



United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

George Washington Memorial Parkway
700 George Washington Memorial Parkway
McLean, Virginia 22101

June 3, 2025

VIA EMAIL: NO HARD COPY TO FOLLOW

SUBJECT: *Section 106 Assessment of Effects for the Clara Barton Parkway Cantilever and Glen Echo Overpass Project, Montgomery County, Maryland*

Dear Consulting Parties:

The National Park Service (NPS) is continuing to develop plans for the proposed project to rehabilitate or replace the cantilever structure and adjacent retaining walls on Clara Barton Parkway, Montgomery County, Maryland. In addition, the NPS is proposing demolition of an associated feature, the Glen Echo Overpass.

The NPS initiated consultation with Maryland Historical Trust (MHT) pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act in a letter sent on December 18, 2024. The letter described the project, defined a draft Area of Potential Effects (APE), and identified known historic properties within the APE. MHT acknowledged receipt of the initiation letter on January 14, 2025, and concurred with the APE and the list of historic properties within the APE.

Since initiating consultation, NPS has identified the Preferred Alternative, which serves as the undertaking for the purpose of the Section 106 compliance process. The undertaking involves the replacement of the cantilever structure and retaining walls, as well as demolition of the Glen Echo Overpass. The Assessment of Effects (AOE) Report, which is available to view and download on the NPS Planning, Environment, and Public Comment (PEPC) website - [ParkPlanning - Clara Barton Parkway Cantilever Project](#) - assesses the undertaking's potential effects on historic properties. This letter serves to inform you that in the application of the criteria of adverse effect, per 36 CFR 800.5(a), the NPS finds that the undertaking shall result in an **Adverse Effect** to historic properties, as the cantilever structure and Glen Echo Overpass are contributing features for the Clara Barton Parkway (MIHP M:35-61), which is considered eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places for its national significance under criteria (C) landscape architecture and (B) commemoration of Clara Barton.

Per 36 CFR 800.6, the NPS will continue consultation to resolve the adverse effect, to be documented in a Memorandum of Agreement. The AOE report includes some suggested mitigation measures for consideration, but the NPS will seek input from consulting parties and the public via the Section 106 and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance processes. At this time, we are requesting your concurrence on the effect finding and also welcome comments on the AOE Report. Please respond within 30 days of receipt of this letter.

A consulting parties meeting has been scheduled during the 30-day review period to discuss the project and the AOE report. You will soon receive an invitation to attend this virtual meeting, which will take place on June 16, 2025, at 2:00-3:30 p.m.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at **gwmp_superintendent@nps.gov** and copy Cultural Resources Program Manager Megan Bailey (**megan_bailey@nps.gov**). We appreciate your continued involvement in the Clara Barton Parkway Cantilever and Glen Echo Overpass Project.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Madello
Superintendent
George Washington Memorial Parkway

The Maryland Historical Trust *concurs* with the George Washington Memorial Parkway that the proposed project to replace the cantilever structure and adjacent retaining walls on Clara Barton Parkway and demolish the Glen Echo Overpass within the George Washington Memorial Parkway, Montgomery County, Maryland, will have an adverse effect on historic properties.

Signature:  Date: 7/01/2025

The Maryland Historical Trust *does not concur* with the George Washington Memorial Parkway that the proposed project to replace the cantilever structure and adjacent retaining walls on Clara Barton Parkway and demolish the Glen Echo Overpass within the George Washington Memorial Parkway, Montgomery County, Maryland, will have an adverse effect on historic properties.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Comments: