



FRANKLIN PARK

VISION & TRANSFORMATION PLAN

PURPOSE

The purpose of the project is to revitalize Franklin Park in a manner that respects and enhances the historic and urban qualities of the park while transforming it into an active, flexible, and sustainable park that is connected to its community.

NEED

As a large park situated within the increasingly populated center city, lacking access to open space, Franklin Park provides a unique opportunity to serve the community and enhance urban living. Currently, park features are deteriorated and essential services, such as adequate seating and programming, are lacking. In addition, opportunities exist for better connections to both the historic and current urban context. The project is needed to address these deficiencies and revitalize the park so that it attracts and serves all visitors.

The National Park Service (NPS), in partnership with the District of Columbia, and the Downtown Business Improvement District is launching a collaborative comprehensive planning process to revitalize Franklin Park, one of the largest parks in downtown Washington, DC.

Franklin Park is located between K and I Streets N.W. and 13th and 14th Streets N.W. in downtown Washington, D.C. Currently the park does not meet the diverse needs of neighborhood residents, workers or visitors; however, there is the potential to transform Franklin Park into a premier urban park.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), the NPS is preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) to evaluate proposed actions as well as a review of potential impacts to historic park resources through the National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 process.



The park's central fountain is deteriorating and requires repair.



Large areas, such as the central grass areas, are under used and lack adequate programming.



Numerous social trails have formed along the desired walking paths.



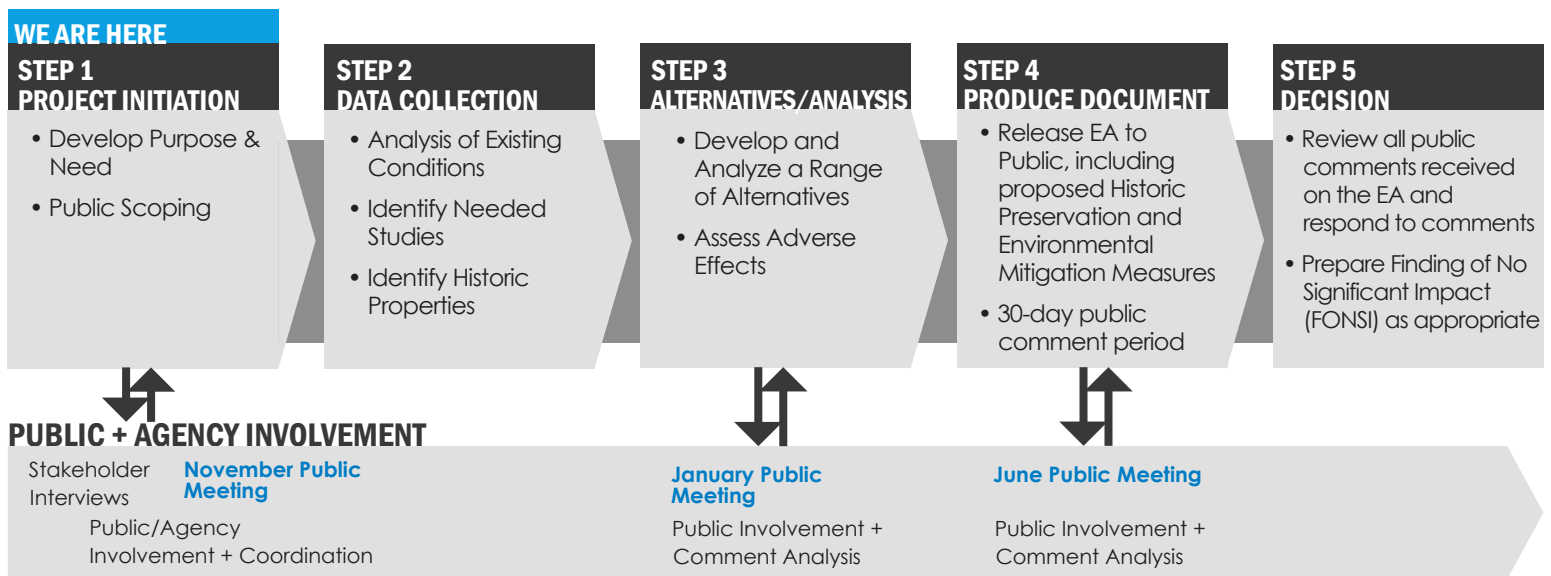
Deterioration of the path pavement results in tripping hazards.



PROJECT AREA + DRAFT AREA OF POTENTIAL EFFECT



NEPA + SECTION 106 PROCESS



OPTIONS FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

We are seeking your comments on how you'd like to see the park transformed. You may provide your comments via the project website or by completing and mailing the comment form to the NPS.

www.parkplanning.nps.gov/FranklinPark

OR

**ATTN: Franklin Park Project
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National Mall and Memorial Parks
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Washington, DC 20024**

Please submit all comments by November 22, 2013