

White House Visitor Screening Facility

472 15th Street, NW, Washington, DC

Approval of Preliminary Site and Building Plans

Executive Office of the President

Project Summary

Commission Meeting Date: September 3, 2026

NCPC Review Authority: 40 U.S.C. § 8722(b)(1) and (d)

Applicant Request: Approval of Preliminary Site and Building Plans

Session: Staff Presentation

NCPC Review Officer: Lee Webb

NCPC File Number: 8763

Project Summary:

The Executive Office of the President in conjunction with the United States Secret Service (USSS) and with the National Park Service (NPS), and the United States Department of the Interior (DOI) proposes constructing a permanent security screening facility for visitors to the White House for tours and events. The facility will be located underneath Sherman Park, which is located Southeast of the White House. The Commission provided comments on a concept design for the project at its April 2, 2026, meeting. Since the concept review, the location of the entrance pavilion has been shifted to the west side of Sherman Park, while the underground component remains in the west quadrant as well. The exit structure remains located on East Executive Avenue. The applicant is now seeking a preliminary review of site and building plans.

With the revised design, visitors will now enter the facility through an above ground pavilion located in the western quadrant of the park, aligned with the existing statue of General Sherman. Queuing will begin along a new pathway extending from the monument to the new entrance pavilion, where visitors will undergo an initial id check before proceeding into the facility. Visitors will then proceed through the lobby and down into the lower level.

The below grade facility is approximately 33,000 square feet. The depth of the building accounts for a 12 foot clear floor to underside of structure, 2 feet allocation for concrete structure, and a minimum of 3 feet ground cover above.

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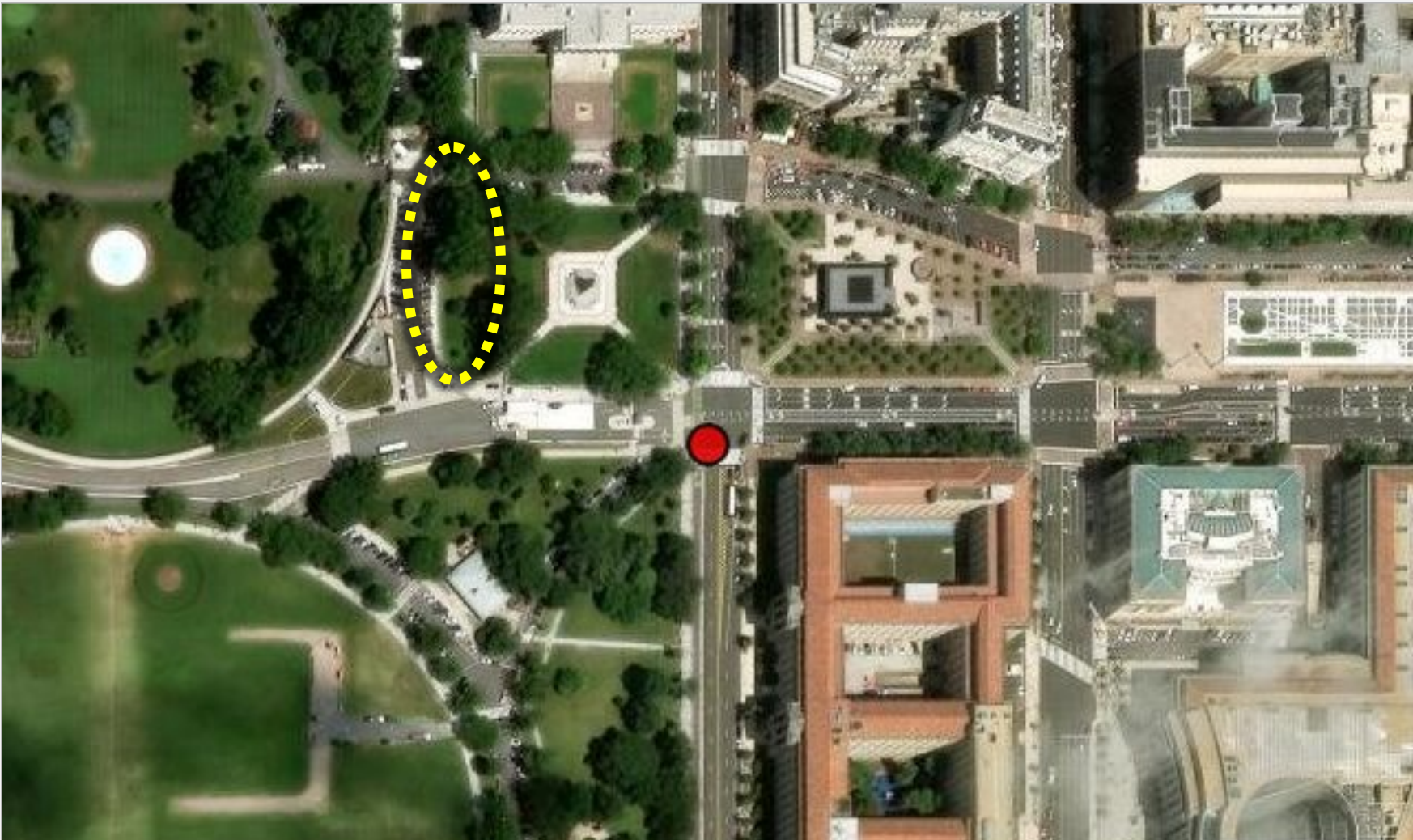
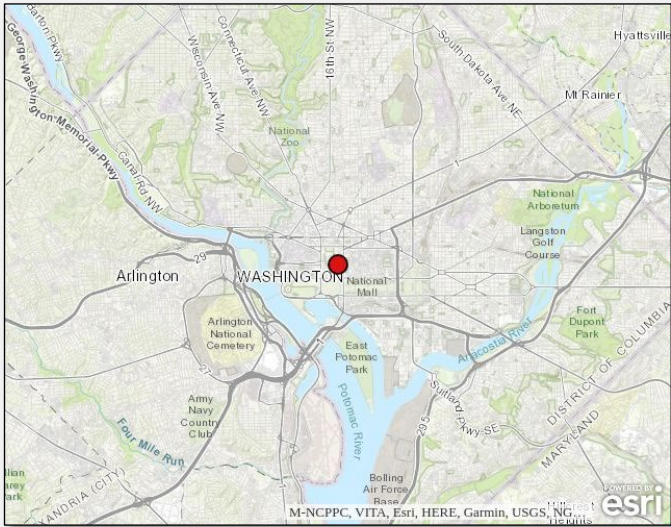
Upon successfully clearing primary screening, visitors proceed to the escalators that return them to grade level north of the secure fence line along East Executive Avenue. A stairwell located at the southwest corner of the park, immediately adjacent to the south gate of East Executive Avenue, will function as a badged access point for USSS and facility personnel, as well as an emergency egress from the below-grade building.

Landscape restoration, including new tree plantings, will be provided within all impacted zones to reinstate and enhance the park's character.

Since 2005 USSS has utilized temporary trailers on East Executive Avenue for security screening of White House tours and event guests.

The applicant has been hosting Section 106 Consultation meetings and intends to execute a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to codify agreed-upon mitigation measures to resolve adverse effects related to the project.

Site Location



Location Map

Project Overview

1. PROJECT OVERVIEW

1.1 AGENCIES AND PROJECT SUMMARY

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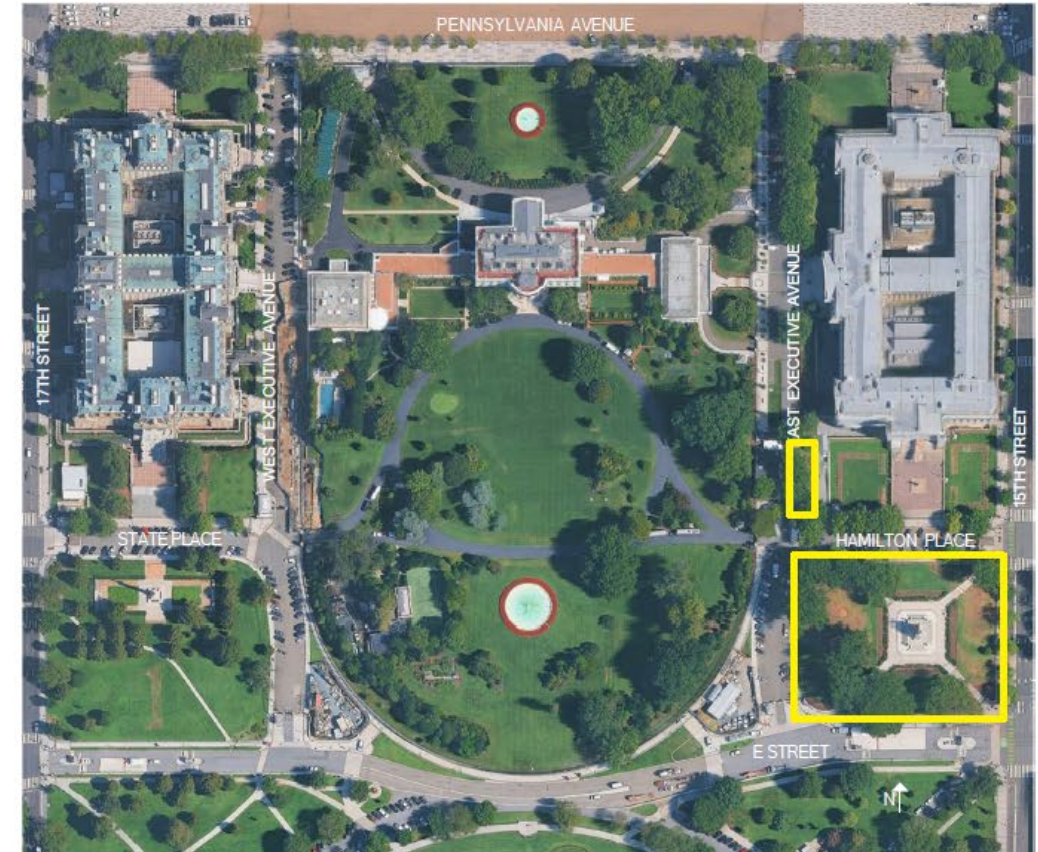
Description of Project Area

1. PROJECT OVERVIEW

1.2 DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT AREA

The project area falls within the Monumental Core of the District of Columbia (D.C.) and is at the heart of the Central Washington Planning Area of the National Capital Planning Commission's (NCPC) Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital (Comprehensive Plan) adopted on June 6, 2024. The project location is entirely on federal land in President's Park, an 82-acre park that serves as the setting for the White House and other federal buildings as well as memorials and monuments.

Jurisdictional control, stewardship, and oversight responsibilities for the White House and President's Park are shared by various departments and the District of Columbia. East Executive Avenue to the West, E Street to the South and Alexander Hamilton Place to the North of the project area are managed by NPS. 15th Street on the east periphery of the park is managed by the District of Columbia Department of Transportation (DDOT).



Description of Project

1. PROJECT OVERVIEW

1.3 DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT

The purpose for this project is to provide a permanent White House Visitor Screening Facility (VSF) for the United States Secret Service (USSS) that can support security screening needs for visitor tours, large-scale events, White House Staff, and Contractors. This new facility will expand the screening capacity/capabilities and eliminate the need for temporary screening tents for events. As a result, the permanent facility will strengthen campus security and enhance the overall visitor experience.

The project site is located in Sherman Park on the south side of the Treasury Building adjacent to proposed screening facility location included in the NPS led interagency Comprehensive Design Plan for the White House and President's Park (CDP, 2000)

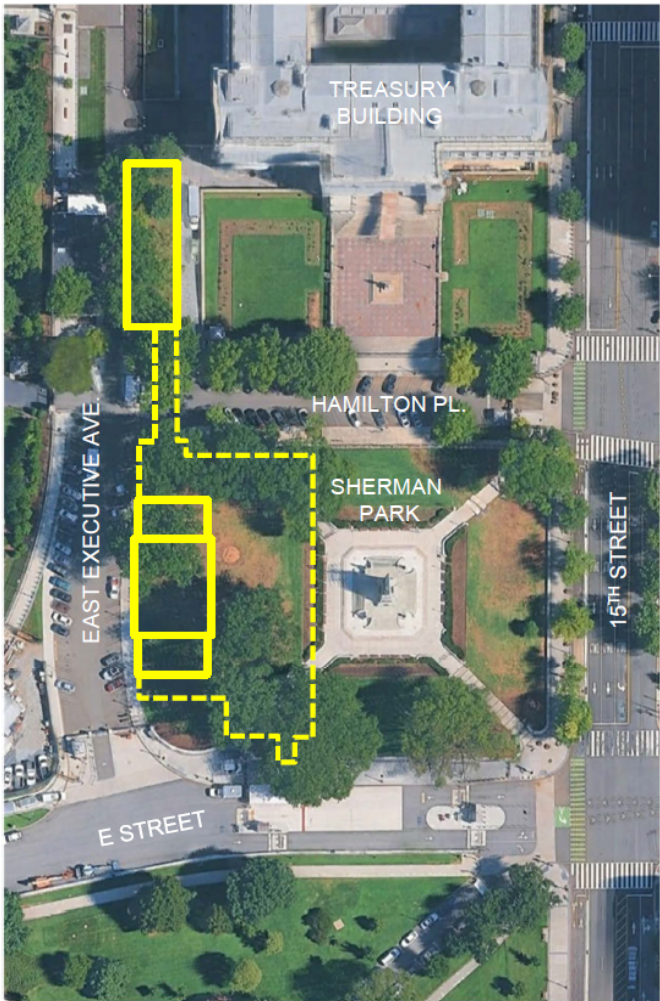
The majority of the facility's program is located below grade within the park's western quadrant to minimize visual impact and avoid infrastructure conflicts in the park's southeast corner. Landscape restoration, including new tree plantings, will be provided within all impacted zones to reinstate and enhance the park's character.

The below grade portion of this facility is approximately 33,000 square feet. The depth of the building accounts for a 12'-0" clear floor to underside of structure, 2'-0" allocation for concrete structure, and a minimum of 3'-0" ground cover above.

Visitors will enter the facility through an above-ground pavilion located in the western quadrant of the park, aligned with the existing General William Tecumseh Sherman Monument at the center of the park. Queuing will begin along a new pathway extending from the monument to the entrance pavilion, where visitors will undergo an initial ID check before proceeding into the facility. Visitors would then proceed through the lobby and down to the lower level to a second checkpoint, followed by the pre-screening process.

The below-grade primary screening area is sized to accommodate the equipment and spatial requirements necessary to achieve the throughput capacities established by USSS for large events. Primary screening is laid out as an open floor plan to provide maximum flexibility with the current screening process and equipment, and to support adaptation to evolving screening technologies and capabilities.

Upon successfully clearing primary screening, visitors proceed to the escalators that return them to grade level north of the secure fence line along East Executive Avenue.



AERIAL SHOWING PROJECT SITE AT SHERMAN PARK AND EAST EXECUTIVE AVENUE.

— Above Ground Project Site
- - - Below Ground Project Site

Description of Existing Site Conditions

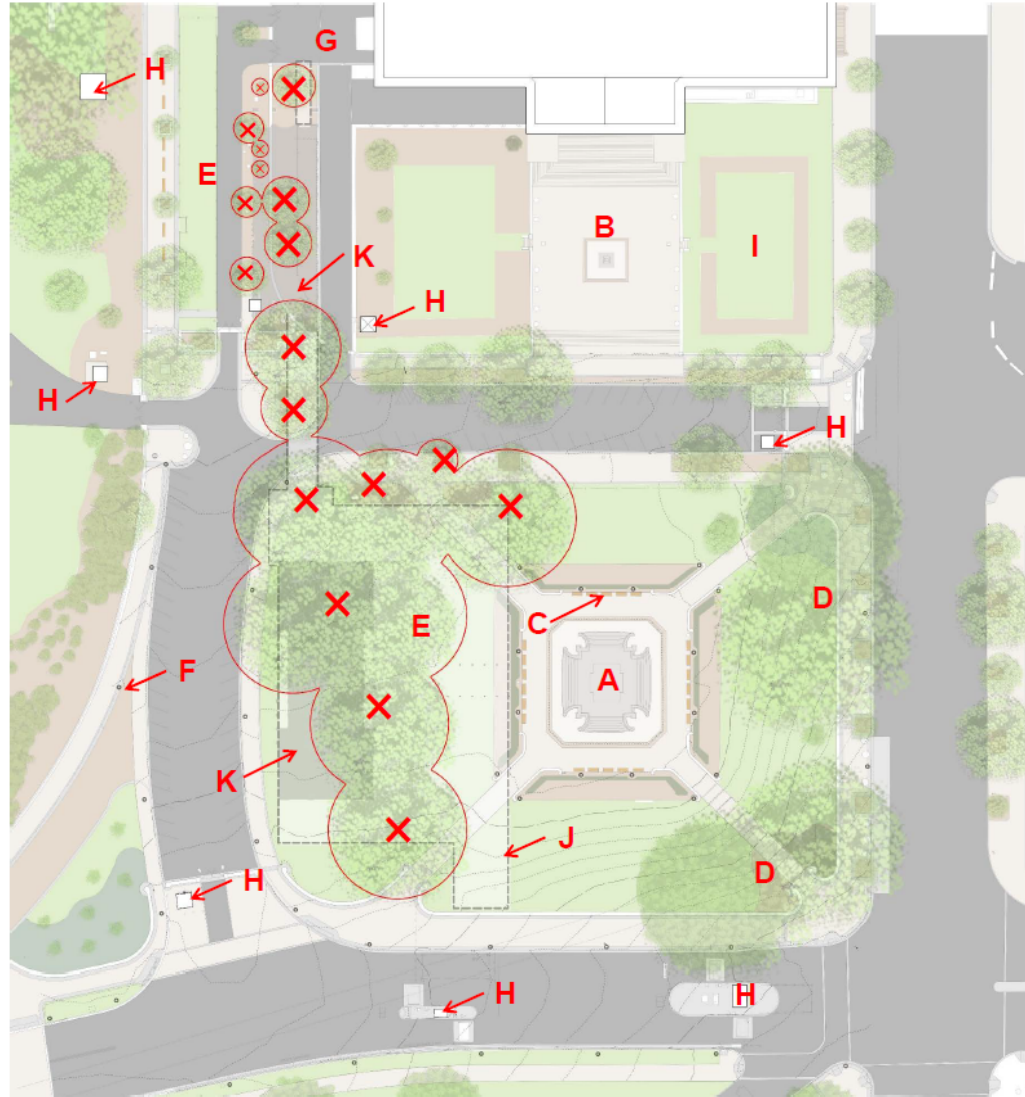
2. WHITE HOUSE VISITOR SCREENING FACILITY

2.1 EXISTING CONDITIONS

The project site consists of two distinct zones separated by Pennsylvania Avenue, with access provided from either Pennsylvania Avenue or E Street NW. Both entries are controlled by gates.

The northern zone is an approximately 47-foot by 185-foot linear strip bordered by the Treasury Building and its grounds to the east, East Executive to the west, and Pennsylvania Avenue to the south. The northern edge is bound by a bridge that runs over the Treasury Building's service ramp. A concrete walkway runs along the western edge of the site adjacent to East Executive. The eastern edge features a site wall that separates the project area from the service ramp leading to a Treasury Building's subgrade level. Existing vegetation includes a mix of mature deciduous trees and smaller ornamental trees; these trees must be removed prior to construction. The ground cover in this area, where not paved, is primarily mulch.

The southern zone is a nearly-rectangular memorial park, Sherman Plaza, measuring approximately 330 feet by 240 feet. Sherman Plaza is bound by 15th Street NW to the east, E Street NW to the south, Pennsylvania Avenue to the north, and East Executive to the west. The South Plaza of the Treasury Building lies across Pennsylvania Avenue. Mature deciduous trees are located along the perimeter of the plaza; many of those on the western portion of the site will need to be removed. In the center of the plaza, elevated on a pedestal, is the statue of General William Tecumseh Sherman. Walkways surround the pedestal and then radiate from the pedestal to the northeast, southeast, northwest, and southwest corners of the plaza; these walkways are incorporated into the site and landscape design. Sherman's statue along with the statue of Alexander Hamilton in the South Plaza and the statue of Albert Gallatin Treasury Building's north plaza, form a memorial axis, phenomenologically bounding the east of President's Park.



- A. EXISTING STATUE - GENERAL WILLIAM TECUMSEH SHERMAN
- B. EXISTING STATUE - ALEXANDER HAMILTON
- C. EXISTING BENCHES, TYPICAL
- D. EXISTING TREES TO REMAIN
- E. EXISTING TREES TO REMOVE
- F. EXISTING LIGHTING, TYPICAL
- G. EXISTING BRIDGE - FROM EAST EXECUTIVE OVER SERVICE RAMP
- H. OFFICER POSTS
- I. EXISTING LAWN
- J. PROPOSED BUILDING BELOW GROUND
- K. PROPOSED BUILDING ABOVE GROUND

Description of Existing Site Conditions

2. WHITE HOUSE VISITOR SCREENING FACILITY

2.2 PROPOSED FACILITY

18 existing trees across the site are identified for removal to accommodate the project. The table to the right identifies the existing trees within the site and what the disposition of each will be, either save (S), transplant (TR) or remove (R).

Following NCPC Tree Preservation and Replacement Resource Guide (2020), the removal of the trees to accommodate the project will require 40 trees to be installed to mitigate the loss of existing trees..

SHERMAN SQUARE PARK TREE CONDITION REVIEW															
NPS TREE NO.	AECOM TREE NO.	TREE SPECIES	HABIT	CANOPY	TRUNK	TRUNK FLARE	OVERALL CONDITION	NOTES	DISPOSITION	DIAMETER DBH (IN.)	SPECIES RATING	CONDITION RATING	TREE REPLACEMENT SCORE	TREE REPLACEMENT REQUIREMENT	
1	1	AMERICAN ELM (ULMUS AMERICANUS)	G	FG	G	G	G	CABLED	S	48	58%	75%			
2		REMOVED							NIA						
3	5	WILLOW OAK (QUERCUS PHELLOS)	F	G	F	F	F	SUCKERING	R	39	75%	50%	14.625	3	
4	6	WILLOW OAK (QUERCUS PHELLOS)	G	G	G	F	G		TR	6	75%	75%			
5	8	WILLOW OAK (QUERCUS PHELLOS)	G	G	G	G	G	PROXIMITY TO UNDERGROUND VAULT	TR	8	75%	75%			
6	7	WILLOW OAK (QUERCUS PHELLOS)	G	G	G	F	G	FUNGUS PRESENT AT BASE OF TRUNK (BE)	R	43	75%	75%	24.1875	5	
7	10	WILLOW OAK (QUERCUS PHELLOS)	G	G	G	G	G	CABLED	R	40	75%	75%	22.5	5	
8	9	WILLOW OAK (QUERCUS PHELLOS)	F	G	G	G	G		R	5	75%	75%	2.8125	1	
9	11	WILLOW OAK (QUERCUS PHELLOS)	G	G	G	G	G	CABLED	R	37	75%	75%	20.8125	5	
10	12	WILLOW OAK (QUERCUS PHELLOS)	G	G	F	F	F	BURL AT BASE OF TRUNK, CABLED	R	36	75%	50%	14.25	3	
11	13	WILLOW OAK (QUERCUS PHELLOS)	G	G	G	G	G	CABLED, SLIGHT LEAN	S	40	75%	75%			
12	4	WILLOW OAK (QUERCUS PHELLOS)	G	G	G	G	G	UMB UP, CO-DOMINANT LEADER	S	6	75%	75%			
13	3	WILLOW OAK (QUERCUS PHELLOS)	F	F	F	G	F	CABLED	S	38	75%	50%			
14		REMOVED							NIA						
15	2	WILLOW OAK (QUERCUS PHELLOS)	G	G	G	G	G		S	4	75%	75%			
16		REMOVED							NIA						
17	S11	WILLOW OAK (QUERCUS PHELLOS)	P	F	P	F	P	NPS POTENTIAL REMOVAL LIST, CHLOROTIC, LEANING	R	12	75%	25%	2.25	1	
18	S10	REMOVED							NIA						
19	S9	WILLOW OAK (QUERCUS PHELLOS)	F	F	G	F	F	SPARSE, HIGH ROOT BALL	S	7	75%	50%			
20	S8	WILLOW OAK (QUERCUS PHELLOS)	F	G	F	F	F	TRUNK DAMAGE EVIDENT	S	10	75%	50%			
21	S7	WILLOW OAK (QUERCUS PHELLOS)	F	F	F	F	F	CHLOROTIC	G	4	75%	25%			
22	S6	REMOVED							NIA						
23	S5	WILLOW OAK (QUERCUS PHELLOS)	P	P	F	F	P	CHLOROTIC	S	8	75%	25%			
24	S4	WILLOW OAK (QUERCUS PHELLOS)	P	P	F	F	P	CHLOROTIC	S	9	75%	25%			
25	S3	WILLOW OAK (QUERCUS PHELLOS)	P	P	F	P	P	GIRDLING ROOTS PRESENT, CHLOROTIC	S	9	75%	25%			
26	S2	WILLOW OAK (QUERCUS PHELLOS)	P	P	F	P	P	CHLOROTIC	S	12	75%	25%			
27	S1	WILLOW OAK (QUERCUS PHELLOS)	F	P	F	F	F	SUCKERING, CHLOROTIC	S	8	75%	50%			
SPECIES RATING IS THE AVERAGE OF THE RATING RANGE AS IDENTIFIED BY THE MID-ATLANTI CHAPTER OF ISA RATINGS 2021 GUIDELINES															
CONDITION RATING ASSUMPTION SIMPLIFIED TO: POOR = 25%, FAIR = 50%, GOOD = 75%															
NUMBER OF TREES AT 2.5" CALIPER DBH REQUIRED FOR MITIGATION (SHERMAN PARK)														23	
EAST EXECUTIVE DRIVE TREE															
E1		WILLOW OAK (QUERCUS PHELLOS)							R	18	75%	75%	10.125	3	
E2		WILLOW OAK (QUERCUS PHELLOS)							R	24	75%	75%	13.5	3	
E3		WILLOW OAK (QUERCUS PHELLOS)							R	5	75%	75%		1	
E4		SAUCEY MAGNOLIA (MAGNOLIA X SOULANGEANA)							R	6	70%	75%		1	
E5		WILLOW OAK (QUERCUS PHELLOS)							R	6	75%	75%		1	
E6		SAUCEY MAGNOLIA (MAGNOLIA X SOULANGEANA)							R	4	70%	75%		1	
E7		ALLEGHENY SERVICEBERRY (AMELANCHIER LAEVIS)							R	2	80%	75%		1	
E8		ALLEGHENY SERVICEBERRY (AMELANCHIER LAEVIS)							R	3	80%	75%		1	
E9		WILLOW OAK (QUERCUS PHELLOS)							R	6	75%	75%		1	
E10		KOUSSA DOGWOOD (CORNUS KOUSSA)							R	2	88%	75%	12.6	1	
E11		SOUTHERN MAGNOLIA (MAGNOLIA GRANDIFOLIA)							R	24	70%	75%		3	
NUMBER OF TREES AT 2.5" CALIPER DBH REQUIRED FOR MITIGATION (EAST EXECUTIVE)														17	
TOTAL NUMBER OF TREES REQUIRED FOR MITIGATION:															40

Outreach and Coordination

1. PROJECT OVERVIEW

1.4 OUTREACH AND COORDINATION

The applicant has held one virtual project meeting with CFA / NCPC Staff as part of the Pre-Submission process. The meeting was held on February 23, 2026, jointly with representatives from NCPC and Commission of Fine Arts.

The applicant has held 3 consulting parties meetings with staff from multiple agencies including but not limited to CFA, NCPC, and SHPO. Meetings were held on:

- April 20th, 2026
- May 19th, 2026
- June 17th, 2026

The applicant has held several virtual meetings with DC Department of Transportation (DDOT), who will act as the liaison for all other DC Government department reviews.

The applicant received Concept Approval for the project from CFA on July 16th, 2026

1.5 SCHEDULE

The project has an operational need date of July 2028.

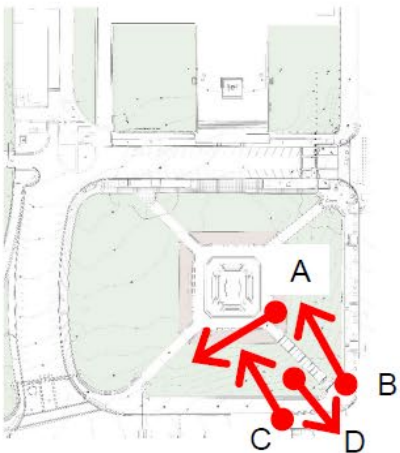
The schedule below provides a summary of the intended project schedule with key phases and milestones:

- Start Site Preparation - August 2026
- Start Excavation & Construction - Fall 2026
- Facility Operational - July 2028

Photographs of Existing Conditions

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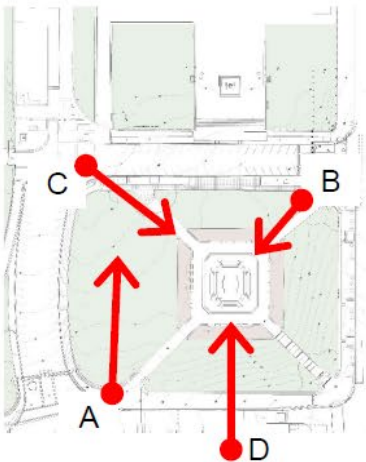
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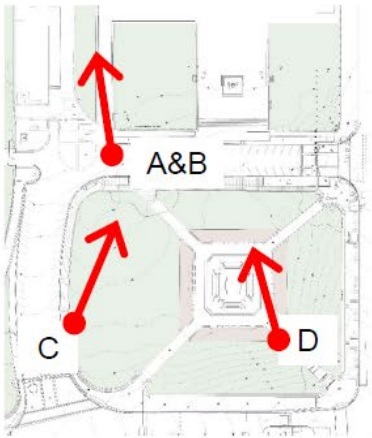
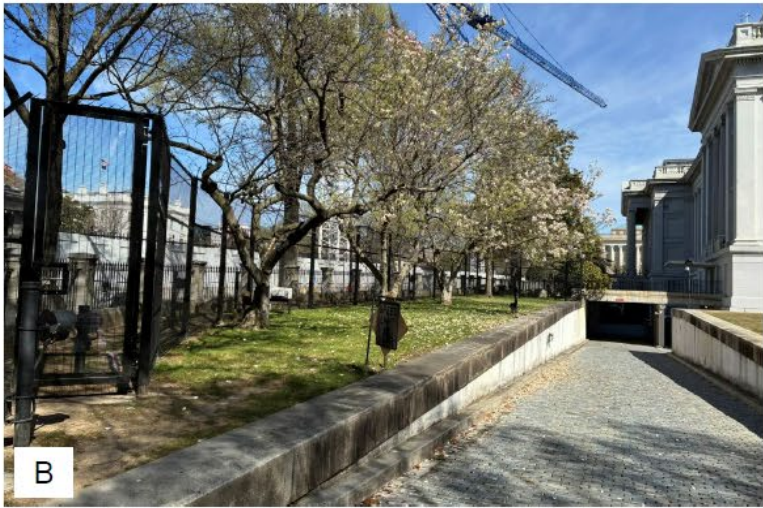
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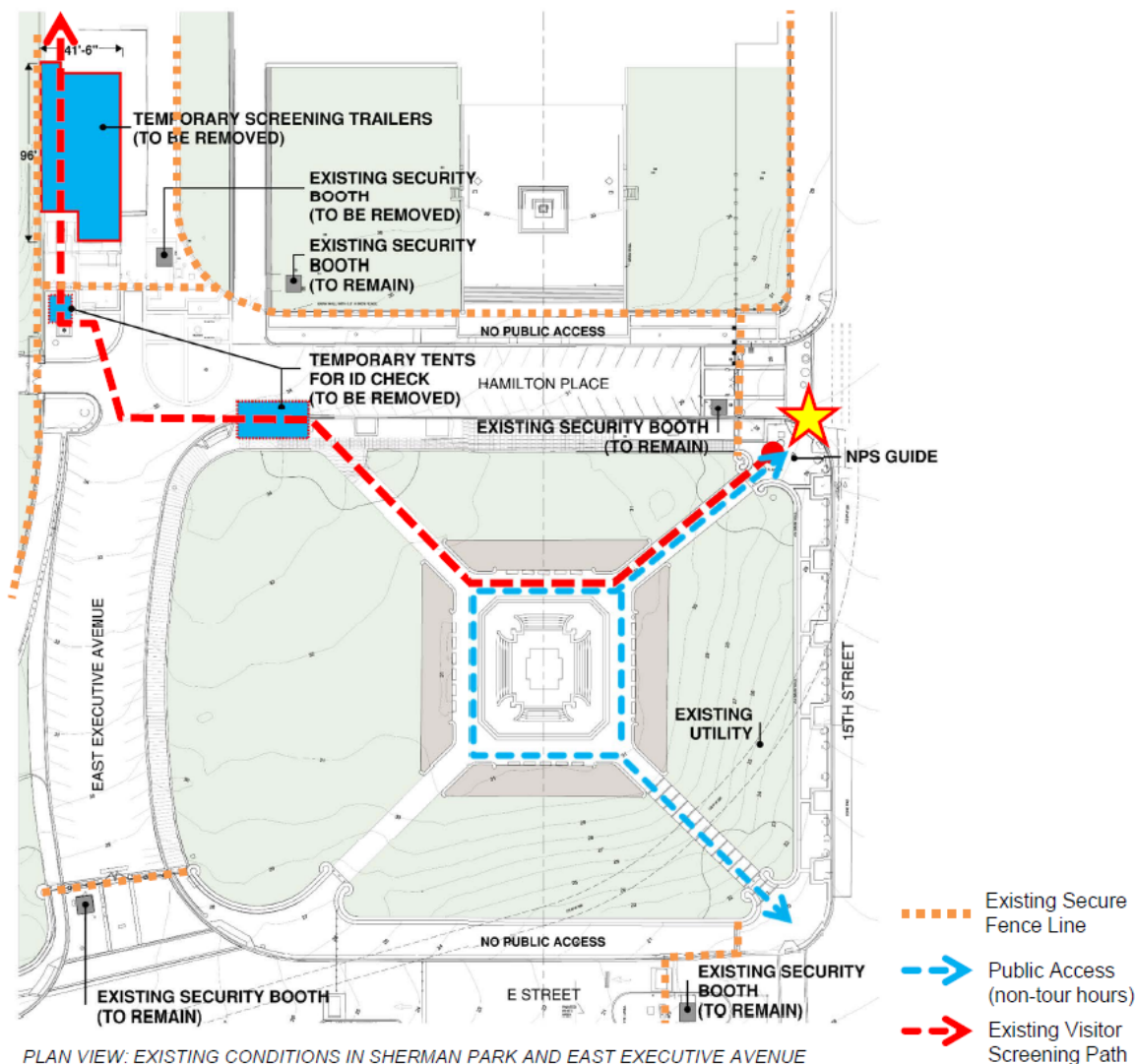
Existing Conditions for Visitor Screening

2. WHITE HOUSE VISITOR SCREENING FACILITY

2.1 EXISTING CONDITIONS

Since 2005 USSS has utilized temporary trailers on East Executive Avenue for security screening of White House tours and event guests.

White House visitors would arrive at the corner of 15th Street and Alexander Hamilton Place and begin queuing within the hardscape pathways within Sherman Park. Visitors would be processed through an initial security check point under temporary tent structures and proceed to East Executive Avenue for security processing. Visitors would enter a double-wide temporary trailer on East Executive Avenue and be processed through a single lane of security equipment. Once processed, visitors would exit the facility and walk northbound on East Executive Avenue to proceed to the East Wing.



Photographs of Existing Temporary Screening

2. WHITE HOUSE VISITOR SCREENING FACILITY

2.1 EXISTING CONDITIONS



VIEW OF THE EXISTING VISITOR SCREENING TRAILER ENTRANCE ON EAST EXECUTIVE AVENUE.



VIEW OF THE EXISTING VISITOR SCREENING TRAILER EXIT ON EAST EXECUTIVE AVENUE.



VIEW OF TEMPORARY SCREENING TENTS AND EQUIPMENT FOR LARGE EVENTS ON EAST EXECUTIVE AVENUE.



VIEW OF GUESTS BEING SCREENED THROUGH TEMPORARY TENTS ON EAST EXECUTIVE AVENUE.

Rendering of New Location and Design for Screening Facility

2. WHITE HOUSE VISITOR SCREENING FACILITY

2.2 PROPOSED FACILITY



RENDERING SHOWS VIEW OF PROPOSED ABOVE GROUND ENTRANCE PAVILION IN THE WEST QUADRANT OF SHERMAN PARK + STAFF SCREENING / EXIT BUILDING ALONG EAST EXEC. AVE.

Previous Concept Review Rendering of Screening Facility

2.2 WHITE HOUSE VISITOR SCREENING FACILITY PROPOSED FACILITY



RENDERING SHOW VIEW OF FACILITY ENTRANCE RAMP AT E STREET AND 15TH STREET ADJACENT TO SHERAMN PARK

Proposed Facility

2. WHITE HOUSE VISITOR SCREENING FACILITY

2.2 PROPOSED FACILITY

The entrance pavilion is conceived as a classically inspired composition that reinforces the formal character and significance of the site. A rhythmic colonnade of ten columns supports a carefully proportioned entablature and balustrade, creating a dignified architectural presence.

The composition is aligned on axis of the Sherman Monument, establishing a strong visual relationship between the new structure and the surrounding historic landscape while emphasizing procession, order, and monumentality.

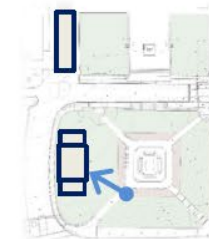
To further define the entry and facade, the doors are recessed behind the primary colonnade. Pilasters positioned between the door openings continue the cadence and proportions established by the exterior columns, creating a seamless architectural language across the façade which provides visual depth and shadow.

The pavilion and corresponding exit building are unified through the use of Sierra White granite, selected for its durability, timeless appearance, and compatibility with the surrounding granite of the park.

Presidential seals, carved into the granite panels flanking the colonnade, serve as a visual expression of the building's purpose.



SOUTHEAST CORNER OF ENTRANCE PAVILION WITHIN SHERMAN PARK



Rendering of Proposed Entrance Pavilion

2. WHITE HOUSE VISITOR SCREENING FACILITY

2.2 PROPOSED FACILITY



SOUTHEAST CORNER OF ENTRANCE PAVILION WITHIN SHERMAN PARK

Rendering of Proposed Entrance Pavilion

2. WHITE HOUSE VISITOR SCREENING FACILITY

2.2 PROPOSED FACILITY



VISITOR APPROACH TO ENTRANCE PAVILION FROM SHERMAN MONUMENT PLAZA

Rendered View from Corner of E and 15th Streets, NW

2. WHITE HOUSE VISITOR SCREENING FACILITY

2.2 PROPOSED FACILITY



VIEW FROM THE CORNER OF E STREET NW AND 15TH STREET NW

Rendered View at Hamilton Place and 15th Street, NW

2. WHITE HOUSE VISITOR SCREENING FACILITY

2.2 PROPOSED FACILITY



VIEW FROM VISITOR ENTRANCE TO SHERMAN PARK AT HAMILTON PLACE AND 15TH STREET NW

Rendered View from East Executive Avenue

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2.2 PROPOSED FACILITY

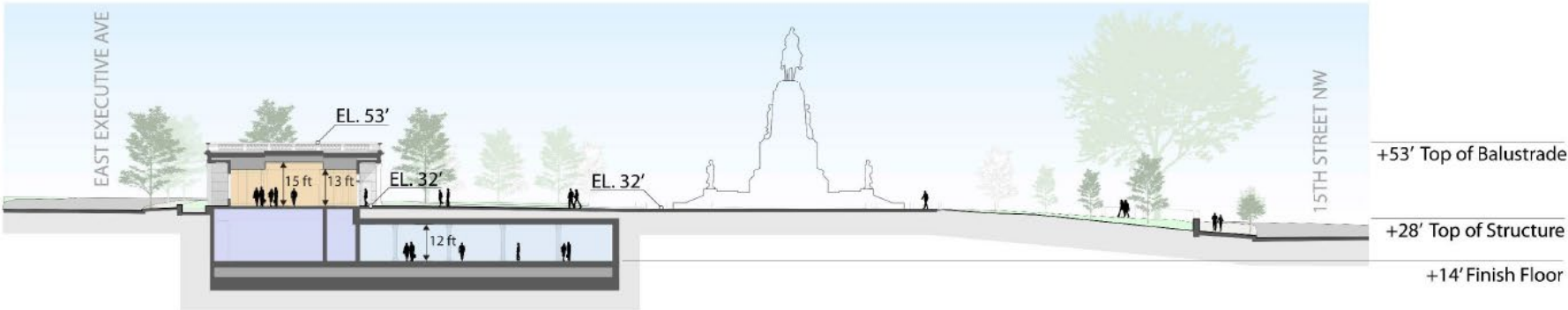


VIEW FROM EAST EXECUTIVE AVENUE

Sections of Entrance Pavilion and Underground Facility

2. WHITE HOUSE VISITOR SCREENING FACILITY

2.2 PROPOSED FACILITY



1 ENTRY HALL+ LOWER LEVEL SCREENING



LEGEND - SECTION CUT LOCATIONS



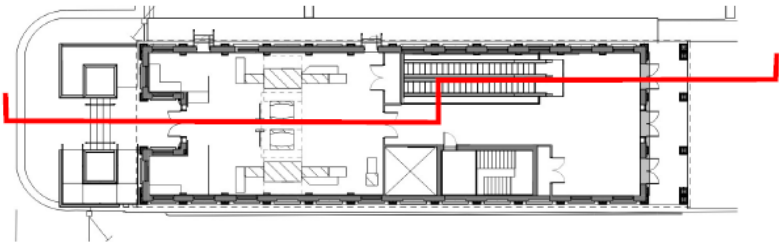
2 VISITOR FLOW TO LOWER LEVEL SCREENING

DIAGRAMMATIC SECTIONS SHOWING THE FACILITY UNDERNEATH SHERMAN PARK'S WEST QUADRANT

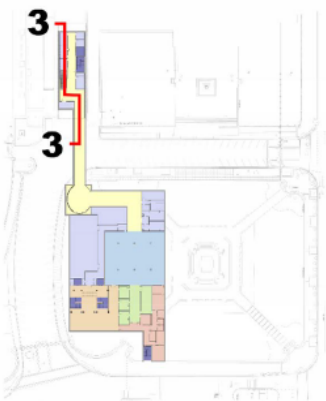
Sections of Underground and Exit Facility

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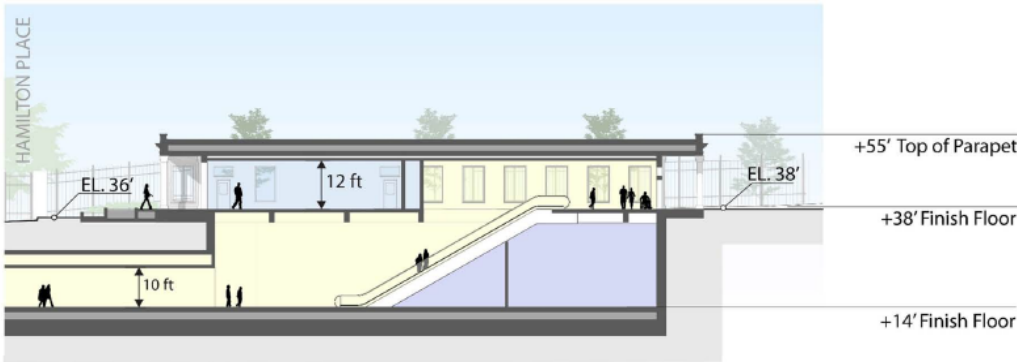
2.2 PROPOSED FACILITY



ENLARGED FLOOR PLAN AT GRADE



LEGEND – SECTION CUT LOCATIONS



3 STAFF SCREENING AND EXIT BUILDING

DIAGRAMMATIC SECTION SHOWING THE ABOVE-GRADE SCREENING AND CLEARED VISITOR EGRESS

Description of Exit Facility

2. WHITE HOUSE VISITOR SCREENING FACILITY

2.2 PROPOSED FACILITY

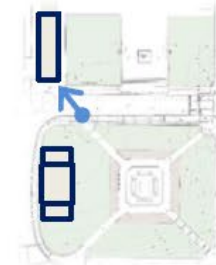
The architectural design of the staff screening and exit building incorporates freestanding columns at the north entrance, engaged columns in the balance of the building, and a flat roof articulated with a classically detailed entablature.

The parapet has been simplified to enhance the prominence of the adjacent entrance pavilion within the park, while the continued use of Sierra White granite strengthens the visual relationship between the two buildings.

Continuous pilaster elements establish a rhythmic order across the east and west facades, accommodating glazed openings where appropriate and solid infill panels as required. Glazing systems are detailed using traditional moldings and trim consistent with the project's classical character.



VIEW OF STAFF SCREENING / EXIT BUILDING FROM THE SOUTH



Rendering of Proposed Exit Facility, View from SW

2. WHITE HOUSE VISITOR SCREENING FACILITY

2.2 PROPOSED FACILITY



VIEW OF STAFF SCREENING / EXIT BUILDING FROM THE SOUTHWEST

Rendering of Proposed Exit Facility, View from NW

2. WHITE HOUSE VISITOR SCREENING FACILITY

2.2 PROPOSED FACILITY



VIEW OF STAFF SCREENING / EXIT BUILDING FROM THE NORTHWEST

Rendering of Proposed Exit Facility, View from Treasury Bldg.

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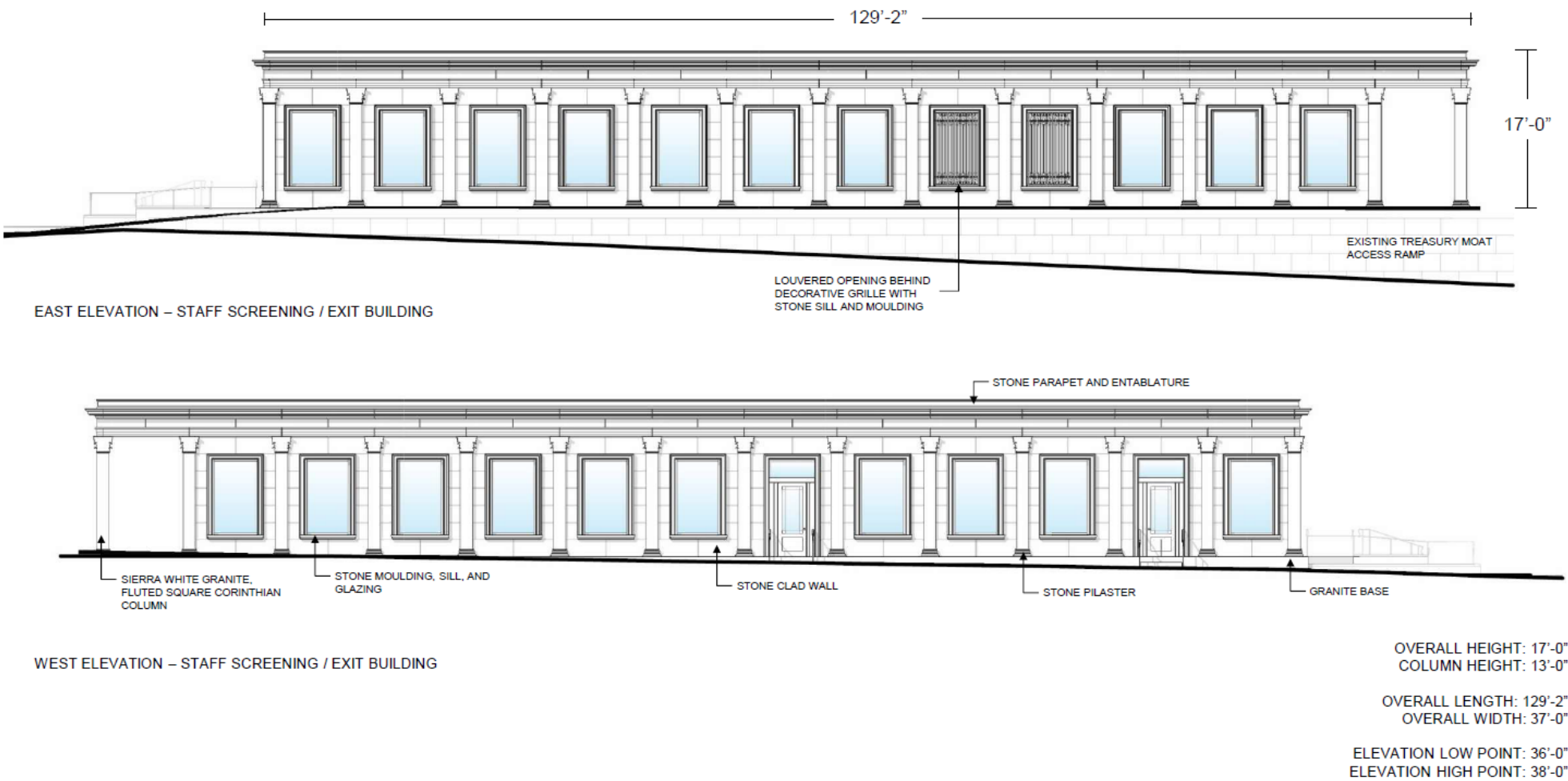


VIEW OF STAFF SCREENING / EXIT BUILDING FROM THE TREASURY BUILDING

Dimensions of Proposed Exit Facility

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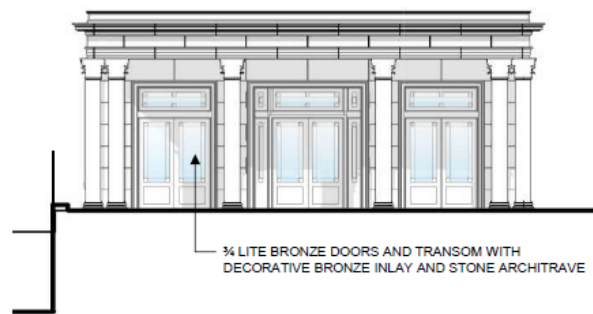
2.2 PROPOSED FACILITY



Dimensions of Proposed Exit Facility

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NORTH ELEVATION – STAFF SCREENING / EXIT BUILDING



SOUTH ELEVATION – STAFF SCREENING / EXIT BUILDING

OVERALL HEIGHT: 17'-0"
COLUMN HEIGHT: 13'-0"

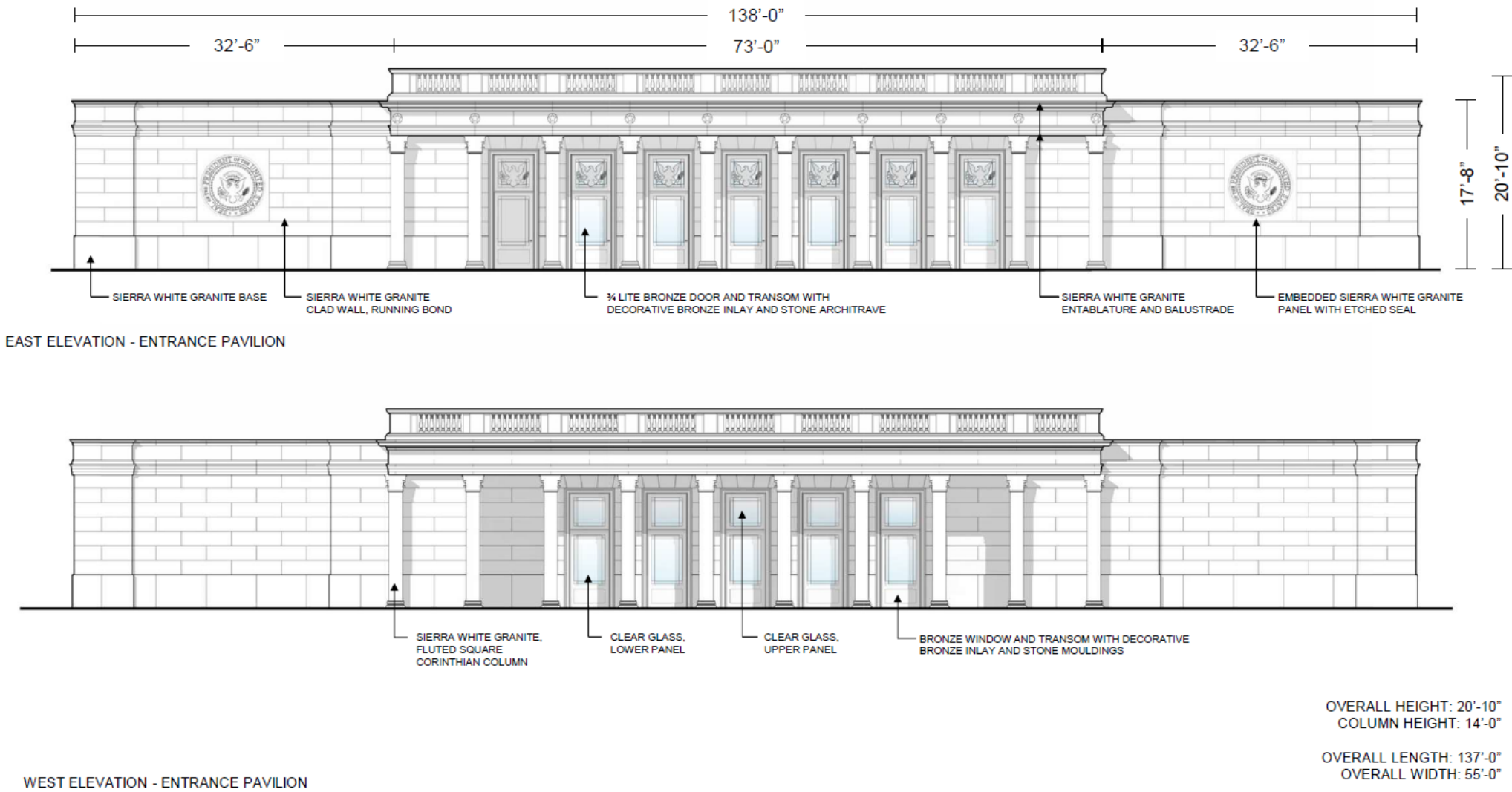
OVERALL LENGTH: 129'-2"
OVERALL WIDTH: 37'-0"

ELEVATION LOW POINT: 36'-0"
ELEVATION HIGH POINT: 38'-0"

Dimensions of Proposed Exit Facility

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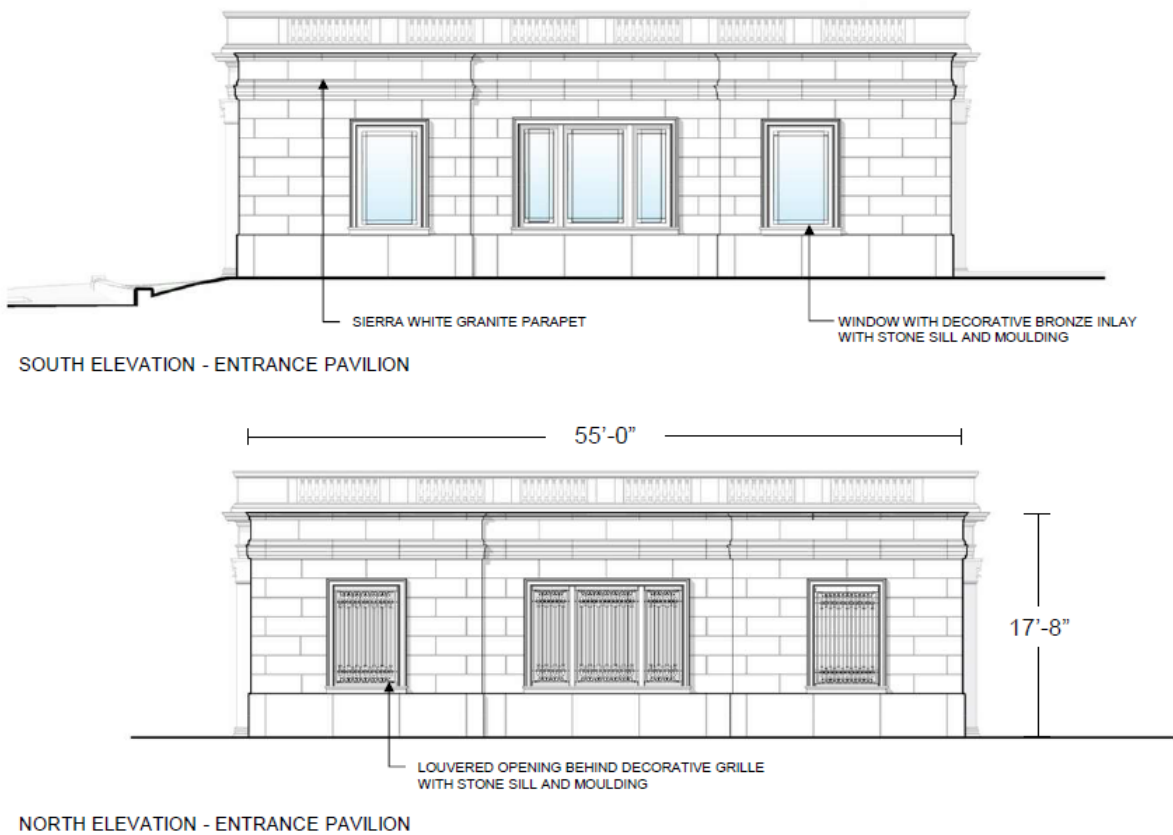
2.2 PROPOSED FACILITY



Site Elevations

2. WHITE HOUSE VISITOR SCREENING FACILITY

2.2 PROPOSED FACILITY



OVERALL HEIGHT: 20'-10"
COLUMN HEIGHT: 14'-0"
OVERALL LENGTH: 137'-0"
OVERALL WIDTH: 55'-0"

Site Elevations

2. WHITE HOUSE VISITOR SCREENING FACILITY

2.2 PROPOSED FACILITY



SITE ELEVATION OF WEST FACADES

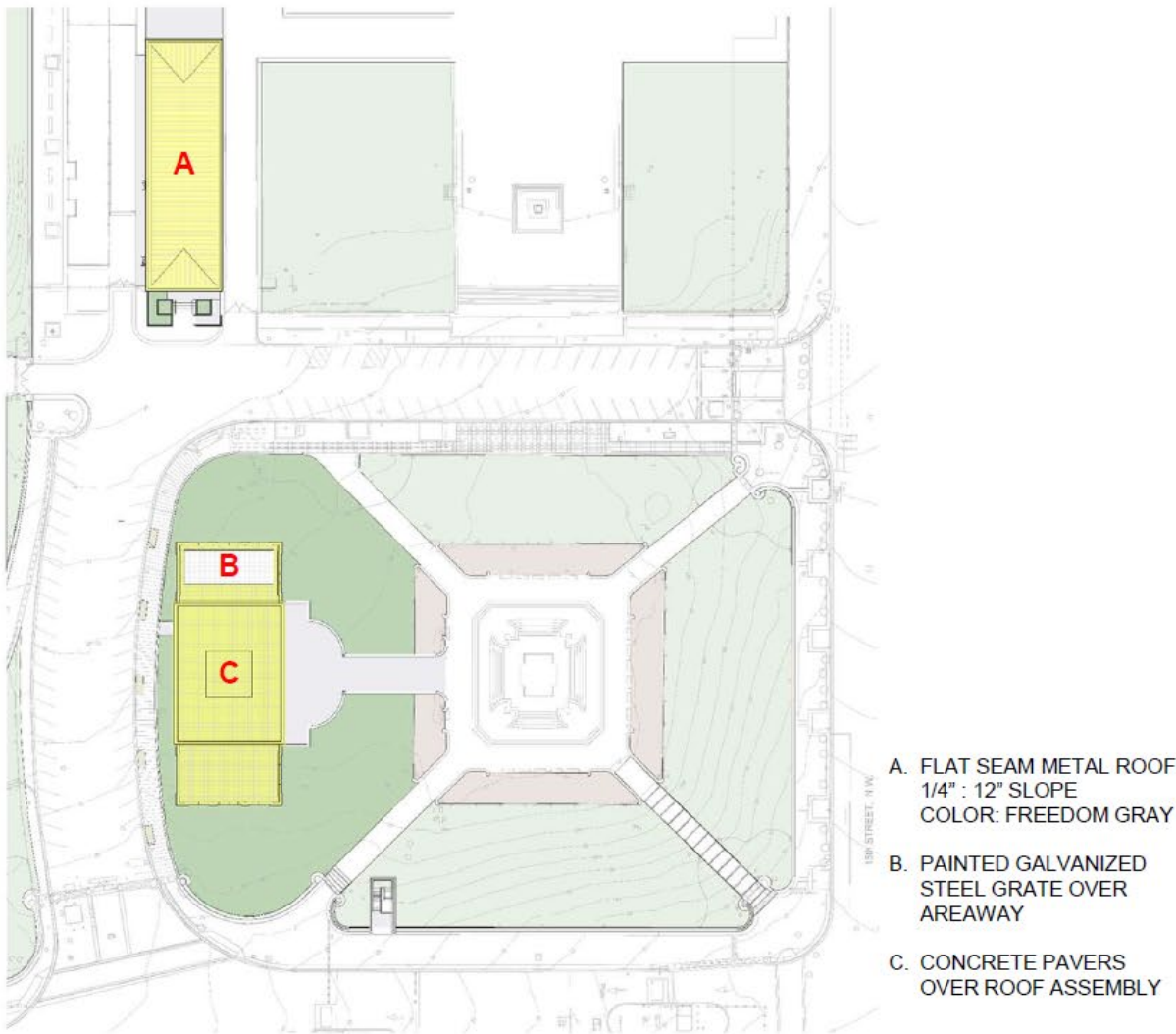


SITE ELEVATION OF EAST FACADES

Screening Facility Roofing Materials

2. WHITE HOUSE VISITOR SCREENING FACILITY

2.2 PROPOSED FACILITY



ROOF PLAN: ENTRANCE PAVILION + STAFF SCREENING / EXIT BUILDING

Proposed Site Plan

2. WHITE HOUSE VISITOR SCREENING FACILITY

2.2 PROPOSED FACILITY

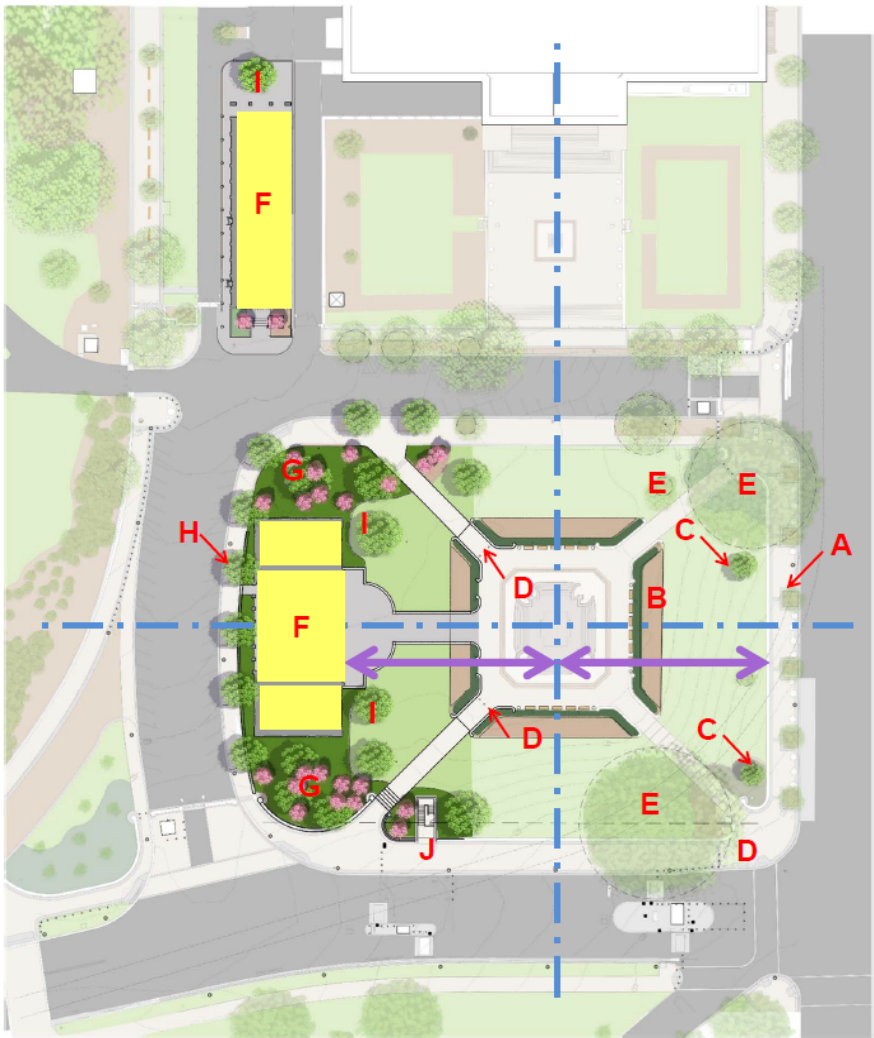
The proposed landscape plan identifies all new trees, plantings, and grass areas planned within the scope of this project. Plantings around existing and new site walls will be selected and coordinated with NPS to provide a cohesive design that includes all 4 sides of the monument.

The proposed Entrance Pavilion is sited along the western most edge of the park where the quadrant is significantly wider than the north, south, and east sides. The east façade of the building is aligned to match the distance between the monument and existing retaining wall along 15th Street on the opposite side.

Trees are proposed along lower East Executive Avenue within the sidewalk similar to the existing trees along 15th Street. These will provide a landscape buffer between parking and the west face of the pavilion.

The landscape design for the west side of East Executive Avenue across from the proposed exit building (location of existing temporary trailers) will be provided as part of the adjacent East Wing project.

The existing historic pathways and retaining walls at each corner of the park will remain in the finished site condition; however, the northwest and southwest pathways will need to be removed and rebuilt for construction of the Entrance Pavilion's underground facilities. Additionally, steps will be integrated into the rebuilt southwest pathway to clear the below-grade portion of the proposed structure.



PLAN VIEW: PROPOSED LANDSCAPE PLAN

Proposed Planting Schedule

2. WHITE HOUSE VISITOR SCREENING FACILITY

2.2 PROPOSED FACILITY

The plant schedule has been under development with consultation with NPS. NPS has expressed the desire to keep the park as a stand of Willow Oak, as has been the case historically. The addition of understory trees helps with the screening of parking along East Executive Drive and contributes to the required tree replacement requirement.

The proposed number of trees satisfies the NCPC tree replacement requirements. Tree sizes are specified larger than the minimum requirements to establish a more mature landscape for the project at the end of construction.

PLANT SCHEDULE

KEY	QTY.	BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	SIZE	ROOT	SPACING	NOTES
CANOPY TREES							
QP1	9	QUERCUS PHELLOS	WILLOW OAK	3' CAL.	B&B	AS SHOWN	STRONG CENTRAL LEADER, LIMBED TO 6'
QP2	8	QUERCUS PHELLOS	WILLOW OAK	5' CAL.	B&B	AS SHOWN	STRONG CENTRAL LEADER, LIMBED TO 6'
QP3	3	QUERCUS PHELLOS	WILLOW OAK	8' CAL.	B&B	AS SHOWN	STRONG CENTRAL LEADER, LIMBED TO 6'
UA	1	ULMUS AMERICANA 'PRINCETON'	PRINCETON ELM	6' CAL.	B&B	AS SHOWN	STRONG CENTRAL LEADER, LIMBED TO 6'
ORNAMENTAL TREES							
AL	10	AMELANCHIER LAEVIS	ALLEGHENY SERVICEBERRY	12' HT.	B&B	AS SHOWN	FULL PLANT
CF	13	CORNUS FLORIDA	FLOWERING DOGWOOD	12' HT.	B&B	AS SHOWN	FULL PLANT
SHRUBS							
IC	--	ILEX CRENATA 'COMPACTA'	COMPACT JAPANESE HOLLY	#7	CONT.	AS SHOWN	FULL PLANT
RDB	--	RHODODENDRON KURUME DE VALLEY WHITE	AZALEA - WHITE	#7	CONT.	AS SHOWN	FULL PLANT
RDD	--	RHODODENDRON KURUME 'BLAAVUS PINK'	AZALEA - PINK	#7	CONT.	AS SHOWN	FULL PLANT
PERENNIAL & GROUNDCOVERS							
CP	--	CAREX PENNSYLVANICA	PENNSYLVANIA SEDGE	#1	CONT.	16" O.C.	FULL PLANT
CV	--	CHRYSOCONUM VIRGINIANUM	GREEN AND GOLD	#1	CONT.	16" O.C.	FULL PLANT
PS	--	PHLOX SUBULATA	MOSS PHLOX	#1	CONT.	2' O.C.	FULL PLANT
PV	--	PANICUM VIRGATUM 'SHENANDOAH'	SHENANDOAH SWITCH GRASS	#1	CONT.	2' O.C.	FULL PLANT
BULBS AND EPHEMERALS							
ca	--	CROCUS AUTUMNALIS	AUTUMN CROCUS	TOP SIZE	BULB	6-8" O.C.	
df	--	DAFFODIL SPECIES	DAFFODIL	TOP SIZE	BULB	8-12" O.C.	
mv	--	MERTENSIA VIRGINICA	VIRGINIA BLUEBELLS	LS PLUG	PLUG	16" O.C.	FULL PLANT

Proposed Site Materials

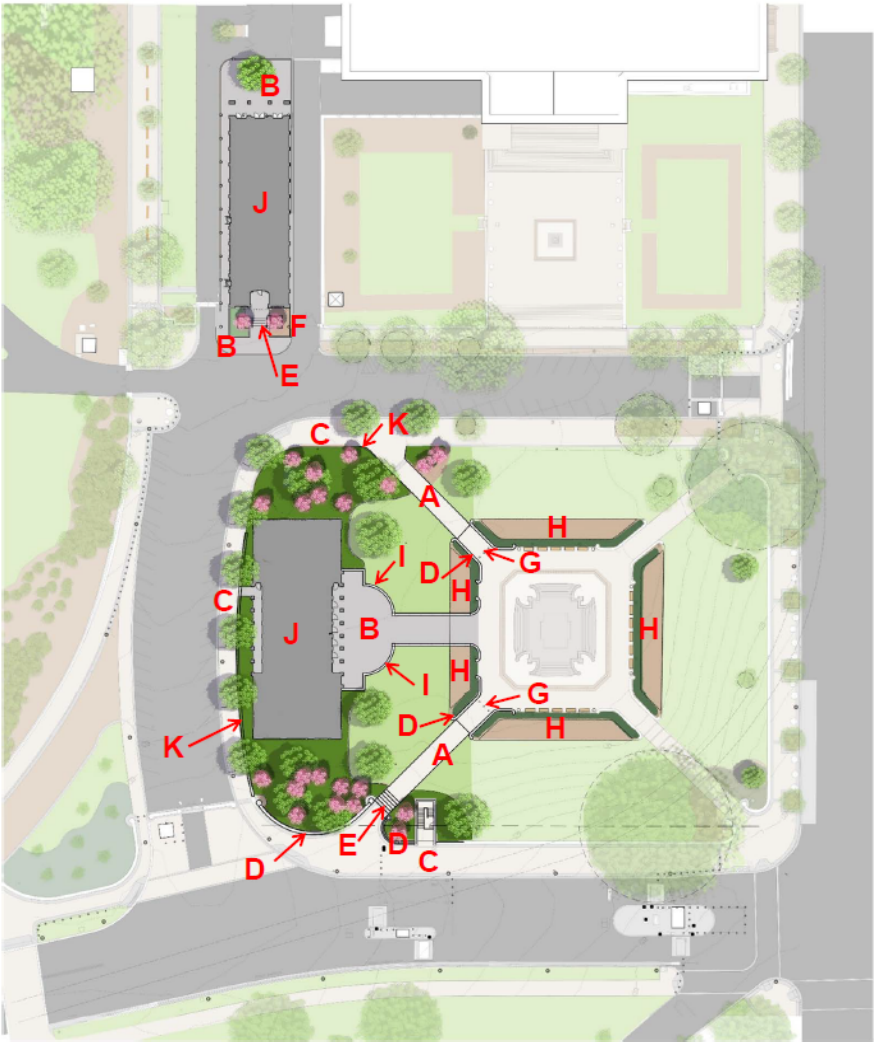
2. WHITE HOUSE VISITOR SCREENING FACILITY

2.2 PROPOSED SITE MATERIALS

The northwest and southwest walkways radiating from the pedestal of the General Sherman statue will be defined and isolated with cast iron post-and-chain bollards. These walkways will feature decorative concrete paving to match the existing concrete in this location, the radiating walkways extending to the northeast and southeast, and the walkway surrounding the pedestal. Stairs within the radiating walkways will be stone, providing a materiality consistent with adjacent site elements. Annuals will be planted around the perimeter of the walkway surrounding the pedestal; these seasonal plantings will provide color, soften hardscape edges, and visually frame the monument area.

The walkway and plaza linking the Sherman statue to the Entrance Pavillion will be paved with decorative stone. Additionally, stone seat walls will separate the walkways, planting beds, and turf, clarifying the entry procession. The seat walls' geometry and materiality will complement the stone paving and the Entrance Pavillion façade. Along the western perimeter, walkways will be precast pavers selected to match existing perimeter paving. A stone curb will separate the western walkway from the adjacent plantings along the Entrance Pavillion.

The walkways surrounding the Staff Screening / Exit Building, along with the stairs and ramp leading to it, will receive a decorative stone paving similar to the installation at the Entrance Pavillion. This will provide consistent character in high-use areas and at key thresholds.



- A. DECORATIVE CONCRETE PAVING TO MATCH EXISTING
- B. STONE PAVING
- C. PRECAST PAVER SIDEWALK TO MATCH EXISTING
- D. STONE SITE WALLS TO MATCH EXISTING
- E. STONE SITE STAIRS
- F. STONE PAVED RAMP
- G. POST & CHAIN BOLLARDS
- H. ANNUALS BED
- I. STONE SEAT WALLS
- J. PROPOSED BUILDING
- K. PARK STONE CURBING TO MATCH EXISTING

PLAN VIEW: PROPOSED LANDSCAPE PLAN

Proposed Visitor Movements in Park Area

2. WHITE HOUSE VISITOR SCREENING FACILITY

2.2 PROPOSED FACILITY

Visitors to the White House will be instructed to arrive at the west side of Sherman Monument from either Hamilton Place and 15th Street or E Street and 15th Street corners of the park.

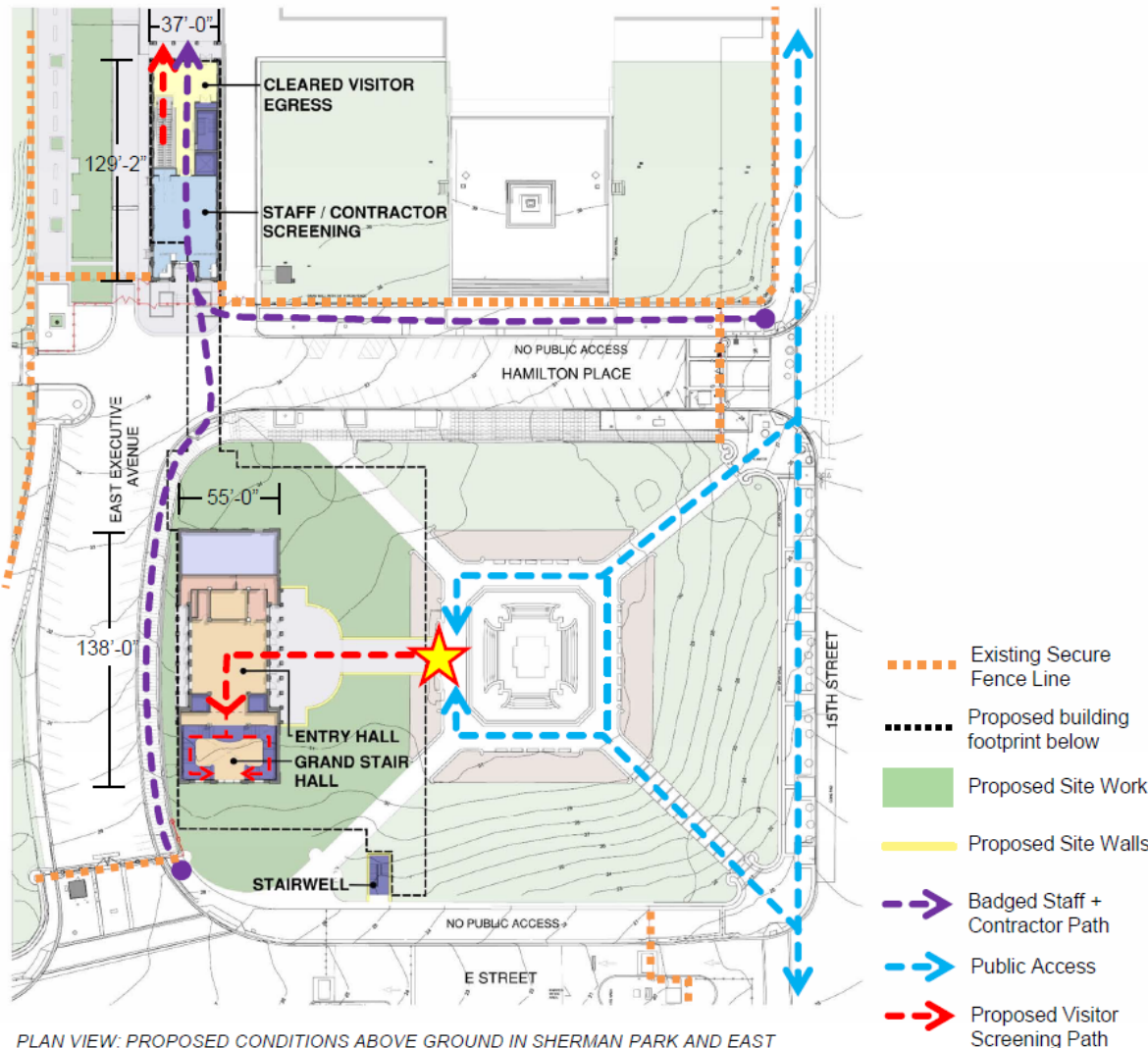
Queuing will begin in the plaza at the center of the park. Visitors will enter the facility via a new walkway on axis with the monument. An above-ground entrance pavilion, located in the western quadrant of the park, will provide indoor queuing, pre-function space, secret service support, building support, and symmetrical stairs and elevators to descend to the screening area below.

The proposed entrance pavilion preserves key public viewsheds of the monument and the Treasury while providing a dignified central entry point to the White House from the park and Pennsylvania Avenue.

Badged staff and contractors will enter via an above-grade screening post integrated into a new 4,000 square foot building along East Executive Avenue. The north side of this building will also enclose the escalators from the below-grade program, serving as the exit point from the facility into the cleared side of the campus.

A stairwell located at the south quadrant of the park, will function as a badged access point for USSS and facility personnel, as well as an emergency egress from the below-grade building.

The monument at the center of the park will be protected in place. Upon completion of the project, the park will remain open to the public and accessible from the northeast and southeast pathways from 15th Street Alexander Hamilton Place and E Street located north and south of the site respectively will remain restricted to authorized vehicles and pedestrians.



PLAN VIEW: PROPOSED CONDITIONS ABOVE GROUND IN SHERMAN PARK AND EAST EXECUTIVE AVENUE

Proposed Screening Path

2. WHITE HOUSE VISITOR SCREENING FACILITY

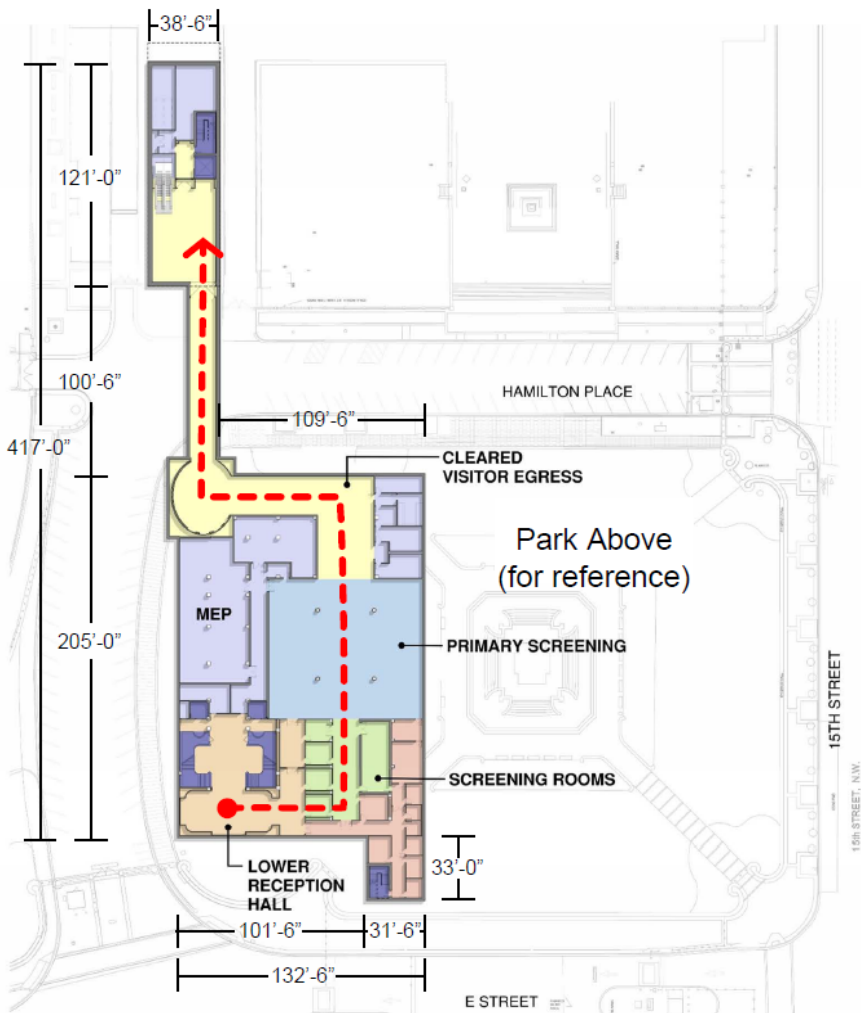
2.2 PROPOSED FACILITY

Upon entering the below-grade portion of the facility, visitors will process through pre-screening and primary screening.

Once visitors have completed primary screening, they proceed through a tunnel where the Executive Office of the President (EOP) and the tour office may provide informational displays to enhance the visitor experience. Escalators then return visitors to grade level north of the secure fence line along East Executive Avenue. From there, visitors continue to their scheduled White House tour or event.

The visitor screening facility is approximately 33,000 square feet and will include the necessary security procedures, technology and support space to meet the USSS protective mission for screening all visitors entering the White House.

The primary screening area is sized to accommodate the equipment and spatial requirements necessary to achieve the throughput capacities established by USSS for large events. The space is organized as an open floor plan to provide maximum flexibility with 7 lanes to accommodate current screening processes and equipment, and to support adaptation to evolving screening technologies and capabilities.



PLAN VIEW: PROPOSED CONDITIONS BELOW SHERMAN PARK AND EAST EXECUTIVE AVENUE

 Proposed Visitor Screening Path

Alternate Locations Considered and Dismissed

2. WHITE HOUSE VISITOR SCREENING FACILITY

2.3 ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS

Lily Triangle / Below East Exec and E Street

- o Larger footprint
- o Disruption to Campus operations during construction
- o Entrance located within outer secure perimeter at E Street

North Treasury - Below Ground Plaza / Partial Courtyard Infill

- o Major utility conflicts
- o Fewer screen lanes possible
- o Aesthetic change to front entry of Treasury
- o Staff and Visitors share lanes

Sherman Park - Below Ground Facility - North Entry Plaza

- o Substantial excavation and ramping required to reach depth.
- o Circulation pinch point complicating flow and operational efficiency.
- o Potential Treasury archeological site in North side of Park.

Sherman Park - Below Ground Facility - East Entry Plaza

- o Three quadrants of the park would be affected
- o Large sewer tunnel traversing the southeast quadrant of the park impedes on below grade access.
- o Additional below grade square footage required to reach primary screening area under west side.

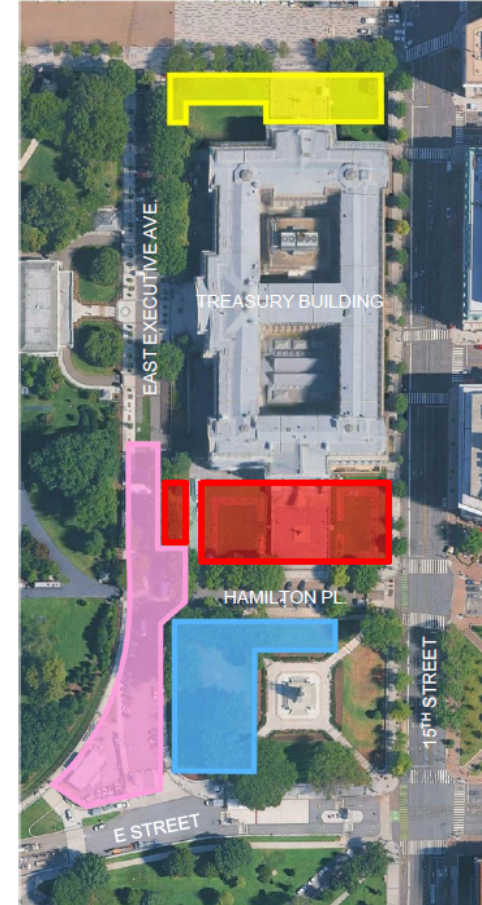
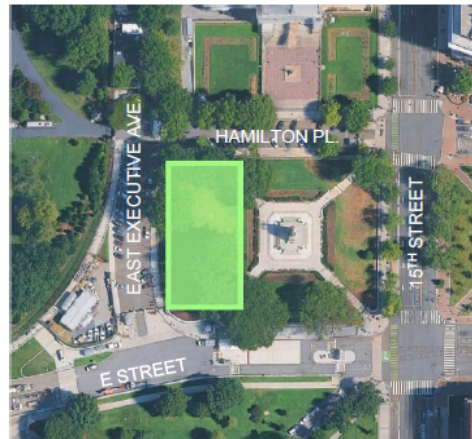
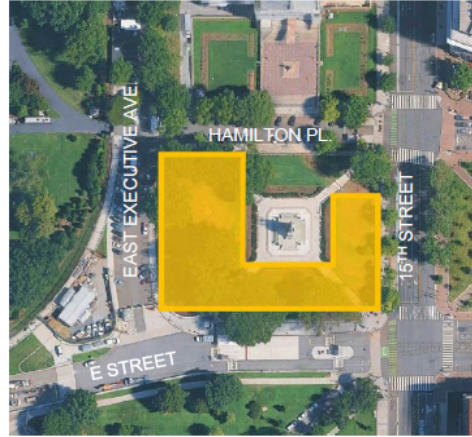
Sherman Park - Above Ground

- o Highly visible from the park and the surrounding public spaces.
- o Complete removal of existing trees with no available space to introduce replacement plantings.
- o Entrance located within outer secure perimeter at E Street and park
- o Cleared visitors would exit into Sherman Park, which remains south of the secondary secure fence line.
- o Additional USSS personnel required to monitor cleared visitor after screening

South Treasury - Below Ground Facility

- o Construction would require the removal of the historic fence and plaza
- o The entry would be highly visible, affecting view of Treasury
- o Overflow visitors would queue along the 15th Street sidewalks with entry inside current security perimeter.
- o Subterranean conflicts with existing utilities, requires structural underpinning

The proposed location for the Visitor Screening Facility at Sherman Park was strategically selected with consideration to multiple factors including, but not limited to security, functionality, visitor flow, aesthetics, and cost. Siting the facility was performed in a manner to mitigate the permanent impact to the surrounding areas as much as possible. Alternate locations around the complex have been considered extensively.



SCREENING FACILITY ALTERNATIVES

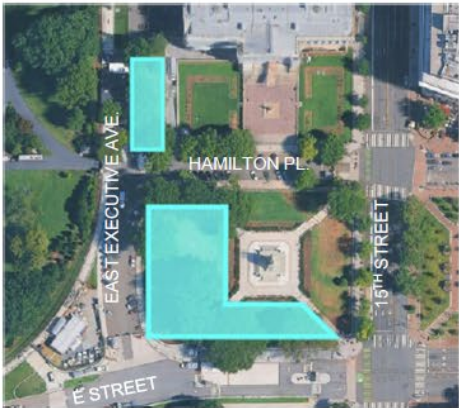
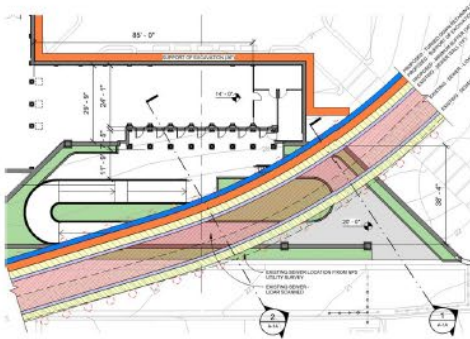
Previous Location at Concept Review, Dismissed

2. WHITE HOUSE VISITOR SCREENING FACILITY

2.3 ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS

Sherman Park - Below Ground Facility - South Entry Plaza

- Existing sewer tunnel conflict was found to be greater than anticipated after comprehensive field surveys.
- Proposed plaza altered a majority of the historic south quadrant of the park.



SCREENING FACILITY ALTERNATIVES

Environmental and Historic Considerations

3. ENVIRONMENTAL AND HISTORIC CONSIDERATIONS

3.1 CULTURAL RESOURCE CONSIDERATIONS

Design Approach

The project has been designed to minimize cultural impacts to the extent practicable, taking into account multiple rounds of comments received from DC SHPO and Consulting Parties. Several alternative options were evaluated and ultimately eliminated from further consideration due to various constraints.

The VSF will be located primarily underground and the above-grade portions will be located on the west side of Sherman Park to minimize interruption of views to the U.S. Treasury Department Building and the Sherman Monument. In addition:

- The project will maintain the historic pathways and retaining walls at each corner of the park.
- Direct views of the US Treasury Department Building's southern temple front along the primary north-south axis through Sherman Park will not be obstructed.
- Direct views of the Sherman Monument along the primary north-south axis of Sherman Park or from the east side of the park will not be obstructed.
- The entry plaza/pavilion and north screening building will both employ a low-profile, classical design that will be harmonious with the surrounding area without competing with the size of nearby landmark buildings.



Cultural Resource Considerations

3. ENVIRONMENTAL AND HISTORIC CONSIDERATIONS

3.1 CULTURAL RESOURCE CONSIDERATIONS

Historic Resources and Cultural Landscapes

Impacts

The project will diminish the integrity of the following historic and cultural resources within the Area of Potential Effect (APE) through changes in spatial organization, land use, design and setting, vegetation, topography, and views and vistas:

- Contributing landscape characteristics of Sherman Park
- Grounds of the U.S. Treasury Building
- East Executive Park

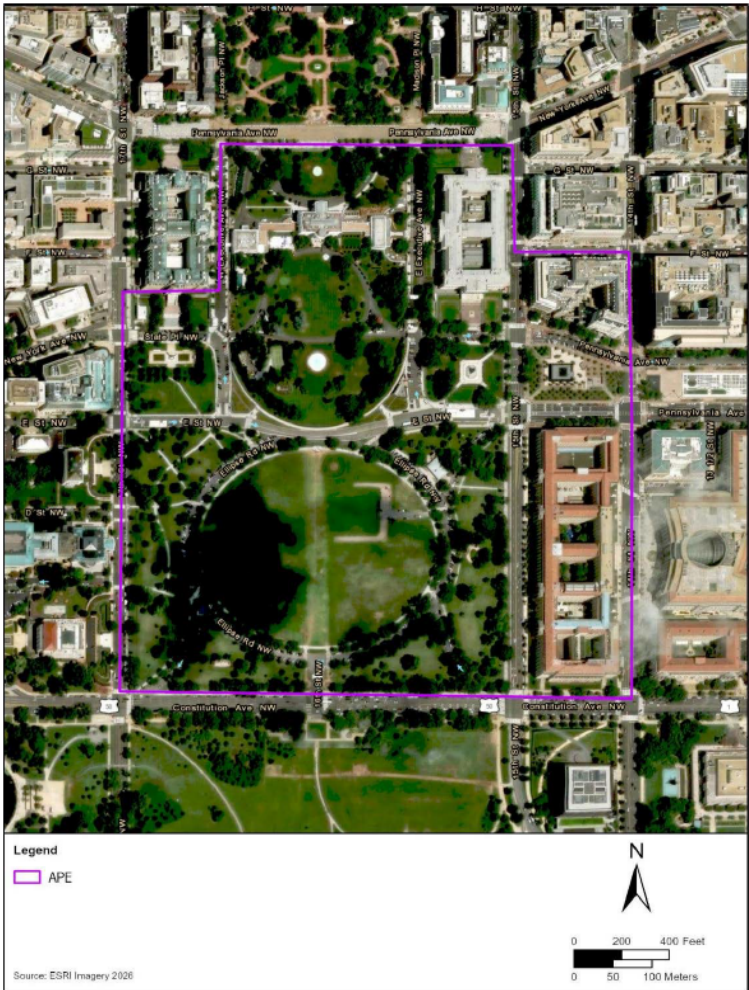
Direct views will not be obstructed for:

- U.S. Treasury Department Building's southern temple front along the primary north-south axis through Sherman Park
- General William Tecumseh Sherman statue along the primary north-south axis of Sherman Park or from the east side of the park

The project will strengthen the north-north axial vista between the U.S. Treasury Building's south plaza and Sherman Park by replacing temporary tents and trailers with a more intentional and compatible design.

Mitigation/Minimization

The NPS, in conjunction with USSS, has prepared a project-specific Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) in coordination with DC SHPO and with input from Consulting Parties to address adverse impacts through implementation of various avoidance, minimization, and mitigation measures.



Cultural Resource Considerations

3. ENVIRONMENTAL AND HISTORIC CONSIDERATIONS

3.1 CULTURAL RESOURCE CONSIDERATIONS

Archeological Resources

Impacts

The project area has moderate to high potential for archeological resources from the 19th and 20th centuries, and low potential to contain precontact resources (i.e., Native American artifacts).

Since project construction will require excavation up to 20 feet below the surface of the LOD, archeological resources may be encountered.

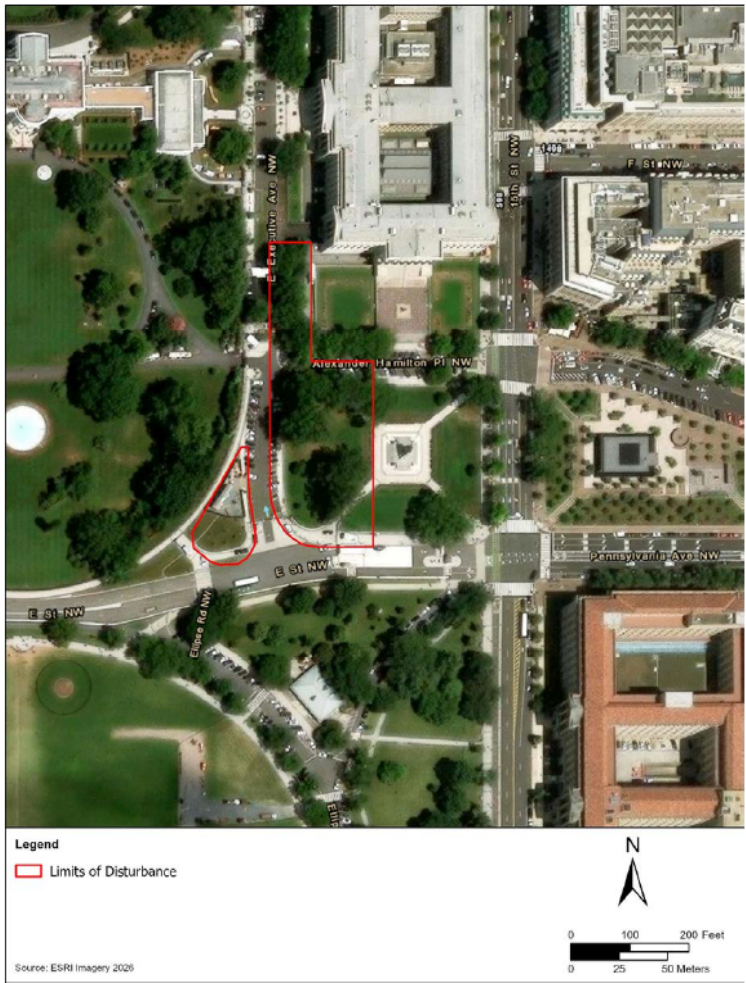
If archeological resources are discovered and disturbed, the project could have an adverse effect on those resources.

Mitigation/Minimization

The NPS has prepared a project-specific MOA in coordination with DC SHPO and with input from Consulting Parties to address adverse impacts through implementation of various avoidance, minimization, and mitigation measures.

Archeological surveys and testing will be conducted prior to construction to determine if shallowly buried significant archeological resources are present.

The NPS, in conjunction with USSS, is preparing an Archeological Monitoring and Documentation Plan (AMDP) and an Unanticipated Archeological Discoveries Plan (UDP), in coordination with DC SHPO, to further guide surveying and monitoring efforts.



Natural Resources Considerations

3. ENVIRONMENTAL AND HISTORIC CONSIDERATIONS

3.2 NATURAL RESOURCES CONSIDERATIONS

Vegetation

Impacts

Approximately 18 trees and turf grass in the west quadrant of Sherman Park and along East Executive Avenue would be removed; of these, two would be transplanted.

The maintained lawn in the western quadrant would also be permanently reduced to allow space for the new entrance pavilion.

Facility operations would not preclude landscape management of the park, and vegetation in Sherman Park would continue to be actively managed and maintained by the NPS.

Mitigation/Minimization

- The project has been designed and sited to minimize impacts to vegetation to the extent practicable. Shifting the facility from the southern quadrant to the western quadrant of Sherman Park allows the preservation of a 48-inch heritage tree.
- Tree removal permits would be obtained as needed.
- All disturbed areas would be restored in accordance with a comprehensive landscape treatment and management plan.
- Removed trees would be replaced with a minimum of 40 trees of at least 2.5-inch caliper in size to meet *NCPC Tree Preservation and Replacement Policy*. Replacement trees within Sherman Park will be at minimum 6-inch caliper.
- The mature canopy spread would be equivalent to, or greater than, that of the trees removed. Major canopy shade trees will be willow oaks.
- Adequate rooting volume and soil depth (3 to 5 feet deep) would be provided.

Natural Resource Considerations

3. ENVIRONMENTAL AND HISTORIC CONSIDERATIONS

3.2 NATURAL RESOURCES CONSIDERATIONS

Wetlands

No wetlands or waters of the U.S. occur within the project area and the project would avoid impacts to wetlands. The project is exempt from *NPS Director's Order #77-1: Wetland Protection*.

Floodplains

The project is not located within FEMA-designated 100-year floodplain nor any floodways or special flood hazard areas. The Proposed Action is exempt from *NPS Director's Order #77-2: Floodplain Management* as the project would not result in development within floodplains nor increase flood risk to human health and safety.

Stormwater

The project would result in increased impervious surface (approximately 10,700 sq ft). Construction activities would implement standard BMPs and follow guidelines in *The Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital: The Federal Environmental Element* and District and Federal requirements for erosion and sediment control. Low-impact development features would be incorporated to the extent practicable to manage runoff, in accordance with Section 438 of the Energy Independence and Security Act.



FIGURE 3.2.1 FEMA FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP (FIRM) NUMBER 110001 ACCESSED MARCH 5, 2025.

Natural Resources Considerations

3. ENVIRONMENTAL AND HISTORIC CONSIDERATIONS

3.2 NATURAL RESOURCES CONSIDERATIONS

Wildlife and Habitat

Construction activities could result in temporary disturbance to wildlife species due to increased noise and physical encroachment. Wildlife species within an urban landscape are typically accustomed to human activity and would relocate to nearby suitable habitat during construction, including the landscaped lawns, shrubs, and trees of President's Park. Individuals may return once construction ends and utilize the restored, landscaped site.

Threatened and Endangered Species

The NPS completed the Northern Long-eared Bat and Tricolored Bat Range-wide Determination Key (DKey) on May 18, 2026, and determined the project would have *no effect* on either species. In addition, the site is a highly urbanized area that is not anticipated to contain suitable foraging habitat for the monarch butterfly.

Transportation and Circulation

Temporary construction impacts would occur due to increased congestion from construction vehicles and closures. Impacts would cease once construction activities are completed. Coordination with District authorities will be implemented to ensure any impacts are managed and minimized to the extent practicable.

Visitor Considerations

3. ENVIRONMENTAL AND HISTORIC CONSIDERATIONS

3.3 VISITOR CONSIDERATIONS

Visitor Use and Experience

Impacts

Construction would temporarily restrict public access in and around Sherman Park.

Visitors would experience increased noise and visual disturbance due to construction.

Operation of the project would benefit visitors by increasing recreational availability within Sherman Park. Public access would generally no longer be restricted during tour hours and special events under normal conditions, unless heightened security concerns are present.

Mitigation/Minimization

Appropriate BMPs and safety measures would be implemented to minimize risks to the public.

Public access to the above-ground, open green space of Sherman Park, under typical security conditions, would be expanded to include the easternmost diagonal walkways that extend from 15th Street, NW as well as the walkways surrounding all sides of the memorial.

Upon project completion, all existing temporary security barriers, including the bike rack barriers, that currently line the northern perimeter of Sherman Park and the walkway along the south side of Alexander Hamilton Place at 15th Street NW would be removed, and no temporary barriers would block publicly accessible walkways in Sherman Park under typical security conditions.



Outreach and Coordination

3. ENVIRONMENTAL AND HISTORIC CONSIDERATIONS

3.4 OUTREACH AND COORDINATION

Consultation and coordination with federal, state, and local agencies, and Native American Tribes is ongoing. Efforts conducted to date are listed below.

- Section 106 consultation initiated with DC SHPO on March 26, 2026.
 - DC SHPO concurred with finding of adverse effects on May 6, 2026.
 - The AOE and MOA have been prepared in coordination with DC SHPO and with input from Consulting Parties.
 - Finalization of the AMDP and UDP is underway in coordination with DC SHPO to guide surveying and monitoring efforts.
- NCPC was invited to participate as cooperating agency on April 13, 2026.
 - NCPC accepted cooperating agency invitation on April 14, 2026.
 - NCPC has provided comments on the Environmental Assessment (EA) and MOA.
- Finding of adverse effects and invitation to participate in Section 106 process provided to the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) on April 13, 2026.
 - ACHP declined to formally consult on April 28, 2026.
 - ACHP reviewed and provided comments on the MOA on June 24, 2026.
- Invitation sent to consulting parties and federally recognized Native American Tribes on April 14, 2026 to participate in Section 106 Consulting Party meetings.
 - Meetings were held on April 20, May 19, and June 17, 2026.
 - Draft AOE Report, including subsequent revised versions, and the Draft Section 106 MOA were provided to Consulting Parties for 10- to 15-day review periods.
- The following federally recognized Native American Tribes were invited to participate as consulting parties: Delaware Nation, Cherokee Nation, Pamunkey Indian Tribe, Upper Mattaponi Indian Tribe, Rappahannock Tribe, Nansemond Indian Nation, Chickahominy Indian Tribe, Chickahominy Tribe Eastern Division, Monacan Indian Nation, Catawba Indian Nation, Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma, and Shawnee Tribe.
- NCPC Concept Review meeting was held on April 2, 2026.
- CFA Concept Review meetings were held on April 16, 2026 and July 16, 2026.

NEPA and NHPA Compliance

3. ENVIRONMENTAL AND HISTORIC CONSIDERATIONS

3.5 NEPA/NHPA COMPLIANCE

- Through compliance with National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA):
 - The EA demonstrates that the project will not result in significant adverse impacts and preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement is not required, as documented in the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) determination.
 - The project will have adverse effects on cultural and historic resources, as described in the AOE.
 - The project will be implemented in accordance with the Section 106 MOA to take into account the effects on cultural and historic properties.
 - Phase IB/II archeological surveys will be conducted prior to construction.
 - The AMDP and UDP will be implemented during construction.



2011: View from the Washington Monument