



## Executive Director's Recommendation

Commission Meeting: November 5, 2015

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<b>PROJECT</b> <b>Proposed Site for the FDR Prayer Plaque</b> World War II Memorial The National Mall Washington, DC	<b>NCPC FILE NUMBER</b> 7727
	<b>NCPC MAP FILE NUMBER</b> 00.00(73.10)44248
<b>SUBMITTED BY</b> United States Department of Interior National Park Service	<b>APPLICANT'S REQUEST</b> Approval of comments on site selection
<b>REVIEW AUTHORITY</b> Per 40 U.S.C § 8905	<b>PROPOSED ACTION</b> Approve comments as requested
	<b>ACTION ITEM TYPE</b> Staff Presentation

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### PROJECT SUMMARY

Public Law 113-123 authorizes the placement of a plaque or inscription with the words that President Franklin D. Roosevelt prayed on D-Day in the vicinity of the World War II Memorial, in accordance with the Commemorative Works Act (40 U.S.C. 8901 et seq.) (CWA). The CWA defines approval requirements related to the location, design, and construction of commemorative works in the District of Columbia and its environs. The National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) and the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts (CFA) approve site and design for new commemorative works.

The National Park Service (NPS), on behalf of the Friends of the World War II Memorial, submitted to NCPC the Site Analysis of Potential Locations for Placement of the FDR Prayer, which includes criteria for site selection and a study of four potential sites within the vicinity of the World War II Memorial. The four potential sites for the location of the prayer plaque include:

- Site A: Circle of Remembrance.
- Site B: Path Edge Northeast of the Atlantic Memorial Arch.
- Site C: Ceremonial Entrance.
- Site D: Path Edge Northwest of the Information Station.

The Commission is not formally approving a location or design at this time. Rather, NCPC is submitting planning comments that weigh the advantages and disadvantages of locating the prayer plaque or inscription at each of the potential areas near the World War II Memorial. Moving forward, the memorial sponsor will take NCPC's comments into account as it develops design concepts within a preferred location.

Based on the approximate 500 word length (over 2,000 characters) of the FDR prayer and necessary size for legibility (3/8" tall letters), it is anticipated that the prayer plaque would need to be 10 to 12 square feet in size or approximately 2'x5' or 3'x4,' depending on configuration and whether it is fashioned as a free-standing element. The Friends of the World War II Memorial has contracted with Oehme van Sweden (OVS), the landscape architects for the World War II Memorial, for this site analysis.

## KEY INFORMATION

- The CWA establishes requirements for building commemorative works on federal lands within the District of Columbia and its environs. It applies to lands under jurisdiction of the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) and the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA).
- In general, in accordance with the CWA, the key benchmarks for authorizing a new memorial are summarized below:
  - (1) Congress authorizes each new memorial purpose (subject) and a memorial sponsor by separate federal law.
    - P.L. 113-123 directs the Secretary of the Interior to install a plaque or inscription of FDR's prayer in the area of the World War II Memorial.
  - (2) The sponsor consults with The National Capital Memorial Advisory Commission (NCMAC) on alternative sites and design concepts.
    - NCMAC commented favorably on Site A at its September 14, 2015 meeting.
  - (3) NCPC and CFA must each approve the site and design for new commemorative works.
    - The Site Analysis of Potential Locations for Placement of the FDR D-Day Prayer, which is the subject of this EDR, is an early step towards these approvals.
    - CFA commented favorably on Site A, subject to the review of the plaque design, at its October 15, 2015 meeting.
  - (4) NPS or GSA, as appropriate, must approve and permit the final site and design for each new memorial, after the steps above are completed. NPS is generally responsible for the long-term maintenance and interpretation of memorials.
- The size and configuration of the prayer plaque is still being determined at this time. However, if fashioned as a stand-alone element, the prayer plaque would likely be at least 10 to 12 square feet in surface area to accommodate the entire prayer in a legible manner.
- In addition to the CWA site location criteria, the NPS, on behalf of the Friends of the WWII Memorial, has developed more refined site location criteria for this project. These criteria

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highlight the importance of locating the prayer plaque in a manner that creates opportunities for quiet contemplation.

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## RECOMMENDATION

The Commission:

**Supports** selecting Site A, the Circle of Remembrance, as the preferred location for the President Franklin D. Roosevelt prayer plaque or inscription.

**Notes** that Site A maintains a contemplative character created by existing vegetation, a low fieldstone wall, and separation from roadway traffic. The Circle of Remembrance is located in close proximity to existing thematically relevant memorial elements, the Atlantic Arch and Eisenhower's D-Day inscription. Additionally, this location will not impede existing circulation patterns or activities since it is not co-located with an existing pathway or assembly space, as are alternative Sites B, C, and D.

**Recommends** that the sponsor develop a range of alternative designs and locations within the area of the Circle of Remembrance. Alternatives should include integrating the inscription with landscape furnishing elements, such as retaining walls or benches, as well as stand-alone elements. The design should protect existing viewsheds to the National Mall, including views to the World War II Memorial primary precinct, the Washington Monument, and Constitution Gardens. Additionally, the plaque should be installed in a manner that is complementary in scale and material to the Circle of Remembrance.

**Does not support** Site C due to its location along the centerline of the Mall, connecting the Washington Monument to the Lincoln Memorial, and because of its use as an outdoor assembly space, which is in contrast to the contemplative character desired for the prayer plaque site.

## PROJECT REVIEW TIMELINE

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<b>Remaining actions</b> (anticipated)	Approval of location and design.
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## PROJECT ANALYSIS

### Executive Summary

NPS, on behalf of the Friends of the World War II Memorial, has submitted the Site Analysis of Potential Locations for Placement of President Roosevelt's (FDR) D-Day Prayer. The analysis identifies site selection criteria and four potential sites. Per Public Law 113-123, all of the sites

are located in the vicinity of the World War II Memorial. Of the four sites analyzed, Site A best meets the CWA's guidance on siting commemorative works and the site selection criteria established by the NPS and Friends of the World War II Memorial. Staff recommends **the Commission approve comments on the selection of Site A, the Circle of Remembrance, as the location for the FDR prayer plaque.**

## **Analysis**

Staff analyzed this project using guidance in the Commemorative Works Act (CWA), the Comprehensive Plan, and in consideration of the applicant's site selection criteria. A general principle set forth in the Comprehensive Plan is to protect and improve the open space character of the National Mall and the integrity of each memorial and park element. Further, the Comprehensive Plan includes policies to enhance the quality of the visitor experience to the Nation's Capital, particularly at major cultural sites, such as the World War II memorial. Therefore, staff's comments on the site selection analysis emphasize the importance of successfully integrating the inscription in a manner that is responsive to its surrounding context.

The CWA 40 U.S.C. 8905 includes decision criteria for site approval:

- Surroundings – to the maximum extent possible, a commemorative work shall be located in surroundings that are relevant to the subject of the work.
- Location – a commemorative work shall be located so that it does not interfere with or encroach on, an existing commemorative work, and to the maximum extent practicable, it protects open space, existing public use, and cultural and natural resources.

The NPS and Friends of the World War II Memorial, with the assistance of Oehme van Sweden (OVS), the landscape architects of the World War II Memorial grounds, established the following site selection criteria:

- Filtered viewsheds from the National Mall's Monumental Core and from the National World War II Memorial's primary precinct.
- Compatibility with existing circulation and visitation patterns.
- Compatibility with existing elements of the memorial.
- Ease of ABAAS accessibility.
- Suitability to accommodate the entire D-Day prayer.
- Proximity to the Atlantic Arch and Eisenhower's D-Day inscription.
- Limited disturbance to roots of existing mature trees.
- Vegetative screening to provide a sense of comfortable enclosure.

- Ease of long-term maintenance.
- Contemplative character.

Staff supports the selection criteria proposed by the NPS and Friends of the World War II Memorial. Staff particularly supports the criterion for a site to provide opportunities for quiet contemplation and peaceful reflection.

In addition to the CWA's guidance and the NPS's criteria, staff has included additional planning considerations for the location of the prayer plaque which include:

- Potential to activate under-utilized spaces within the World War II memorial grounds.
- Accessibility from transportation systems (WMATA metro/bus and private tour buses).

The FDR prayer plaque is likely to be a modest addition to the World War II Memorial grounds. Based on the approximate 500 word length (over 2,000 characters) of the FDR prayer, and necessary size for legibility (3/8" tall letters), it is anticipated that the prayer plaque would need to be 10 to 12 square feet in size or approximately 2'x5' or 3'x4,' depending on configuration and whether it is fashioned as a free-standing element. Staff is recommending that the applicant develop several alternative concepts for the physical design of the plaque including variations in size, material palette, and exact manner of placement within the memorial landscape.

The NPS and Friends of the World War II Memorial have proposed four potential sites for the location of the FDR prayer plaque. Each site is analyzed according the above criteria.

#### **Site A: Circle of Remembrance**

This site meets all of the CWA site selection guidance and all of the NPS site selection criteria (see matrices on pages 24 and 25 of this package). Site A is located in close proximity to the Atlantic Arch and President Eisenhower's D-Day inscription. Of the four sites, this location holds the most promise for contemplation and peaceful reflection. The intimate garden setting is a place where smaller groups of 30 to 50 people could gather, away from the bustling crowds in the main plaza. Located to the north of the World War II Memorial and adjacent to Constitution Gardens, this site is accessible by public transportation stops located along Constitution Avenue. NPS has commented that this site is not currently as well utilized as was originally envisioned. NPS's Section 106 initiation letter to the District of Columbia State Historic Preservation Officer (DC SHPO) also indicates that the Circle of Remembrance is NPS's preferred site.

The applicant identified four options for the placement of the plaque within Site A (see map on page 17). These include:

- Option 1: Replacing existing wood benches (and possibly the fieldstone wall) with granite benches to match those in the primary Memorial precinct. The D-Day Prayer could be sited in the center of the bank of benches. In order to protect views from

Constitution Gardens, the benches and D-Day Prayer shall not be any taller than the existing fieldstone wall.

- Option 2: The D-Day Prayer could be sited within the central planter.
- Option 3: The D-Day Prayer could be sited within the planter at the entrance of the Circle of Remembrance.
- Option 4: The D-Day Prayer could be sited on the paving area at the entrance of the Circle of Remembrance.

Staff supports locating the FDR prayer plaque at Site A and encourages the applicant to consider how changes to the site could impact its character. A new element may activate the currently underutilized gathering space at the Circle of Remembrance. The new addition of the prayer plaque and associated events could help to draw more visitors to this area of the park and offer a different type of gathering space as a counterpoint to the main plaza. As identified by the applicant in Option 1, a design approach that integrates the words of the FDR prayer into landscape furnishing elements, such as retaining walls, benches, or landscape seat walls, could improve the Circle of Remembrance and establish a material palette that is more similar to the World War II primary precinct. The design of new elements for the site of the Circle of Remembrance should be coordinated with future plans for Constitution Gardens and the Potomac Park Levee System.

#### **Site B: Path Edge Northeast of the Atlantic Arch Memorial**

This site meets four of the five CWA site selection guidance and six of the ten NPS site selection criteria. Site B is located in close proximity to the Atlantic Arch and President Eisenhower's D-Day inscription. This site is a point along an existing 16' wide scored concrete path. Currently, there are no resting areas or benches adjacent to the potential plaque placement. The exposed nature of this site does not support the contemplative character desired for the prayer plaque location.

#### **Site C: Ceremonial Entrance**

This site meets two of the five CWA site selection guidance and two of the ten NPS site selection criteria. Staff does not support the selection of Site C because of its location along the centerline of the Mall, the axis symbolically connecting the Washington Monument and the Lincoln Memorial. Furthermore, Site C's use as an outdoor assembly space, exposed nature, and bustling character do not support the contemplative character desired for the prayer plaque location. Furthermore, the potential plaque placement is positioned on an existing grass panel, which would require additional paths or pavement to make the plaque ABAAS accessible.

#### **Site D: Path Edge Northwest of the Information Station**

This site meets four of the five CWA site selection guidance and eight of the ten NPS site selection criteria. Site D is located furthest away from existing relevant subject material and is a point along an existing 8' wide path. Two benches are located on the opposite side of the path from the potential plaque placement. The narrow width of the existing path could lead to congestion for pedestrian circulation. While the site is well screened by vegetation, it is subject to considerable

ambient noise from the nearby tour bus drop-off. The loud nature of this site does not support the contemplative character desired for the prayer plaque location.

Staff notes that a program for the plaque has not been defined and that the applicant should consider what types of ceremonies, services, or events might be planned and how much visitation the plaque or inscription will receive once it is in place. However staff recommends that Site A: Circle of Remembrance is the best location for the FDR prayer plaque, as a place for contemplation and a destination for smaller group gatherings.

At a future date, NPS will submit the plaque for approval. Staff recommends that **the Commission recommend that** the sponsor develop a range of alternative designs and locations within the area of the Circle of Remembrance that include integrating the inscription with landscape furnishing elements and stand-alone plaques. The design should protect existing viewsheds to the National Mall, including views to the World War II Memorial primary precinct, the Washington Monument, and Constitution Gardens. Additionally, the plaque or inscription should be installed in a manner that is complementary in scale and material to the Circle of Remembrance.

## **CONFORMANCE TO EXISTING PLANS, POLICIES AND RELATED GUIDANCE**

### **Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital**

As noted above, the planning comments are designed to ensure that this projects meets basic goals of the Comprehensive Plan.

### **National Historic Preservation Act**

NCPC and NPS each have an independent responsibility to comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). NPS initiated consultation the District of Columbia State Historic Preservation Officer (DC SHPO) on October 1, 2015 and identified the Circle of Remembrance (Site A) as their preferred site. NPS determined selection of the Circle of Remembrance would have no adverse effect on historic properties and will continue consultation as the design phase of the project proceeds. The DC SHPO is currently reviewing the NPS determination on the preferred site location. NCPC will complete the requirements of Section 106 prior to the Commission's final approval of the design phase of the project.

### **National Environmental Policy Act**

NCPC and NPS will each have an independent responsibility to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA); NCPC's responsibility stems from its approval authority over the site and design of the FDR prayer plaque. With its current review and action, the Commission

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is providing comments on the alternative sites for the project. Final NEPA documentation is not required at this time and NPS and NCPC are evaluating the appropriate level of NEPA documentation for the project. Final NEPA documentation will be completed prior to the Commission's action on the final site and design of the FDR prayer plaque.

## **CONSULTATION**

### **Coordinating Committee**

The Coordinating Committee reviewed the proposal at its October 13, 2015 meeting. The Committee forwarded the proposed site selection to the Commission with the statement that the proposal has been coordinated with all participating agencies, except the District of Columbia State Historic Preservation Officer. The representative for the SHPO noted additional time is needed to review the proposal. The participating agencies were: NCPC; the District of Columbia Office of Planning; the District Department of Transportation; the District of Columbia State Historic Preservation Officer; the National Park Service; the General Services Administration and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority.

### **U.S. Commission of Fine Arts**

The U.S. Commission of Fine Arts (CFA) reviewed the project at its October 15, 2015 meeting. The CFA supported the selection of Site A, subject to the review of the plaque design. The CFA acknowledged the difficulty of selecting a site without the plaque design and anticipates reviewing the site and design together at the next submission.

### **National Capital Memorial Advisory Commission**

The National Capital Memorial Advisory Commission reviewed the project at its September 14, 2015 meeting. The NCMAC commented favorably on Site A and did not support the selection of Site C.

## **ONLINE REFERENCE**

The following supporting documents for this project are available online:

- Site Analysis of Potential Locations for Placement of the FDR D-Day Prayer.
- Section 106 Initiation Letter.
- Public Law 113-123.

Prepared by [Meghan Spigle]  
10/29/2015

**POWERPOINT (ATTACHED)**

# President Franklin D. Roosevelt Prayer Plaque World War II Memorial

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Submitted by the National Park Service

Site Selection Review

**Commission meeting date:** November 5, 2015

**NCPC review authority:** Commemorative Works Act (40 U.S.C. 8905) & Public Law 113-123

**Applicant request:** Approval of comments on site selection

**Delegated / consent / open / executive session:** Open

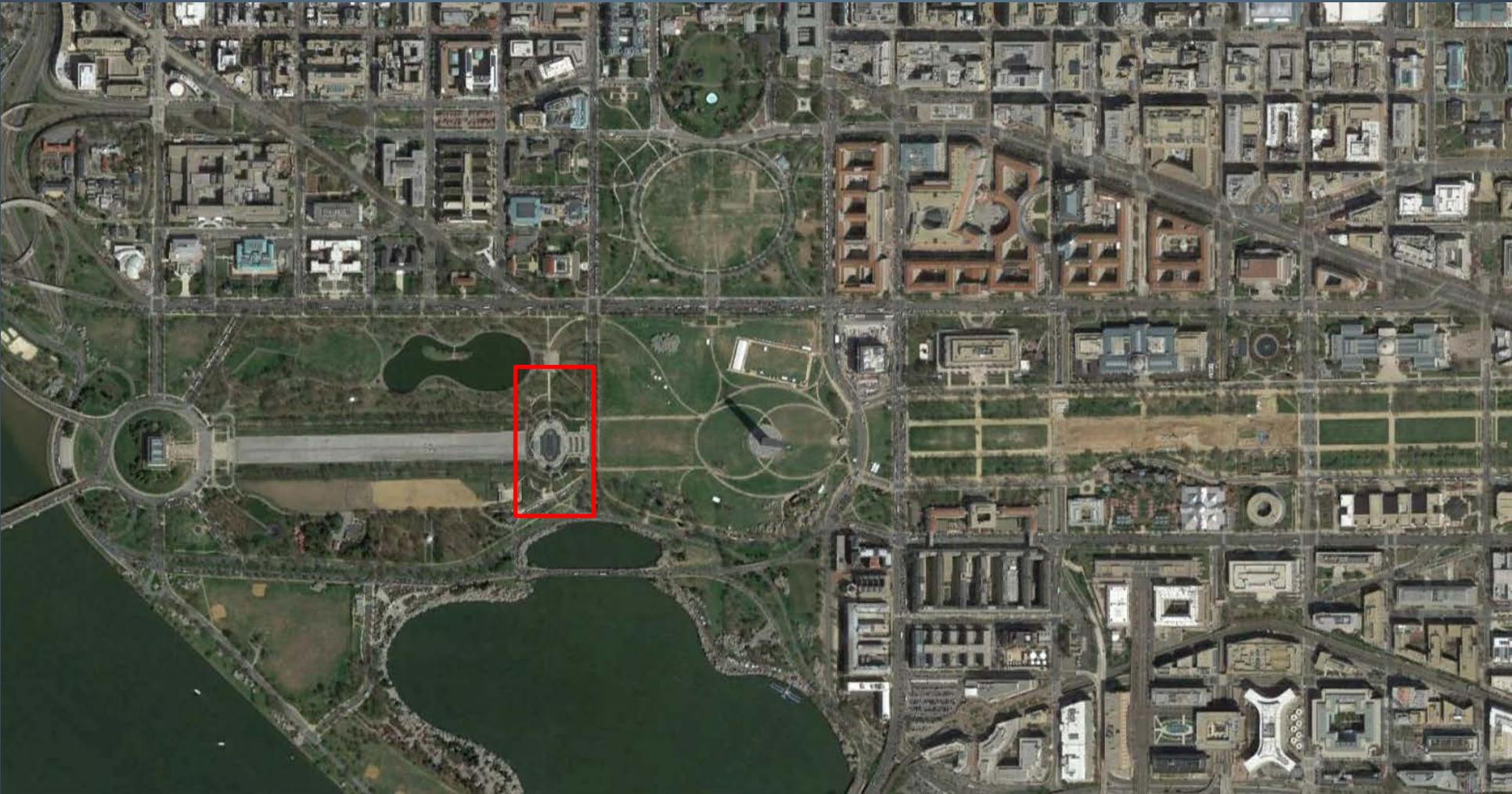
**NCPC Review Officer:** M. Spigle

**NCPC File number:** 7727

### **Project summary:**

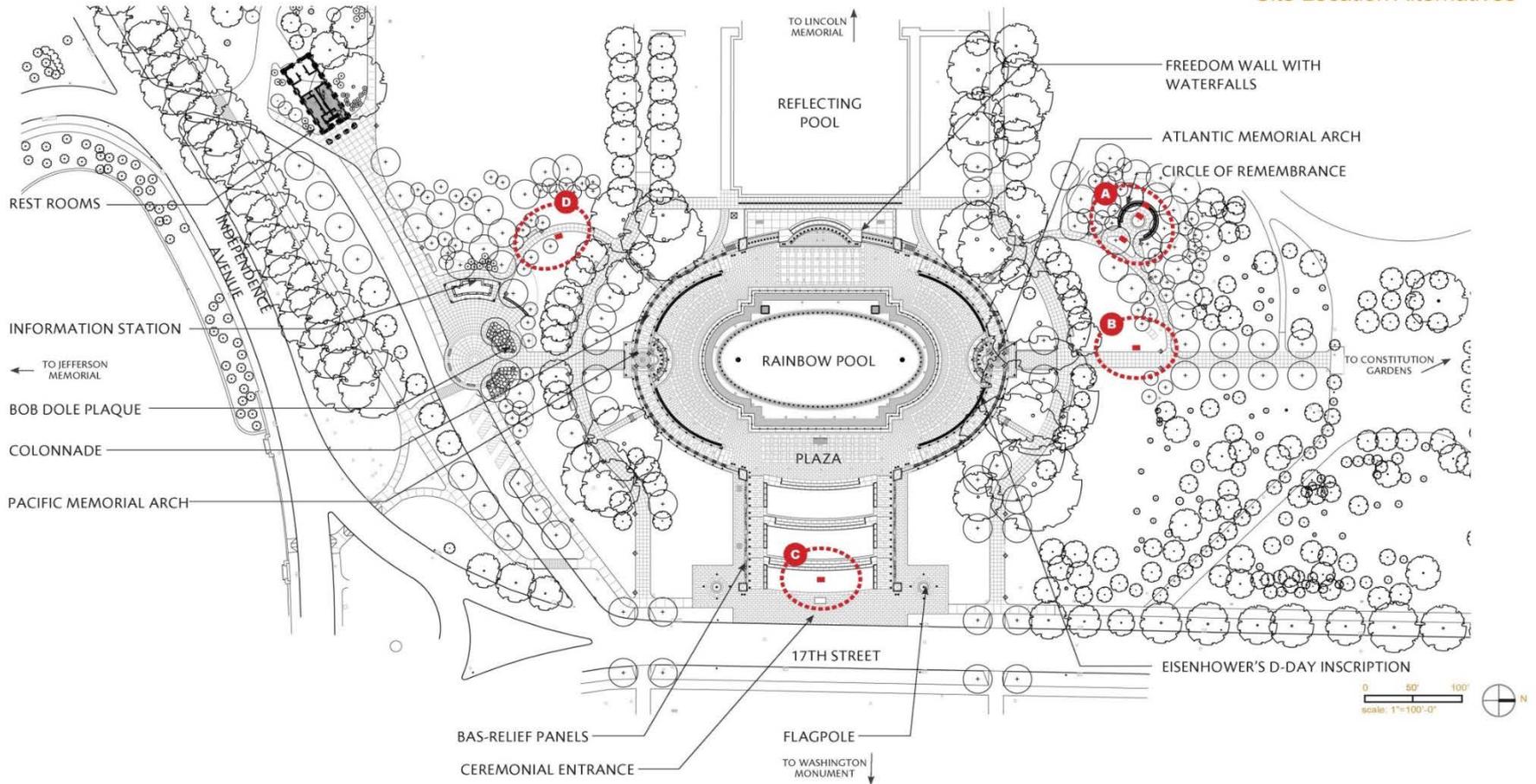
Public Law 113-123 authorized placement of a plaque or inscription in the vicinity of the World War II Memorial with the words that President Franklin D. Roosevelt prayed with the United States on D-Day, June 6, 1944. The Commemorative Works Act sets forth approval requirements related to the design and placement of the plaque. In accordance with the CWA, NCPC approves site and design for new commemorative works.

The National Park Service (Department of the Interior) on behalf of the Friends of the World War II Memorial, is submitting a site analysis including four potential sites to the National Capital Planning Commission for review and comment. The applicant's site criteria aided in the evaluation and selection a preferred site (Site A). Four potential locations for the plaque are identified within Site A. On September 14, 2015 the National Capital Memorial Advisory Commission provided comments on the site study. On October 15, 2015 the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts provided comments on the site study. These comments will be included in the record.



# Project Location: Site Location Alternatives

## Site Location Alternatives



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## Criteria for Site Selection

Nine criteria, developed in collaboration with the Friends of the National World War II Memorial and the National Park Service, aid in the selection and evaluation of potential locations for the placement of FDR's D-Day Prayer.

### *FILTERED VIEWSHEDS FROM THE NATIONAL MALL'S MONUMENTAL CORE AND FROM THE NATIONAL WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL'S PRIMARY PRECINCT*

The D-Day Prayer shall be sited with consideration for the protected viewsheds from key elements in the Monumental Core, particularly within the NCPC-designated "Reserve", such as the Lincoln Memorial, the Washington Monument, Constitution Gardens, and the Jefferson Memorial.

### *COMPATIBILITY WITH EXISTING CIRCULATION AND VISITATION PATTERNS*

The siting of the D-Day Prayer shall limit disturbance to the existing circulation patterns and shall not require additional walkways. In addition, the D-Day Prayer shall be sited in a location that can accommodate the public, in a location that is easy to find, and in a location in which it can be interpreted as a unique element of the Memorial.

### *COMPATIBILITY WITH EXISTING ELEMENTS OF THE MEMORIAL*

The siting of the D-Day Prayer shall limit disturbance to existing elements of the Memorial and its approved design.

### *EASE OF ABAAS ACCESSIBILITY*

The D-Day Prayer shall be sited to easily accommodate ABAAS (GSA's Architectural Barriers Act Accessibility Standard) accessible routes to the D-Day Prayer location.

### *SUITABILITY TO ACCOMMODATE ENTIRE D-DAY PRAYER*

The D-Day Prayer shall be sited in an area that can accommodate the entire length of the D-Day Prayer.

### *PROXIMITY TO THE ATLANTIC ARCH AND EISENHOWER'S D-DAY INSCRIPTION*

The D-Day Prayer shall be sited with consideration for the existing locations of both

### *DISTURBANCE TO ROOTS OF EXISTING MATURE TREES*

The D-Day Prayer shall be sited to limit disturbance to the roots of existing mature trees, with particular consideration for the existing double row of elms flanking the Memorial.

### *VEGETATIVE SCREENING*

The D-Day Prayer shall be sited with consideration for existing mature vegetation that can provide a sense of comfortable enclosure and filter viewsheds to the bustling primary Memorial precinct.

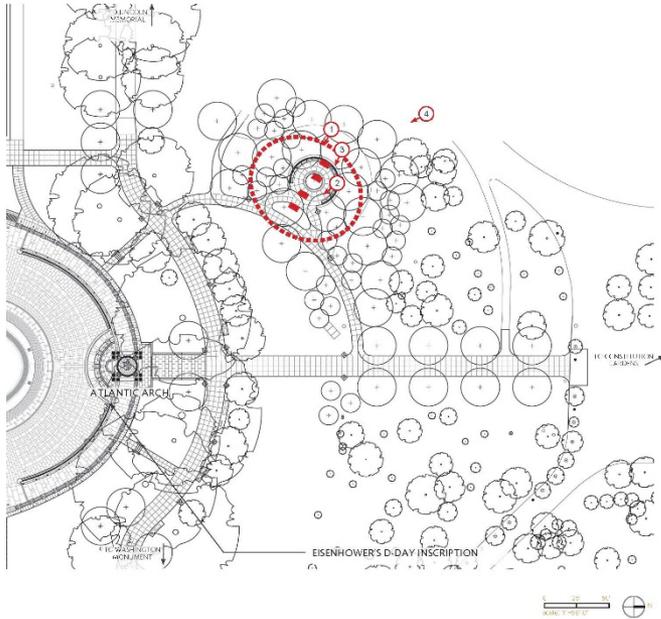
### *EASE OF LONG-TERM MAINTENANCE*

The D-Day Prayer shall be designed and sited with consideration for long-term maintenance. The NPS has requested that the D-Day Prayer be inscribed in bronze rather than stone for ease of maintenance. Also, the D-Day Prayer shall be sited in a location where it can be elevated (and not flat on the ground) for ease of maintenance.

### *CONTEMPLATIVE CHARACTER*

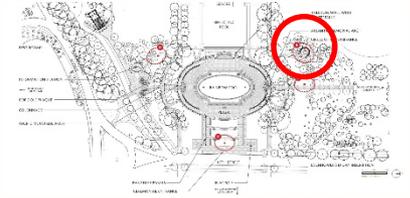
The D-Day Prayer shall be sited to allow contemplation and reflection. Because the central Memorial precinct has a high volume of pedestrian traffic, siting the D-Day Prayer apart from the central precinct will offer greater opportunity for peaceful and prayerful reflection.

**Site Location Alternative A:  
Circle of Remembrance**



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1 Circle of Remembrance



2 Filtered View during Spring



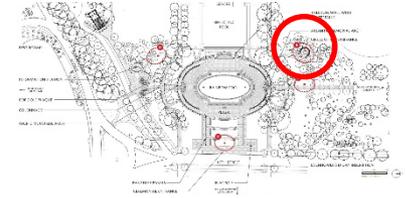
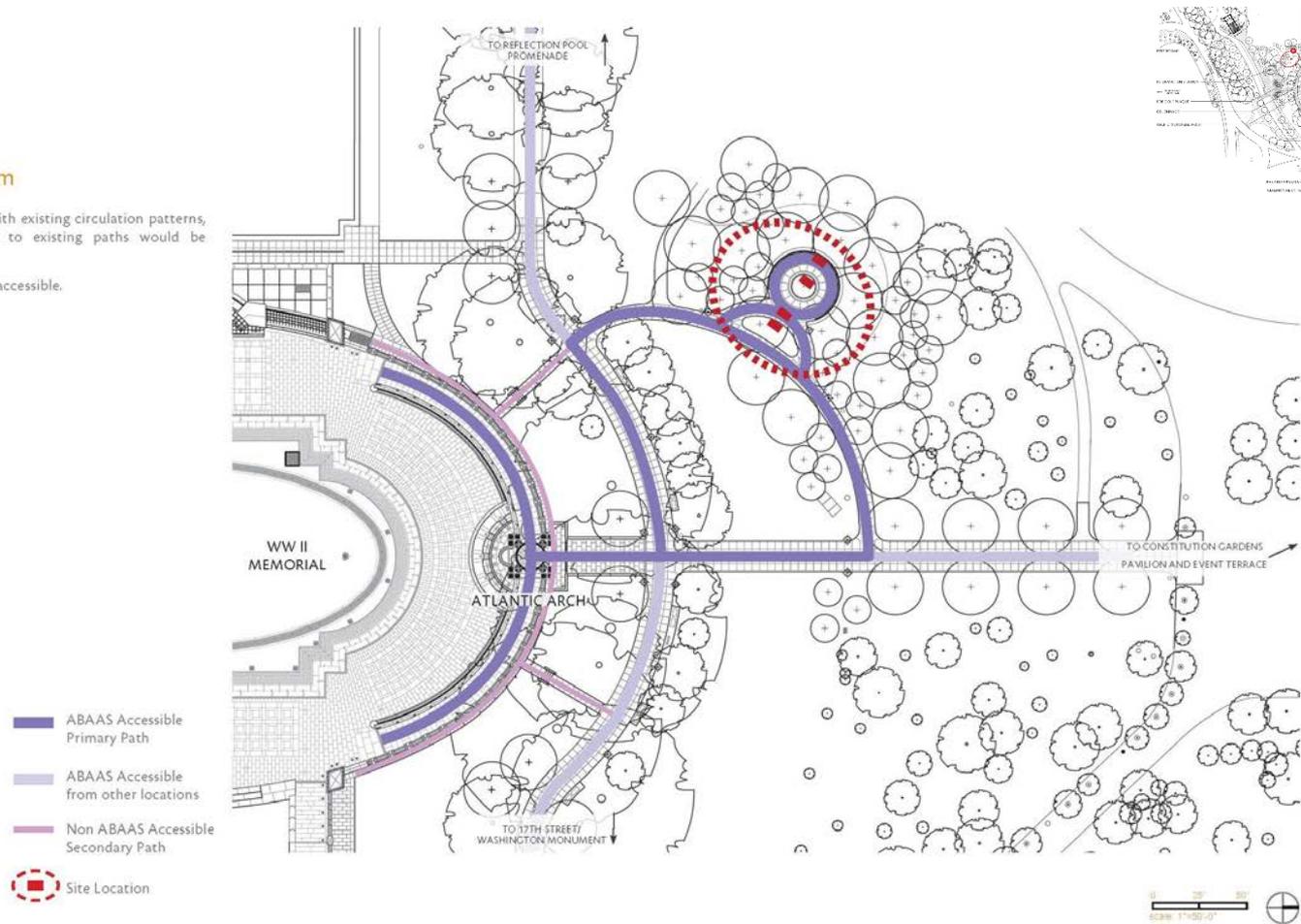
3 Vegetation and Visual Connection to Atlantic Front

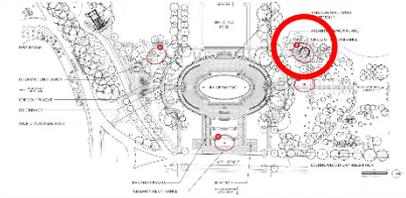


4 View from Constitution Gardens

## Circulation Diagram

- The site is compatible with existing circulation patterns, and little modification to existing paths would be necessary.
- The site is easily ABAAS accessible.





## Potential Locations for the D-Day Prayer within the Circle of Remembrance



1 Potential Location Option One



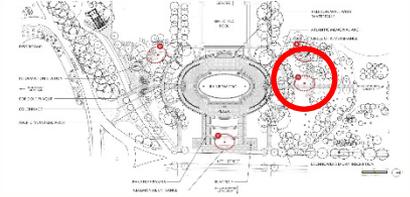
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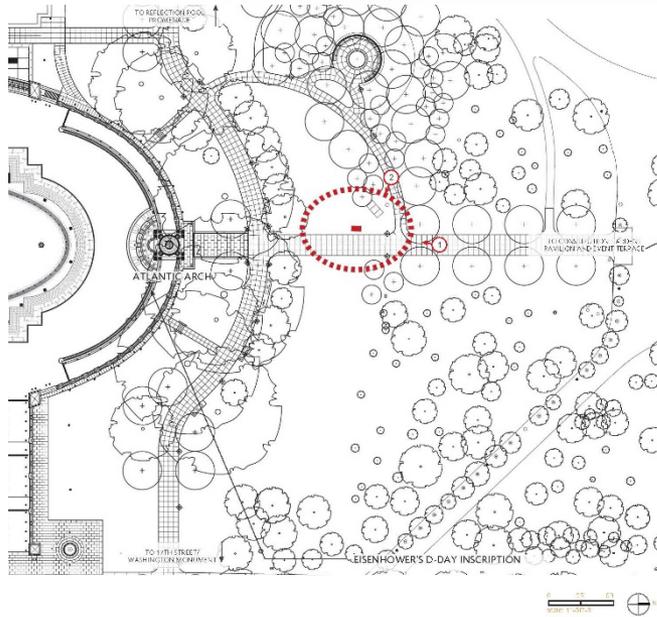
3 Potential Location Option Three



4 Potential Location Option Four



**Alternative B:  
Path Edge Northeast of the  
Atlantic Memorial Arch**



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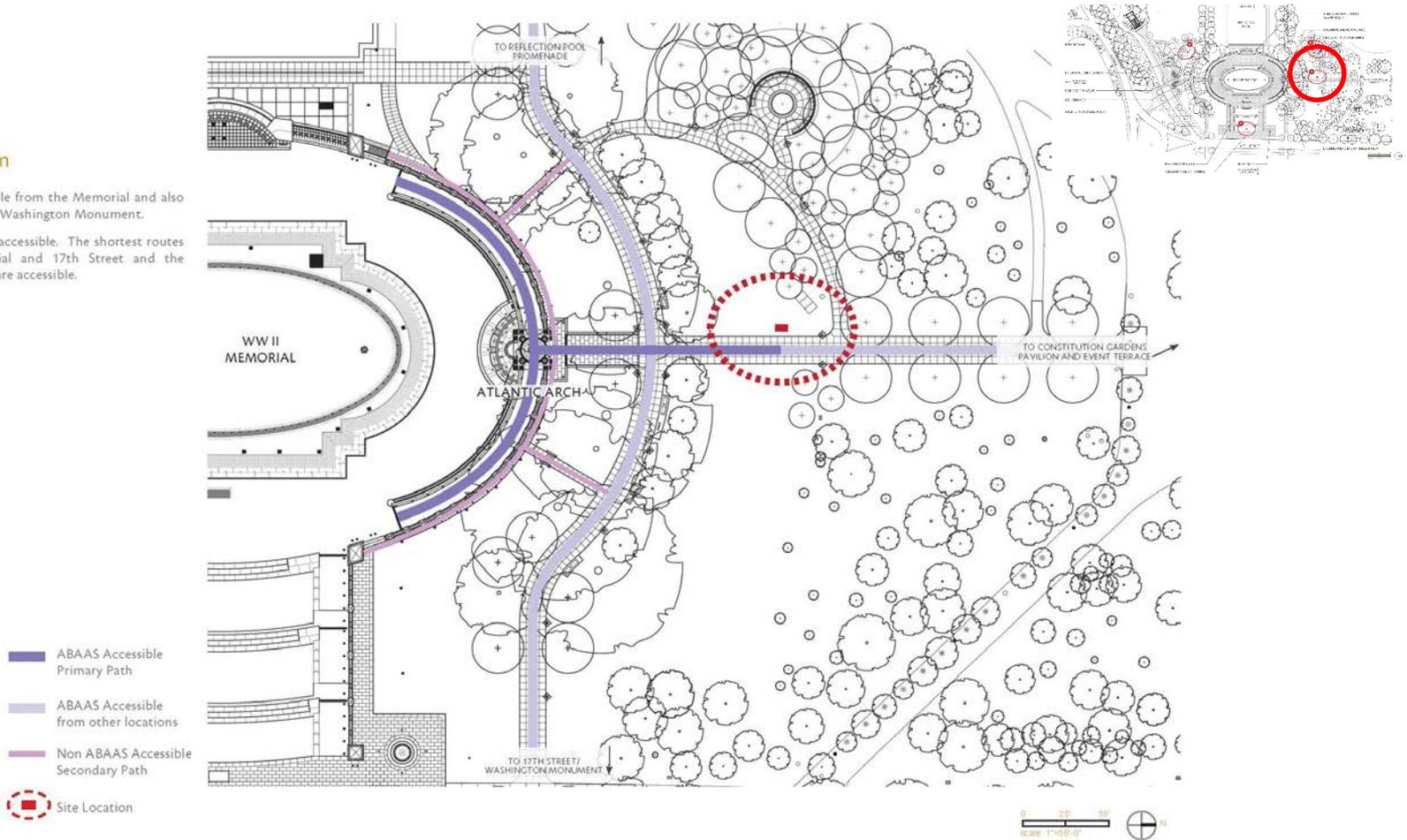
1 View to the Site towards Atlantic Front



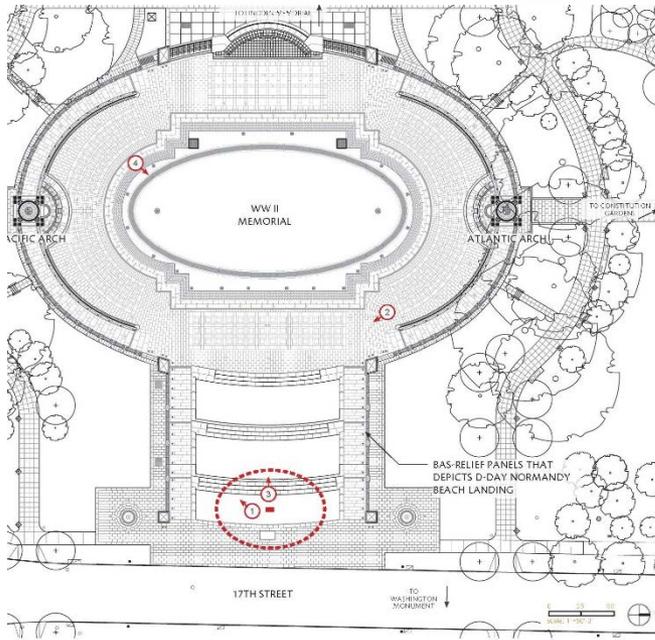
2 View to the Site towards the Washington Monument

## Circulation Diagram

- The site is easily accessible from the Memorial and also from 17th Street and the Washington Monument.
- The site is easily ABAAS accessible. The shortest routes from both the Memorial and 17th Street and the Washington Monument are accessible.



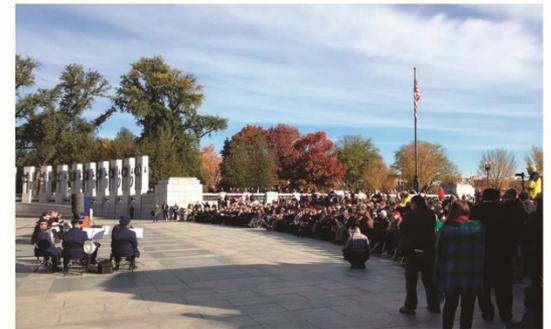
## Site Alternative C: Ceremonial Entrance



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1 View towards Pacific Front



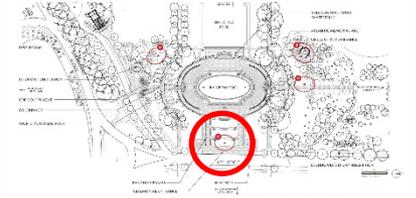
2 Public music performance



3 View towards Lincoln Memorial

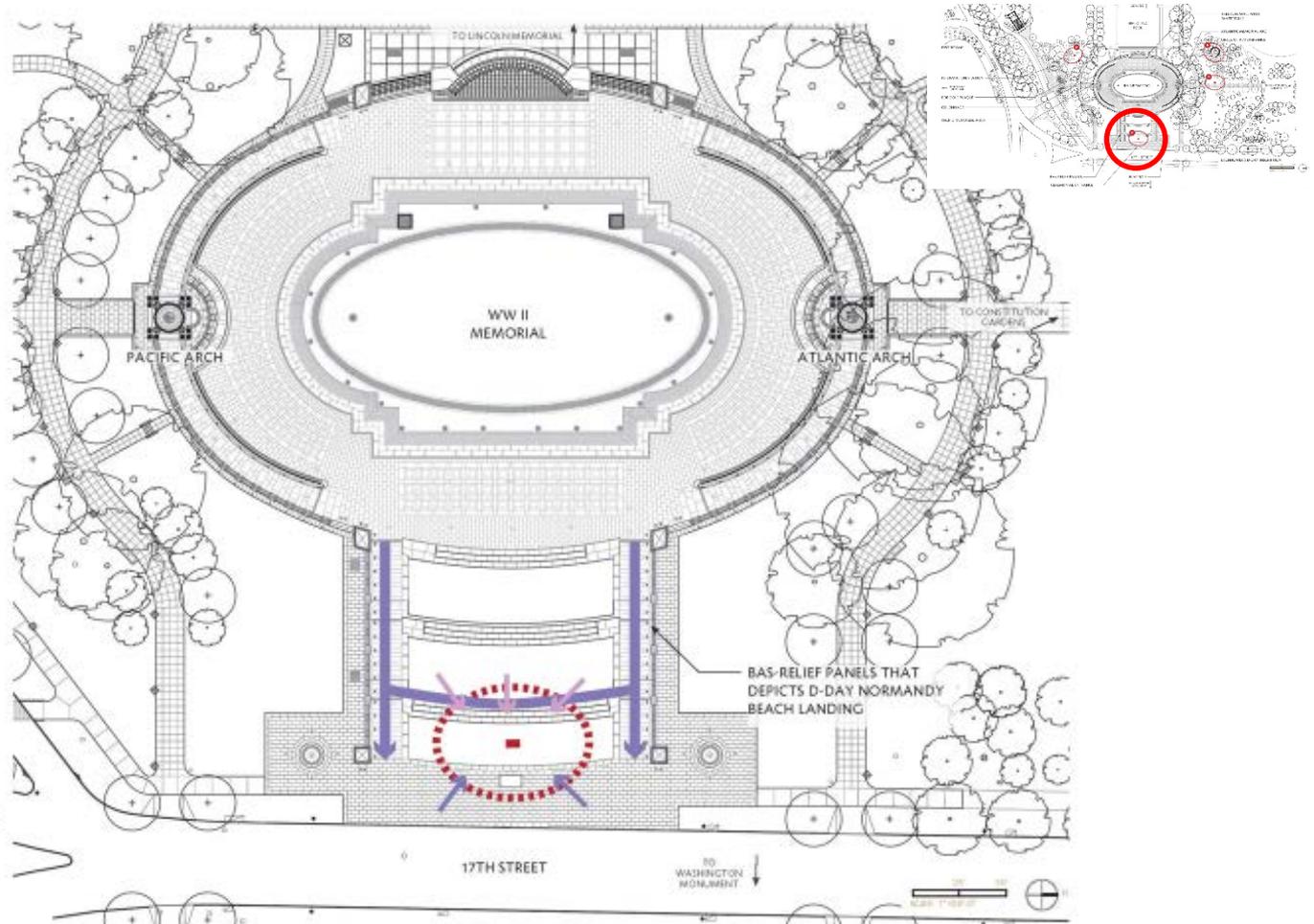


4 View to the Ceremonial Entrance during an event

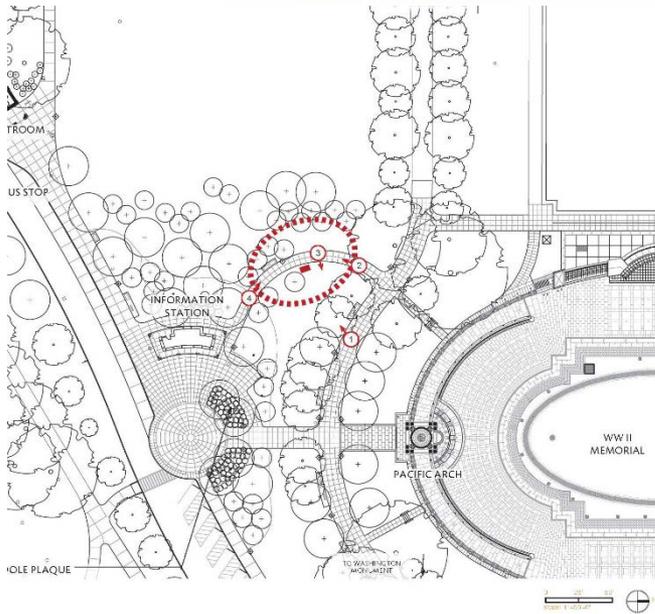


## Circulation Diagram

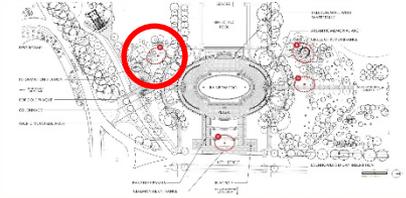
- Since the site is the ceremonial entrance to the Memorial, it is easily accessible, particularly from 17th Street. However, it is located in a heavily trafficked area.
- During ceremonies and concerts, the prayer will be difficult to access due to its central placement within this ceremonial plaza that accommodates 2,000 seated and 4,000 standing.
- The site is not ABAAS code accessible because of its location on the grass panel. Two ramps, one on either side of the lawn panels, provide ABAAS accessible routes to the site.



Site Alternative D:  
Path Edge Northwest of the  
Information Station



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1 View from Pacific Gate towards Site



2 Existing Bench, Light Pole and Path



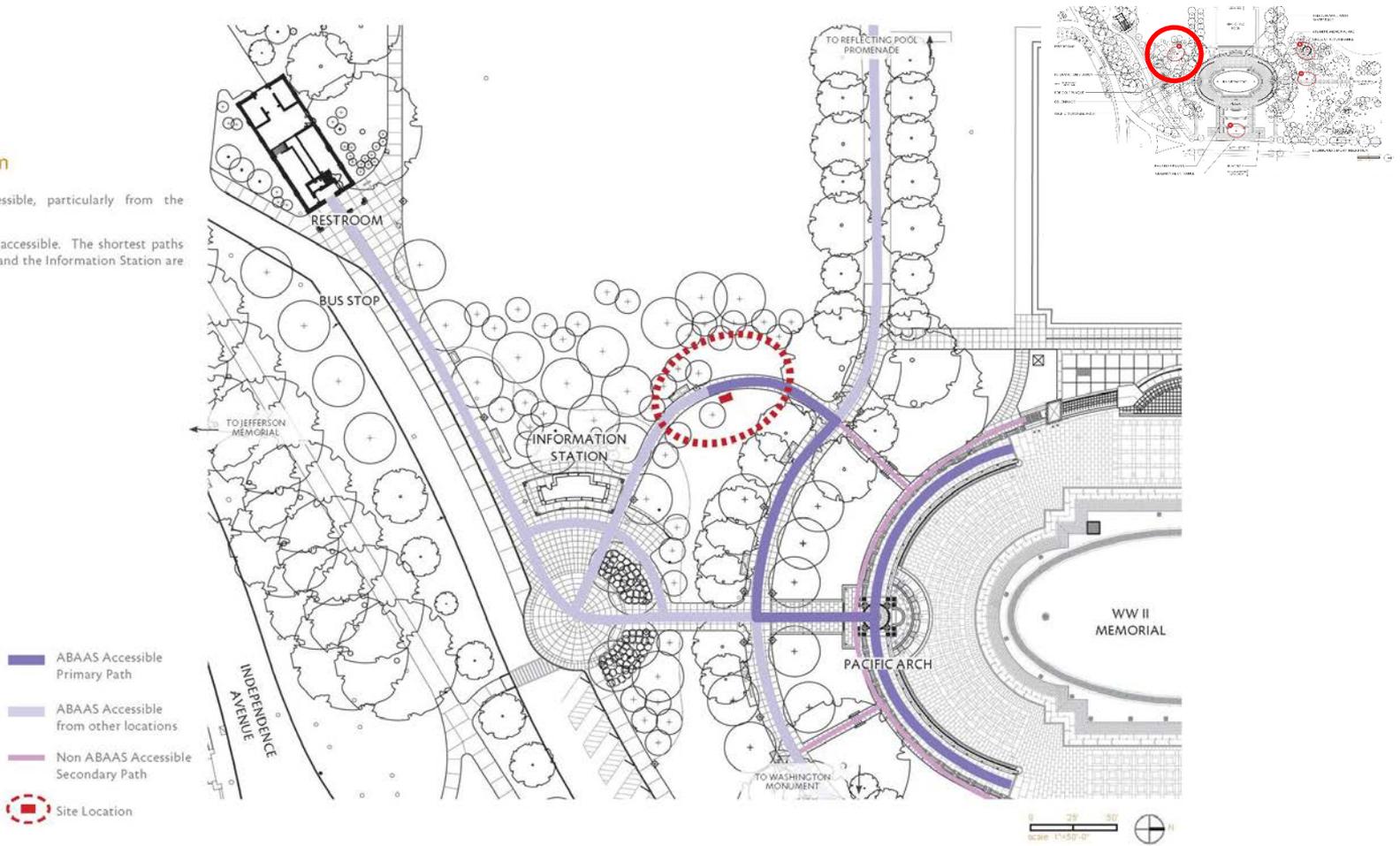
3 View towards Pacific Front and Washington Monument



4 Existing Bench, Light Pole and Path

## Circulation Diagram

- The site is easily accessible, particularly from the Information Station.
- The site is easily ABAAS accessible. The shortest paths from both the Memorial and the Information Station are accessible.



## Site Selection Matrix: CWA Guidance

	Surroundings relevant to the subject of the work	Does not encroach on existing commemorative work	Protects open space	Protects existing use	Protects cultural and natural resources
Site A	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Site B	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Site C	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Site D	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

## Site Selection Matrix: Applicant Criteria

	Filtered Viewsheds from the Monumental Core & WWII Memorial	Compatibility with existing circulation	Compatibility with existing memorial	Ease of ABAAS accessibility	Accommodate entire D-Day Prayer	Proximity to Atlantic Arch & Eisenhower's D-Day inscription	Limited disturbance to roots of existing mature trees	Vegetative screening to provide sense of enclosure	Ease of long-term maintenance	Contemplative character and opportunity for peaceful reflection
Site A										
Site B										
Site C										
Site D										