



## Information Presentation

Commission Meeting: September 7, 2017

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**South Mall Campus Master Plan**  
National Mall  
Washington, DC

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The Smithsonian Institution (SI) will provide an information presentation on the South Mall Campus Master Plan, including a project overview and a description of the alternatives under consideration. The purpose of a proposed South Mall Campus Master Plan is to guide future short-term and long-term renovation and development of a 17-acre area known as the South Campus, which includes the Smithsonian Institution Building (the Castle), the Quadrangle Complex (the Ripley Center, the Arthur M. Sackler Gallery, the National Museum of African Art, and the Enid A. Haupt Garden), the Freer Gallery of Art, the Arts and Industries Building, the Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, the Kathrine Dulin Folger Rose Garden and the Mary Livingston Ripley Garden. The Smithsonian proposes the Master Plan to meet the its long-term space requirements and to address physical and operational deficiencies across the campus that impact visitor use and experience as well as the Smithsonian's ability to effectively and safely implement its programs.

The Master Plan includes goals to revitalize and seismically upgrade the Castle; repair and replace building systems; improve accessibility; improve circulation and museum visibility throughout the campus; centralize visitor services; provide new education, museum and event space; create a new central utility plant and related infrastructure; expand loading and delivery facilities; and update security measures.

NCPC has approval authority over the individual projects included in the master plan and therefore NCPC will be the lead federal agency for compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). In accordance with the Environmental Policies and Procedures adopted by the Commission, NCPC is working with SI to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to evaluate the potential environmental impacts resulting from implementation of the Master Plan. NCPC acts as lead federal agency for NEPA compliance and SI is the project owner. SI works with federal agencies on NEPA compliance when, as here, an SI project requires federal agency approval.

SI last provided an information presentation in April 2016. Since that time, several new alternatives have been developed and evaluated. Additional determinations have also been made regarding the historic resources within campus area. SI expects to advance the EIS this fall, with Commission reviews of the master plan and alternatives in the near future.

## PROJECT TIMELINE

<b>Previous actions</b>	April 7, 2016 – Information Presentation
<b>Remaining actions</b> (anticipated)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Comments on Concept Plans</li><li>– Comments on Draft Master Plan</li><li>– Approval of Final Master Plan</li></ul>

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