



Commission Action

June 6, 2019

PROJECT National Native American Veterans Memorial National Museum of the American Indian 4th Street and Independence Avenue, SW Washington, DC	NCPC FILE NUMBER 8018
SUBMITTED BY Smithsonian Institution	NCPC MAP FILE NUMBER 1.41(38.00)44926
REVIEW AUTHORITY Pub. L. No. 103-384, §3 (c)(2), 108 Stat. 4067, 4068 (October 22, 1994), as amended and 40 U.S.C. § 8722(b)(1) and (d)	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 for the proposed National Native American Veterans Memorial located on the grounds of the National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI) at 4th Street and Independence Avenue, SW Washington, DC.

Notes that the memorial will be served by two existing accessible routes, one from the northwest corner of the site at the intersection of Jefferson Drive and 4th Street, which is approximately 500 feet away from the memorial, and the other near the southeast corner of the site along Maryland Avenue, which is approximately 250 feet away. These also serve as the two main entryways to the museum.

Recommends that the applicant consider the following changes to improve the visitor experience and the environment:

- Simplify the railing design to minimize visual impacts and its heavy composition, and avoid competing with the memorial elements, landscape, and the museum's architecture.
- Protect and restore the wetland's edge biodiversity to enhance the site's ecological quality, scenic character, and prevent erosion.

Requests the applicant provide the following information as part of the submission for final review:

- A lighting plan and night views consistent with the overall lighting design for the National Museum of the American Indian that minimize light pollution and respect the hierarchy of memorials, monuments, and important civic buildings and spaces in the nation's capital, with the U.S. Capitol the most prominent feature in the nighttime skyline.
- A landscape plan that includes tree replacement to prevent net loss of tree canopy in accordance with the procedures established in the policies related to Tree Canopy and Vegetation in the Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital.

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- A stormwater management plan, prepared in accordance with the Commission submission guidelines, that addresses compliance with the District Department of Energy and Environment (DOEE) and Section 438 of the Energy Independence and Security Act (EISA) regulations.

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