjoining land use improvements are needed to improve the site context of this site, the potential exists to provide dramatic waterfront vistas and visual linkages throughout the South Capitol Street Corridor. Views from the site include Anacostia Park and the Navy Yard.

**Framework Context:**

**Physical Characteristics:**

- **Location:** South Capitol Street Gateway
- **Acreage:** 0.5
- **Configuration:** Irregular
- **Overall Character:** Open, urban
- **Terrain:** Generally Level
- **Adjoining Uses:** Waterfront Industrial

**Urban Design Framework:**

- **Relative Prominence:** Federal
- **Comp. Plan Element:** Open Space, Parkland
- **Framework Element:** Commemorative Focus Area
- **Plan Compatibility:** Centerpiece
- **Memorial Proximity:** Drive
- **Potential Identity:** Transitional

**Vicinity:**

- **South Capitol Street Gateway**: 0.5
- **Adjoining Uses**: Waterfront Industrial

**Vehicular Corridor:** Yes - South Capitol
**Metrail Proximity:** Fair - Navy Yard
**Metrobus Proximity:** Good
**Pedestrian Access:** Fair
**Intermodal Station Proximity:** Yes - Water
**Circulator Node Proximity:** Yes
**Water Access:** Yes

**Profile:**

- **Development Term:** Future
- **Ownership:** Private
- **ANC:** 6B
- **Current Development Project:** NA
- **NPS Reservation:** NA
- **NPS Park Name:** NA
- **NPS Total Park Acreage:** NA

**Commemorative Opportunity:**

The opportunities for a future memorial at this site are significant. Its location at the South Capitol Street gateway and on the Anacostia waterfront give this site high prominence. Consideration of a future commemorative feature of medium to large size must consider its relationship to the entire Commemorative Focus Area including the South Capitol Street terminus (Site #8) and adjoining waterfront redevelopment. The scale and context of potential features within this location could enhance the entire South Capitol Street area.

**Visual Quality:**

- **Prominent Views:** Federal Elements
- **Vistas:** Federal Elements
- **Existing Setting:** Industrial, Vacant
- **Potential Setting:** Waterfront Center
- **Gateway Corridor:** Yes

**Historic & Cultural Resources:**

- **Historic Resources:** Special Street
- **Cultural Resources:** Street, Landscape
- **Historic District:** NA
- **Arts/Entertainment District:** NA
- **Embassy Proximity:** NA
- **Memorial Zone:** Drive
- **Museum Proximity:** Drive

View of site illustrates the visual linkages between the parcel and the Monumental Core, establishing a waterfront setting that would reinforce potential commemorative features.
**Site Description Summary:**

One of several potential prominent waterfront sites in East Potomac Park, this site is located on the Washington Channel shoreline and offers dramatic waterfront vistas within the established open space setting of the park. The site is on-axis with the 8th Street, NW axis. Adjoining park uses include passive and active recreation activities such as golf, swimming, and biking. The site also offers the potential of becoming a future water taxi landing area that could both enhance its accessibility and interpretive potential. Existing site conditions are waterfront landscaped parkland with open lawn areas and tree clusters. The site is accessible throughout the year by vehicle from Ohio Drive.

**Commemorative Opportunity:**

This location provides an excellent setting for a potential commemorative feature. The extensive land area of East Potomac Park, combined with the expansive waterfront area associated with the Washington Channel, provides opportunities for small scale commemoration. Consideration of this site should include the potential relationship with both existing and future memorials and uses within East Potomac Park. This coordinated planning effort should focus on providing a suitable scale and context for these future features. Opportunities for incorporating new access from a water-based transit system should be pursued to improve access to this site.

**Physical Characteristics:**

- **Location:** Southwest
- **Acreage:** 0.25
- **Configuration:** To be determined
- **Overall Character:** Open
- **Terrain:** Flat
- **Adjoining Uses:** Parkland

**Historic & Cultural Resources:**

- **Historic Resources:** Special Street, Site
- **Cultural Resources:** Street, Landscape
- **Art Districts:** Yes - East/West Potomac Park
- **Embassy Proximity:** NA
- **Memorial Zone:** 2
- **Museum Proximity:** Drive

**Profile:**

- **Development Term:** Present
- **Ownership:** NPS
- **ANC:** 2D
- **Current Development Project:** NA
- **NPS Reservation:** 333
- **NPS Park Name:** East Potomac Park
- **NPS Total Park Acreage:** 329.5

Washington Channel shoreline provides appropriate landscape setting for future small scale commemorative feature that would reflect the open space context of East Potomac Park.
Site Description Summary:

One of several potential prominent waterfront sites in East Potomac Park, this site is located on the Potomac River shoreline and offers dramatic waterfront vistas within the established open space setting of East Potomac Park. It is situated on the axis of 17th Street, NW. Adjoining park uses include passive and active recreation activities such as golf, swimming, and biking. This site also offers the potential of becoming a future water taxi landing area that could enhance accessibility and interpretive potential. Existing site conditions are waterfront landscaped parkland with open lawn areas and tree clusters. The site is accessible throughout the year by vehicle from Ohio Drive.

Commemorative Opportunity:

This location provides an excellent setting for a potential commemorative feature. The extensive land area of East Potomac Park, combined with the expansive waterfront area associated with the Potomac River, provides commemorative opportunities for small scale commemoration. Consideration of this site should include the potential relationship with other future memorials and uses within East Potomac Park. This coordinated planning effort should focus on providing a suitable scale and context for these features. Opportunities for incorporating new access from a water-based transit system on both the Potomac and Anacostia Rivers should be pursued to improve access to this site.

### Site Description Summary:

| Location: | Southwes |
| Acreage: | 0.25 |
| Configuration: | To be determined |
| Overall Character: | Open |
| Terrain: | Flat |
| Adjoining Uses: | Parkland |

### Physical Characteristics:

- **Location:** Southwest
- **Acreage:** 0.25
- **Configuration:** To be determined
- **Overall Character:** Open
- **Terrain:** Flat
- **Adjoining Uses:** Parkland

### Urban Design Framework:

- **Relative Prominence:** Federal
- **Comp. Plan Element:** Open Space/Parkland
- **Framework Element:** Waterfront Crescent
- **Plan Compatibility:** Consistent
- **Memorial Proximity:** Walk
- **Potential Identity:** Yes

### Vicinity:

- **Federal Elements:** Federal Elements
- **Waterfront and Open Space:** Same
- **Special Street:** Yes, River Corridor

### Visual Quality:

- **Prominent Views:** Federal Elements
- **Vistas:** Federal Elements
- **Existing Setting:** Waterfront and Open Space
- **Potential Setting:** Same
- **Gateway Corridor:** Yes, River Corridor

### Historic & Cultural Resources:

- **Historic Resources:** Special Street
- **Cultural Resources:** Street, Landscape
- **Historic District:** Yes - East/West Potomac Park
- **Arts/Entertainment District:** NA
- **Embassy Proximity:** NA
- **Memorial Zone:** Drive
- **Museum Proximity:** Yes

### Site Access:

- **Vehicular Corridor:** No
- **Metrorail Proximity:** None
- **Metrobus Proximity:** None
- **Pedestrian Access:** Fair
- **Parking Availability:** Good
- **Intermodal Station Proximity:** Yes - Water
- **Circulator Node Proximity:** Yes
- **Water Access:** Yes

### Site Image:

Potomac River shoreline provides appropriate landscape setting for future small scale commemorative feature that would reflect the open space context of East Potomac Park.
On Maryland Avenue, SW extended, between 12th and 14th Streets, SW  Site 41 // Location:

Located on the Maryland Avenue Monumental Corridor, this site is within an existing development known as the Portals. This mixed use development surrounds a newly created prominent public space within an elevated court. The plaza's raised elevation offers vistas to the U.S. Capitol and the Potomac River along the extension of the Maryland Avenue alignment. This location is defined primarily by site circulation elements that result in a circular public space. The site is two blocks from the Mall and the Smithsonian Metro Station. It overlooks the northern end of the Washington Channel and the Tidal Basin.

Commemorative Opportunity:

A potential commemorative feature in this location could be placed within the existing and planned public spaces that are defined by the Portals' central entrance and circulation features. Considerations include the development guidelines that have been established for this large mixed use development. A major portion of the Portals project has yet to be completed. Coordination with the property owner and these ongoing development efforts is necessary in order to provide a suitable context for a future memorial. Depending on the established setting, a memorial could be a small pedestrian-oriented feature or a significant element of the public space.

Site Description Summary:

Location: Southwest
Acreage: 0.5
Configuration: Circular
Overall Character: Open
Terrain: Generally Level
Adjoining Uses: Office, Mixed Uses

Physical Characteristics:

Location: Southwest
Acreage: 0.5
Configuration: Circular
Overall Character: Open
Terrain: Generally Level
Adjoining Uses: Office, Mixed Uses

Urban Design Framework:

Relative Prominence: Federal
Comp. Plan Element: Special Street
Framework Element: Monumental Corridor
Plan Compatibility: Centerpiece
Memorial Proximity: Walk
Potential Identity: Yes

Site Access:

Vehicular Corridor: Yes - I-395/15th
Metrobus Proximity: Fair
Pedestrian Access: Good - Limited Street Parking
Intermodal Station Proximity: Yes - Metro
Circulator Node Proximity: Yes
Water Access: Yes

Profile:

Development Term: Present
Ownership: Private
ANC: 2D
Current Development Project: Yes
NPS Reservation: NA
NPS Park Name: NA
NPS Total Park Acreage: NA

Vicinity:

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Site Image:

Established physical setting of the Portals development provides an appropriate public space context for locating potential memorial features with direct views to the U.S. Capitol.

Visual Quality:

Prominent Views: Federal Elements
Vistas: Federal Elements
Existing Setting: Mixed Use Development
Potential Setting: Urban Plaza
Gateway Corridor: Yes

Historic & Cultural Resources:

Historic Resources: Landmark, Special Street
Cultural Resources: Building, Street, Landscape
Historic District: NA
Arts/Entertainment District: NA
Embassy Proximity: NA
Memorial Zone: 2
Museum Proximity: Walk
**East side of Washington Channel at Water Street**

**At 7th Street, SW**

### Location:

Situated on Washington Channel, this site is located within an existing small waterfront park associated with the marina. Adjoining uses include mixed use residential, office, and commercial facilities. The site's proximity to these facilities, which include waterfront restaurants and boat launches, provides good accessibility. Located within the Maine Avenue and M Street corridor, this location offers an established landscape setting that is appropriate for potential small commemorative elements. The existing public space is defined by a paved terrace and established landscaping. The parcel is aligned with 7th Street and views are possible across the Washington Channel to East Potomac Park.

### Commmemorative Opportunity:

Opportunities for a memorial at this location are possible within the existing waterfront public space. The site offers good access for patrons of the marina and area restaurants. The location on the extended 7th Street alignment provides direct views across Washington Channel to East Potomac Park, where other potential memorial features could be located. The axial relationships and waterfront context of this location provide good opportunities for a potential memorial of small or medium scale. Consideration of a future memorial at this location should be coordinated with ongoing redevelopment plans for the Southwest waterfront area.

### Site Description Summary:

- **Location:** Southwest
- **Acreage:** 0.25
- **Configuration:** Rectangular
- **Overall Character:** Developed Waterfront
- **Terrain:** Flat
- **Adjoining Uses:** Recreation, Mixed Use

### Physical Characteristics:

- **Relative Prominence:** District/Neighborhood Special Street
- **Comp. Plan Element:** Waterfront Crescent
- **Plan Compatibility:** Consistent
- **Memorial Proximity:** Walk
- **Relative Prominence:** Yes
- **Comp. Plan Element:** Yes
- **Plan Compatibility:** Yes
- **Memorial Proximity:** Yes
- **Development Term:** Present
- **Ownership:** DC
- **ANC:** 2D
- **Current Development Project:** NA
- **NPS Reservation:** NA
- **NPS Park Name:** NA
- **NPS Total Park Acreage:** NA

### Visual Quality:

- **Prominent Views:** Waterfront and Parkland
- **Vistas:** Indirect
- **Existing Setting:** Waterfront/Marina
- **Potential Setting:** Waterfront Park
- **Gateway Corridor:** NA

### Historic & Cultural Resources:

- **Historic Resources:** Street, Landscape
- **Arts/Entertainment District:** NA
- **Embassy Proximity:** NA
- **Museum Proximity:** Walk

### Vicinity:

Site location on the Washington Channel provides context within this established community setting for a potential small scale memorial feature.
### Location:

Located within the visual influence zone of the Lincoln Memorial, this waterfront location provides dramatic views of the Potomac River and Virginia shoreline. It represents one of several potential future waterfront taxi landing sites that could eventually advance interpretive opportunities along the river. The site features generally open lawn areas with existing trees providing shade for visitors walking along the seawall path. Adjoining uses include prominent memorials, recreation facilities, and open space. This is one site within the range of potential linear shoreline interpretive experiences that could be established within West Potomac Park.

### Framework Context:

Federal Elements

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#### Location:

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- Acreage: 0.25
- Configuration: To be determined
- Overall Character: Open
- Terrain: Generally Sloping
- Adjoining Uses: Parkland

#### Urban Design Framework:

- Relative Prominence: Federal
- Comp. Plan Element: Open Space
- Framework Element: Waterfront Crescent
- Plan Compatibility: Consistent
- Memorial Proximity: Walk
- Potential Identity: Yes

#### Site Access:

- Vehicular Corridor: Yes - Independence Ave
- Metrorail Proximity: None
- Metrolbus Proximity: Poor
- Pedestrian Access: Good
- Parking Availability: Good
- Intermodal Station Proximity: Yes - Water
- Circulator Node Proximity: Yes
- Water Access: Yes

#### Site Image:

Potomac River shoreline setting provides appropriate site for future small scale commemorative feature respecting the context of the nearby Lincoln Memorial.

### Site Description Summary:

Located within the visual influence zone of the Lincoln Memorial, this waterfront location provides dramatic views of the Potomac River and Virginia shoreline. It represents one of several potential future waterfront taxi landing sites that could eventually advance interpretive opportunities along the river. The site features generally open lawn areas with existing trees providing shade for visitors walking along the seawall path. Adjoining uses include prominent memorials, recreation facilities, and open space. This is one site within the range of potential linear shoreline interpretive experiences that could be established within West Potomac Park.

### Commemorative Opportunity:

A potential commemorative action in this location would afford excellent riverfront views while offering close proximity to other Memorials including the FDR, MLK, Korean, Lincoln, and Vietnam Veterans Memorials. Consideration of this site for a future memorial must include its potential relationship with other nearby memorials. In order to complement existing commemorative and landscape features, future memorials at this location are limited to understated or small scale elements. Access from a future water transit stop is also a possibility.

### Visual Quality:

- Prominent Views: Federal Elements
- Vistas: Lincoln Mem/W Potomac Pk
- Existing Setting: Same
- Potential Setting: NA
- Gateway Corridor: NA

### Historic & Cultural Resources:

- Historic Resources: Landmark, Site
- Cultural Resources: Building, Landscape
- Historic District: Yes
- Arts/Entertainment District: NA
- Embassy Proximity: NA
- Memorial Zone: Walk
- Museum Proximity: 1

### Profile:

- Development Term: Present
- Ownership: NPS
- ANC: 2A
- Current Development Project: NPS Reservation: 332
- NPS Park Name: West Potomac Park, Lincoln Mem
- NPS Total Park Acreage: 241.7
Edward Murrow Park (18th-19th St) or James Monroe Park (20th-21st St)
On Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

Site Description Summary:
These existing public spaces provide similar passive recreational and interpretive opportunities for residents, employees, and tourists. Their triangular parcels are presently defined by open landscaped spaces that contrast with nearby higher density office and commercial uses. Their location within the highly visible Pennsylvania Avenue corridor makes these parks appropriate for future memorials. Existing conditions include landscaped terraces with seating and generally level terrain. These parcels represent nodes within this prominent corridor from the White House to Washington Circle.

Commemorative Opportunity:
Several opportunities exist to incorporate future commemorative features within these public parks. New memorials within these parcels could include both understated elements that would maintain present conditions or dramatic features that would reshape the character of these sites. This range of potential commemorative actions is possible due to the relative absence of highly visible memorials within this section of Pennsylvania Avenue. This corridor would benefit from greater definition of these existing public spaces. Any memorial planned for Monroe or Morrow Parks should contain ancillary interpretive media on the lives of these historic figures.

Framework Context:

Physical Characteristics:
Location: Northwest
Acreage: 0.25 - 1.0
Configuration: Triangular
Overall Character: Open/Landscaped
Terrain: Flat
Adjoining Uses: Mixed Use

Urban Design Framework:
Relative Prominence: District/Federal
Comp. Plan Element: Special Street
Framework Element: Monumental Corridor
Plan Compatibility: Consistent
Memorial Proximity: Walk
Potential Identity: Yes

Site Access:
Vehicular Corridor: Yes - Pennsylvania Ave.
Metrorail Proximity: Good - Foggy Bottom, Farragut West
Metrobus Proximity: Good
Pedestrian Access: Good
Intermodal Station Proximity: Yes - Metro/Circulator
Circulator Node Proximity: No
Water Access: No

Visual Quality:
Prominent Views: District/Federal Elements
Existing Setting: Special Street/Parkland
Potential Setting: Same
Gateway Corridor: Yes

Historic & Cultural Resources:
Historic Resources: Landmark, Special Street
Cultural Resources: Building, Street, Landscape
Historic District: NA
Arts/Entertainment District: Yes
Embassy Proximity: Yes
Memorial Zone: 2
Memorial Proximity: Walk

Profile:
Development Term: Present
Ownership: NPS
ANC: 2A
Current Development Project: NA
NPS Reservations: 020/030
NPS Park Name: Triangle
NPS Total Park Acreage: 1.35

Site Image:
View of park on Pennsylvania Avenue between 18th & 19th Streets that could accommodate a small scale memorial feature within the established setting of this prominent corridor.
Franklin Square, between I, K, 13th and 14th Streets, NW

Site Description Summary:
Located within the prominent urban corridor between Washington Circle and Mt. Vernon Square, this five-acre park is one of several public squares in the vicinity that feature prominent commemorative elements. Farragut, McPherson, and Lafayette Squares are located nearby. Within the western limits of Franklin Square is an existing memorial to Commodore Barry. The site features wooded and open lawn areas with an existing fountain feature that defines the central axis of the park. A well-designed fabric of pathways and terrace areas adorns the park. Adjoining uses include prominent historic structures and contemporary office and retail uses. The McPherson Square Station provides direct Metro access to the park.

Commemorative Opportunity:
With several existing commemorative features and museums located nearby, this site provides several opportunities for locating a small scale memorial that would complement existing park features. The established scale and character of the park provide several appropriate landscape settings for commemorative features of a small size. The vicinity of Franklin Square will become increasingly more prominent within the city as a visitor destination once the District of Columbia convention center and the city museum at nearby Mt. Vernon Square are opened. The National Museum of Women in the Arts is also located within one block.

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Vicinity:
**Site Description Summary:**

Located within the Rock Creek Park open space corridor, this prominent site represents a physical node along Pennsylvania Avenue and M Street between Georgetown and Foggy Bottom. Portions of the site are wooded with steep slopes, while much of the site is open lawn area. The site's park setting and bridge crossings help define the transition between historic Georgetown and the L'Enfant City. This unique location is characterized by its placement within Rock Creek Park. The informal park setting affords opportunities for passive and active recreation. Adjoining uses include mixed density residential and commercial.

**Commemorative Opportunity:**

The site's size, location, and landscape features provide specific opportunities for a range of commemorative features. Its symbolic setting framing Rock Creek Park provides opportunities for enhancing the existing gateway into Georgetown from Pennsylvania Avenue and M Street. The existing open lawn could serve as a focal point for commemorative elements that could be appreciated by neighboring residents, park visitors, and commuters. The scale of potential features at this site could range from small to large and would benefit from the landscape and woodland buffers that characterize the parcels.

**Physical Characteristics:**

- **Location:** Northwest
- **Acreage:** 0.5
- **Configuration:** Irregular
- **Overall Character:** Wooded/Open
- **Terrain:** Generally Level
- **Adjoining Uses:** Open Space, Mixed Use

**Vicinity:**

- **Neighborhood and Open Space:** Indirect
- **Site, Special Street:** Landscape, Street
- **Yes - M and PA Ave**
- **Poor - Foggy Bottom**
- **Fair**
- **Good**
- **Good**
- **No**
- **No**
- **Water Access:** No

**Profile:**

- **Development Term:** Present
- **Ownership:** NPS
- **ANC:** 2A
- **Current Development Project:** NA
- **NPS Reservation:** 360
- **NPS Park Name:** Rock Creek/Potomac Parkway
- **NPS Total Park Acreage:** 184.7

**Framework Context:**

- **Relative Prominence:** Neighborhood
- **Comp. Plan Element:** Yes
- **Framework Element:** Special Street
- **Plan Compatibility:** Yes
- **Memorial Proximity:** Walk
- **Potential Identity:** NA

**Urban Design Framework:**

- **Prominent Views:** Neighborhood and Open Space
- **Vistas:** Indirect
- **Existing Setting:** Neighborhood Park
- **Potential Setting:** Same
- **Gateway Corridor:** NA

**Historic & Cultural Resources:**

- ** Historic Resources:** Site, Special Street
- **Cultural Resources:** Landscape, Street
- **Historic District:** Yes
- **Arts/Entertainment District:** NA
- **Embassy Proximity:** Walk
- **Memorial Zone:** 2
- **Museum Proximity:** Walk

**Site Image:**

View of the neighborhood park located within Rock Creek Park and within the context of a prominent bridge crossing into Georgetown from Pennsylvania Avenue.
Intersection of Massachusetts and Florida Avenues, NW
With 22nd and Q Street, NW

Site Description Summary:
Located along "Embassy Row," this small triangular parcel presently includes limited landscaping and seating elements. Its location is within a complex intersection that is created by Massachusetts Avenue, Florida Avenue, Q and 22nd Streets. Adjoining conditions include established embassy, residential, and institutional uses that create a significant urban design setting. A mix of architectural styles and building types establish this intersection as a highly interesting and visible node within the Massachusetts Avenue corridor. Views from the site include both Dupont and Sheridan Circles.

Commemorative Opportunity:
Potential commemorative opportunities for this parcel are limited by its size and configuration. However, the location affords views of Embassy Row buildings and is heavily trafficked by car and foot. The present hedge and bench features would have to be removed to take full advantage of the site's landscape design potential. Future memorial design elements for this parcel could include a small sculpture, plaque, or landscape treatment.

Framework Context:

Location: Northwest
Acreage: 0.16
Configuration: Triangular
Overall Character: Open/Landscaped
Terrain: Flat
Adjoining Uses: Residential, Embassy

Physical Characteristics:

Visual Quality:
Prominent Views: District/Local Elements
Vistas: Indirect
Existing Setting: Embassy Corridor
Potential Setting: Same
Gateway Corridor: Yes

Historic & Cultural Resources:
Historic Resources: Landmark, Special Street
Cultural Resources: Building, Street
Historic District: Yes
Arts/Entertainment District: NA
Embassy Proximity: Walk
Memorial Zone: 2
Museum Proximity: Walk

Site Image
This triangular parcel offers opportunities for a small scale memorial that would complement this setting which stands as a node within the Embassy Row corridor.

Profile:
Development Term: Present
Ownership: NPS
ANC: 2B
Current Development Project: NA
NPS Reservation: 57
NPS Park Name: Triangle
NPS Total Park Acreage: 0.16

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**Location:**
This highly prominent triangular park faces the National Gallery of Art East Wing and the U.S. Court House. It offers striking views of the Capitol and its location on Pennsylvania Avenue gives the site a high degree of visibility and urban design significance. Existing conditions are generally level, with established trees and landscape elements. The physical presence of the U.S. Capitol and the Pennsylvania Avenue Monumental Corridor greatly influence the site. Adjoining landscape elements generally offer open conditions that reinforce the dramatic visual impact of the Capitol and its extensive grounds. These visual connections to the Capitol provide design opportunities for physical improvements to the site. Potential site development is constrained by existing utilities.

**Commemorative Opportunity:**
Since this parcel is within the Pennsylvania Avenue right-of-way and provides outstanding views of the U.S. Capitol, it offers both symbolic and ceremonial amenities of the highest order. Future commemorative use of the site must maintain the existing vista along the Avenue to the Capitol. Another important consideration is the prominent Meade Memorial at the Pretyman Court House. Nevertheless, the site could incorporate an understated landscape feature with design elements that provide commemoration and interpretation opportunity while enhancing the linkages that characterize the historic corridor.

**Framework Context:**
Highly prominent triangular parcel could support a future commemorative element that would complement the importance and ceremonial sequences of Pennsylvania Avenue.
Intersection of Eastern Avenue and 16th Street, NW

Site Description Summary:
Located at the northern entrance to the District’s Ten Mile Square, this site offers a symbolic gateway setting along 16th Street as it enters the city east of Rock Creek Park on axis with the White House. The site is characterized by topographic and open space features that reinforce this ceremonial gateway into the District. A mixture of wooded buffers, open lawns and residential uses border this modest traffic circle and establish an understated parklike character for this important gateway into the city. Adjoining residential uses are set back from the 16th Street right-of-way, providing a parkway-like setting in the vicinity of the circle.

Commemorative Opportunity:
A future commemorative feature could be incorporated within the existing landscaped traffic circle. While the present parklike setting is appropriate, a more compelling treatment of this entrance to the city could be provided by locating a memorial at this important gateway. The established traffic pattern may need to be reconsidered for improved service and safety. In planning for the future design of this circle, consideration should be given to potential small or medium commemorative elements that could enhance this Monumental Corridor, while maintaining the open space character of Rock Creek Park and protecting existing nearby residential uses.

Framework Context:

Physical Characteristics:
Location: Northwest
Acreage: 0.25
Configuration: Circular, triangular
Overall Character: Open, Wooded
Terrain: Generally Level
Adjoining Uses: Parkland, Residential

Urban Design Framework:
Relative Prominence: Federal, District
Comp. Plan Element: Special Street
Framework Element: Monumental Corridor
Plan Compatibility: Centerpiece
Memorial Proximity: Drive
Potential Identity: Yes

Vicinity:
Neighborhood and Open Space: Indirect
Street: Landscape
Street, Landscape: NA
Same: Yes

Site Image:
Several island parcels within the 16th Street gateway into the city provide commemorative opportunities for potential small scale features that would reinforce this established corridor.
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On Canal Road

View from Chain Bridge looking east toward Canal Road intersection, where potential memorial feature could be incorporated within the established wooded setting.
At the intersection of Canal Road and Foxhall Road, NW
In Glover Archbold Park

Site Description Summary:
As a focal point and intersection of several important Special Streets and natural features, this site is characterized by its proximity to the C&O Canal and the southern limits of the Glover Archbold Park. The recently restored canal retaining wall along Canal Road adds to the visual quality of this setting, which marks the important intersection of Canal and Foxhall Road just west of Georgetown. This site represents symbolic and visual entrances into the District, the C&O Canal, and the Foxhall community. The area is characterized by open space settings with steep slopes and winding road alignments.

Commemorative Opportunity:
Future commemorative features at this location should focus on the intersection of Canal and Foxhall Roads. A small scale feature would be compatible with the existing open lawn areas and wooded background of Glover Archbold Park. Pedestrian access to the site is provided by existing pathways of the park and sidewalks along the northern lane of Canal Road. Commemorative actions on this site should consider the presence of a historic street car bridge that passes over it. The site is highly visible on the approach to the District from Canal Road and it represents a landmark area on the entrance into Georgetown from the C&O Canal.

Vicinity:

In Glover Archbold Park

Profile:
Development Term: Present
Ownership: NPS
ANC: 2E
Current Development Project: NA
NPS Reservation: 404
NPS Park Name: Potomac Palisades Parkway
NPS Total Park Acreage: 24.4

View looking north from the intersection of Canal and Foxhall Roads to a potential parcel within Glover Archbold Park that could incorporate future memorial features within this established gateway setting.
### Site Description Summary:

Situated within a newly completed landscape setting at M Street and Key Bridge, this site is immediately west of the Francis Scott Key Memorial Park. It is comprised of gradually sloping brick walkways and landscape features that provide a visual extension of the C&O Canal National Historic Park. This site is relatively narrow and occupies approximately one acre between the entrance to the Whitehurst Freeway and the Key Bridge. Its location is at the symbolic entrance to Georgetown and is further defined by nearby prominent architectural features, including the former Trolley Car Barn. The former Francis Scott Key House was previously located on this site prior to the construction of the Whitehurst Freeway.

### Commemorative Opportunity:

Occupying one of two prominent parcels on the northern limits of the Key Bridge, this site offers an opportunity for an understated memorial feature that would be compatible with the theme of the Francis Scott Key Park. A future memorial on this site should incorporate interpretive references to the former Francis Scott Key House. Located at an important river crossing portal, this site affords an excellent setting for a contemplative feature that would complement historic Georgetown and the C&O Canal National Historic Park. The scale of a potential new feature here could include a small or landscape element that could be viewed from M Street. The recently completed park with substantial landscaping provides an appropriate setting for a future memorial.

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### Vicinity:

- **Site, Special Street**: District, Local Elements
- **Building, Street, Landscape**: Yes
- **Embassy Proximity**: NA
- **Memorial Zone**: NA
- **Museum Proximity**: Walk

### Site Access:

- **Vehicular Corridor**: Yes - M Street
- **MetroRail Proximity**: None
- **Metrorail Proximity**: None
- **Pedestrian Access**: Good
- **Parking Availability**: Good
- **Intermodal Station Proximity**: No
- **Circulator Node Proximity**: No
- **Water Access**: Yes

### Site Image

Existing park setting provides symbolic context for Key Bridge river crossing portal and potential memorial element that could be incorporated within this prominent recently improved setting.

### Site Image

Existing park setting provides symbolic context for Key Bridge river crossing portal and potential memorial element that could be incorporated within this prominent recently improved setting.
North of Massachusetts Avenue and Macomb Street, NW
At Glover Archbold Parkway

Site Description Summary:
Occupying a prominent open lawn area within Glover Archbold Park on the east side of Massachusetts Avenue, this site represents a unique setting within the corridor. Located within an established residential neighborhood of mixed densities, this site represents a significant open area that is defined by its heavily wooded margins. The site is located approximately at a midpoint between the Wisconsin and Nebraska Avenue corridors and its prominence is heightened by the gradually rolling terrain that characterizes the alignment of Massachusetts Avenue. Views to Ward Circle and the National Cathedral are afforded from this vantage point.

Commemorative Opportunity:
Potential opportunities for a small or medium sized memorial at this location are significant. A commemorative element would be highly visible on this existing open lawn setting within the prominent Massachusetts Avenue corridor. The wooded setting would provide a visual buffer between the memorial and adjoining parkland. Potential commemorative elements considered for this site would also benefit from the elevation changes that occur along Massachusetts Avenue in this vicinity. The site is in a generally level area that precedes the approach to Ward Circle.

Framework Context:

Physical Characteristics:

| Location: | Northwest |
| Acreage: | 0.25 - 2 |
| Configuration: | Rectangular |
| Overall Character: | Open/Wooded |
| Terrain: | Sloping |
| Adjoining Uses: | Open Space, Residential |

Urban Design Framework:

| Relative Prominence: | District, Neighborhood |
| Comp. Plan Element: | Special Street, Parkland |
| Framework Element: | Yes |
| Plan Compatibility: | Monumental Corridor |
| Memorial Proximity: | Drive |
| Potential Identity: | Yes |

Vicinity:

Site Access:

| Vehicular Corridor: | No |
| Metrorail Proximity: | None |
| Metrobus Proximity: | Very Good |
| Pedestrian Access: | Good |
| Parking Availability: | Fair - Only Street Parking |
| Intermodal Station Proximity: | No |
| Circulator Node Proximity: | No |
| Water Access: | No |

Profile:

| Development Term: | Present |
| Ownership: | NPS |
| ANC: | 3C |
| Current Development Project: | NA |
| NPS Reservation: | 35J |
| NPS Park Name: | Glover Parkway |
| NPS Total Park Acreage: | 22.47 |

Visual Quality:

| Prominent Views: | District, Neighborhood |
| Vistas: | Indirect |
| Existing Setting: | Park & Special Street |
| Potential Setting: | Same |
| Gateway Corridor: | Yes |

Historic & Cultural Resources:

| Historic Resources: | Site, Special Street |
| Cultural Resources: | Special Street, Landscape |
| Historic District: | NA |
| Arts/Entertainment District: | NA |
| Embassy Proximity: | NA |
| Memorial Zone: | 2 |
| Museum Proximity: | Drive |

Site Image:

Wooded character of Glover Archbold Park provides background for a potential commemorative element that could be placed within this gradually sloping lawn area.
Tenley Circle Reservations at Wisconsin Avenue and Nebraska Avenue, NW
And Yuma Street, NW

Site Description Summary:
Located within a vibrant neighborhood setting, this location is comprised of several small landscaped parcels that are associated with the Tenley Circle intersection. Adjoining uses include established residential, institutional, and commercial uses within walking distance of the Tenley Circle Metro station. Parcel sizes vary with most representing less than one acre. Two parcels in particular flank Wisconsin Avenue at the circle and contain bus shelters and landscape improvements. These parcels represent the most visible landscape elements at this complex intersection.

Commemorative Opportunity:
Opportunities for locating small memorial features within this area vary considerably due to the physical characteristics of each parcel. While the total land area associated with this location is significant, the central parcels on Wisconsin Avenue are small in size and are occupied by existing transit uses (bus stops). Several of the out parcels contain lawn areas that could be suitable for commemorative features. The character of established adjoining residential uses and the open landscape should be considered in any future memorial for this site.

Framework Context:

Physical Characteristics:
| Location: Northwest |
| Acreage: 0.25 - 1.0 |
| Configuration: Irregular |
| Overall Character: Open |
| Terrain: Flat |
| Adjoining Uses: Residential, Mixed Use |

Urban Design Framework:
| Relative Prominence: District, Neighborhood |
| Comp. Plan Element: Special Street, Parkland |
| Framework Element: Linkages |
| Plan Compatibility: Consistent |
| Memorial Proximity: Drive |
| Potential Identity: Yes |

Vicinity:

Site Access:
| Vehicular Corridor: Yes - Wisconsin |
| Metrorail Proximity: Very Good - Tenleytown |
| Metrorail Proximity: Very Good |
| Pedestrian Access: Good |
| Pedestrian Access: Fair - Only Street Parking |
| Intermodal Station Proximity: No |
| Circulator Node Proximity: No |
| Water Access: No |

Profile:
| Development Term: Present |
| Ownership: NPS |
| ANC: 3E |
| Current Development Project: NPS Reservation |
| NPS Reservation: TBD |
| NPS Park Name: TBD |
| NPS Total Park Acreage: TBD |

Visual Quality:
| Prominent Views: District, Neighborhood, Park |
| Vistas: Indirect |
| Existing Setting: Neighborhood Center |
| Potential Setting: Same |
| Gateway Corridor: Yes |

Historic & Cultural Resources:
| Historic Resources: Site, Special Street |
| Cultural Resources: Buildings, Street, Landscape |
| Historic District: NA |
| Arts/Entertainment District: NA |
| Embassy Proximity: NA |
| Memorial Zone: 2 |
| Museum Proximity: Drive |

Several parcels associated with the Tenley Circle intersection provide a range of commemorative opportunities that could complement the neighborhood setting and District focal point.
Potomac River at Rock Creek Parkway at west side of Kennedy Center

Site Description Summary:
This location features a linear open space that is associated with Rock Creek Park and the Potomac River. This site offers striking views of the Georgetown waterfront, Roosevelt Island, and Potomac River. The outdoor terrace of the Kennedy Center is cantilevered over the alignment of Rock Creek Parkway in this area. Proposals to link the Potomac River and Rock Creek Park with the Kennedy Center terrace have been considered. This linkage would be made through the construction of a new monumental stairway system that would be built over Rock Creek Parkway and have its base at the Potomac River seawall.

Commemorative Opportunity:
Considering existing and potential improvements to this prominent public space, there are several opportunities to incorporate a future commemorative feature within the site. This stretch of the pedestrian riverfront walkway could be reconfigured to include a small or medium sized memorial within the existing landscape conditions. Should plans proceed to construct a new monumental stairway from the Kennedy Center terrace to the waterfront, there would be an opportunity to incorporate commemorative elements of a larger size or scale on the new stairway.

Physical Characteristics:
Location: Northwest
Acreage: 0.25 - 1.0
Configuration: Rectangular
Overall Character: Waterfront, Open
Terrain: Flat
Adjoining Uses: Recreation, Mixed Use

Urban Design Framework:
Relative Prominence: Federal, District
Comp. Plan Element: Park, Special Street
Framework Element: Waterfront Crescent
Plan Compatibility: Centerpiece
Memorial Proximity: Drive
Potential Identity: Yes

Vehicular Corridor: Yes - Potomac Parkway
Metrorail Proximity: Poor - Foggy Bottom
Metrorobus Proximity: Very Good
Pedestrian Access: Good
Parking Availability: Good
Intermodal Station Proximity: Yes - Water
Circulator Node Proximity: Yes
Water Access: Yes

Profile:
Development Term: Future
Ownership: NPS
ANC: 2A
Current Development Project: Potential
NPS Reservation: TBD
NPS Park Name: TBD
NPS Total Park Acreage: TBD

Historic & Cultural Resources:
Site, Special Street
Special Street, Landscape (Potential)
Embassy Proximity: NA
Memorial Zone: 1
Museum Proximity: Walk

Prominent Views:
Federal, District Elements
Riverfront Parkway
Linkage to Kennedy Center
Yes, Waterfront Corridor

Site Image
This site offers potential for future memorial elements that could reinforce the waterfront setting within a proposed stairway connection from the Center's terrace to the river edge.
**Location:**

This location is characterized by a Potomac River waterfront setting at the terminus of Virginia Avenue, NW. Within the Thompson Boat Center, this site contains wooded conditions associated with Rock Creek and the Potomac River. The site provides a visual buffer between Foggy Bottom and the Georgetown waterfront. Parking facilities for the Thompson Boat Center are associated with the site. Adjoining land uses include the Watergate and Washington Harbor complexes in addition to the open space features of Rock Creek Park. The site is located at the confluence of Rock Creek and the Potomac River.

**Commemorative Opportunity:**

A potential memorial site within this location could serve as a focal point at the western terminus of Virginia Avenue, while representing a new visual element at the eastern limits of the Georgetown waterfront. A potential commemorative feature could be incorporated within the existing park areas. Potential memorial scale could range from an understated interpretive feature within the wooded site to a major element that would be a significant new visual feature. The urban design context of this site could be heightened by a future memorial that would help establish this public space as a prominent node between the L’Enfant City and Georgetown.

**Visual Quality:**

- **Prominent Views:** Open Space, Waterfront
- **Vistas:** Indirect
- **Existing Setting:** Waterfront Park
- **Potential Setting:** Same
- **Gateway Corridor:** Yes, Waterfront Corridor

**Historic & Cultural Resources:**

- **Historic Resources:** Site, Special Place
- **Cultural Resources:** Landscape
- **Historic District:** Yes - Rock Creek Park
- **Arts/Entertainment District:** NA
- **Embassy Proximity:** NA
- **Memorial Zone:** Memorial
- **Museum Proximity:** Drive

**Site Image**

Waterfront setting on the Potomac River and Rock Creek shown in the distance provides opportunities for a future prominent commemorative feature that could be located on axis with Virginia Avenue.
**Location:**
Located within a prominent new waterfront park, this site offers an established public space setting with exceptional views of the Potomac River and good pedestrian access. The existing features include large lawn areas with undulating terrain, pedestrian circulation, and landscape plantings. Adjoining land uses along K Street include commercial, office, residential, and retail. Expansion of existing park areas associated with the site is planned to extend the landscaped waterfront areas to Key Bridge. This extension would provide a continuous waterfront park from the Georgetown waterfront area to the Washington Channel.

**Site Description Summary:**

**Commemorative Opportunity:**
Potential opportunities for new memorial features include a new element within Georgetown Waterfront Park or at the foot of Wisconsin Avenue. The physical and urban design significance of this site is based on its location at the end of Wisconsin Avenue and on the Potomac River waterfront. The park setting is expected to increase in prominence as river-based tourism and commuter transport systems develop landing areas in the vicinity. The scale of a potential feature should be relatively small in order to maintain the vista along Wisconsin Avenue to the river. Any future element should be in keeping with the approved Georgetown Waterfront Plan and not impede planned park development.

**Framework Context:**

**Physical Characteristics:**

**Visual Quality:**

**Historic & Cultural Resources:**

**Site Image:**

Located within a highly prominent setting in Georgetown, this site provides Potomac River views and a waterfront park setting that would be suitable for potential commemorative features.
### Location:

Located north of the Pentagon North Parking Area, between Washington Boulevard and Boundary Drive at Lyndon Baines Johnson Memorial Grove, this location offers a prominent parkland setting on the approach to Memorial Bridge and from adjoining parcels. Presently used for operational purposes associated with the Pentagon, this site is occupied by small maintenance buildings located within a landscape setting that is generally buffered from adjoining parcels. Its proximity to Arlington National Cemetery and the George Washington Memorial Parkway places it within a continuous landscape corridor on the approach to Washington from Virginia.

### Framework Context:

This site is within the context of both Arlington National Cemetery and the Pentagon, providing potential commemorative landscape settings approaching the Memorial Bridge from Virginia.

### Site Description Summary:

- **Location:** Arlington, VA
- **Acreage:** 0.25 - 2.0
- **Configuration:** To be determined
- **Overall Character:** Open
- **Terrain:** Flat
- **Adjoining Uses:** Parkland, Roadway, Parking

### Physical Characteristics:

- **Location:** Arlington, VA
- **Acreage:** 0.25 - 2.0
- **Configuration:** To be determined
- **Overall Character:** Open
- **Terrain:** Flat
- **Adjoining Uses:** Parkland, Roadway, Parking

### Urban Design Framework:

- **Relative Prominence:** Federal
- **Comp. Plan Element:** Park, Open Space
- **Framework Element:** Waterfront Crescent
- **Plan Compatibility:** Consistent
- **Memorial Proximity:** Walk
- **Potential Identity:** Yes

### Vicinity:

- **Vehicular Corridor:** Yes - I-395
- **Metrorail Proximity:** Fair - Pentagon
- **Metrobus Proximity:** Fair - VA line @ Pentagon
- **Pedestrian Access:** Fair - No Pedestrian Signals
- **Intermodal Station Proximity:** No
- **Circulator Node Proximity:** No
- **Water Access:** No

### Site Image

This site is within the context of both Arlington National Cemetery and the Pentagon, providing potential commemorative landscape settings approaching the Memorial Bridge from Virginia.

### Commemorative Opportunity:

Future opportunities for locating a commemorative feature here would benefit from the prominence of this public landscape. Potential improvement of this site could include a range of commemorative opportunities that could be viewed from nearby parkways and local roads, including Boundary Drive. While characterized by somewhat limited vehicular access, the site's visual prominence could be significant. On the approach to Memorial Bridge from the south on Route 27, this site is a highly visible and potentially significant location for a future commemorative feature of medium or large size.

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### Profile:

- **Development Term:** Future
- **Ownership:** Federal - Dept of Defense
- **ANC:** NA
- **Current Development Project:** NA
- **NPS Reservation:** NA
- **NPS Park Name:** NA
- **NPS Total Park Acreage:** NA
On the Virginia side of the Theodore Roosevelt Bridge

Location:

Site Description Summary:

This site is located at the western limits of the Theodore Roosevelt Bridge in Virginia. Several potential site opportunities exist among the open parcels that have been created by the access ramps and circulation elements serving Route 50 and I-66. These parcels offer landscape settings that could be associated with Arlington National Cemetery, the Iwo Jima Memorial, and the George Washington Memorial Parkway. High density residential and office uses are located nearby, providing an urban contrast to this landscape setting. Dramatic monumental views can be observed from the vicinity of these parcels looking toward the Monumental Core.

Commemorative Opportunity:

Opportunities for locating a new memorial in this area are influenced by existing prominent features, including the Iwo Jima Memorial and Netherlands Carillon. Since the area near Roosevelt Bridge locations is highway-oriented, with limited parking and pedestrian access, a memorial in this area should be of a size that could be appreciated from the roads. A future realignment of the Roosevelt Bridge on axis with Constitution Avenue, as called for in Legacy, would result in a reconfiguration of existing parcels within which new commemorative opportunities could be found.

Framework Context:

Physical Characteristics:

- Location: Roslyn, Virginia
- Acreage: 0.25 - 2
- Configuration: To be determined
- Overall Character: Sloping
- Terrain: Parkland, Residential
- Adjoining Uses: Residential

Urban Design Framework:

- Relative Prominence: Federal, District
- Comp. Plan Element: Special Street, Park, Open Space
- Framework Element: Commemorative Focus Area
- Plan Compatibility: Consistent
- Memorial Proximity: Walk
- Potential Identity: Yes

Vicinity:

Vehicular Corridor: Yes - GW Mem PKWY
Metrorail Proximity: Fair - Rosslyn/Arlington Cemetery
Metrorail Proximity: FAIR
Metrobus Proximity: None
Pedestrian Access: None
Intermodal Station Proximity: No
Circulator Node Proximity: No
Water Access: Yes

Profile:

- Development Term: Future
- Ownership: TBD
- ANC: NA
- Current Development Project: NA
- NPS Reservation: TBD
- NPS Park Name: TBD
- NPS Total Park Acreage: TBD

Visual Quality:

- Prominent Views: Federal, District Elements
- Vistas: Federal, District Elements
- Existing Setting: River Crossing Portal
- Potential Setting: Same
- Gateway Corridor: Yes

Historic & Cultural Resources:

- Historic Resources: Landmark, Site, Special Street
- Cultural Resources: Memorial, Landscape, Street
- Historic District: NA
- Arts/Entertainment District: NA
- Embassy Proximity: NA
- Memorial Zone: NA
- Museum Proximity: Walk

Site Image

Several settings for commemorative features are found at the western terminus of the Theodore Roosevelt Bridge in Virginia. These sites could complement the bridge portal setting.
25th Street on Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Either of two existing triangular parks on the Avenue

Site Description Summary:
Located at a midpoint on Pennsylvania Avenue between Washington Circle and Rock Creek, these small parcels represent nodes within this prominent corridor from the White House to Georgetown. They offer highly visible sites that contain limited landscape features at this time. Adjoining land uses include mixed density residential, commercial, and offices uses.

Commemorative Opportunity:
These two sites provide opportunities for future small scale commemorative features that could further define this sequence of public spaces along Pennsylvania Avenue. This portion of the corridor to the west of Washington Circle would benefit from greater definition of these existing public spaces.

Location:
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Commemorative Opportunity:
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Framework Context:

Physical Characteristics:
Location: Northwest
Acreage: 0.25
Configuration: Triangular
Overall Character: Open/Landscaped
Terrain: Flat
Adjoining Uses: Mixed Use

Urban Design Framework:
Relative Prominence: District/Federal
Comp. Plan Element: Special Street
Framework Element: Monumental Corridor
Plan Compatibility: Consistent
Memorial Proximity: Walk
Potential Identity: Yes
District/Federal Elements:
Special Street/Parkland:
Yes
Walk:

Site Access:
Vehicular Corridor: Yes - PA Ave
Metrorail Proximity: Good - Foggy Bottom
Metrobus Proximity: Very Good
Pedestrian Access: Good
Intermodal Station Proximity: Yes - Metro/Circulator
Circulator Node Proximity: Yes
Water Access: No

Impact of Site on Corridor:
Vista:
Prominent Views: District/Federal Elements
Existing Setting: District/Federal Elements
Potential Setting: Special Street/Parkland
Gateway Corridor: Same
Vehicular Corridor: Yes
Metrorail Proximity: Yes
Metrobus Proximity: Yes
Pedestrian Corridor: Yes

Visual Quality:
Prominent Views: District/Federal Elements
Vistas: District/Federal Elements
Existing Setting: Special Street/Parkland
Potential Setting: Same
Gateway Corridor: Yes

Commemorative Opportunity:
These two sites provide opportunities for future small scale commemorative features that could further define this sequence of public spaces along Pennsylvania Avenue. This portion of the corridor to the west of Washington Circle would benefit from greater definition of these existing public spaces.

Historic & Cultural Resources:
Historic Resources: Landmark, Special Street
Cultural Resources: Building, Street, Landscape
Historic District: NA
Arts/Entertainment District: Yes
Embassy Proximity: Yes
Memorial Zone: 2
Museum Proximity: Walk

Site Image:
View of parcel on Pennsylvania Avenue at 25th Street that could accommodate a small scale memorial feature within the established park setting of this prominent corridor.
New Washington Convention Center at Mount Vernon Square
Massachusetts and New York Avenues, NW

Location:

Site Description Summary:
The new Washington Convention Center will provide new convention facilities on six city blocks north of the prestigious Mt. Vernon Square. As a focal point for visitor interest and convention attendance, this site will provide settings that will make it another key destination for visitors to Washington, DC. The new settings associated with the Washington Convention Center will offer prominent public gathering places within which guests and visitors will experience the city’s variety and diversity. The Convention Center is under construction with an anticipated completion date of 2003.

Commemorative Opportunity:
The significant new public spaces of the Convention Center provide many opportunities to commemorate individuals or events. The city is undertaking a significant visual arts program in public areas. Sites are present both within the building and at the primary entrance plaza, where a small commemorative feature could be placed. The Center's convenient accessibility and site prominence, as well as large visitor-ship enhance its commemorative potential. The City museum in Mount Vernon Square enhances this potential.

Framework Context:

Physical Characteristics:

Location: Northwest
Acreage: 0.25 - 0.5
Configuration: To be determined
Overall Character: Under construction
Terrain: Flat
Adjoining Uses: Mixed Uses

Urban Design Framework:

Relative Prominence: District, Neighborhood
Comp. Plan Element: Special Street
Framework Element: Monumental Corridor
Plan Compatibility: Consistent
Memorial Proximity: Walk
Potential Identity: Transitional

Vicinity:

Site Access:

Vehicular Corridor: Yes - Massachusetts Ave
Metrorail Proximity: Very Good - Mt. Vernon Sq.
Metrobus Proximity: Very Good
Pedestrian Access: Good
Parking Availability: No
Intermodal Station Proximity: No
Circulator Node Proximity: No
Water Access: No

Profile:

Development Term: Present
Ownership: WCMA
ANC: 2C
Current Development Project: Yes
NPS Reservation: NA
NPS Park Name: NA
NPS Total Park Acreage: NA

Visual Quality:

Prominent Views: District, Local Elements
Vistas: District, Local Elements
Existing Setting: Construction Site
Potential Setting: New Convention Center
Gateway Corridor: Yes

Historic & Cultural Resources:

Historic Resources: Landmark, Sp. Street, Place
Cultural Resources: Building, Street, Landscape
Historic District: NA
Arts/Entertainment District: NA
Embassy Proximity: NA
Memorial Zone: 2
Museum Proximity: Drive

Site Image:

Extensive site of new convention center will provide a variety of public spaces that may be suitable for future commemorative features on plazas and at entrances.
Intersection of New York and New Jersey Avenues, NW
At M and 3rd Streets, NW

Site Description Summary:
This location on New York and New Jersey Avenues is an existing small triangular park with views of the U.S. Capitol. The recently renovated park provides an open landscaped amenity for the residential properties near New Jersey Avenue and 3rd Streets, NW. This small landscape node on New York Avenue, is one of several small public spaces along New York Avenue from Florida Avenue to Mount Vernon Square. The site is associated with the entrance to southbound I-395 and mixed land uses. While visible from New York Avenue, the site has greater frontage on New Jersey Avenue and 3rd Street.

Commemorative Opportunity:
The existing landscape setting provided by this small park provides an opportunity for an understated memorial feature that could complement the site’s neighborhood and Monumental Corridor context. Located within the prominent New York Avenue corridor, the site also offers good visibility from the New Jersey Avenue and 3rd Street, NW residential settings. The size of this park limits a potential commemoration to a small sculpture, plaque or landscape commemorative feature.

Physical Characteristics:
- Location: Northwest
- Acreage: 0.25
- Configuration: Triangular
- Overall Character: Open, natural
- Terrain: Flat
- Adjoining Uses: Residential, Mixed Use

Urban Design Framework:
- Relative Prominence: District, Neighborhood Special Street
- Comp. Plan Element: Consistent
- Framework Element: Monumental Corridor
- Plan Compatibility: Drive
- Memorial Proximity: Yes
- Potential Identity: Drive

Vicinity:
- Vehicular Corridor: Yes - New York
- Metrorail Proximity: Fair - Mt. Vernon Square
- Metrobus Proximity: Fair
- Pedestrian Access: Good
- Parking Availability: FAIR - Only Street Parking
- Intermodal Station Proximity: No
- Circulator Node Proximity: No
- Water Access: No

Profile:
- Development Term: Present
- Ownership: DC
- ANC: 2C
- Current Development Project: NA
- NPS Reservation: NA
- NPS Park Name: NA
- NPS Total Park Acreage: NA

Visual Quality:
- Prominent Views: Federal, District Elements
- Vistas: Federal, District Elements
- Existing Setting: Park, Residential, Roadway
- Potential Setting: Same
- Gateway Corridor: Yes

Historic & Cultural Resources:
- Historic Resources: Site, Special Street
- Cultural Resources: Special Street, Landscape
- Historic District: NA
- Arts/Entertainment District: NA
- Embassy Proximity: NA
- Memorial Zone: 2 Drive
- Museum Proximity: Drive

Site Image:
View of urban park defined by the intersection of three major streets; this small park would be a suitable setting for a modest memorial feature within the corridor.
Situated on the Anacostia River below M and Water Streets, SE, this location is one of several waterfront settings between the MLK and Sousa Bridges. This location represents the eastern terminus of Virginia Avenue at the Anacostia River. Located on the northern shore, this site is bordered by an existing marina and established vegetation. Views from the site across the river include Anacostia Park and the Anacostia Fieldhouse. Views are framed by the Sousa Bridge to the north and MLK Bridge to the south. Viewed in the context of M Street revitalization, a memorial feature at this location could help in establishing the area as a new waterfront center and water taxi landing location.

The location's shoreline setting provides several existing and future opportunities for potential commemoration. Located within the context of several marina sites and at the eastern terminus of Virginia Avenue, SE, this location could emerge as an important waterfront activity area and commemorative setting on the Anacostia River. Based upon the potential for future activity at this location, the size of a memorial in this vicinity must be coordinated with future redevelopment plans for the area.
Site Description Summary:
Located within Anacostia Park between the parallel spans of the MLK and Welsh Memorial Bridges, this site represents a large and prominent landscape area on the waterfront. Existing conditions include a rolling open meadow area with tree clusters. With access from within Anacostia Park, this significant parcel is highly visible from each bridge and the Anacostia Freeway. Within the Waterfront Crescent, this site represents a significant public park area framed by existing roads and bridges.

Commemorative Opportunity:
Situated directly on the Anacostia waterfront, this location offers the potential for a significant commemorative feature. Visibility of the site from adjoining roads and parks provides an excellent opportunity for a major memorial that could be placed between the existing bridge spans. In addition, a similar site on the north shore offers a unique opportunity to design a memorial that could incorporate both sites. These commemorative opportunities could provide space for large memorial features that would complement the dual spans of the bridges and the river crossing portal of which they are a part.

Physical Characteristics:
| Location: | Southeast |
| Acreage: | 0.25 - 5.0 |
| Configuration: | Rectangular |
| Overall Character: | Open, natural |
| Terrain: | Sloping |
| Adjoining Uses: | Open space, recreation |

Urban Design Framework:
| Relative Prominence: | District, Neighborhood |
| Comp. Plan Element: | Parkland, Open Space |
| Framework Element: | Waterfront Crescent |
| Plan Compatibility: | Consistent |
| Memorial Proximity: | Drive |
| Potential Identity: | Yes |

Vicinity:
| Vehicular Corridor: | Yes - SE Frwy/ Anacst. |
| Metrorail Proximity: | Poor - Anacostia |
| Metrobus Proximity: | Poor - Anacostia |
| Pedestrian Access: | Poor |
| Intermodal Station Proximity: | Good |
| Circulator Node Proximity: | No |
| Water Access: | Yes |

Profile:
| Development Term: | Present |
| Ownership: | NPS |
| ANC: | 6C |
| Current Development Project: | NA |
| NPS Reservation: | NA |
| NPS Park Name: | NA |
| NPS Total Park Acreage: | TBD |

Visual Quality:
| Prominent Views: | Federal, District |
| Vistas: | Indirect |
| Existing Setting: | Park, Open Space |
| Potential Setting: | River Crossing Portal |
| Gateway Corridor: | Yes |

Historic & Cultural Resources:
| Historic Resources: | NA |
| Cultural Resources: | NA |
| Historic District: | NA |
| Arts/Entertainment District: | NA |
| Embassy Proximity: | NA |
| Memorial Zone: | Drive |

Site Image:
Parkland setting between two major bridges would provide a suitable location for a prominent memorial feature incorporating the river crossing.
Virginia side of the 14th Street Bridge
Location of the former Twin Bridges Marriott

Site Description Summary:
Located on a vacant former hotel parcel on Old Jefferson Davis Highway near the 14th Street Bridge, this 12-acre site represents one of several light industrial parcels associated with the adjoining Potomac River bridge complex. This area is a unique Monumental Corridor and Waterfront Crescent site with views to the Pentagon and the U.S. Capitol. It represents one of the most frequently travelled bridge crossings in Washington. Proposals to consolidate the Potomac River highway and rail bridges in the future could reshape the site, improving the visibility of this location. The site’s location within the Reagan National Airport flight path represents an important consideration.

Commemorative Opportunity:
Located near the principal highway entrance into Washington, this site could be an important and highly visible setting for a new museum and/or memorial. Future improvements to the Potomac River bridges could offer a unique interpretive setting for a major new memorial. As transportation plans for the bridge crossings emerge and as the parklands associated with these roads and bridges are redefined, future memorial opportunities could be incorporated.

Framework Context:

Physical Characteristics:
Location: Pentagon City, VA
Acreage: Varies
Configuration: To be determined
Overall Character: Open, developed
Terrain: Rolling
Adjoining Uses: Mixed uses

Urban Design Framework:
Relative Prominence: Federal, Other
Comp. Plan Element: NA
Framework Element: Monumental Corridor
Plan Compatibility: Consistent
Memorial Proximity: Walk
Potential Identity: Transitional

Vincinity:

Site Access:
Vehicular Corridor: Yes - GW Mem. PKWY
Metrorail Proximity: None
Metrobus Proximity: None
Pedestrian Access: None
Parking Availability: Fair - Very Poor Street
Intermodal Station Proximity: No
Circulator Node Proximity: No
Water Access: No

Profile:
Development Term: Future
Ownership: Private
ANC: NA
Current Development Project: NA
NPS Reservation: NA
NPS Park Name: NA
NPS Total Park Acreage: NA

Visual Quality:
Prominent Views: Federal, Local Elements
Existing Vistas: Federal Elements
Existing Setting: Vacant/Light Industrial
Potential Setting: River Crossing Portal
Gateway Corridor: Yes

Historic & Cultural Resources:
Historic Resources: NA
Cultural Resources: NA
Historic District: NA
Arts/Entertainment District: NA
Embassy Proximity: NA
Memorial Zone: NA
Museum Proximity: Drive

Site Image
Representing a river crossing portal site, this location could provide a dramatic visual context for a potential memorial feature that could be observed by those entering the City from Virginia.
**Location:**

This minor traffic circle on New York Avenue represents the first opportunity to create a defined civic space within the corridor approaching the L’Enfant City from Maryland. This space is presently defined by several fragmented landscaped parcels that comprise the traffic circle. Adjoining commercial and light industrial uses in mixed states of repair characterize the area. Any revitalization of the New York Avenue corridor should consider this location within the context of adjoining transportation and land use improvements. New York Avenue represents a Monumental Corridor within the master plan and offers potential prominence and visibility beyond that which exists today.

**Framework Context:**

Considering the visibility of the New York Avenue corridor, a future memorial site at this location could reinforce the corridor and further define the public spaces and arrival sequence into the L’Enfant City. This location offers an opportunity to incorporate a memorial within the context of a revitalized New York Avenue corridor. Redefinition of this intersection could establish an important new visual amenity that would advance the image and vitality of the approach. Existing parcels provide opportunities for a small scale feature, while a reconfiguration of the traffic pattern here could offer a larger and more prominent public space within which to commemorate a person or event.

**Site Description Summary:**

The parklike setting of this traffic circle offers several parcels with opportunities for locating commemorative features at this highly visible intersection within the New York Avenue corridor.
Located on the eastern shore of the Anacostia River at the Sousa Bridge, this site offers a prominent waterfront parkland setting near the Anacostia Pavilion. The site is framed by the Pennsylvania Avenue and I-295 interchange at Anacostia Park. Large open meadow areas within the park offer good visibility from nearby roads, bridges, and the waterfront. This site is located east of the Barney Circle area where recent plans have proposed changes to circulation patterns and new urban design features. Representing the Monumental Corridor and Waterfront Crescent framework elements, this site and its companion location across the river should be considered in tandem as important river crossing portals.

Commemorative Opportunity:
Several opportunities exist at this location to enhance the Sousa Bridge river crossing portal with commemorative elements. The large parkland areas and waterfront context of the bridge provides a setting appropriate for a significant memorial. A commemorative feature could further define or frame the existing bridge. It is possible that a new bridge could also incorporate memorial elements. With plans suggested to provide a memorial across the bridge at Barney Circle, careful consideration must be given to the design of future elements in order to maintain an appropriate sequence of visual elements within the Pennsylvania Avenue monumental corridor.

Visual Quality:
District, Waterfront
District, Local
Park, Open Space
River Crossing Portal
Yes

Historic & Cultural Resources:
Historic Resources: NA
Cultural Resources: NA
Historic District: NA
Arts/Entertainment District: NA
Embassy Proximity: NA
Memorial Zone: 2
Museum Proximity: Drive

Site Image
Image of open space and bridge landing slopes where a potential commemorative feature could accentuate the river crossing portal on the southern shores of the Anacostia River
Potential locations within the Washington Navy Yard are characterized by waterfront settings in association with existing historic industrial structures. The primary land uses in the Navy Yard include mixed density government office and support facilities. Views from the site across the Anacostia River include parkland and waterfront settings as well as National Park Service office and operations buildings in Anacostia Park. Navy Yard piers and other waterfront amenities provide visual interest and interpretive potential. While public access to the Navy Yard is restricted, future access to the waterfront at this location may become possible as the Southeast Federal Center is redefined as a major mixed use waterfront campus with water taxi service.

Opportunities for new memorials and museums at this location are excellent. Historic military and industrial uses within the Navy Yard combined with the distinctive Anacostia waterfront setting provide a range of locations that could serve as commemorative sites. New memorials or museums within the Navy Yard could support and reinforce future uses of the base, while advancing the comprehensive redefinition of the Anacostia waterfront. Considering the extent and scale of public spaces within the Navy Yard, a variety of small or medium sized memorial features and museum facilities could be introduced focusing on subjects of importance to naval history.
North side of Martin Luther King Memorial Bridge (11th Street, SE)
East of Washington Navy Yard, SE

Site Description Summary:
Located near the Navy Yard and on the riverfront between the parallel spans of the MLK and Welsh Memorial Bridges, this site represents a prominent landscape area. Existing conditions include a boat landing area with tree clusters. With access from 0 and Water Streets, this parcel is visible from each bridge and Anacostia Park. This site represents a public park area that is framed by existing roads and bridges. Potential future access to this site could be provided by water taxi and river tour vehicles. The site is currently being used by the D.C. Department of Public Works and the Anacostia Rowing Facility under permit from the National Park Service.

Commemorative Opportunity:
This location offers the potential for a significant commemorative feature. Good visibility of the site from adjoining roads and parks increases its attractiveness for a major memorial that could be incorporated between the existing bridge spans. A similar site on the south shore offers an opportunity to design a memorial that could incorporate both sites. These commemorative opportunities could provide space for large memorial features that would complement the dual spans of the bridges and the river crossing portal of which they are a part. The location could also incorporate a moderate scale memorial in conjunction with a future waterfront activity area.

Physical Characteristics:
- Location: Southeast
- Acreage: 0.5 - 4.0
- Configuration: Rectangular
- Overall Character: Open, Developed
- Terrain: Flat
- Adjoining Uses: Recreation, Highway

Urban Design Framework:
- Relative Prominence: Waterfront
- Comp. Plan Element: Park, Open Space
- Framework Element: Waterfront Crescent
- Plan Compatibility: Consistent
- Memorial Proximity: Drive
- Potential Identity: Transitional

Site Access:
- Vehicular Corridor: Yes - I-295
- Metrorail Proximity: Poor - Potomac Ave
- Metrobus Proximity: Fair
- Pedestrian Access: None
- Parking Availability: None
- Intermodal Station Proximity: No
- Circulator Node Proximity: Yes/Water
- Water Access: Yes

Profile:
- Development Term: Future
- Ownership: NPS
- ANC: 6B
- Current Development Project: NA
- NPS Reservation: TBD
- NPS Park Name: TBD
- NPS Total Park Acreage: TBD

Historic & Cultural Resources:
- Historic Resources: Special Street, Place
- Cultural Resources: Building, Site
- Historic District: NA
- Arts/Entertainment District: NA
- Embassy Proximity: NA
- Memorial Zone: 2
- Museum Proximity: Drive

Visual Quality:
- Prominent Views: Waterfront, Parkland
- Vistas: Indirect
- Existing Setting: Boat Launch
- Potential Setting: River Crossing Portal
- Gateway Corridor: Yes

Vicinity:
- View looking across Anacostia River to the site with an existing boat launch; location between two bridges provides an appropriate formal setting for future features.
Located within the visual influence zones of the Lincoln and FDR Memorials, this is one of several waterfront parcels that provide dramatic views of the Potomac River and Virginia shoreline. They represent several potential future waterfront landing areas that could eventually advance interpretive opportunities along the river. These sites feature open lawn areas with existing trees that provide shade for visitors walking along the seawall pathway. Adjoining uses include prominent memorials, recreational facilities, and open space. These sites offer the potential for a range of linear shoreline interpretive experiences within East and West Potomac Parks.

The Potomac River shoreline setting provides appropriate context for future small scale commemorative feature that would respect the context of the nearby FDR and MLK Memorials.
Intersection of Maryland and Florida Avenues and Benning Road, NE

Location:

A potential commemorative feature at this location could be incorporated within existing and future site conditions as the intersection of Maryland and Florida Avenues is redesigned. The reconfigured space could provide a landscape setting befitting this important node within the Maryland Avenue Monumental Corridor. Circulation improvements could include a new traffic circle that would give a new presence to the existing intersection. This new setting could strengthen community identity while providing a context for a medium sized commemorative feature. Several small landscape parcels, including one associated with the adjoining commercial center, could be configured to include a small scale memorial feature.

Site Description Summary:

This location is associated with a potentially prominent intersection in Northeast Washington. This intersection is comprised of several Special Streets and the Maryland Avenue Monumental Corridor, whose northeast Washington alignment stretches from the U.S. Capitol to the National Arboretum. This location is presently characterized by open landscape and vacant parcels that are created by the intersecting streets. Adjoining uses include mixed commercial and residential. Existing traffic patterns and other physical constraints suggest that a significant redesign of this intersection could provide improved circulation, visibility, and neighborhood identity.

Commemorative Opportunity:

Framework Context:

Urban Design Framework:

Physical Characteristics:

Location: Northeast
Acreage: 0.25 - 1.0
Configuration: Triangular/Irregular
Overall Character: Open, urban
Terrain: Flat
Adjoining Uses: Mixed Use, Residential

Relative Prominence: Neighborhood
Comp. Plan Element: Special Street
Framework Element: Monumental Corridor
Plan Compatibility: Consistent
Memorial Proximity: Drive
Potential Identity: Yes (Transitional)

Visual Quality:

Prominent Views: Community/Neighborhood
Vistas: Indirect
Existing Setting: Mixed Use Urban District
Potential Setting: Special Street Node
Gateway Corridor: Yes

Historic & Cultural Resources:

Historic Resources: Special Street
Cultural Resources: Street
Historic District: NA
Arts/Entertainment District: NA
Embassy Proximity: NA
Memorial Zone: 2
Museum Proximity: Drive

Vicinity:

Site Access:

Vehicular Corridor: No
Metrorail Proximity: None
Metrobus Proximity: Very Good
Pedestrian Access: Good
Parking Availability: Fair - Lots in area private
Intermodal Station Proximity: No
Circulator Node Proximity: No
Water Access: No

Profile:

Development Term: Future
Ownership: DC/Private
ANC: 5B
Current Development Project: NA
NPS Reservation: NA
NPS Park Name: NA
NPS Total Park Acreage: NA

View looking east over one of several potential parcels that define this complex intersection. Reconfiguration of this intersection could create a potential memorial site.
Maryland Avenue, NE, near the entrance to the National Arboretum  

### Location:

![Location Map]

### Site Description Summary:

Situated at the terminus of Maryland Avenue at the National Arboretum, this location represents a neighborhood setting with the potential for greater prominence. The terrain of Maryland Avenue to the west offers direct views to the U.S. Capitol, representing an important planning context for improving adjoining areas. The site is presently used as a public vegetable garden within a mixed-density residential setting. The location is near a former entrance to the National Arboretum as well. In conjunction with Site 21 and the National Arboretum, this location could become a defined terminus of the Maryland Avenue Monumental Corridor.

### Commemorative Opportunity:

Redefining this existing parkland and community setting offers significant promise for incorporating national commemorative features. Comprised of important parkland areas, this location is within the context of the National Arboretum, the Langston Golf Course, and the Maryland Avenue Monumental Corridor. These conditions provide opportunities to create an important public space at the terminus of Maryland Avenue and at a possible reopened entrance to the National Arboretum. Based on the amount of open land areas associated with the location, opportunities exist for a future memorial of major proportions and a moderately scaled element, each of which would occupy a prominent position in a reconfigured public space.

### Physical Characteristics:

| Location  | Northeast |
| Acreage   | 0.25 - 0.5 |
| Configuration | Triangular |
| Overall Character | Open |
| Terrain | Sloping |
| Adjoining Uses | Parkland, Residential |

### Visual Quality:

| Prominent Views: | District, Neighborhood |
| Vistas: | Indirect |
| Existing Setting: | Open Space |
| Potential Setting: | Special Street Node |
| Gateway Corridor: | NA |

### Vicinity:

#### Site Access:

| Vehicular Corridor: | No |
| Metrorail Proximity: | None |
| Metrobus Proximity: | Fair |
| Pedestrian Access: | Good |
| Parking Availability: | Fair - Only Street Parking |
| Intermodal Station Proximity: | No |
| Circulator Node Proximity: | No |
| Water Access: | No |

### Site Image:

One of several potential sites associated with the former entrance to the National Arboretum at the terminus of Maryland Avenue where establishing a commemorative element would be suitable.
**Site Description Summary:**
Associated with an established neighborhood within the Georgia Avenue corridor, this location faces a Metrorail Station and Metrobus transfer area. The location is presently a focus of revitalization efforts by the District and mixed-use redevelopment within the vicinity is underway. The District of Columbia intends to relocate the Department of Motor Vehicle Services to offices nearby. The location is presently vacant with high visibility from the Georgia Avenue corridor and the transit center area. Adjoining the Metrorail station grounds, this site is in close proximity to community facilities and will become a prominent element of the emerging neighborhood center.

**Commemorative Opportunity:**
Revitalization of this neighborhood center will present several opportunities for a new memorial. The site under consideration will become an established part of the community, thus any commemorative element at this location would be highly visible and accessible. Considering the neighborhood context and proportions of this site, a small-scale memorial feature would be appropriate here. As plans proceed to redevelop this center piece parcel within the Petworth neighborhood, consideration should be given to incorporating a future commemorative element within any new development proposed for the site.

**Framework Context:**

**Physical Characteristics:**
- Location: Northwest
- Acreage: 0.25 - 1.0
- Configuration: Triangular
- Overall Character: Community Center
- Terrain: Flat
- Adjoining Uses: Mixed Uses

**Urban Design Framework:**
- Relative Prominence: District, Neighborhood
- Comp. Plan Element: Special Street
- Framework Element: Linkage
- Plan Compatibility: Consistent
- Memorial Proximity: Drive
- Potential Identity: Yes

**Vicinity:**
- Vehicular Corridor: Georgia/New Hampshire
- Metrorail Proximity: Very Good - GA Ave/Petworth
- Metrobus Proximity: Very Good
- Pedestrian Access: Good
- Parking Availability: Fair
- Intermodal Station Proximity: No
- Circulator Node Proximity: No
- Water Access: No

**Profile:**
- Development Term: Present
- Ownership: WMATA
- ANC: 4C
- Current Development Project: Yes
- NPS Reservation: NA
- NPS Park Name: NA
- NPS Total Park Acreage: NA

**Site Image**
Revitalization of this community intersection will improve visibility and access to the site while providing an opportunity for locating a commemorative element, as shown in this concept drawing.
## West shoreline of Kingman Lake (Anacostia River)

### Northeast and Southeast of RFK Stadium

#### Location:

![Location map](image)

#### Site Description Summary:

Associated with the Anacostia River waterfront and the RFK Stadium’s northeastern and southeastern parking areas, these locations offer a parkland setting with open areas and direct views of Kingman Lake. The site is located within the Commemorative Focus Area on the East Capitol Street Monumental Corridor. This location features potentially prominent waterfront settings with proximity to future uses that may occur on or near the RFK Stadium. Future water taxi service could be provided to these locations. Present on-site uses include parking; and riparian vegetation is found along Kingman Lake. Adjoining residential and institutional uses are included to the northwest and west, respectively.

#### Framework Context:

![Framework context diagram](image)

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#### Vicinity:

![Vicinity map](image)

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#### Site Image

View looking south with RFK Stadium at right, indicating opportunity for a future commemorative feature within this generally level site on the Kingman Lake shoreline.

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#### Commemorative Opportunity:

Opportunities for future commemorative actions at these locations are significant. Located with the East Capitol Street Commemorative Focus Area, these locations offer a variety of settings for potential future memorials. The scale of a future commemorative element here should consider plans for adjoining commemorative sites as the RFK stadium area is revitalized. Sites 4 and 75 are also within the Commemorative Focus Area. This riverfront setting offers an excellent interpretive context for future commemoration that may be undertaken in conjunction with the planned redefinition of the waterfront area.

#### Visual Quality:

- Prominent Views: Neighborhood and Open Space
- Vistas: Indirect
- Existing Setting: Parkland
- Potential Setting: Commemorative Focus Area
- Gateway Corridor: Yes

#### Historic & Cultural Resources:

- Historic Resources: Site, Special Street
- Cultural Resources: Special Street, Landscape
- Historic District: NA
- Arts/Entertainment District: NA
- Embassy Proximity: NA
- Memorial Zone: NA
- Museum Proximity: NA

#### Site Image
Location:

This location is at the intersection of three Special Streets within the prominent Massachusetts Avenue corridor. Situated at a midpoint between Lincoln Park and the terminus of Massachusetts Avenue, this location includes several small triangular parcels that are formed by the roadway system. The visual character of this location is defined by tree-lined streets, residences, and small-scale commercial uses. A redefinition of this intersection in conjunction with other improvements within the corridor could provide a new level of visibility for Massachusetts Avenue and its potential extension to the Anacostia River through the D.C. General Hospital site.

Framework Context:

Intersection of Massachusetts Avenue with South Carolina and Independence Avenues creates several triangular parcels where a small scale memorial feature could be appropriate.

Site Description Summary:

This neighborhood node provides an appropriate context for a future commemorative element of limited size and scale. Within the several small parcels associated with this location, a new memorial could improve the existing community imagery, while providing new visibility for this residential area. Redefining the intersection through the addition of a new memorial could advance the visual character and prominence of the Massachusetts Avenue corridor and provide the impetus for extending the avenue beyond its present terminus, restoring a historic linkage with the Anacostia River.

Physical Characteristics:

Location: Southeast
Acreage: Varies
Configuration: Triangular
Overall Character: Open, Landscaped
Terrain: Flat
Adjoining Uses: Residential, Commercial

Urban Design Framework:

Relative Prominence: Neighborhood
Comp. Plan Element: Special Street
Framework Element: Monumental Corridor
Plan Compatibility: Consistent
Memorial Proximity: Walk
Potential Identity: Yes

Site Access:

Vehicular Corridor: No
Metrorail Proximity: Poor - Stadium Armory
Metrobus Proximity: Very Good
Pedestrian Access: Fair - No Ped. Signals
Intermodal Station Proximity: No
Circulator Node Proximity: No
Water Access: No

Profile:

Development Term: Present
Ownership: NPS
ANC: 6B
Current Development Project: NA
NPS Reservation: 90
NPS Park Name: TBD
NPS Total Park Acreage: TBD

Historic & Cultural Resources:

Historic Resources: Special Street, Place
Cultural Resources: Street, Landscape
Historic District: NA
Arts/Entertainment District: NA
Embassy Proximity: 2
Memorial Zone: 2
Museum Proximity: Drive

Visual Quality:

Prominent Views: Distinct, Neighborhood
Indirect
Existing Setting: Neighborhood
Potential Setting: Community Node
Gateway Corridor: NA

Site Image:

Intersection of Massachusetts Avenue with South Carolina and Independence Avenues creates several triangular parcels where a small scale memorial feature could be appropriate.
Fort Chaplin Park on East Capitol Street, near Fort Drive, SE
West of Benning Road, SE

Site Description Summary:
Situated within the prominent East Capitol Street Monumental Corridor, this location is on the western section of Fort Chaplin Park. The site is characterized by open parkland and recreation facilities with adjoining commercial and residential uses. Rolling wooded terrain establishes the setting of this location. Views from portions of the site include images of the Washington Monument and U.S. Capitol.

Commemorative Opportunity:
This location offers an existing park setting within which a future commemorative element would be appropriate. Considering the scale and context of the Fort Chaplin Park vicinity, a small to moderate size memorial could be incorporated within the park. Existing recreational uses of the park would complement the interpretive setting provided to local residents and tourists.

Framework Context:

Physical Characteristics:
Location: East Capitol Street Mon.Corridor
Acreage: 0.25 - 2.0
Configuration: To be determined
Overall Character: Wooded
Terrain: Flat, Sloping
Adjoining Uses: Recreation, Residential

Urban Design Framework:
Relative Prominence: District, Neighborhood
Comp. Plan Element: Special Street, Special Place
Framework Element: Monumental Corridor
Plan Compatibility: Consistent
Memorial Proximity: Drive
Potential Identity: Yes

Vicinity:

Site Access:
Vehicular Corridor: Yes - East Capitol
Metrorail Proximity: Good - Benning Road
Metrorail Proximity: Very Good
Pedestrian Access: Very Good
Parking Availability: Good - Street Pkg. Only
Vehicular Corridor: No
Intermodal Station Proximity: No
Circulator Node Proximity: No
Water Access: No

Profile:
Development Term: Present
Ownership: NPS
ANC: 7A
Current Development Project: NA
NPS Reservation: 600
NPS Park Name: TBD
NPS Total Park Acreage: TBD

Visual Quality:
Prominent Views: Federal, District
Vistas: Indirect
Existing Setting: Parkland, Mixed Use
Potential Setting: Same
Gateway Corridor: Yes

Historic & Cultural Resources:
Historic Resources: Special Street, Special Place
Cultural Resources: Street, Landscape
Historic District: Yes
Arts/Entertainment District: NA
Embassy Proximity: NA
Memorial Zone: Drive

Site Image
Wooded slopes and open field areas of Fort Chaplin Park provide several opportunities for locating future memorials and museum features within this monumental corridor.
Southeast Federal Center at M Street, SE  

Site Description Summary:
This location is characterized by transitional office and industrial uses within the SE Federal Center, where revitalization and waterfront development is in progress. The alignment of New Jersey Avenue, with views to the U.S. Capitol, extends to the SEFC. Potential linkages are possible to the Anacostia River waterfront. This Monumental Corridor and Special Street setting provides potentially significant public spaces around which a future mixed use campus could evolve. Master planning for the SE Federal Center includes significant redefinition of the waterfront areas with potential for water taxi service. The Navy Yard Metrorail station serves this site.

Commemorative Opportunity:
Several opportunities for incorporating a new memorial or museum within the SEFC exist. A public space could be established within the SEFC to accommodate a future memorial. With significant buildable area at the SEFC and with existing structures suited to revitalization, several sites could serve as potential settings for a future museum as well. The SEFC is situated within the Waterfront Crescent and provides significant opportunities for a variety of riverfront interpretative commemorative elements with convenient accessibility by an existing Metrorail station and future water taxi service on the Anacostia River.

Framework Context:

Physical Characteristics:

Location: Southeast  
Acreage: 0.25 - 0.5  
Configuration: Irregular  
Overall Character: Developed, Open, urban setting  
Terrain: Flat  
Adjoining Uses: Government, Commercial

Urban Design Framework:

Relative Prominence: Federal, District  
Comp. Plan Element: Special Street, Special Place  
Framework Element: Linkages  
Plan Compatibility: Consistent  
Memorial Proximity: Walk  
Potential Identity: Yes

Site Access:

Vehicular Corridor: No  
Metrorail Proximity: Good - Navy yard  
Metrobus Proximity: Very Good  
Pedestrian Access: Good  
Intermodal Station Proximity: Yes - Street Pkg, Only  
Circulator Node Proximity: Yes - Metro  
Water Access: No

Profile:

Development Term: Present  
Ownership: Federal  
ANC: 6B  
Current Development Project: Yes  
NPS Reservation: NA  
NPS Park Name: NA  
NPS Total Park Acreage: NA

Vicinity:

Historic & Cultural Resources:

Historic Resources: Site, Special Street  
Cultural Resources: Building, Street  
Historic District: Yes  
Arts/Entertainment District: NA  
Embassy Proximity: NA  
Memorial Zone: 2  
Museum Proximity: Drive

Visual Quality:

Prominent Views: Federal, Waterfront  
Vistas: Direct, Federal  
Existing Setting: Government Center  
Potential Setting: Waterfront Mixed Use Campus  
Gateway Corridor: NA

Site Image:
The entrance to the SE Federal Center on M Street represents one of several potential sites where a future memorial or museum could be incorporated.
At Anacostia Metrorail Station, south of Howard Road, SE
Either on WMATA or federal property

Site Description Summary:
This location, within the existing context of a Metrorail station, represents several landscape settings. The site features an open area that adjoins the station's pedestrian entrance. Existing landscape improvements provide visual amenities and focus to the area. The emerging importance of this location is tied to future revitalization efforts within Anacostia. Considering the relationship between this station and the future redevelopment of the Anacostia waterfront, it is likely that the station will be an even greater focal point in the future.

Commemorative Opportunity:
This location offers a suitable setting for a future memorial. It has prominence today and is expected to have increased neighborhood prominence in the future as revitalization efforts progress. The station's landscaped grounds provide the appropriate land area and context for a moderate or large scale memorial that could further define the station as a community node and provide interpretation of the history of the community. Planning for future commemorative elements at this location should consider adjoining community revitalization efforts and waterfront linkages in order to provide a sequence of public spaces and visual amenities within the Anacostia community.

Physical Characteristics:
- Location: Southeast
- Acreage: 0.25 - 0.5
- Configuration: To be determined
- Overall Character: Open, landscaped
- Terrain: Flat
- Adjoining Uses: Transit, Mixed Uses

Urban Design Framework:
- Relative Prominence: District, Neighborhood
- Comp. Plan Element: Transportation
- Framework Element: Linkages
- Plan Compatibility: Consistent
- Memorial Proximity: Drive
- Potential Identity: Yes

Site Access:
- Vehicular Corridor: No
- Metrorail Proximity: Very Good - Anacostia
- Metrobus Proximity: Very Good
- Pedestrian Access: Good
- Parking Availability: Good
- Intermodal Station Proximity: Yes - Metro
- Circulator Node Proximity: Yes
- Water Access: No

Profile:
- Development Term: Present
- Ownership: DC/WMATA
- ANC: 8A
- Current Development Project: Yes
- NPS Reservation: NA
- NPS Park Name: NA
- NPS Total Park Acreage: NA

Visual Quality:
- Prominent Views: Community/Neighborhood
- Vistas: Indirect
- Existing Setting: Transit Center
- Potential Setting: Same
- Gateway Corridor: Yes

Historic & Cultural Resources:
- Historic Resources: Special Street
- Cultural Resources: Building, Landscape
- Historic District: NA
- Arts/Entertainment District: NA
- Embassy Proximity: NA
- Memorial Zone: 2
- Museum Proximity: Drive

Prominent Views:
- Vicinity:

Existing landscaped areas at the Anacostia Metrorail station provide several location opportunities for a memorial that could have significant community visibility by transit users and residents alike.
Rosslyn Gateway Park, Rosslyn Circle, or 1101 Wilson Boulevard sites
Arlington, VA

Location:

These potential locations in downtown Rosslyn, VA consist of several public spaces and a nearby building with potentially available museum space. Gateway Park and Rosslyn Circle are landscape spaces located at the western terminus to Key Bridge. A nearby building on Wilson Boulevard is the site of a former news museum. The park space includes several elevated, terraced and landscaped areas with views of Washington and Georgetown from Rosslyn. A series of ramps and stairs bridge local streets with overhead terraces and landscape elements within the park. The soon-to-be vacated museum space is located on Wilson Boulevard and within walking distance of the park sites. This large interior space on multiple levels provides an opportunity for reuse.

Framework Context:

Terraced public spaces and nearby former museum building provide several opportunities for new commemorative features within the urban fabric of Rosslyn.

Site Description Summary:

These potential locations in downtown Rosslyn, VA consist of several public spaces and a nearby building with potentially available museum space. Gateway Park and Rosslyn Circle are landscape spaces located at the western terminus to Key Bridge. A nearby building on Wilson Boulevard is the site of a former news museum. The park space includes several elevated, terraced and landscaped areas with views of Washington and Georgetown from Rosslyn. A series of ramps and stairs bridge local streets with overhead terraces and landscape elements within the park. The soon-to-be vacated museum space is located on Wilson Boulevard and within walking distance of the park sites. This large interior space on multiple levels provides an opportunity for reuse.

Commemorative Opportunity:

Multiple opportunities for a commemorative feature and/or a museum are found within this series of public spaces and existing facilities. The park locations offer excellent opportunities for incorporating memorial features of a small or moderate size. The extent of the park spaces offer dramatic views of the Potomac River from many vantage points that could support interpretive aspects of a future commemorative feature. The park settings could be developed separately over time to complement the existing parks. The park and former museum sites are suitable settings for future commemorative features that could enhance Rosslyn’s established public spaces and urban amenities.

Physical Characteristics:

| Location: | Rosslyn, Virginia |
| Acreage: | 0.25 - 1.0 |
| Configuration: | Rectangular |
| Overall Character: | Open |
| Terrain: | Terraced, level |
| Adjoining Uses: | Open space, commercial, bridge |

Visual Quality:

Prominent Views: Federal, Local Elements
Vistas: Direct
Existing Setting: Urban parkland, Portal, Building
Potential Setting: Memorial and/or museum site
Gateway Corridor: Yes

Historic & Cultural Resources:

| Historic Resources: | Landmark, Site |
| Cultural Resources: | Building, Landscape |
| Historic District: | NA |
| Arts/Entertainment District: | NA |
| Embassy Proximity: | NA |
| Memorial Zone: | NA |
| Museum Proximity: | Walk |

Site Access:

Vehicular Corridor: Yes - 66
Metro Corridor: Good - Rosslyn
Metrobus Proximity: Good - VA Line @ Rosslyn
Pedestrian Access: Good
Parking Availability: Good
Intermodal Station Proximity: No
Circulator Node Proximity: No
Water Access: No

Profile:

Development Term: Present
Ownership: Arlington County/Private
ANC: NA
Current Development Project: NA
NPS Reservation: NA
NPS Park Name: NA
NPS Total Park Acreage: NA
Circle in front of entrance to historic terminal at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport

**Arlington, VA**

**Site Description Summary:**
This location is a prominent setting at the original entrance to the airport terminal at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport. Plans to restore the original circle are in progress. These call for recreating a landscape area at this location. The site will continue to represent a highly visible location within the expanded airport complex.

**Commemorative Opportunity:**
At this location a commemorative feature could be introduced that would complement the historic setting of the terminal entrance. The recreated traffic circle would include a landscape area suited to a small scale memorial element. A memorial plaque at this site could build upon the historic architectural and aviation aspects of this setting.

**Location:**
Arlington, VA

**Acreage:**
0.25

**Configuration:**
Circular

**Overall Character:**
Open

**Terrain:**
Flat

**Adjoining Uses:**
Airport Terminal Entrance

**Urban Design Framework:**

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**Vehicular Corridor:**
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**Metrorail Proximity:**
Good - Nat’l Airport

**Metrobus Proximity:**
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**Pedestrian Access:**
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**Fair - Only Garage, Good**

**Intermodal Station Proximity:**
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**Circulator Node Proximity:**
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**Framework Context:**

**Location:**

**Arlington, VA**

**Acreage:**
0.25

**Configuration:**
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**Overall Character:**
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**Terrain:**
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**Adjoining Uses:**
Airport Terminal Entrance

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**Site Image:**
Prominent traffic circle at the entrance to the historic terminal at National Airport provides an open landscape setting that would be appropriate for a future modest scale memorial feature.
Marina on the Potomac River in Bolling Air Force Base, SW
Between Chanute and Edwards Places

**Location:**

This location within Bolling Air Force Base is in the area of an existing marina. The setting is characterized by waterfront uses, base support, and residential functions. Prominent views from within the marina area include Potomac River images of Washington and Alexandria. Located within the South Capitol Street gateway and I-295 area, this site offers an interpretive setting associated with the southern approach to the Nation’s Capital. Its placement along the waterfront provides an opportunity for future access by water taxi service in conjunction with potentially expanded visitor access to the marina area. Existing base security requirements limit access to the site.

**Framework Context:**

**Physical Characteristics:**

- **Location:** Southwest
- **Acreage:** 0.25 - 1.0
- **Configuration:** To be determined
- **Overall Character:** Open
- **Terrain:** Flat
- **Adjoining Uses:** Defense Base/Housing

**Urban Design Framework:**

- **Relative Prominence:** Waterfront
- **Comp. Plan Element:** Parkland, Open Space
- **Framework Element:** Linkages
- **Plan Compatibility:** Consistent
- **Memorial Proximity:** Drive
- **Potential Identity:** Yes

**Vicinity:**

**Site Description Summary:**

Existing conditions associated with the Bolling Air Force Base marina area provide a potential context for a future waterfront memorial. The scale and extent of a future commemorative feature at this location should be coordinated with existing and long range plans for the base. While existing access to the site is restricted, future changes in base security could provide an opportunity for a new public recreation waterfront node at this prominent setting. Redefinition of the marina area could present opportunities for small or significant scale commemorative elements that could be appreciated from the future Potomac River water-based transportation systems.

**Commemorative Opportunity:**

**Visual Quality:**

- **Prominent Views:** Waterfront Direct, Federal Elements Defense Base Community Waterfront Area
- **Existing Vistas:** Defense Base Waterfront Area
- **Existing Setting:** Community Waterfront Area
- **Potential Settings:** Drive

**Historic & Cultural Resources:**

- **Historic Resources:** NA
- **Cultural Resources:** NA
- **Historic District:** NA
- **Arts/Entertainment District:** NA
- **Embassy Proximity:** NA
- **Memorial Zone:** 2
- **Museum Proximity:** Drive

**Vehicular Corridor:**

- **No**
- **Metro Rail Proximity:** None
- **Metro Bus Proximity:** Fair
- **Pedestrian Access:** Fair - No Ped. Signals
- **Parking Availability:** Good
- **Intermodal Station Proximity:** No
- **Circulator Node Proximity:** No
- **Water Access:** Potential

**Profile:**

- **Development Term:** Present
- **Ownership:** Federal - Dept of Defense/Air Force 8D
- **ANC:** 8D
- **Current Development Project:** NA
- **NPS Reservation:** NA
- **NPS Park Name:** NA
- **NPS Total Park Acreage:** NA
**Fort Stanton Park north of Suitland Parkway, SE**

**Near 20th Street, SE**

### Location:

The site is located within the context of Fort Stanton Park, offering a historic wooded setting on the Suitland Parkway gateway to the city from Maryland. Although the site is predominantly woodland, it is bordered by residential uses. Site visibility is heightened by the undulating topographic features that accentuate Fort Stanton Park’s sloping wooded setting. The Anacostia Museum is located within the vicinity.

### Commemorative Opportunity:

Potential commemorative features for the Fort Stanton Park site could include a small or moderate scale memorial, depending upon the specific location identified. A memorial site could face Suitland Parkway, SE or could be located at a central area within the park. A location along the parkway would reinforce the gateway corridor while also providing a neighborhood amenity. A memorial at this location could also redefine this section of the parkway as one of several visual amenities within the corridor.

### Site Description Summary:

- **Location:** Southeast
- **Acreage:** 0.25 - 1.0
- **Configuration:** Irregular
- **Overall Character:** Wooded
- **Terrain:** Sloping
- **Adjoining Uses:** Parkland, Residential

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### Urban Design Framework:

- **Relative Prominence:** Neighborhood
- **Comp. Plan Element:** Park, Open Space
- **Framework Element:** Linkages
- **Plan Compatibility:** Yes
- **Memorial Proximity:** Drive
- **Potential Identity:** Yes

### Vicinity:

- **Neighborhood and Parkland:** Indirect
- **Prominent Views:** Neighborhood and Parkland
- **Vistas:** Parkland
- **Existing Setting:** Same
- **Potential Setting:** Yes
- **Gateway Corridor:** Drive

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### Site Image:

Wooded character provides setting for this potential memorial site within the Suitland Parkway corridor. This view is looking northbound from Parkway with site location at right.
### Location:

- **Site Description Summary:**
  Within the Rhode Island Avenue Metro Station there are several potential locations that are associated with existing landscape and pedestrian areas. The future Brentwood Road shopping center, scheduled to be open in fall 2002, is adjacent to the Metrorail Station property. The entrance to the station on Rhode Island Avenue offers a highly visible setting in the area near the pedestrian stairs that link the sidewalk to the station entrance. This landscaped area offers sloping terrain with established vegetation. Another area within the station property includes a hillside setting with a background of existing trees.

### Framework Context:

- **Physical Characteristics:**
  - **Location:** Northeast
  - **Acreage:** 0.25 - 0.05
  - **Configuration:** Irregular
  - **Overall Character:** Open, Developed
  - **Terrain:** Sloping
  - **Adjoining Uses:** Residential, Commercial, Transit

### Vicinity:

- **Northeast**
  - **Acreage:** 0.25 - 0.05
  - **Configuration:** Irregular
  - **Overall Character:** Open, Developed
  - **Terrain:** Sloping
  - **Adjoining Uses:** Residential, Commercial, Transit

### Site Description Summary:

- **Commemorative Opportunity:**
  Commemorative opportunities would provide increased amenity for Metrorail passengers and others traveling along the prominent Rhode Island Avenue corridor. The scale and extent of a future memorial at these locations could range from a modest feature at the station entrance stairway to a significant element on the hillside located above the station parking area.

### Urban Design Framework:

- **Relative Prominence:** District, Neighborhood
- **Comp. Plan Element:** Special Street
- **Framework Element:** Linkages
- **Plan Compatibility:** Consistent
- **Memorial Proximity:** Drive
- **Potential Identity:** Yes

### Site Access:

- **Vehicular Corridor:** No
- **Metrorail Proximity:** Very Good - Rhode Isl.
- **Metrobus Proximity:** Very Good
- **Pedestrian Access:** Good
- **Parking Availability:** Good
- **Intermodal Station Proximity:** No
- **Circulator Node Proximity:** No
- **Water Access:** No

### Profile:

- **Development Term:** Present
- **Ownership:** WMATA
- **ANC:** 5B
- **Current Development Project:** NA
- **NPS Reservation:** NA
- **NPS Park Name:** NA
- **NPS Total Park Acreage:** NA

### Visual Quality:

- **Prominent Views:** Community/Neighborhood
- **Vistas:** NA
- **Existing Setting:** Transit Station, Mixed Uses
- **Potential Setting:** Same
- **Gateway Corridor:** Yes

### Historic & Cultural Resources:

- **Historic Resources:** Special Street
- **Cultural Resources:** Building, Street
- **Historic District:** NA
- **Arts/Entertainment District:** NA
- **Embassy Proximity:** NA
- **Memorial Zone:** 2
- **Museum Proximity:** Drive

### Site Image

- View looking south from Rhode Island Avenue to landscape areas at site entrance, one of several opportunities on site for a future memorial feature
Location:

Situated within the vicinity of Fort Totten Park, these locations offer good visibility and neighborhood context. They represent the Community Linkages component of the master plan framework and offer attractive landscape settings with rolling terrain. One site at the Fort Totten Metro Station provides a dramatic landscape setting that is located above a train tunnel retaining wall. This prominent site includes sloping open areas with a wooded background. The location would be visible to passengers arriving or departing the station area.

Framework Context:

Urban Design Framework:

Relative Prominence: District, Neighborhood
Comp. Plan Element: Special Place
Framework Element: Linkages
Plan Compatibility: Consistent
Memorial Proximity: Drive
Potential Identity: Yes

Vicinity:

Vehicular Corridor: No
Metrorail Proximity: Very Good - Ft. Totten
Metrobus Proximity: Very Good
Pedestrian Access: Fair - Lacks Cross W./ Sig
Intermodal Station Proximity: No
Circulator Node Proximity: No
Water Access: No

Profile:

Development Term: Present
Ownership: NPS
ANC: 5A
Current Development Project: NA
NPS Reservation: 451
NPS Park Name: TBD
NPS Total Park Acreage: TBD

Site Description Summary:

The Fort Totten Park area provides several good opportunities for incorporating commemorative features within the existing Metrorail station and park areas. The station's major retaining wall area above the open air tunnel entrance is a distinctive landscape feature that would be highly visible to passengers and suitable for a commemorative element. A medium sized feature could be incorporated within the open sloping areas above the station tunnel wall, where a wooded background would accentuate the natural setting. Other areas within the park would be suited to a small scale memorial that could be appreciated by Fort Totten Park visitors.

Commemorative Opportunity:

Visual Quality:

Prominent Views: Neighborhood, Parkland
Vistas: NA
Existing Setting: Parkland, Transit Station
Potential Setting: Community Node
Gateway Corridor: NA

Historic & Cultural Resources:

Historic Resources: Site, Special Place
Cultural Resources: Landscape
Historic District: Yes - Fort Circle Parks
Arts/Entertainment District: NA
Embassy Proximity: NA
Museum Proximity: Drive

Site Image:

One potential site associated with the Fort Totten Metro station is located above the tunnel retaining wall on a prominent slope with a wooded setting.
On U.S. Soldiers’ and Airmen’s Home grounds, NW
West of North Capitol Street

Site Description Summary:
Located within the prominent North Capitol Street Monumental Corridor, this site is within the Soldiers’ and Airmen’s Home campus setting. This location is on axis with the U.S. Capitol and is distinguished by its natural features and rolling terrain. It is north of the North Capitol and Irving Street interchange. In the vicinity, other adjoining campuses include those of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Catholic University, and the Washington Hospital Center. Views from within the site offer vistas of the Washington Monument and U.S. Capitol. Existing security requirements for the Home restrict public access.

Commemorative Opportunity:
The open and wooded conditions at this location offer several opportunities for a future commemorative element. The large sloping lawn and wooded areas within the Soldiers’ Home could accommodate a memorial or museum setting. Public access to this memorial should be considered, as present access to the site is restricted.

Framework Context:

Physical Characteristics:
- Location: North Capitol St. Mon. Corridor
- Acreage: 3
- Configuration: Irregular/Rectangular
- Overall Character: Parkland, Campus
- Terrain: Sloping
- Adjoining Uses: Residential, Institutional

Urban Design Framework:
- Relative Prominence: Federal
- Comp. Plan Element: Park, Special Street
- Framework Element: Monumental Corridor
- Plan Compatibility: Centerpiece
- Memorial Proximity: Drive
- Potential Identity: Yes

Vicinity:

Site Access:
- Vehicular Corridor: Yes - North Capitol
- Metrorail Proximity: None
- Metrobus Proximity: Fair
- Parking Availability: Fair - No ped. Signals
- Intermodal Station Proximity: No
- Circulator Node Proximity: No
- Water Access: No

Profile:
- Development Term: Present
- Ownership: Federal - USSAH
- ANC: 4D
- Current Development Project: NA
- NPS Reservation: NA
- NPS Park Name: NA
- NPS Total Park Acreage: NA

View of the Soldiers’ and Airmen’s Home site looking north from North Capitol Street. This prominent campus setting provides a variety of potential memorial or museum settings.
**Location:**

This site location is associated with the eastern entrance to Rock Creek Park from Military Road at 16th Street, NW. The location is directly associated with the 16th Street Monumental Corridor and offers woodland settings associated with the Capital's principal park. Adjoining residential uses define the eastern portion of Rock Creek Park. This location provides tranquil natural settings with expansive open lawns defined by woodland perimeters. The Rock Creek Golf Course is located nearby.

**Commemorative Opportunity:**

A commemorative feature at this location could range in scale and extent from small to significant. The large open lawn areas and rolling slopes associated with the site could be redesigned to create the context for a small memorial feature or a major commemorative element at the entrance to Rock Creek Park. 16th Street and Military Road are major corridors that provide visibility and prominence to the site. The intersection of these corridors provides a natural setting that is defined and reinforced by Rock Creek Park. The 16th Street Monumental Corridor provides additional interpretive context for any future commemorative feature that could be located here.

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**Vicinity:**

An open lawn within a wooded Rock Creek Park setting provides visibility for a future memorial as viewed from 16th Street or Military Road.
South of Military Road at 27th Street
Or North of Military Road west of Oregon Avenue

Site Description Summary:
These site locations are associated with the western entrance to Rock Creek Park from Military Road. The locations are characterized by open and woodland settings associated with the Capital's principal park. Adjoining residential and institutional uses define the western portion of Rock Creek Park. St. John’s High School is the principal land use in the vicinity of these sites. These locations provide tranquil natural settings with expansive open meadows defined by woodland perimeters. The Rock Creek Nature Center and Stables are located nearby.

Commemorative Opportunity:
The large open meadows and rolling slopes associated with these sites could be redesigned to create the context for a small memorial feature at the entrance to Rock Creek Park. Military Road is a major east-west corridor within the city that adds visibility and prominence to these sites. The Nature Center and Stables provide an additional interpretive context.

Vicinity:
One of two potential sites along Military Road that offer prominent commemorative settings with open lawns and wooded perimeters that would highlight any new memorial feature here.
Westmoreland Circle at Massachusetts and Western Avenues, NW  
At entrance to Dalecarlia Parkway

### Site Description Summary:
This prominent landscaped traffic circle at the northwestern limits of the District represents an established public space and an important physical node on Massachusetts and Western Avenues. The location is characterized by adjoining residential, institutional, and parkland uses that are set within the context of tree-lined streets and gradually rolling terrain. The site is comprised of an open lawn area within the traffic circle. Established trees define the perimeter of the circle that occupies approximately two acres other than a D.C. boundary marker. No other elements are contained within the circle, however a church is located at the site's northwestern limits. This architectural element contributes to the pastoral quality of the site.

### Commemorative Opportunity:
An established landscape feature that marks the entrance to the District from Maryland on Massachusetts Avenue, this prominent traffic circle offers an important opportunity for a future commemorative feature. Unlike most traffic circles in the Nation's Capital that are presently adorned with a sculptural element of some kind, this circle is completely open and well-suited for a future commemorative feature preferably for a vertical element that would be appreciated from a car. Any consideration of this site should include a review of the adjoining architectural features that define its perimeter.

### Framework Context:

#### Location:

- **Northwest:**
- **Acreage:** 0.25 - 2.0
- **Configuration:** Circular
- **Terrain:** Flat
- **Adjoining Uses:** Residential, Institutional

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#### Vicinity:

- **Northwest:**
- **Acreage:** 0.25 - 2.0
- **Configuration:** Circular
- **Overall Character:** Open, natural
- **Terrain:** Flat
- **Adjoining Uses:** Residential, Institutional

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#### Profile:

- **Development Term:** Present
- **Ownership:** NPS
- **ANC:** NA
- **Current Development Project:** NPS
- **NPS Reservation:** NPS
- **NPS Park Name:** Westmoreland Circle
- **NPS Total Park Acreage:** .76

#### Visual Quality:

- **Prominent Views:**
- **Existing Setting:**
- **Potential Setting:**
- **Gateway Corridor:** Yes

#### Historic & Cultural Resources:

- **Historic Resources:**
- **Cultural Resources:**
- **Historic District:**
- **Arts/Entertainment District:**
- **Embassy Proximity:**
- **Memorial Zone:**
- **Memorial Proximity:** Drive

#### Site Image:

View of site featuring established formal lawn area within a traffic circle, representing the physical entrance into the District from Massachusetts Avenue's Monumental Corridor.
South of V Street and west of Half Street, SW
On the Anacostia River

Site Description Summary:

Situated within a potentially prominent waterfront context, this location is associated with an existing marina on the north shore of the Anacostia River. Its relationship with the South Capitol Street Commemorative Focus Area provides special significance to the site. Existing conditions include boat launch and dock facilities within a landscape setting. Adjoining uses include office and industrial functions. The Buzzard Point/James Creek Marina is located west of the site. Prominent waterfront vistas and views of the Naval War College are provided from this location. This setting presently defines the Buzzard Point area of the Anacostia River waterfront. Site access by future water taxi service is possible.

Commemorative Opportunity:

Several opportunities exist for a future memorial feature at this location. Occupying a prominent setting, this Buzzard Point location could benefit from a future context associated with the South Capitol Street Commemorative Focus Area. The site has significant potential to become a recreation and mixed use node in a revitalized waterfront. Reconfiguration to complement adjoining parcels could result in continuous parkland along the Anacostia River. Within this context, a prominent memorial feature could be designed to define this important site in conjunction with other future features in this Commemorative Focus Area.

Location:

- **Location:** South Capitol Street Gateway
- **Acreage:** 0.5 - 1.0
- **Configuration:** To be determined
- **Terrain:** Sloping
- **Adjoining Uses:** Recreation, Institutional

Framework Context:

- **Relative Prominence:** Federal, District
- **Comp. Plan Element:** Open Space, Recreation
- **Framework Element:** Commemorative Focus Area
- **Plan Compatibility:** Centerpiece
- **Memorial Proximity:** Drive
- **Potential Identity:** Yes

Physical Characteristics:

- **Vehicular Corridor:** No - So Cap Close
- **Metrorail Proximity:** None
- **Metrobus Proximity:** Poor
- **Pedestrian Access:** Fair - No Ped Signals
- **Intermodal Station Proximity:** Good
- **Circulator Node Proximity:** Yes - Water
- **Water Access:** Yes

Site Access:

- **Development Term:** Present
- **Ownership:** NPS/Private
- **ANC:** 2D
- **Current Development Project:** NA
- **NPS Reservation:** 629
- **NPS Park Name:** Buzzard Point
- **NPS Total Park Acreage:** 2.2

Profile:

- **Prominent Views:** Federal, District
- **Vistas:** Indirect
- **Existing Setting:** Waterfront Marina
- **Potential Setting:** Waterfront Redevelopment Area

Historic & Cultural Resources:

- **Historic Resources:** Landmark, Special Place
- **Cultural Resources:** Building, Landscape
- **Historic District:** NA
- **Arts/Entertainment District:** NA
- **Embassy Proximity:** NA
- **Memorial Zone:** 2
- **Museum Proximity:** Drive

Site Image:

Waterfront marina setting affords several opportunities for a future memorial that could be appreciated from future water-based taxi and tour craft as well as from shore.
Location:
The site is located at the intersection of Georgia and Eastern Avenues, NW at the District-Maryland boundaries. Significant interest exists within the District and Montgomery County to improve the quality of this gateway to the city. The Ward 4 Revitalization Task Force has recommended several new development projects at this location that would improve the entrance experience and establish a retail hub. Limited public land is available in the District at this location. Jesup Blair Park, which is located north of the District boundary line, has been suggested for refurbishment.

Vicinity:

Site Description Summary:
The site provides an opportunity for commemoration either on the grounds of the park on the Maryland side or across Eastern Avenue on a commercial site in the District. Developing a visitor center or museum at this location would provide several opportunities for commemoration at this symbolic entrance to Washington, D.C. and Silver Spring. The addition of a memorial or museum could support community revitalization efforts while providing additional interpretive features for residents and visitors.

Commemorative Opportunity:

Framework Context:

Physical Characteristics:

| Location: | Northwest |
| Acreage: | TBD |
| Configuration: | Urban and Parkland |
| Terrain: | Flat |
| Adjoining Uses: | Mixed Use Commercial, Parkland |

Urban Design Framework:

| Relative Prominence: | Neighborhood |
| Comp. Plan Element: | Special Street |
| Framework Element: | Linkages |
| Plan Compatibility: | Consistent |
| Memorial Proximity: | NA |
| Potential Identity: | Yes |

Vehicular Corridor:

| Vehicular Corridor: | Yes |
| Metrorail Proximity: | Poor - Silver Spring |
| Metrobus Proximity: | Very Good |
| Pedestrian Access: | Fair - No Ped. Signals |
| Parking Availability: | Fair - Only Street Parking |
| Intermodal Station Proximity: | No |
| Circulator Node Proximity: | No |
| Water Access: | Yes |

Profile:

| Development Term: | Long-term |
| Ownership: | Private |
| ANC: | 4B |
| Current Development Project: | NA |
| NPS Reservation: | NA |
| NPS Park Name: | NA |
| NPS Total Park Acreage: | NA |

Historic & Cultural Resources:

| Prominent Views: | District, Neighborhood |
| Prominent Views: | Visits: |
| Prominent Views: | Existing Setting: |
| Prominent Views: | Potential Setting: |
| Prominent Views: | Gateway Corridor: |
| District, Neighborhood | NA |
| Neighborhood | NA |
| Community Node | NA |
| Specific Street, Place | NA |
| Street, Landscape | NA |
| Historic District | NA |
| Arts/Entertainment District | NA |
| Embassy Proximity | NA |
| Memorial Zone | NA |
| Museum Proximity | NA |

Visual Quality:

| Site Access: |
| Vehicular Corridor: |
| Metrorail Proximity: |
| Metrobus Proximity: |
| Pedestrian Access: |
| Parking Availability: |
| Intermodal Station Proximity: |
| Circulator Node Proximity: |
| Water Access: |

Site Image:

Facing Jesup Blair Park, the site provides a setting at this entrance to the city at the intersection of Georgia and Eastern Avenues, NW.
On 8th Street, NW on Barry Place
Banneker Recreation Center

Site Description Summary:
This location on Georgia Avenue is within the District of Columbia Banneker recreation center that faces Howard University Hospital. The park contains a football field and track, pool, and tennis facilities. Adjoining uses include residential, commercial, and institutional. This location features a landscaped hillside setting from which the U.S. Capitol and Washington Monument can be seen. The extent of recreation uses and its placement within a mixed use neighborhood center provides significant visibility for this site. Recreation uses occupy the majority of land associated with this location and remaining open areas are mostly found on perimeter slopes.

Commemorative Opportunity:
This recreation center contains several memorial site opportunities. These landscaped slopes are generally located at the perimeter of the center. Other potential commemorative settings are found at the entrance to the pool area. Since the size of potential sites is somewhat limited by existing uses, the scale of a future memorial at this location would be small or understated. Future revitalization or redevelopment of the recreation center could incorporate a larger commemorative feature. The size, uses, and visibility of this location within the Georgia Avenue corridor create a suitable environment for a future memorial.

Physical Characteristics:
- Location: Northwest
- Acreage: 0.25
- Configuration: Varies
- Overall Character: Recreation Center, School
- Terrain: Terraced, sloping
- Adjoining Uses: Recreation, Mixed Use

Urban Design Framework:
- Relative Prominence: District, Neighborhood
- Comp. Plan Element: Special Street
- Framework Element: Linkages
- Plan Compatibility: Consistent
- Memorial Proximity: Drive
- Potential Identity: Yes

Historic & Cultural Resources:
- Historic Resources: Special Street
- Cultural Resources: Street
- Historic District: NA
- Arts/Entertainment District: NA
- Embassy Proximity: 2
- Memorial Zone: Drive

Site Image:
Existing public recreation area along Georgia Avenue provides a variety of potential settings for a community scale memorial feature within the context of this vital corridor.
Site Description Summary:
Situated within an existing cemetery, this location adjoins the North Capitol Street Monumental Corridor. The cemetery includes an established landscape setting with individual monuments to former residents of the District of Columbia and their families. Adjoining uses are primarily residential. This property represents part of a continuous series of open spaces and institutional properties that include the campus of Catholic University, the National Shrine, the Soldiers Home, and the McMillan Reservoir. The setting of this location is characterized by existing landscape elements within gently rolling terrain. Several focal spaces are created within the cemetery in association with burial monuments and landscape plantings.

Commemorative Opportunity:
This existing cemetery provides additional opportunities for small scale commemorative elements. The location provides a dignified and well-maintained setting that would complement a future memorial feature. Adjoining North Capitol Street at Rhode Island and representing part of a larger open space network and campus environment, this location offers a prominent context within which a potential commemorative element could be introduced. Future consideration of several sites within the Glenwood Cemetery for potential memorials must respect the cemetery's existing solemn setting.

Urban Design Framework:
Relative Prominence: Federal/District
Comp. Plan Element: Special Street
Framework Element: Monumental Corridor
Plan Compatibility: Consistent
Memorial Proximity: Drive
Potential Identity: Yes

Historic & Cultural Resources:
Historic Resources: Site, Special Street
Cultural Resources: Street, landscape
Historic District: NA
Arts/Entertainment District: NA
Embassy Proximity: NA
Memorial Zone: Drive
Museum Proximity: NA

Viceinity:

Site Access:
Vehicular Corridor: Yes - North Capitol
Metrorail Proximity: Poor - Rhode Island
Metrobus Proximity: Very Good
Pedestrian Access: Good
Parking Availability: Fair - Only Street Parking
Intermodal Station Proximity: No
Circulator Node Proximity: No
Water Access: No

Profile:
Development Term: Present
Ownership: Private
ANC: 5C
Current Development Project: NA
NPS Reservation: NA
NPS Park Name: NA
NPS Total Park Acreage: NA

Dignified setting of the Glenwood Cemetery provides established landscape aspect for potential future commemorative features within this contemplative environment.
**Location:**

This location is associated with the District of Columbia border with Maryland. It is situated at the entrance to the city from Route 90 and the Baltimore Washington Parkway at the Anacostia River. Significant topographic features are present at this entrance including open hillsides, wooded margins, and parkland. Adjoining uses also include the Fort Lincoln New Town neighborhood and cemetery. These features represent an important natural setting that provides definition to this entrance. While the location offers existing landscape elements that reinforce the gateway, a prominent feature at this important portal could enhance the entry experience.

**Framework Context:**

**Physical Characteristics:**

- **Location:** Northeast
- **Acreage:** 0.5 - 5.0
- **Configuration:** To be determined
- **Overall Character:** Open/Wooded
- **Terrain:** Sloping
- **Adjoining Uses:** Open space, residential

**Urban Design Framework:**

- **Relative Prominence:** Federal/District
- **Comp. Plan Element:** Park, Open Space, Special Street
- **Framework Element:** Monumental Corridor
- **Plan Compatibility:** Consistent
- **Memorial Proximity:** Drive
- **Potential Identity:** Yes

**Site Access:**

- **Vehicular Corridor:** Yes - New York Avenue
- **Metrorail Proximity:** None
- **Metrobus Proximity:** Poor - No Cwalks, signals
- **Pedestrian Access:** Good - Construction
- **Parking Availability:** Fair - Only Street Parking
- **Intermodal Station Proximity:** No
- **Circulator Node Proximity:** No
- **Water Access:** No

**Profile:**

- **Development Term:** Present
- **Ownership:** Private
- **ANC:** 5A
- **Current Development Project:** NA
- **NPS Reservation:** NA
- **NPS Park Name:** NA
- **NPS Total Park Acreage:** NA

**Commemorative Opportunity:**

At the principal eastern entrance to the District, this location provides significant opportunities for enhancing this gateway while introducing commemorative elements. The steeply sloping open hillside setting provides an excellent natural backdrop for a major memorial of large size that could provide appropriate definition for this major portal. The adjoining Anacostia River Park offers a permanent open space context within which to establish major visual elements that could mark this entrance.

**Visual Quality:**

- **Prominent Views:** Neighborhood and Open Space
- **Existing Vistas:** NA
- **Potential Setting:** Highway Corridor
- **Gateway Corridor:** Defined District Gateway
- **Yes

**Historic & Cultural Resources:**

- **Historic Resources:** District
- **Cultural Resources:** Landscape
- **Historic District:** NA
- **Arts/Entertainment District:** NA
- **Embassy Proximity:** NA
- **Memorial Zone:** 2
- **Museum Proximity:** Drive

**Site Image:**

Open hillside with wooded background on New York Avenue provides prominent memorial site opportunity at this physical entrance to the District that creates the monumental corridor.
North side of Alabama Avenue, SE, east of St. Elizabeths Hospital

### Site Description Summary:

Next to the St. Elizabeths Hospital property, this location is within the newly completed Congress Heights Metro Station site. Nearby uses are institutional, residential, and parkland. The visibility of this location on Alabama Avenue has increased with the development of a new transit center. Potential revitalization and redevelopment of the St. Elizabeths Hospital site could further the prominence of this neighborhood setting. Several new public spaces are associated with the development of the Metro station. The station area is bordered by woodlands that provide definition to this location.

### Commemorative Opportunity:

There are several opportunities for a future memorial at this location. The new Metro station strengthens the identity of the Congress Heights community. Within the station area there are numerous public spaces and landscape areas that would be suitable for a memorial of moderate or more significant scale. Consideration of future commemoration at this location should include potential redevelopment of the adjoining St. Elizabeths Hospital Campus. A future memorial at this site must also consider the residential character of Congress Heights.

### Framework Context:

Urban Design Framework:

- **Relative Prominence:** District, Neighborhood
- **Comp. Plan Element:** Special street, place
- **Framework Element:** Linkage
- **Plan Compatibility:** Consistent
- **Memorial Proximity:** Drive
- **Potential Identity:** Yes

### Physical Characteristics:

- **Location:** Southeast
- **Acreage:** 0.25 - 0.5
- **Configuration:** To be determined
- **Overall Character:** Open/Wooded
- **Terrain:** Flat
- **Adjoining Uses:** Institutional, transit, residential

### Vicinity:

- **Northeast:**
- **Acreage:** 0.25 - 0.5
- **Terrain:** Flat
- **Adjoining Uses:** Institutional, transit, residential

### Site Access:

- **Vehicular Corridor:** No
- **Metrorail Proximity:** Very Good - Cong. Hts.
- **Metrobus Proximity:** Good
- **Pedestrian Access:** Poor - No crosswalks
- **Intermodal Station Proximity:** Fair - Only Street Parking
- **Circulator Node Proximity:** No
- **Water Access:** No

### Profile:

- **Development Term:** Present
- **Ownership:** WMATA
- **ANC:** 8E
- **Current Development Project:** WMATA station
- **NPS Reservation:** TBD
- **NPS Park Name:** TBD
- **NPS Total Park Acreage:** TBD

### Visual Quality:

- **Prominent Views:** Neighborhood
- **Vistas:** NA
- **Existing Setting:** Medical Campus, Transit area
- **Potential Setting:** Neighborhood Center
- **Gateway Corridor:** NA

### Historic & Cultural Resources:

- **Historic Resources:** Landmark
- **Cultural Resources:** Building, street, landscape
- **Historic District:** Yes
- **Arts/Entertainment District:** NA
- **Embassy Proximity:** NA
- **Memorial Zone:** Drive

### Site Image

Wooded perimeter and lawn areas of Congress Heights Metro station site provide potential settings for moderate scale memorial feature.
**National Museum of American History**

**Site Description Summary:**

The site is located at the north entrance to the National Museum of American History in an area currently occupied by an existing public space and fountain. This location is a highly visible site within the National Mall environs on Constitution Avenue. This site represents one of a few sites within the master plan with good access and visibility at an established setting within the grounds of an existing museum. The public plaza and fountain area is in good condition and could accommodate a variety of uses. Uses in the vicinity of the site are characterized by national monuments, federal offices and adjoining museums.

**Commemorative Opportunity:**

The prominent National Mall setting provided by this site offers an excellent context within which to locate a future memorial feature. This existing fountain plaza is a focal point within the entrance area to the museum and within the Constitution Avenue corridor. A future memorial of an appropriate size which complements the museum’s mission, would enhance this established public space and provide additional interpretive opportunities for the National Museum of American History. The memorial should also complement the character of the museum building and might incorporate pedestrian access across Constitution Avenue to the Federal Triangle. The site is under the control of the Smithsonian Institution, however, and use of the site is at the discretion of the Institution.

**Framework Context:**

**Physical Characteristics:**

| Location: | National Mall Environs |
| Acreage: | 0.25 |
| Configuration: | Rectangular |
| Overall Character: | Open plaza and fountain |
| Terrain: | Flat |
| Adjoining Uses: | Museum, office |

**Urban Design Framework:**

- **Relative Prominence:** Federal, District
- **Comp. Plan Element:** Special Street
- **Framework Element:** Monumental Corridor
- **Plan Compatibility:** Centerpiece
- **Memorial Proximity:** Walk
- **Memorial Profile:** Yes

**Vicinity:**

- **14th and Constitution Avenues, existing fountain area**

**Site Access:**

- **Vehicular Corridor:** Yes - Constitution
- **Metrorail Proximity:** Yes - Fed.Triangle, Smithsonian
- **Metrobus Proximity:** Very Good
- **Pedestrian Access:** Good
- **Intermodal Station Proximity:** Yes - Metro
- **Water Access:** Yes - Metro
- **Circulator Node Proximity:** No

**Profile:**

- **Present Development Term:** Federal - Smithsonian
- **Ownership:** 2F
- **ANC:** NA
- **Current Development Project:** NA
- **NPS Reservation:** NA
- **NPS Park Name:** NA
- **NPS Total Park Acreage:** NA

**Visual Quality:**

- **Prominent Views:** Federal Elements
- **Vistas:** Direct
- **Existing Setting:** National Museum
- **Potential Setting:** Museum Focal Area
- **Gateway Corridor:** Yes

**Historic & Cultural Resources:**

- **Historic Resources:** Landmark, Special Street
- **Cultural Resources:** Building, Landscape
- **Historic District:** Yes
- **Arts/Entertainment District:** Yes
- **Embassy Proximity:** Walk
- **Memorial Zone:** 1
- **Museum Proximity:** Walk

**Site Image:**

View of the north entrance to the museum where a former fountain area and related plaza offer a potential memorial site.
On Eastern Avenue and Barnard Hill Drive, NE
Between Rhode Island and Michigan Avenues, NE

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Location:
This location is within Barnard Hill Park on the District of Columbia border with Prince George’s County, Maryland. This park features gradually sloping open lawn areas on the Eastern Avenue frontage and hillsides wooden terrain. At the center of the park an open gathering area is situated within the wooded setting. The neighborhood context of the park is primarily residential with some commercial uses nearby. Views of the park from Eastern Avenue include open parkland areas that are defined by the woodlands beyond. The park features active and passive recreation settings.

Framework Context:

Physical Characteristics:

Urban Design Framework:
Relative Prominence:
Comp. Plan Element:
Framework Element:
Plan Compatibility:
Memorial Proximity:
Potential Identity:

Site Access:
Vehicular Corridor:
Metrorail Proximity:
Metrobus Proximity:
Pedestrian Access:
Intermodal Station Proximity:
Circulator Node Proximity:
Water Access:

Prominent Views:
Vistas:
Existing Setting:
Potential Setting:

Historic & Cultural Resources:
Historic Resources:
Cultural Resources:
Historic District:
Arts/Entertainment District:
Embassy Proximity:
Memorial Zone:

Visual Quality:

Site Image
Barnard Hill Park view with open fields and woodland areas providing a suitable context for a future memorial that could be observed from Eastern Avenue.

Commemorative Opportunity:
Several opportunities for commemoration exist within the park. The large open lawn areas on Eastern Avenue provide a highly visible setting for a future memorial of a small or moderately large size. The size, extent, and characteristics of the site also suggest a potential for a neighborhood museum. The site provides an opportunity for commemoration within the context of an established neighborhood setting.
Site Description Summary:
Associated with an existing public school, this location is within the context of an outdoor playground at the northeast corner of M Street and Delaware Avenue, SW. Delaware Avenue offers direct views to the U.S. Capitol. Prior to the construction of I-395, Delaware Avenue's alignment extended directly to the Capitol. Proposals have been considered to re-establish the street's original alignment. The site features open landscaped areas with an established park and recreation setting and adjoining residential uses.

Commemorative Opportunity:
The site's location within this existing neighborhood setting provides sufficient context for a small scale memorial feature. If future plans to re-establish the historic alignment of Delaware Avenue to the Capitol go forward, this location could offer enhanced linkages with the Monumental Core. This linkage would redefine the character and uses along Delaware Avenue and could provide additional commemorative settings in the future.

Physical Characteristics:
- Location: Southwest
- Acreage: 0.25 - 0.5
- Configuration: Triangular
- Overall Character: Open, natural
- Terrain: Flat
- Adjoining Uses: Institutional, Residential

Urban Design Framework:
- Relative Prominence: District, Neighborhood
- Comp. Plan Element: Special Street
- Framework Element: Linkage
- Plan Compatibility: Consistent
- Memorial Proximity: Drive
- Potential Identity: Yes

Site Access:
- Vehicular Corridor: No
- Metrorail Proximity: Very Good - Water Front
- Metrobus Proximity: Very Good
- Pedestrian Access: Good
- Intermodal Station Proximity: Yes - Metro
- Circulator Node Proximity: Yes
- Water Access: No

Profile:
- Development Term: Present
- Ownership: Federal
- ANC: 2D
- Current Development Project: NA
- NPS Reservation: NA
- NPS Park Name: NA
- NPS Total Park Acreage: NA

Public school grounds provide setting for this small urban park area that features direct views to the Capitol from Delaware Avenue and M Street.
At the intersection of New Jersey and Massachusetts Avenues, NW  
Near Union Station

**Location:**  
Situated within two blocks of Union Station, this location is comprised of two small triangular parks at the intersection of Massachusetts and New Jersey Avenues NW and at the intersection of New Jersey Avenue and F Street NW. These locations represent nodes within the corridor where views of the U.S. Capitol and landscape amenities provide an exceptionally prominent and prestigious setting. In addition, the redevelopment of vacant parcels in this area continues to redefine the vicinity. Georgetown University Law School is located nearby as are office buildings and surface parking lots.

**Framework Context:**

**Site Description Summary:**

An opportunity exists to incorporate small scale memorials within these triangular parks. With good visibility from Massachusetts Avenue and New Jersey Avenue, this site would accommodate a new memorial within the context of an emerging office district. Good views of the U.S. Capitol from these locations could provide an excellent opportunity for commemoration. The size and setting of the parcels lend themselves to understated commemorative elements at these locations.

**Physical Characteristics:**

| Location: | Northwest |
| Acreage: | 0.25 - 0.5 |
| Configuration: | Triangular |
| Overall Character: | Open, landscaped |
| Terrain: | Flat |
| Adjoining Uses: | Office, Institutional, Parking |

**Urban Design Framework:**

| Relative Prominence: | Federal Elements |
| Comp. Plan Element: | Special Street |
| Framework Element: | Monumental Corridor |
| Plan Compatibility: | Consistent |
| Memorial Proximity: | Walk |
| Potential Identity: | Yes |

**Vicinity:**

Situated within two blocks of Union Station, this location is comprised of two small triangular parks at the intersection of Massachusetts and New Jersey Avenues NW and at the intersection of New Jersey Avenue and F Street NW. These locations represent nodes within the corridor where views of the U.S. Capitol and landscape amenities provide an exceptionally prominent and prestigious setting. In addition, the redevelopment of vacant parcels in this area continues to redefine the vicinity. Georgetown University Law School is located nearby as are office buildings and surface parking lots.

**Commemorative Opportunity:**

**Visual Quality:**

| Prominent Views: | Federal, District Elements |
| Vistas: | Federal, District Elements |
| Existing Setting: | Special Street Node |
| Potential Setting: | Same |
| Gateway Corridor: | Yes |

**Historic & Cultural Resources:**

| Historic Resources: | Landmark, Special Street |
| Cultural Resources: | Building, Street, Landscape |
| Historic District: | NA |
| Arts/Entertainment District: | NA |
| Embassy Proximity: | NA |
| Memorial Zone: | Memorial Zone |
| Museum Proximity: | Walk |

**Site Access:**

| Vehicular Corridor: | No |
| Metrorail Proximity: | Fair - Union Station |
| Metrobus Proximity: | Very Good |
| Pedestrian Access: | Good |
| Parking Availability: | Good |
| Intermodal Station Proximity: | Yes - Metro |
| Circulator Node Proximity: | Yes |
| Water Access: | No |

**Profile:**

| Development Term: | Present |
| Ownership: | NPS |
| ANC: | 6A |
| Current Development Project: | NA |
| NPS Reservation: | 77A/77B/196 |
| NPS Park Name: | TBD |
| NPS Total Park Acreage: | TBD |

Direct views of Capitol from these triangular park areas are possible along New Jersey Avenue. The parks offer prominent settings for appropriately scaled memorial features.
At the intersection of South Capitol Street and Anacostia Freeway
East side of Interstate 295

Site Description Summary:
This location is associated with the interchange of South Capitol Street and I-295. It represents a visually significant node along the Anacostia Freeway with dramatic views of the Capital's monuments on the southern approach to Washington. Topographic features in this area provide sufficient elevation to provide good views of the site framed by the steep wooded slopes of adjoining parkland. This configuration of landforms and relayed vistas are unique within the metropolitan Washington area.

Commemorative Opportunity:
This approach to Washington provides a dramatic opportunity for commemoration. The location offers a unique panorama of the L'Enfant City and a setting appropriate for a major memorial element that would complement the prominence of its natural setting. Historic Fort Caroll is located nearby and future commemorative actions must be coordinated with this resource. Framed by wooded hillsides and oriented by the gradually winding roadway, this location could accommodate a major memorial.

Vicinity:
View looking north toward the U.S. Capitol with northbound entrance ramp to I-295 shown at right. Site offers unique memorial opportunity in context with Capitol and city vistas.

Site Image
Adjacent to the Brentwood Maintenance Facility on New York Avenue, NE

East of Florida Avenue, NE

Site Description Summary:
Situated within the New York Avenue corridor, this site is located just beyond the point on the Avenue where the U.S. Capitol is visible. The elevation change associated with Brentwood Park offers a dramatic topographic condition that is unique within the vicinity. This slope and the elevated plateau above it represent a distinctive parkland setting within the corridor. The majority of the park can be best observed from Brentwood Parkway. Adjoining commercial and industrial uses include the National Park Service's Brentwood Maintenance facility and several motels. Rail yards are located to the north and the Gallaudet College campus is located south of the site.

Commemorative Opportunity:
Brentwood Park's unique topography and its association with the New York Avenue monumental corridor suggest potentially significant commemorative opportunities at this location. While views of the site are confined to the park's sloping meadow as seen from New York Avenue, site opportunities include a substantial hilltop that could be the setting for a prominent national memorial or museum. This hillside vantage point is located on some of the highest land elevations in the vicinity. Dramatic views of the Capitol and Washington Monument are available from this area. A commemorative element at this location would be a key feature in a redefined future setting.

Framework Context:

Physical Characteristics:
- Location: Northeast
- Acreage: 0.25 - 4.0
- Configuration: To be determined
- Overall Character: Open, Natural
- Terrain: Sloping
- Adjoining Uses: Park, commercial, industrial

Urban Design Framework:
- Relative Prominence: Federal, District
- Comp. Plan Element: Special Street
- Framework Element: Monumental Corridor
- Plan Compatibility: Consistent
- Memorial Proximity: Drive
- Potential Identity: Yes

Vicinity:

Site Access:
- Vehicular Corridor: Yes - NY Ave
- Metrorail Proximity: Poor - Rhode Island
- Metrorail Proximity: Fair
- Pedestrian Access: Good
- Parking Availability: Fair - Private Lots in area
- Intermodal Station Proximity: No
- Circulator Node Proximity: No
- Water Access: No

Profile:
- Development Term: Present
- Ownership: TBD
- ANC: TBD
- Current Development Project: TBD
- NPS Reservation: TBD
- NPS Park Name: TBD
- NPS Total Park Acreage: TBD

Site Image
View looking east with sloping hillside site shown at right, providing highly visible location for potential commemorative feature
APPENDIX A

Steps for Establishing A Memorial in the Nation’s Capital

Individual characteristics of proposals may require additional related actions, the combination of two or more actions, or a change in the order of steps as outlined in this guide.

**Initiation**

1. Memorial sponsor seeks National Capital Memorial Commission (NCMC) staff assistance to review the requirements and process established by the Commemorative Works Act (CWA) and its applicability to the proposed memorial.

**Legislation**

2. Memorial sponsor seeks a Senator or Representative who is willing to draft and introduce a bill to authorize establishment of the memorial.

3. Staffs of NCMC, member of Congress who will introduce bill, and authorizing committees draft a bill that conforms to the provisions of the CWA.

4. Congressman and/or Senator introduce bill authorizing the memorial and designating the sponsor as the entity responsible for its erection at no cost to the federal government.

5. NCMC considers proposed authorizing legislation to establish its views pursuant to CWA (See. 3(d)).

6. Chairmen of House and Senate authorizing subcommittees solicit views of NCMC, may hold hearings on proposed authorizing legislation, and take action on a bill before sending it to the full House and Senate for a vote on the bill.

7. President signs bill into law if passed by Congress.

8. Memorial sponsor organizes the structure of the entity that will establish the memorial and begins planning for fund-raising efforts.

**Site Selection and Approval**

9. If requested by the sponsor, the Secretary of the Interior or the Administrator of the General Services Administration (GSA), depending on whose land is involved, seeks the advice of NCMC to determine whether the memorial warrants placement in Area 1. Secretary or Administrator, if requested, notifies Congress of a determination that the subject is of preeminent and lasting historical significance (CWA See. 6(a)) so that Congress can consider passage of legislation authorizing an Area 1 location.

10. Memorial sponsor works with staff of NCMC to identify potential sites and prepare alternative site study and accompanying preliminary environmental analysis.

11. Memorial sponsor submits alternative site study and accompanying preliminary environmental analysis to NPS or GSA for approval of preferred site. After consultation with NCMC, NPS or GSA approves a preferred site on behalf of the Secretary of the Interior or the Administrator of GSA, depending on whose land is affected.

12. NPS or GSA submits approved site to the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) and the Commission of Fine Arts (CFA) for approval and initiates consultation with the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO).

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13. After site approval by NCPC and CFA, and comment by SHPO, the design process begins.

14. Memorial sponsor selects (1) a designer, or (2) a coordinator for design competition if a competition is to be held.
Memorial sponsor selects preferred design concept and meets with NPS or GSA to discuss issues that design may present. After possible refinements, sponsor submits the design concept and accompanying environmental assessment to NPS or GSA for approval.

NPS or GSA reviews design concept and, upon concurrence, submits it to NCPC, CFA, and SHPO.

Memorial sponsor, in close coordination with NPS or GSA, refines the design concept on the basis of agency comments and submits preliminary design to the landholding agency who, upon approval, submits it to NCPC, CFA, and SHPO.

Memorial sponsor, in close coordination with NPS or GSA, refines preliminary design on the basis of agency comments and submits final design to NPS or GSA who, upon approval, submits it to NCPC, CFA, and SHPO.

Memorial design team completes final drawings and specifications in close coordination with NPS or GSA.

Memorial sponsor completes fund-raising.

Memorial sponsor submits to NPS or GSA final drawings and specifications, cost estimate, and evidence of funds on hand, plus 10 percent cash payment of design and construction costs for maintenance. The sponsor seeks final approval by the Secretary of the Interior or the Administrator of GSA.

NPS or GSA issues a construction permit on behalf of the Secretary of the Interior or the Administrator of GSA.

Memorial sponsor begins construction and preparation of operation, maintenance, and preservation plans for the memorial.

Memorial is dedicated and transferred to NPS or GSA for management with accompanying as-built operation, maintenance, and preservation plans.


Legacy’s proposal for revitalizing the South Capitol Street Monumental Corridor
APPENDIX B

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