

National Desert Storm and Desert Shield Memorial
Site Selection Public Scoping Meeting

WELCOME

The purpose of tonight:

- ▶ Identify any issues or potential concerns associated with the site selection of the proposed memorial
- ▶ Gather early public input on the scope of the project and study
- ▶ Encourage you to provide your thoughts and ideas in writing

July 12, 2017

Project Background and Site Locations

- ▶ Congress authorized establishment of the National Desert Storm and Desert Shield Memorial in Public Law 113-291 on Federal land in the District of Columbia. This memorial is anticipated to be known as the National Desert Storm War Memorial
- ▶ Congress authorized the location of the commemorative work in Public Law 115-18 within Area I as defined under the Commemorative Works Act
- ▶ Work must be consistent with the Commemorative Works Act; Construction of the memorial will be sponsored and funded by the National Desert Storm War Memorial Association
- ▶ The memorial will be maintained by the National Park Service (NPS)



Purpose and Need

Purpose of the Memorial

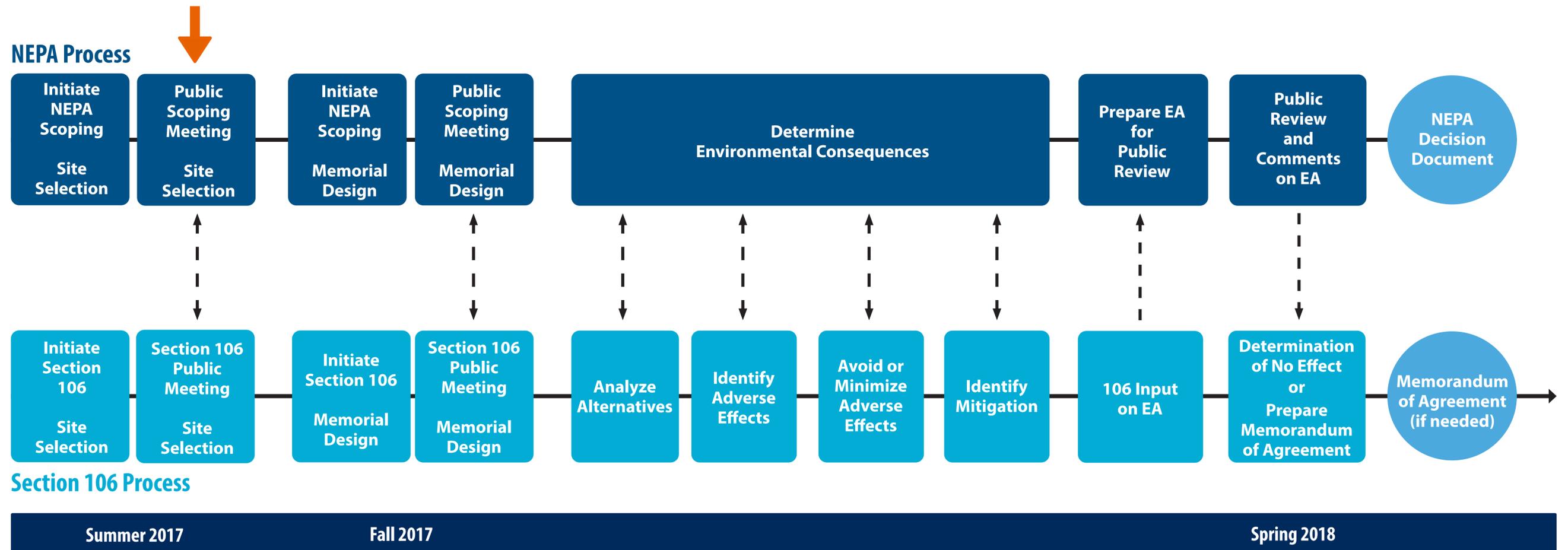
- ▶ To commemorate and honor members of the Armed Forces who served on active duty in support of Operation Desert Storm or Operation Desert Shield

Need of the Memorial

- ▶ To carry out Public Law 113-291 and address the current lack of a formal place for commemoration of those who served during Operation Desert Storm or Operation Desert Shield



NEPA and Section 106 - A Coordinated Approach



What Issues will the EA Address?

Cultural Resources

- ▶ Historic Resources
- ▶ Cultural Landscapes
- ▶ Visual Resources
- ▶ Archeology

Transportation

- ▶ Traffic Operations
- ▶ Parking
- ▶ Pedestrian Circulation

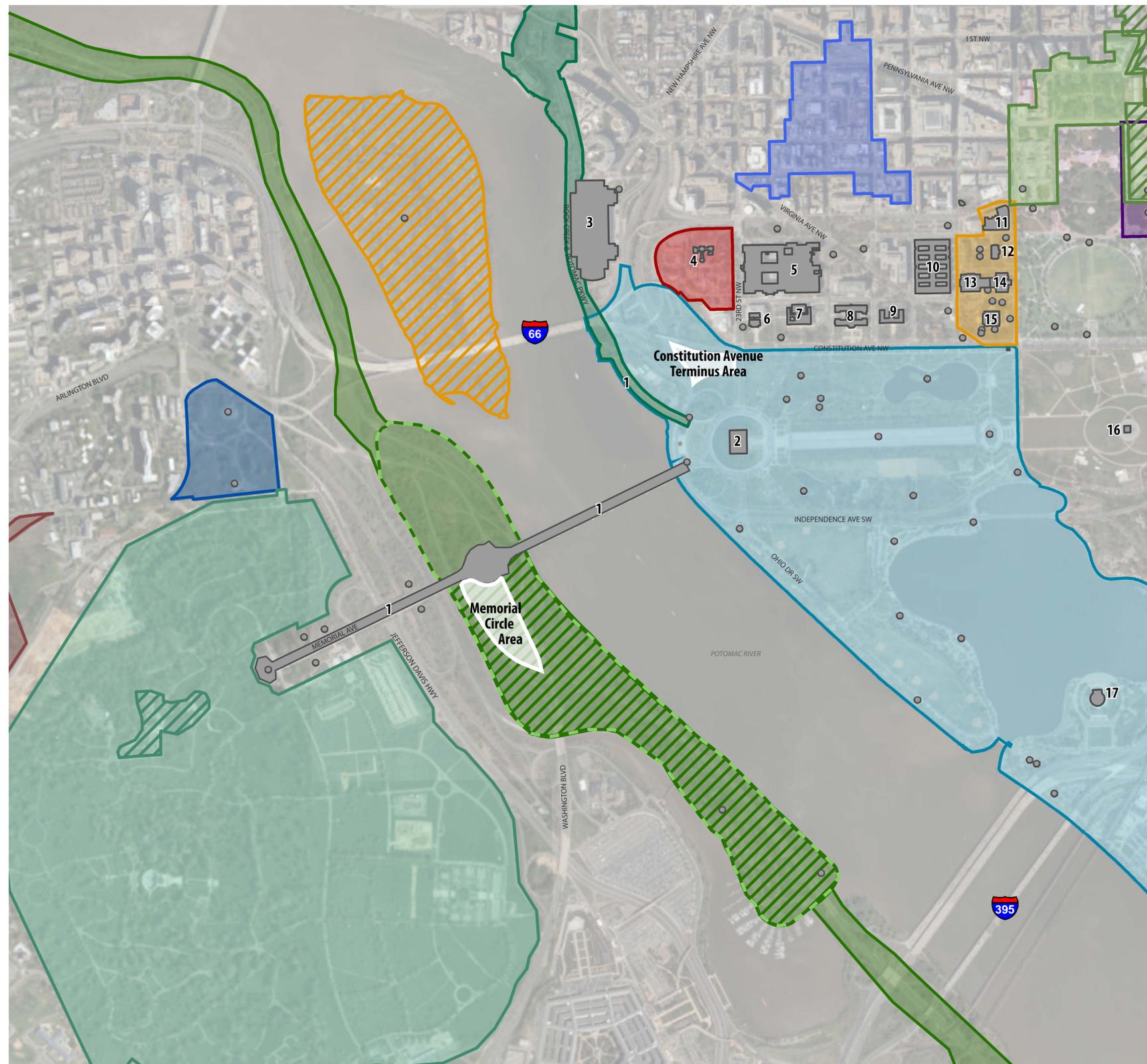
Natural and Physical Resources

- ▶ Soils
- ▶ Vegetation
- ▶ Water Resources
- ▶ Stormwater
- ▶ Floodplains

Other Issues

- ▶ Land Use
- ▶ Utilities
- ▶ Park Operations
- ▶ Visitor Use and Experience

Historic Resources in the Vicinity of Sites Under Consideration



Legend

- Arlington House, The Robert E. Lee Memorial
 - Arlington National Cemetery Historic District
 - Arlington Ridge Park
 - East & West Potomac Parks Historic District
 - Fifteenth Street Financial Historic District
 - Fort Myer Historic District
 - George Washington Memorial Parkway (GWMP)
 - GWMP Mount Vernon Memorial Highway
 - George Washington University/Old West End Historic District
 - Lady Bird Johnson Park
 - Lafayette Square Historic District
 - Observatory Hill Historic District
 - Pennsylvania Avenue National Historic Site
 - Rock Creek & Potomac Parkway
 - Seventeenth Street Historic District
 - Theodore Roosevelt Island
 - Memorials
 - Historic Resources near the Potential Sites
-
- 1** Arlington Memorial Bridge and related features
 - 2** Lincoln Memorial (and Statue of Lincoln)
 - 3** John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts
 - 4** Old Naval Observatory (National Observatory; Naval Museum of Hygiene; Naval Medical School)
 - 5** Harry S Truman Federal Building
 - 6** American Institute of Pharmacy (American Pharmacists Association)
 - 7** National Academy of Sciences
 - 8** Federal Reserve Building
 - 9** Public Health Service (Department of the Interior South Building)
 - 10** Department of the Interior (New Interior Building)
 - 11** Corcoran Gallery of Art
 - 12** American National Red Cross
 - 13** Constitution Hall (Daughters of the American Revolution)
 - 14** Daughters of the American Revolution, Memorial Continental Hall
 - 15** Pan American Union (Organization of American States)
 - 16** Washington Monument
 - 17** Jefferson Memorial

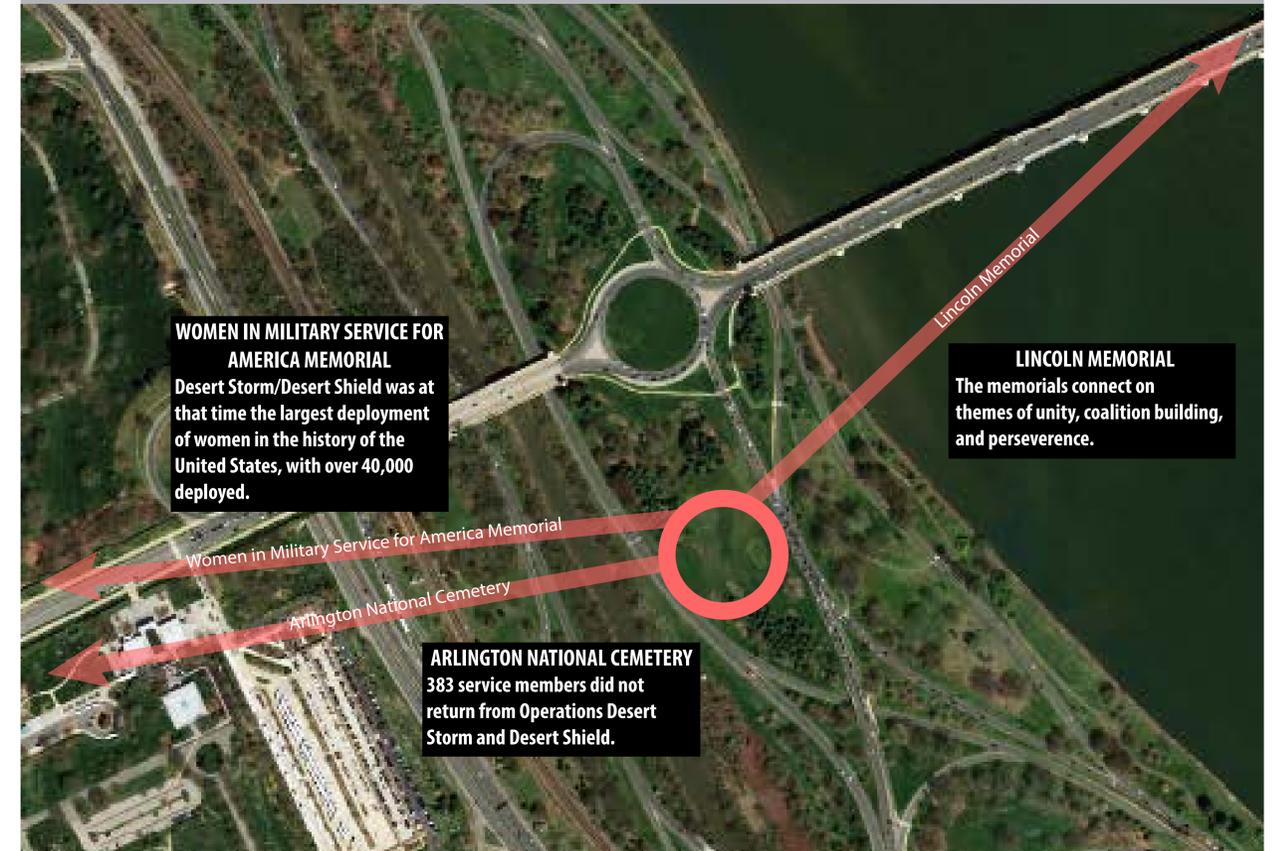
Source: Esri, DigitalGlobe, GeoEye, Earthstar Geographics, CNES/Airbus DS, USDA, USGS, AeroGRID, IGN, and the GIS User Community



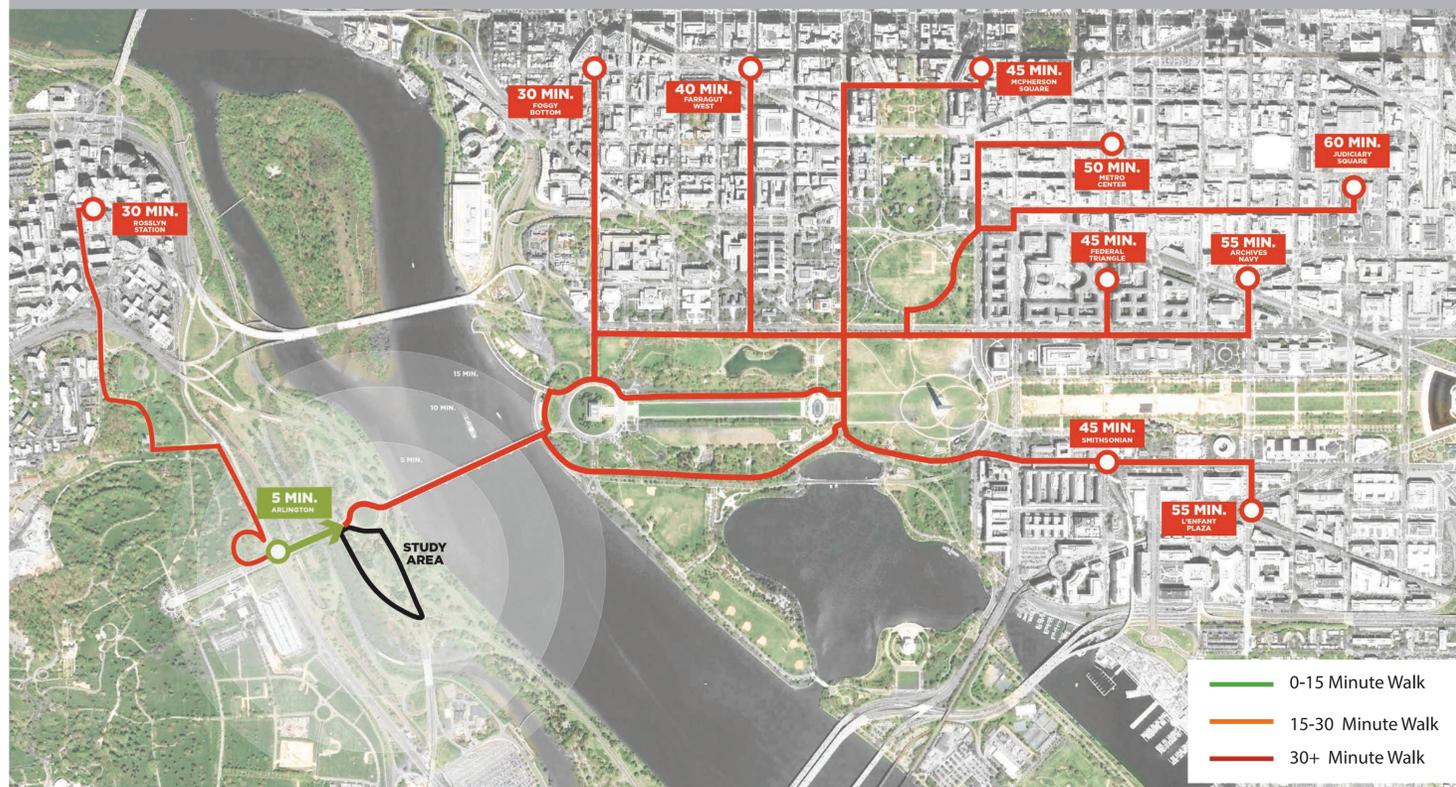
Memorial Circle Area

- ▶ 9.3 acres
- ▶ Identified as Site 1 in the *Memorials and Museums Master Plan*
- ▶ Memorial program accommodated
- ▶ Thematic link to Arlington National Cemetery, Women in Military Service for America Memorial, and Lincoln Memorial
- ▶ Access to transit and parking
- ▶ Modest challenges in terms of tranquility, infrastructure requirements, and pedestrian access due to traffic patterns and volumes

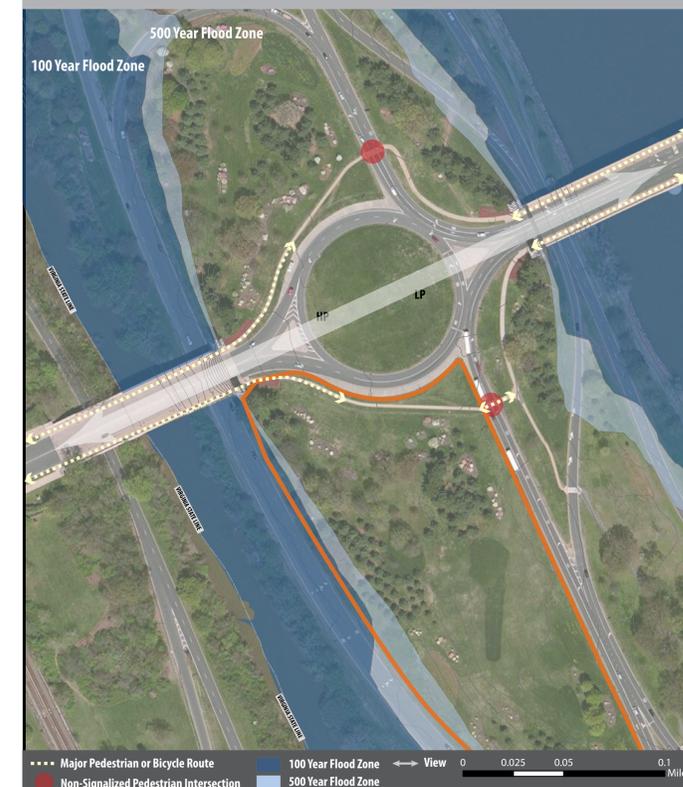
Thematic Context



Access from Metro



Circulation and Constraints



Constitution Avenue Terminus Area

- ▶ 3.8 acres
- ▶ Identified as Site 6 in the *Memorials and Museums Master Plan*
- ▶ Desired program accommodated to a high level
- ▶ Thematic nexus to Vietnam Veterans Memorial and other 20th Century war memorials, including the Korean War Memorial and the World War II Memorial
- ▶ High visibility and access to other nearby attractions
- ▶ Adjacent to U.S. Institute of Peace
- ▶ Minor challenges in terms of resiliency due to floodplain location are being addressed by the Army Corps of Engineers

