Delegated Action of the Chairman

PROJECT
Transfer of Jurisdiction for a Portion of Reservation 357 Whitehaven Parkway
Washington

SUBMITTED BY
United States Department of the Interior, National Park Service

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ACTION TAKEN
Approve Transfer of Jurisdiction

REVIEW AUTHORITY
Approval
Per 40 U.S.C. § 8124(a)

The National Park Service (NPS) has submitted a transfer of administrative jurisdiction over an approximately 709-square-foot portion of Whitehaven Parkway (U.S. Reservation 357) from the United States Department of the Interior, NPS, to the District of Columbia Department of Transportation (DDOT). Title to the property will remain with the United States. NPS previously transferred administrative jurisdiction over portions of Reservation 357 to the District in 1959 and 1985 to realign Whitehaven Street. These transfers did not include the proposed transfer property, which encompasses a triangular sliver of Reservation 357 between the Whitehaven Street right-of-way to the north, a privately-owned property to the south (3300 Whitehaven Street, NW), and Dumbarton Oaks Park to the east.

The proposed transfer will generally not alter the character or function of the area. The draft Declaration of Covenants accompanying the transfer requires that the property continue to be used solely for transportation or recreational purposes and restricts future actions on the property. The adjacent private property supports the transfer as the sliver of land sits between the sidewalk and property currently under development. The transfer will not alter the function and will consolidate management under DDOT. As such, the transfer is not inconsistent with the federal elements of the *Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital*.

NPS and NCPC each have an independent responsibility to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The National Park Service submitted a categorical exclusion C.2 regarding "Land exchanges which will not lead to significant changes in the use of the land." NCPC staff determined that categorical exclusion #7 applies, which includes the "approval of transfers of jurisdiction pursuant to 40 U.S.C. § 8124 that are not anticipated to result in changes in land-use and that have no potential for environmental impact." The proposed transfer will not alter the use of the land for transportation or recreation purposes. Staff determined that no extraordinary circumstances existed prior to applying the categorical exclusion.

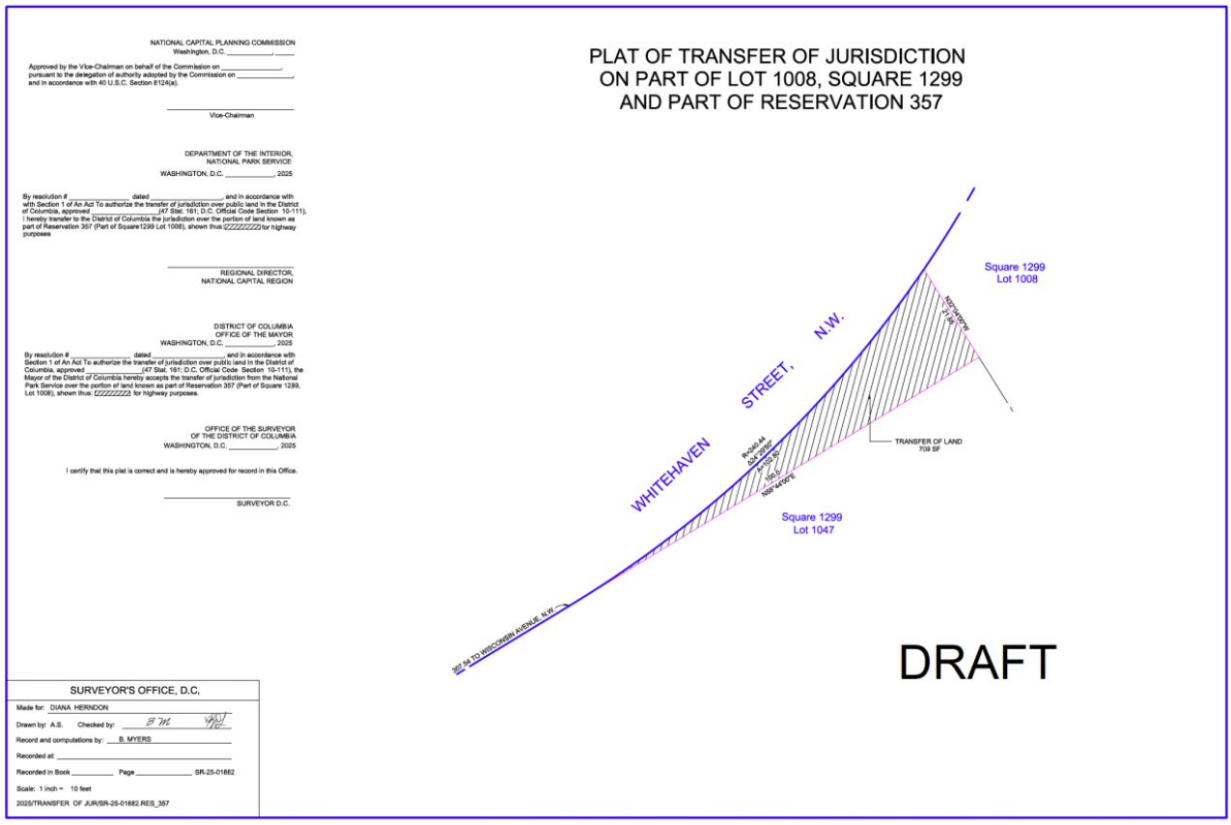


Figure 1: Draft Plat of Transfer of Jurisdiction.

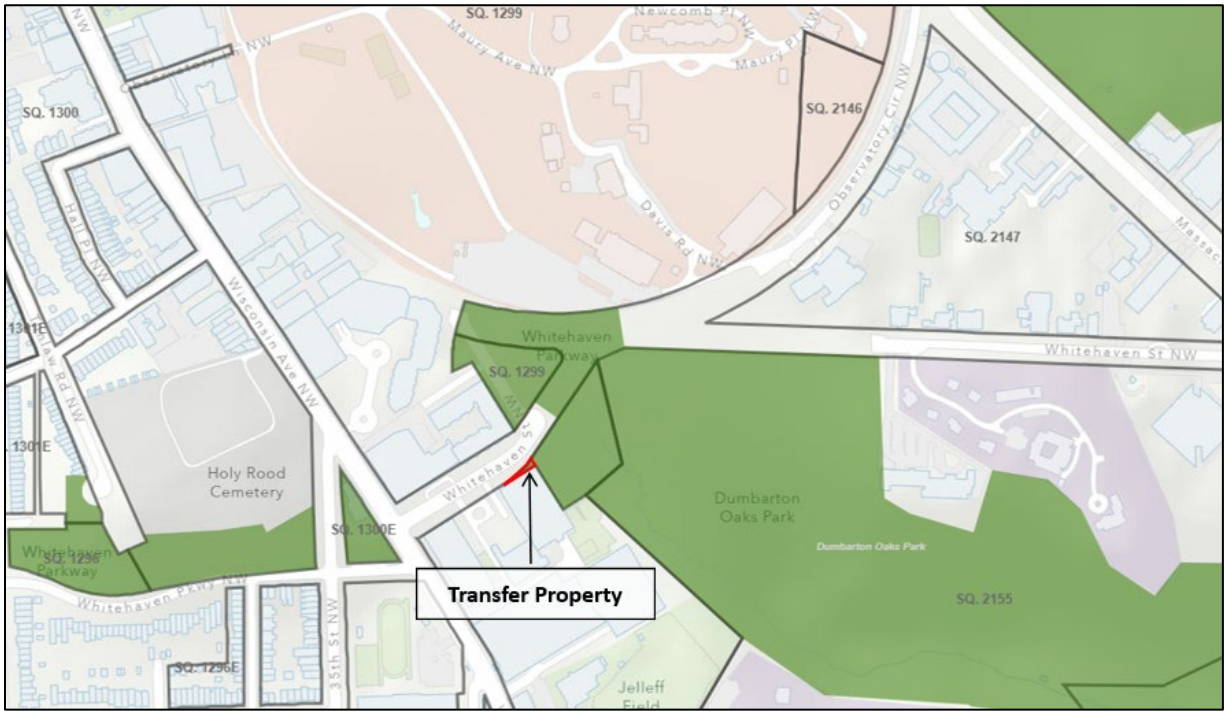


Figure 2: Transfer property location.

NPS and NCPC also have an independent responsibility to comply with the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). The National Park Service submitted a determination of "No Adverse Effect" on historic resources to the District of Columbia State Historic Preservation Office (DC SHPO), and the SHPO concurred with the determination on October 13, 2026. NCPC has designated NPS the lead federal agency for the purposes of complying with Section 106 of the NHPA.

The Coordinating Committee reviewed the proposed transfer at its October 14, 2026 meeting. The Committee forwarded the proposed transfer of jurisdiction to the Commission with the statement that the proposal was coordinated with all participating agencies. The DC SHPO is coordinating on the project conditioned upon the proposed covenant being placed on the property before transfer and a copy of the fully executed covenant being provided to the DC SHPO for their records within one (1) month of the date the covenant is recorded. The participating agencies included NPS, the U.S. General Services Administration, the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts, DDOT, the District of Columbia Office of Planning, the District of Columbia State Historic Preservation Office, the District Department of Energy and Environment, and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority.

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Pursuant to delegations of authority adopted by the Commission on March 6, 2025 and per 40 U.S.C. § 8124(a), I approve the transfer of administrative jurisdiction for a 709-square-foot portion of Whitehaven Parkway, Reservation 357, from the National Park Service to the District of Columbia for transportation or recreational purposes.

Mark Paoletta
Chairman

Date