



Commission Action

July 11, 2019

PROJECT United States Air Force Memorial Lighting Replacement 1 Air Force Memorial Drive Arlington, Virginia	NCPC FILE NUMBER 8085
SUBMITTED BY United States Department of Defense Department of the Air Force	NCPC MAP FILE NUMBER 1.61(73.10)44952
REVIEW AUTHORITY Advisory per 40 U.S.C. § 8722(b)(1)	APPLICANT'S REQUEST Approval of preliminary site development plans
	ACTION TAKEN Approved preliminary site development plans with comments

The Commission:

Approves the preliminary site development plans to replace 174 existing lighting fixtures at the United States Air Force Memorial located in Arlington County, Virginia to address deficiencies in their function, installation and operation.

Notes the memorial is located in Arlington County and sites on a hillside at an elevation of 130 feet above sea level. With spires 201 to 270 feet in height, the memorial is visible during the daytime and nighttime from multiple, long-range vantage points, including from Washington, DC.

Notes that the Air Force Memorial has been included as a Tier 2 site, within the draft Lighting Policy and Framework that NCPC has developing in consultation with other agencies, defining it as a structure that should be visually less prominent than Tier 1 sites, which include the Washington Monument and the U.S. Capitol.

Recommends that the Department of the Air Force coordinate with NCPC, the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts, the Federal Aviation Administration and others to determine the appropriate lighting levels for the memorial after the replacement lighting is installed to ensure it fits within the overall lighting hierarchy established for the Monumental Core while meeting the safety requirement for aviation.

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