



Notice of Scoping Meeting for World War I Memorial Design

**To be held on Wednesday, May 20, 2015
51 Louisiana Avenue NW (Jones Day offices)
Washington, DC 20001
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**

On December 19, 2014, Congress enacted Public Law 113-291 Section 3091, which officially redesignates Pershing Park as a "World War I Memorial." The law calls for the enhancement of the site to honor the service of members of the United States Armed Forces in World War I and may include commemorative elements such as sculptural and overall landscape design. The project area, formerly known as Pershing Park, is located one block to the southeast of the White House and is bounded by Pennsylvania Avenue NW to both the north and south, and 15th Street NW and 14th Street NW to the west and east, respectively. This site is also a component of the Pennsylvania Avenue National Historic Site, an administrative unit of the National Park Service (NPS) and managed by the National Mall and Memorial Parks. The World War I Centennial Commission (the Commission) is a Congressionally-established organization responsible for planning, developing, and executing programs, projects and activities to commemorate the centennial of World War I. The Commission, along with the National Park Service (NPS), and in cooperation with the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) are responsible for the overall planning, design and construction new Memorial, and once completed, The Secretary of the Interior, through the NPS, will assume responsibility for administering the site.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the NPS and the Commission 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 Commission will conduct consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (NHPA). NCPC is a cooperating agency, with an independent NEPA responsibility, and will review and approve the design.

As part of this planning effort, a public scoping meeting will be held by the NPS and the Commission on Wednesday, May 20, 2015, between 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. at the Jones Day offices, located at 51 Louisiana Avenue NW, in Washington, D.C. 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 Pershing Park 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 at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/projectHome.cfm?projectID=58434> (the NPS preferred method of receiving comments), by fax, or mail them directly. The NPS will accept comments on the proposed project through May 27, 2015.

Submit comments on-line by following the appropriate links at:
<http://parkplanning.nps.gov/projectHome.cfm?projectID=58434>

Mail directly to: Glenn DeMarr
Attn: World War I Memorial
National Park Service, National Capital Region
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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.