



Information Presentation

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East Wing Modernization Project	8733
White House	
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PROJECT SUMMARY

Background and Overview

The applicant will provide an information presentation and overview of the proposed White House East Wing Modernization Project to be located between the Executive Mansion and the Treasury Building. The purpose of the project is to establish a permanent, secure event space within the White House grounds that provides increased capacity for official state functions, eliminates reliance on temporary tents, temporary support facilities, and associated infrastructure strains, and protects the historic integrity and cultural landscape of the White House and its grounds while maintaining a high-quality visitor experience, consistent with essential functional requirements of the Executive Residence at the White House.

The Comprehensive Design Plan for the White House and President's Park (2000) identified the need for expanded event space to address growing visitor demand and provide a venue suitable for significant events. Successive administrations have recognized this need as an ongoing priority. To meet this need, the Executive Residence at the White House, part of the Executive Office of the President, outlined three functional goals for any permanent event space: (1) immediate adjacency to the White House Executive Mansion, (2) a direct ceremonial procession from the East Room into the venue, and (3) enclosed second-story access from the Executive Mansion.

NCPC Review

The project is located on federal land within the District of Columbia. The National Capital Planning Act requires Commission approval for all federal public buildings and open space around such buildings within the District of Columbia. NCPC has reviewed several other projects at the White House, most recently the White House fence in 2016/2017 and the Tennis Pavilion in 2019.

NCPC uses guidance from the federal elements of the *Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital* in its review of projects, including policies related to Urban Design, Parks and Open Space, and Visitor Experience, among others. The Commission takes a holistic approach when applying the Comprehensive Plan policies in the context of the project's needs and objectives. One of the primary areas of interest for review of this project is how the public will see and experience the modernization project from surrounding public spaces, most notably from Pennsylvania Avenue to the north of the campus and E Street, NW to the south. The public experience extends to several aspects of the proposed project, which will be helpful to understand as the design advances, including:

- How the pedestrian-level views from the north and south may/may not change from current conditions;
- How the connector/colonnade between the Executive Mansion and new East Wing will be designed;
- How the landscape will be designed, restored, and/or improved; and
- How perimeter security and associated infrastructure might be enhanced and beautified for the public and guests to the White House and grounds.

As the design proceeds, NCPC staff will work with the applicant to understand these components as well as any other comments raised by the Commission.

PROJECT TIMELINE

Previous actions	- None
Remaining actions (anticipated)	- Commission review of East Wing Modernization Project

ATTACHED:

- President's Park map

President's Park and Vicinity



Source: NPS, <https://www.nps.gov/whho/planyourvisit/maps.htm>