

NCPC PROJECT REPORT

Transfer of Jurisdiction Submission

August 28, 2026

South of RFK

**National Park Service
National Capital Region
1100 Ohio Drive SW
Washington, DC 20242**

Prepared by:

**NPS National Capital Regional Office
in coordination with
Government of the District of Columbia, Executive Office of the Mayor**

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Description of the Transfer

The District of Columbia has requested the transfer of administrative jurisdiction over a portion of U.S. Reservation 343F, located between the Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Stadium (“RFK”) Campus and Commodore Barney Circle in Southeast Washington, D.C., from the National Park Service (“NPS”) to the District of Columbia (“District”). The transfer will allow the District to assume responsibility for the maintenance, operation, administration, and permitting of the Transfer Property, while title to the land remains vested in the United States. Administrative jurisdiction is being transferred pursuant to 40 U.S.C. § 8124 and D.C. Official Code § 10-111 and will be subject to a Declaration of Covenants governing the use and management of the property.

The Transfer Property is located generally east and south of Congressional Cemetery and encompasses approximately 17.2339 acres within Squares 1117-S, 1124, 1131, 1147, 1149-S, and 1152, as well as a portion of U.S. Reservation 343F. The property is currently owned by the United States and administered by NPS through National Capital Parks–East as part of the Park System of the Nation’s Capital.

NPS assumed jurisdiction for park purposes over part of the tract historically known as Section “F” of Anacostia Park pursuant to Land Transfer Order No. 112, dated January 29, 1935. The land is now located within U.S. Reservation 343F. The proposed transfer will shift administrative jurisdiction over the identified Transfer Property from NPS to the District while maintaining federal ownership of the underlying land.

The Transfer Property is identified and depicted on the Transfer of Jurisdiction Plat and described in the accompanying legal description. The Transfer Property includes the real property within the identified boundaries, together with all existing structures, fixtures, equipment, and utility infrastructure located within those boundaries.

Upon completion of the transfer, the District will assume responsibility for the maintenance, operation, administration, and permitting of the Transfer Property. The Declaration of Covenants provides that administrative jurisdiction will remain with the District so long as the Transfer Property is used for transportation, recreation, and related public purposes in accordance with the applicable covenants.

The proposed transfer is limited to the transfer of administrative jurisdiction. It does not itself include physical alteration, demolition, new construction, subdivision, or ground disturbance within the Transfer Property.

Coordination with Federal, State and Local Jurisdictions

The proposed transfer involves the National Park Service, which currently administers the underlying federal land, and the District of Columbia, which will assume administrative jurisdiction over the Transfer Property.

The transfer is being pursued pursuant to 40 U.S.C. § 8124 and D.C. Official Code § 10-111 and is subject to the applicable National Capital Planning Commission process.

The District and NPS are entering into a Declaration of Covenants that will be recorded with the District of Columbia Office of the Recorder of Deeds. The Transfer Plat will also be recorded with the District of Columbia Office of the Surveyor.

The Declaration recognizes that title to the Transfer Property will remain vested in the United States following the transfer. The District will instead assume administrative jurisdiction and the associated responsibilities for maintenance, operation, administration, and permitting, subject to the covenants governing the property's future use.

The transfer has also been coordinated with the District of Columbia State Historic Preservation Office ("DC SHPO") in connection with compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act ("NHPA"). NPS and DC SHPO have determined that the transfer of control and jurisdiction from the Federal Government to the District will not adversely affect historic properties because the transfer itself does not authorize physical changes to the property and future projects will remain subject to applicable District historic preservation requirements.

DMPED, NPS, and DC SHPO are coordinating on the transfer and associated environmental and historic preservation requirements.

ENVIRONMENTAL AND HISTORICAL CONSIDERATIONS

Historic Preservation (NHPA Section 106)

The proposed undertaking is limited to the transfer of administrative jurisdiction and does not include any proposed changes to the existing physical characteristics of the property.

The Area of Potential Effects ("APE") is limited to the Transfer Property within Reservation 343F, as depicted on the Transfer of Jurisdiction Plat.

U.S. Reservation 343F was determined eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places in 2008. The property is associated with the historic development and use of the Nation's Capital and the Anacostia area and is recognized as a historic resource.

The NPS and DC SHPO determined that transferring control and jurisdiction of the Transfer Property from the Federal Government to the District will not adversely affect historic properties pursuant to 36 CFR 800.5(a)(2)(vii), the regulation implementing Section 106 of the NHPA. The basis for the determination is that the undertaking is administrative in nature and does not itself involve subdivision, demolition, alteration, new construction, or other physical changes to historic properties.

The Declaration further provides that any future project involving subdivision of, demolition, alteration, or new construction on property owned by or under the jurisdiction of the District will be subject to review by DC SHPO pursuant to Section 9b of the District of Columbia Historic Landmark and Historic District Protection Act of 1978. These requirements will provide legally enforceable preservation review

and conditions for future projects affecting the Transfer Property. DC SHPO may also consult with NPS regarding any future project involving the Transfer Property that may adversely affect historic properties.

Accordingly, the proposed transfer itself will have no adverse effect on historic properties. Any future undertaking involving physical changes to the Transfer Property will require appropriate historic preservation review and, where applicable, additional consultation under Section 106 of the NHPA.

Natural Resources

NEPA

The proposed undertaking is limited to the **transfer of administrative jurisdiction** and does not include construction, ground disturbance, alteration, or other physical changes to the Transfer Property. Accordingly, the transfer itself is not anticipated to result in direct impacts to natural resources.

NPS determined that the proposed activities fit within a categorical exclusion under NEPA. Please see completed NEPA compliance, provided.

COMPANION DOCUMENTS

Plat	Separate Attachment
Legal Description	Separate Attachment
Context Map	Separate Attachment
DCHPO Concurrence	Separate Attachment

NATIONAL CAPITAL PLANNING COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. _____, 2026

Recommended by vote of the Commission on _____, 20____ in accordance with
Section 1 of An Act To authorize the transfer of jurisdiction over public land in the District of
Columbia, approved May 20, 1932 (47 Stat. 161; D.C. Official Code Section 10-111) and the
National Capital Planning Act of 1952, approved July 19, 1952 (66 Stat. 781; D.C. Official
Code Section 2-1001, et. seq.)

CHAIRMAN

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
WASHINGTON, D.C. _____, 2026

By resolution # _____ dated _____, and in accordance with
Section 1 of An Act to authorize the transfer of jurisdiction over public land in the District of
Columbia, approved May 20, 1932 (47 Stat. 161; D.C. Official Code Section 10-111), I hereby
transfer from the National Park Service the jurisdiction over the portion shown thus: XXXXXX
; subject to, and for uses of, that certain Declaration of Covenants by and between the District
of Columbia and the Department of the Interior, National Park Service dated _____,
202__ and recorded in the land records as Document # _____.

REGIONAL DIRECTOR,
NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
WASHINGTON, D.C. _____, 2026

By resolution # _____ dated _____ and in accordance with
Section 1 of An Act to authorize the transfer of jurisdiction over public land in the District of
Columbia, approved May 20, 1932 (47 Stat. 161; D.C. Official Code Section 10-111), the
Mayor of the District of Columbia hereby accepts the transfer of jurisdiction from the National
Park Service over the portion shown thus: XXXXXX; subject to, and for uses of, that
certain Declaration of Covenants by and between the District of Columbia and the Department
of the Interior, National Park Service dated _____, 202__ and recorded in the land
records as Document # _____.

OFFICE OF THE SURVEYOR
OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
WASHINGTON, D.C. _____, 2026

I certify that this plat is correct and is hereby approved for record in this Office.

SURVEYOR D.C.

SURVEYOR'S OFFICE, D.C.

Made for: GILLES STUCKER

Drawn by: A.S. Checked by: _____

Record and computations by: B. MYERS

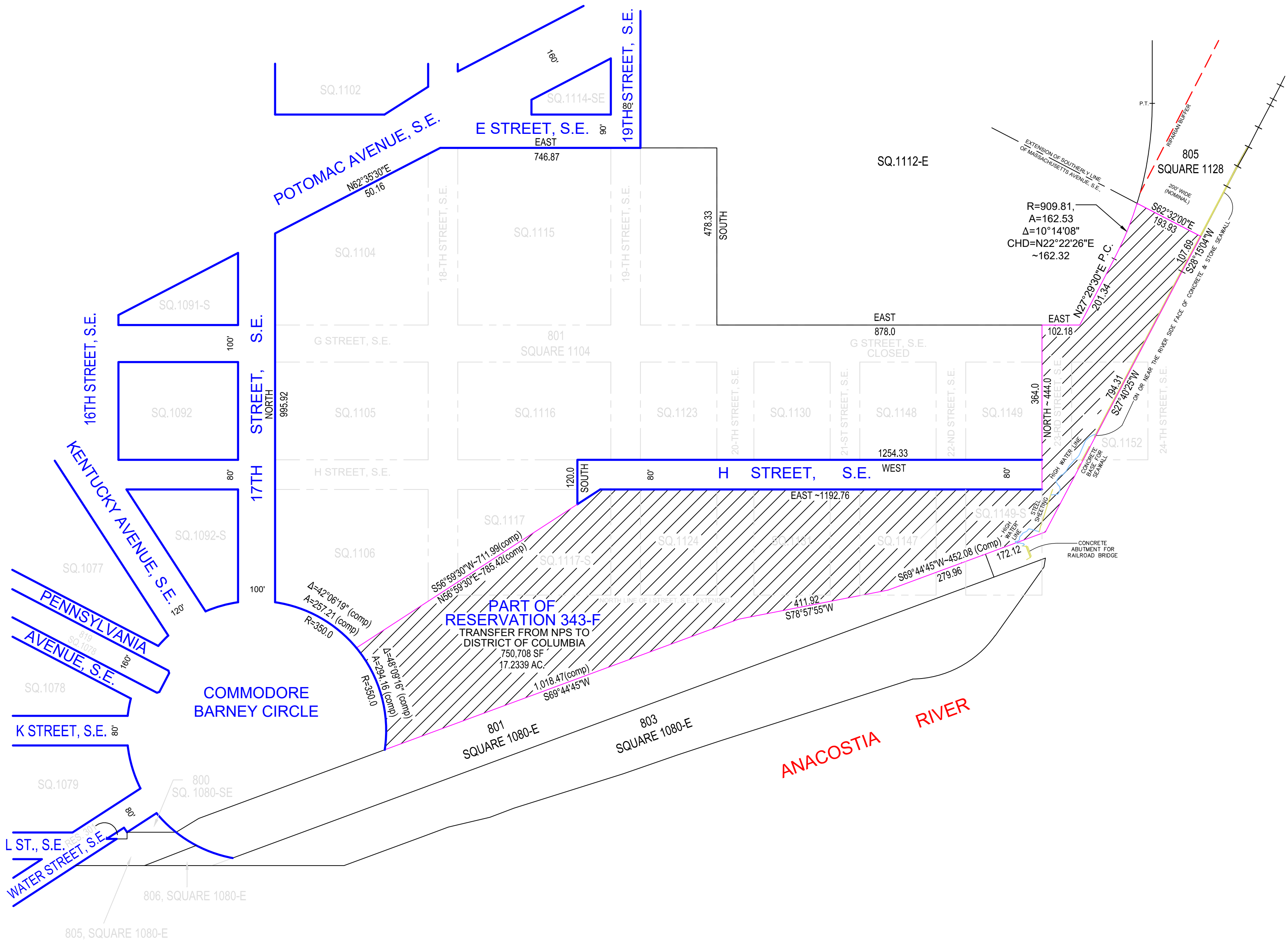
Recorded at: _____

Recorded in Book _____ Page _____ SR-26-03718

Scale: 1 inch = 200 feet

2026/TRANSFER OF JUR/SR-26-03718.RES 343-F

PLAT OF TRANSFER OF JURISDICTION
ON PART OF RESERVATION 343-F



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Description

Part of

RESERVATION 343-F

All those certain lots or parcels of land situated, lying and being in the District of Columbia, and being described as follows:

Being part of Reservation 343-F; and more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the point of intersection of the eastern line of 17-TH Street, S.E. with Commodore Barney Circle, thence southeasterly **257.21 feet** of arc along Commodore Barney Circle to the **Point of Beginning**, said point being at the intersection of said circle and the extension of the line of division between the Record Square 1106 and the Record Square 1117 as shown on the plat recorded April 13, 1798, in Record Book 4A plat 1117 and South of the Square 1117 (S.1117) as shown on the plat recorded October 12, 1906, in Book 31 page 185, both among the Records of the Surveyor of the District of Columbia, said division line also being the northerly line of Water Street, S.E.; thence leaving said arc and running along said line

1. **North 56°59'30" East, 785.42 feet** to a point on the southern line of H Street, S.E.; thence running along said southern line
2. **East, 1192.76 feet** to a point on the western line of 23-RD Street, S.E.; thence running along said western line
3. **North, 444.00 feet** to point on the outlines of Lot 7, East of Square 1112 (E-1112) as shown on the plat recorded September 15, 2017, in Book 213 page 31; thence running along said outlines for the next three courses and distances
4. **East, 102.18 feet** to a point; thence
5. **North 27°29'30" East, 201.34 feet** to a point of curvature; thence
6. **162.53 feet** along a curve to the **LEFT**, with a radius of **909.81 feet**, delta angle of **10°14'08"**, chord bearing and distance of **North 22°22'26" East, 162.32 feet** to a point of intersection with a non-tangent line, said line being the extension of the southerly line of Massachusetts Avenue, S.E.; thence leaving said Lot 7 and along said extension line
7. **South 62°32'00" East, 193.93 feet** to a point at the Anacostia River on or near the river side face of the concrete and stone seawall; thence running on or near said face for the next two courses and distances
8. **South 28°15'04" West, 107.69 feet** to a point; thence

9. **South 27°40'25" West, 794.31 feet** to a point of intersection with the South 69°44'45" West, 171.08 feet line shown on the Plat of Computation recorded June 8, 1997, in Survey Book 204 page 22, Map No. 10,125; thence running with the lines of said plat for the next four courses and distances
10. **South 69°44'45" West, 452.08 feet** to a point; thence
11. **South 78°57'55" West, 411.92 feet** to a point; thence
12. **South 69°44'45" West, 1,018.47 feet** to a point of intersection with a non-tangential curve, said point being on the aforesaid Commodore Barney Circle; thence with said circle
13. **294.16 feet** along a curve to the **LEFT**, with a radius of **350.00 feet**, delta angle of **48°09'16"**, chord bearing and distance of **North 15°33'22" West, 285.58 feet** to the point of beginning, **containing** 750,708 square feet or 17.2339 acres as described by Wiles Mensch Corporation – DC, using the meridian from the Records of the Office of the Surveyor for the District of Columbia.

Description made _____ by:

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Categorical Exclusion Documentation Form (CE Form)

Project: South of RFK, near Barney Circle- Transfer of Jurisdiction

PEPC Project Number: 137840

Description of Action (Project Description): Project Description

The District of Columbia has requested the transfer of administrative jurisdiction of approximately 17.2339 acres of U.S. Reservation 343F from the National Park Service (NPS) to the District of Columbia for continued transportation, recreation, and related public purposes. The transfer will allow the District to assume responsibility for the maintenance, operation, administration, and permitting of the property while title to the land remains vested in the United States.

The Transfer Property is located between the Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Stadium Campus and Commodore Barney Circle in Southeast Washington, DC, generally east and south of Congressional Cemetery. The property encompasses approximately 17.2339 acres within Squares 1117-S, 1124, 1131, 1147, 1149-S, 1152, and a portion of Reservation 343F. The property is administered by the National Park Service as part of National Capital Parks-East and is designated as part of the Park System of the Nation's Capital. The parcel includes existing transportation infrastructure, recreational areas, utility infrastructure, and associated site features. Please reference the provided drawings for the location and demarcation of the Transfer Property.

Upon transfer of administrative jurisdiction, the District will assume responsibility for the maintenance, operation, administration, and permitting of the Transfer Property. Under the Declaration of Covenants, the property will continue to be used for transportation, recreation, and related public purposes consistent with its existing function. Administrative jurisdiction alone will be transferred; ownership of the property will remain vested in the United States. The District will not be permitted to transfer or assign administrative jurisdiction, nor grant property interests within the Transfer Property, without prior written approval from the National Park Service, except as otherwise provided in the Declaration of Covenants.

The proposed undertaking consists solely of the transfer of administrative jurisdiction and does not include demolition, new construction, rehabilitation, or other physical alterations to the Transfer Property. The National Park Service determined that the proposed transfer will not result in a significant change in the use of the property and therefore qualifies for Categorical Exclusion 12.5.C.2 under the National Environmental Policy Act. In consultation with the District of Columbia State Historic Preservation Office (DC SHPO), the National Park Service also determined that the transfer will have no adverse effect on historic properties pursuant to 36 CFR 800.5(a)(2)(vii), as any future undertaking involving subdivision, demolition, alteration, new construction, or ground disturbance will remain subject to review under Section 9b of the District of Columbia Historic Landmark and Historic District Protection Act and, where applicable, consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

Previous archaeological investigations have determined that portions of the Transfer Property retain the potential for deeply buried archaeological resources beneath historic fill deposits. Accordingly, any future ground-disturbing activities undertaken after the transfer will require review by the DC SHPO to determine the need for archaeological investigations conducted in accordance with federal and District of Columbia requirements.

The Area of Potential Effects (APE) is limited to the approximately 17.2339-acre Transfer Property within Reservation 343F. The undertaking consists solely of the transfer of administrative jurisdiction from the National Park Service to the District of Columbia and does not include any proposed changes to the existing physical characteristics of the property.

Project Location:

County, State: District of Columbia, DC

Mitigation(s):

There are no required mitigations identified.

CE Citation: DOI NEPA Handbook, Appendix 2, 12.5, C(2), (Feb. 2026). Land exchanges which will not lead to significant changes in the use of land.

CE Justification: This transfer embodies conditions that ensure the continued protection of park resources and values while maintaining appropriate stewardship of cultural and natural resources. Specifically:

The Transfer Property will continue to be used for transportation, recreation, and related public purposes consistent with its existing functions. Only administrative jurisdiction over the Transfer Property is being transferred to the District of Columbia; title to the property will remain vested in the United States. The District shall not transfer or assign administrative jurisdiction over the Transfer Property, nor grant any property interest, including easements or rights-of-way, without the prior written consent of the National Park Service (NPS), except as otherwise provided for agreements permitting the use, access, or occupancy of the property by third parties.

Upon transfer, the District will assume responsibility for the maintenance, operation, administration, and permitting of the Transfer Property and will be responsible for complying with all applicable federal, District, and local environmental laws. Previous archaeological investigations determined that portions of the Transfer Property retain the potential for deeply buried archaeological resources beneath historic fill deposits. Accordingly, any future ground-disturbing activities will require review by the District of Columbia State Historic Preservation Office (DC SHPO) to determine the need for archaeological investigations conducted in accordance with the Guidelines for Archaeological Investigations in the District of Columbia and other applicable federal and District requirements.

The proposed undertaking consists solely of the transfer of administrative jurisdiction and does not authorize demolition, new construction, site redevelopment, or other physical alterations to the Transfer Property. Any future project involving subdivision, demolition, alteration, new construction, or ground disturbance will be subject to review by the DC SHPO pursuant to Section 9b of the District of Columbia Historic Landmark and Historic District Protection Act and, where applicable, consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

The National Park Service determined that the proposed transfer will not result in a significant change in the use of the Transfer Property and therefore qualifies for Categorical Exclusion 12.5.C.2 under the National Environmental Policy Act. The NPS and the DC SHPO further determined that the transfer will have no adverse effect on historic properties pursuant to 36 CFR 800.5(a)(2)(vii), because future actions affecting historic properties will remain subject to applicable federal and District historic preservation review.

The Declaration of Covenants provides enforceable mechanisms to ensure the continued protection of the Transfer Property. Should the property cease to be used for transportation, recreation, and related public purposes, or should the District fail to comply with the conditions of the Declaration, the NPS retains the authority to require corrective action and, if necessary, exercise its right of reversion of administrative jurisdiction. These provisions ensure the long-term protection of public resources while maintaining federal ownership of the property.

The proposed undertaking is administrative in nature and will not result in any direct or indirect physical impacts to park resources, cultural resources, or the human environment. The transfer maintains federal ownership of the property while ensuring that future activities remain subject to applicable environmental and historic preservation laws and regulations, consistent with the intent and requirements of NPS Categorical Exclusion 12.5.C.2.

Extraordinary Circumstances:

If implemented, would the proposal...	Yes/No	Explanation
A. Have significant impacts on public health or safety?	No	Activities in the TOJ area will remain the same as in past years.

If implemented, would the proposal...	Yes/No	Explanation
B. Have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources; park, recreation or refuge lands; wilderness areas; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or principal drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands; floodplains; national monuments; migratory birds; and other ecologically significant or critical areas?	No	No significant impacts on natural or cultural resources. Will not lead to significant changes in the use and activities on the land to be transferred.
C. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks?	No	Land use will largely remain the same, no uncertain environmental effects or risks.
D. Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects?	No	No future land exchanges or transfers would be decided based on any precedent set here, they would be considered separately.
E. Have a direct relationship to other actions that implicate potentially significant environmental effects?	No	Land use will largely remain the same, no cumulative environmental effects are expected.
F. Have significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for listing, on the National Register of Historic Places as determined by the bureau?	No	This TOJ does not include any eligible or potentially eligible property. This TOJ is not anticipated to adversely affect historic resources.
G. Have significant impacts on species listed, or proposed to be listed, on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species or have significant impacts on designated Critical Habitat for these species?	No	No known threatened or endangered species presence or impacts to habitat.
H. Significantly limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on Federal lands by Indian religious practitioners or significantly adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites?	No	No known sacred sites present.
I. Contribute to potentially significant effects resulting from the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species known to occur in the area or from other actions that promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species (Federal Noxious Weed Control Act)?	No	The proposed undertaking consists solely of the transfer of administrative jurisdiction and does not involve ground disturbance, vegetation removal, construction, or other activities that would introduce or facilitate the spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species. Any future ground-disturbing activities would be subject to separate environmental review, as appropriate.

Decision: I find that the action fits within the categorical exclusion(s) above. Therefore, I am categorically excluding the described project from further NEPA analysis. No extraordinary circumstances apply.

Superintendent

Signature:

Date:

Serena Bellew



DC STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE FEDERAL AGENCY SECTION 106 REVIEW FORM

TO: Tammy Stidham, NPS

PROJECT NAME: Administrative Transfer of Jurisdiction of portions of Anacostia Park, Reservation 343F

PROJECT LOCATION: South of RFK Stadium Campus to Barney Circle

DC SHPO PROJECT NUMBER: 26-0805

The DC State Historic Preservation Office (DC SHPO) has reviewed the above-referenced federal undertaking(s) in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and has determined:

☐	This project will have no effect on historic properties. No further DC SHPO review or comment will be necessary.
☐	There are no historic properties that will be affected by this project. No further DC SHPO review or comment will be necessary.
☐	This project will have no adverse effect on historic properties. No further DC SHPO review or comment will be necessary.
☒	This project will have no adverse effect on historic properties conditioned upon fulfillment of the measures stipulated below.
☐	Other Comments / Additional Comments (see below):

The DC SHPO concurs with the finding of No Adverse Effect conditioned upon execution of the Draft Declaration of Covenants dated 8/31/26 without change. Please forward a copy of the signed Covenant when available.

Thank you for providing this opportunity to review and comment.

Anne O. Brockett
Architectural Historian
DC State Historic Preservation Office

DATE: September 1, 2026