



Information Presentation

Commission Meeting: October 3, 2019

PROJECT Arlington National Cemetery Southern Expansion Arlington National Cemetery Arlington, Virginia	NCPC FILE NUMBER 8009
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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in conjunction with the Arlington National Cemetery (ANC) is proposing an expansion of the cemetery to provide additional burial capacity to meet future demand. This expansion site is a 70-acre parcel bordered on the south by Interstate 395, on the east by Route 27 and on the west by the Foxcroft Heights neighborhood in Arlington County, Virginia. The existing 624-acre cemetery property is located to the north across Southgate Road. ANC staff have stated that the expansion is necessary because the space for first interments is expected to reach maximum capacity by the early 2040s. Currently the ANC receives an average of 27-30 burials each day, and over 7,000 annually.

This is the second of two expansion projects that the Commission has recently reviewed at the cemetery. The first was the ANC Millennium Project, a 27-acre site, which the Commission approved in 2013 and included approximately 22,000 new burial sites. It was completed and opened in 2018.

The current project, referred to as the ANC Southern Expansion Project, is a 70-acre site located south of the main cemetery and was the former home of the Navy Annex building, which was demolished in 2012-13. The main goal of this project is to establish as large a contiguous parcel of land as possible for greater interment capacity by closing, relocating, and realigning local roadways. In addition, the project creates an opportunity to increase multimodal capacity and upgrade safety and capacity levels on this portion of Columbia Pike. The project requires land acquisition, jurisdictional transfers, and roadway realignments, which have all been initiated by the ANC. The project will result in an increase in burial capacity for approximately 40,000 – 60,000 first interments. First interment/inurnment refers to the first member of the family laid to rest at a burial space, which could be the veteran or his or her spouse/dependent. The cemetery permits multiple interments at the same burial space or niche for family members in addition to the veteran. Along with additional interment space, the project will include relocated maintenance grounds and buildings, new circulation roads, a below grade connection under Columbia Pike for maintenance vehicles, and a new boundary fence. Since this project will also surround the existing U.S. Air Force Memorial, the U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force, who have jurisdiction of the memorial, have developed an agreement to permit the integration of the memorial with the new cemetery grounds.

The Army Corps has developed an Environmental Assessment (EA), which is out for public comment and closes at the end of September 2019, to assess the impacts of this project. Staff's comments on the EA are attached. The expansion project will likely be submitted for concept review to the Commission in late 2019 or early 2020.

PROJECT TIMELINE

Previous actions	July 2015 – Arlington National Cemetery – Final Master Plan (2016)
Remaining actions (anticipated)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Review of concept site and building plans.– Review of preliminary site and building plans– Review of final site and building plans





**ANC Millennium
Expansion Site**

Joint Base
Myer
Henderson
Hall

Arlington
National
Cemetery

Memorial Avenue

Potomac River

Pentagon

**ANC Southern
Expansion Site**



Columbia Pike

Pentagon City

Arlington National Cemetery

Joint Base Myer
Henderson Hall

Foxcroft Heights
Neighborhood

Columbia Pike (AC govt)

VDOT
Property
(Salt Dome)

Southgate Road (AC govt)

US Air
Force
Memorial

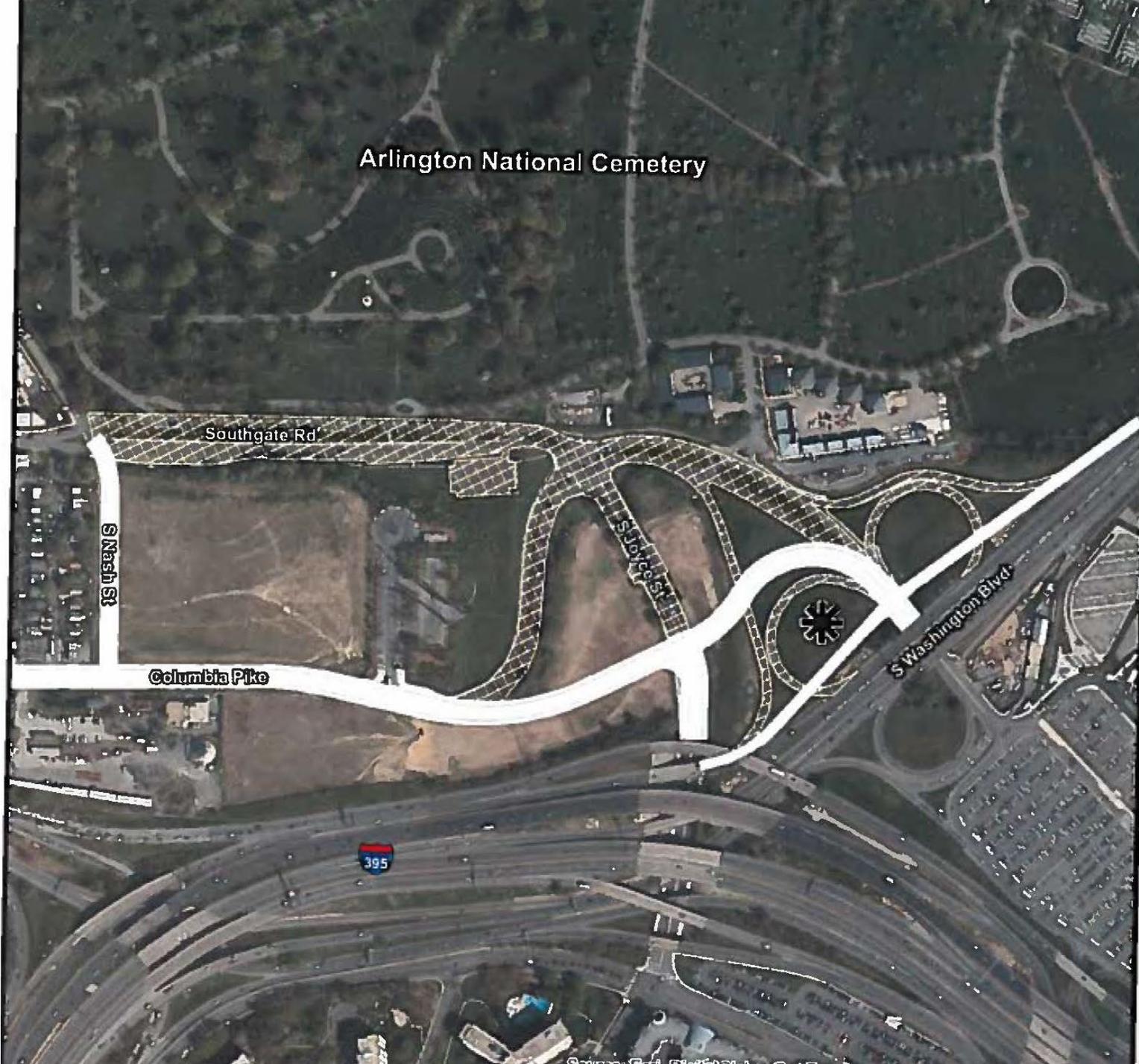
VDOT
(R.O.W.)

Pentagon
9/11 Memorial

Shirley Highway



Pentagon City



Proposed Roadway Alignment

LEGEND

-  Proposed Roadway Alignment
-  Proposed Roadway Demolition
-  PMVEC
Future 9/11 Pentagon
Visitor Education Center

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Environmental Assessment





Figure 2-15
Action Alternative 1
Relocate Operations Complex
(Preferred Alternative)

LEGEND

-  Proposed New Interment Area
-  Proposed Parking
-  Relocated Operations Complex
-  Proposed Tunnel
-  Future Visitor Education Center (by others)
-  Proposed Roadway Alignment
-  Air Force Memorial (Monument to Remain)
-  Air Force Memorial Integrated Enhancement Area

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Southern Expansion

Environmental Assessment



Source: Esri, DigitalGlobe, GeoEye, IGN, CNES/Airbus DS, USDA, AeroGRID, IGN, Esri, Community

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