



Notice of Scoping Meeting for Peace Corps Memorial

**To be held on Thursday, October 23, 2014
District Architecture Center
421 7th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20004
6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

The Peace Corps Commemorative Foundation proposes to establish a permanent memorial commemorating the founding of the Peace Corps and the ideals on which the Peace Corps was founded. The Peace Corps Commemorative Foundation, in cooperation with the National Park Service (NPS), has identified several parcels adjacent to the U.S. Capitol and along Pennsylvania Avenue NW between 18th Street NW and Rock Creek and Potomac Parkway as potential sites for the memorial. Following the site selection, the Peace Corps Commemorative Foundation would design and construct a memorial, and the NPS would be responsible for its long-term maintenance. These potential sites are administered by National Mall and Memorial Parks or by Rock Creek Park, both of which are administrative units of the NPS.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the NPS and the Peace Corps Commemorative Foundation are preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) to identify alternatives and assess the potential impacts of the proposal. Concurrent to the NEPA process, the NPS and the Peace Corps Commemorative Foundation will conduct a consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (NHPA).

As part of this planning effort, a public scoping meeting will be held by the NPS and the Peace Corps Commemorative Foundation on Thursday, October 23 between 6:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. at the District Architecture Center at 421 7th Street NW in Washington, DC. During this open house, the project team will be available to discuss alternatives and site characteristics.

The public is invited to comment on the proposed establishment of a memorial within the Louisiana Avenue NW site or another federal parcel along Pennsylvania Avenue NW, and to identify potential issues or concerns for consideration in the EA. During the meeting, comments may be submitted via written comment forms. In addition, you may submit comments electronically (the NPS preferred method of receiving comments) at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/nama>, by fax, or mail them directly. The NPS will accept comments on the proposed project through November 11, 2014.

Submit comments on-line by following the appropriate links at: <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/nama>

Fax comments to:

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Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment – including your personal identifying information – may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

If you require additional information or special assistance to attend and participate in this meeting, please contact Glenn DeMarr at 202.619.7027 or via email at glenn_demarr@nps.gov.

The NPS, in cooperation with the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC), is evaluating an updated NEPA and Section 106 process for this memorial's site and design. The purpose of this revised process is to better align and support key decision points associated with each agency's NEPA and Section 106 responsibilities, and to ensure that the review is commensurate with the complexity of the project. The NPS and NCPC are proposing a scoping meeting for memorial sites at this time and will be scoping for the design of the memorial at a later date. Following both scoping periods, an EA will be created to document potential environmental impacts. This is a deviation from NCPC's existing Environmental and Historic Preservation Procedures, which requires separate NEPA and Section 106 processes for site selection and the design of the memorial. If you have questions on the proposed updated process and NCPC's guidelines, please contact Cheryl Kelly of NCPC at 202-482-7291 or cheryl.kelly@ncpc.gov.