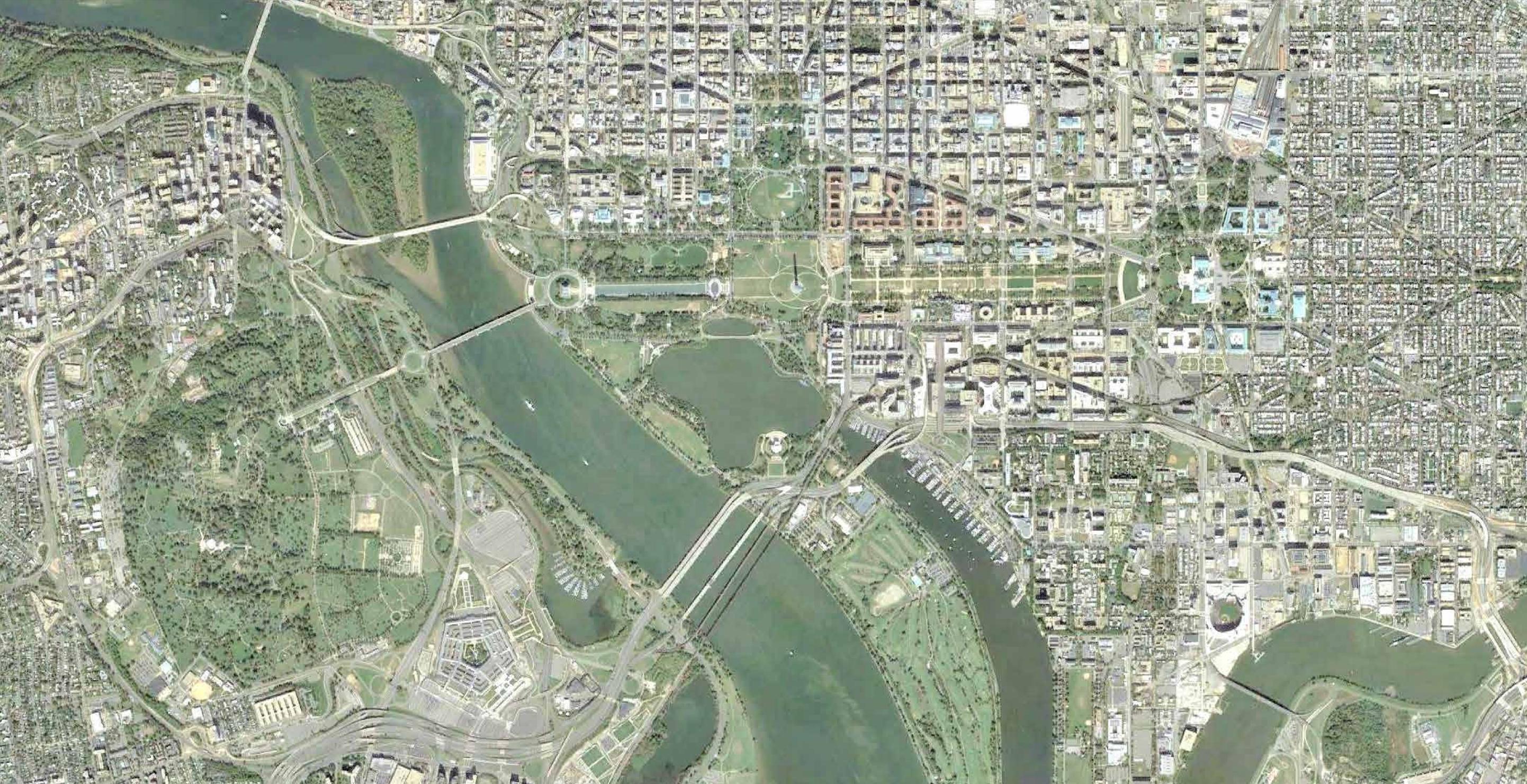


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## **The purpose of tonight:**

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

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# 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
- ▶ Congress authorized the location of the commemorative work in Public Law 115-18 within Area I as defined under the Commemorative Works Act (CWA)
- ▶ Work must be consistent with the CWA. The CWA provides site and design criteria for commemorative works in terms of surroundings, location, material, and landscape features
- ▶ 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

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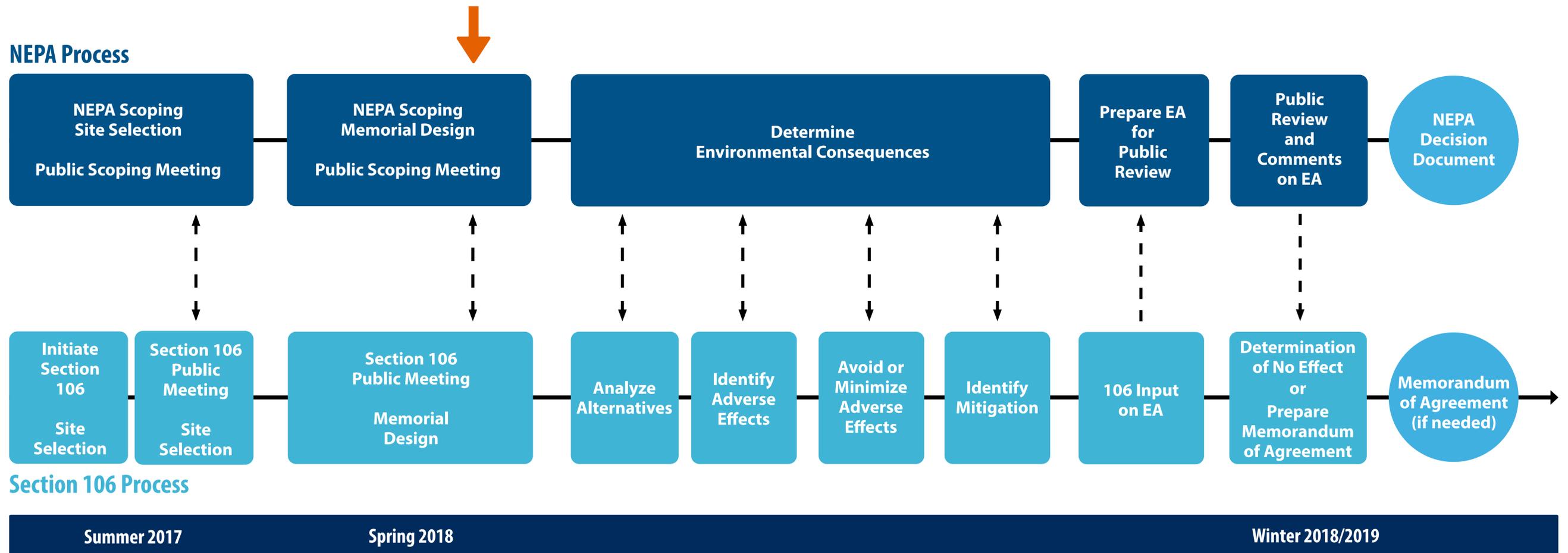
- ▶ To commemorate and honor members of the Armed Forces who served on active duty in support of Operation Desert Storm or Operation Desert Shield

## 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

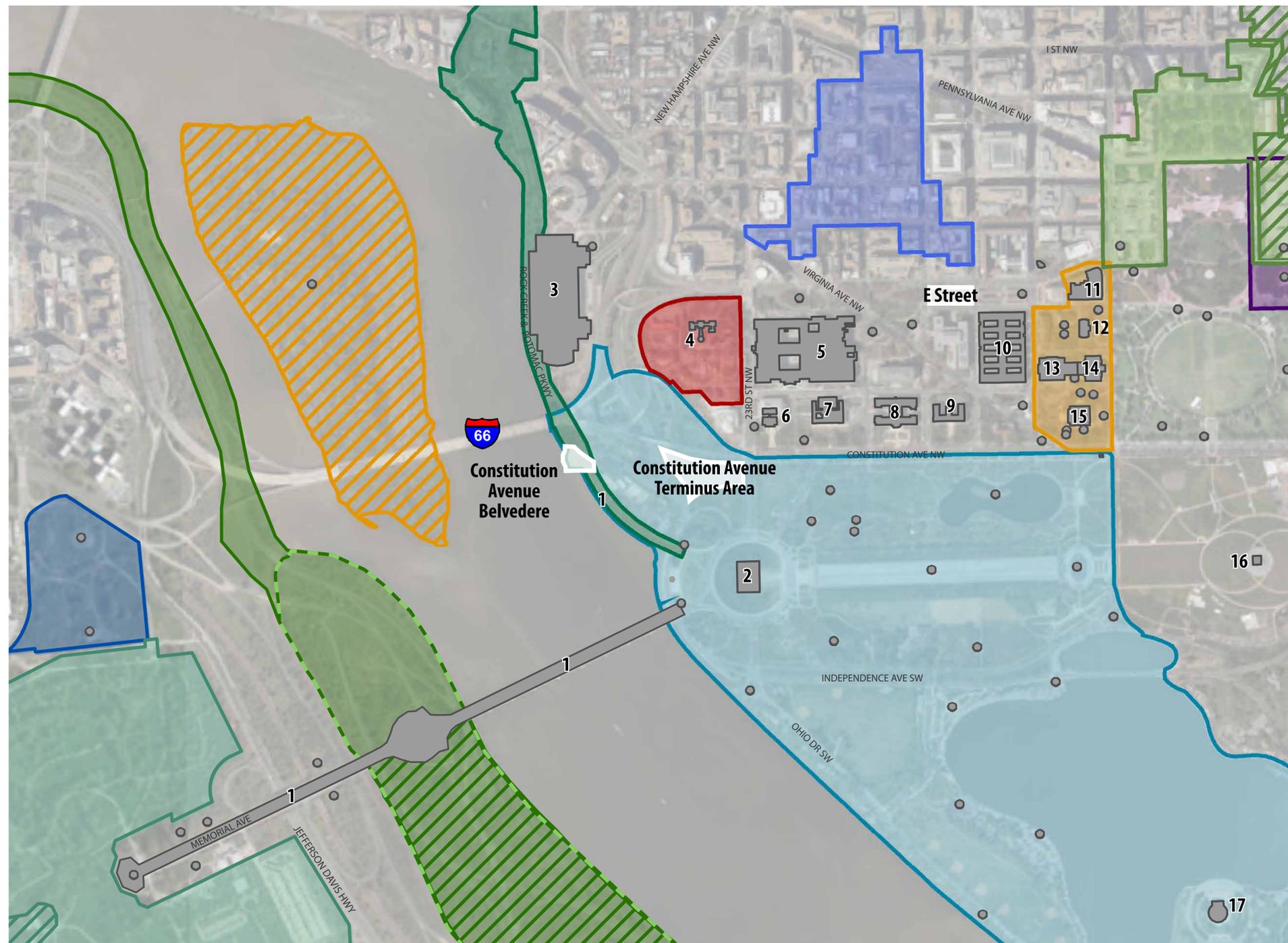
**Natural and Physical Resources**

- ▶ Water Resources
- ▶ Stormwater
- ▶ Floodplains

**Other Issues**

- ▶ Visitor Use and Experience

# Historic Resources in the Vicinity of Sites Under Consideration



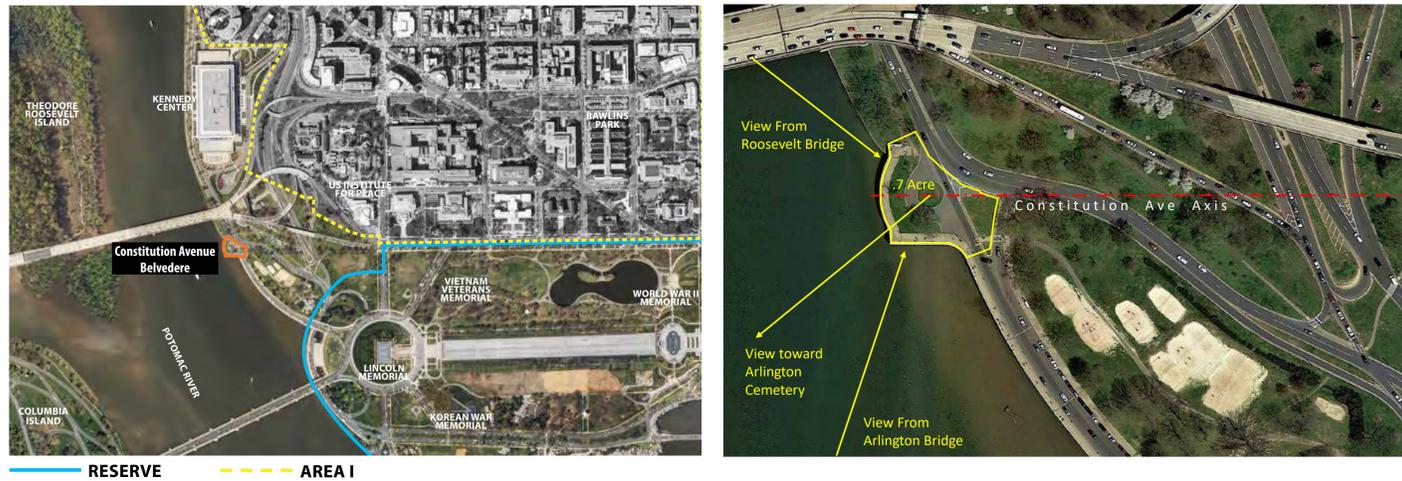
**Legend**

- 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
  - 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



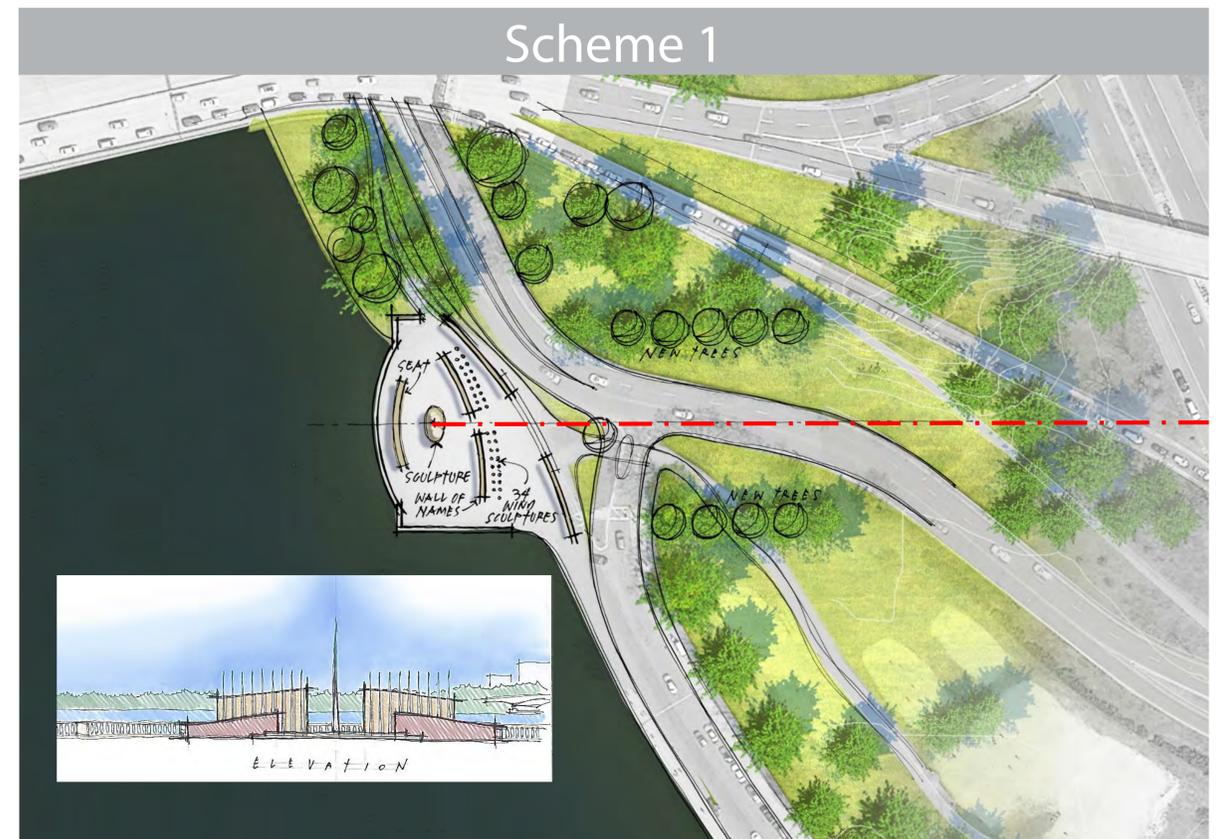
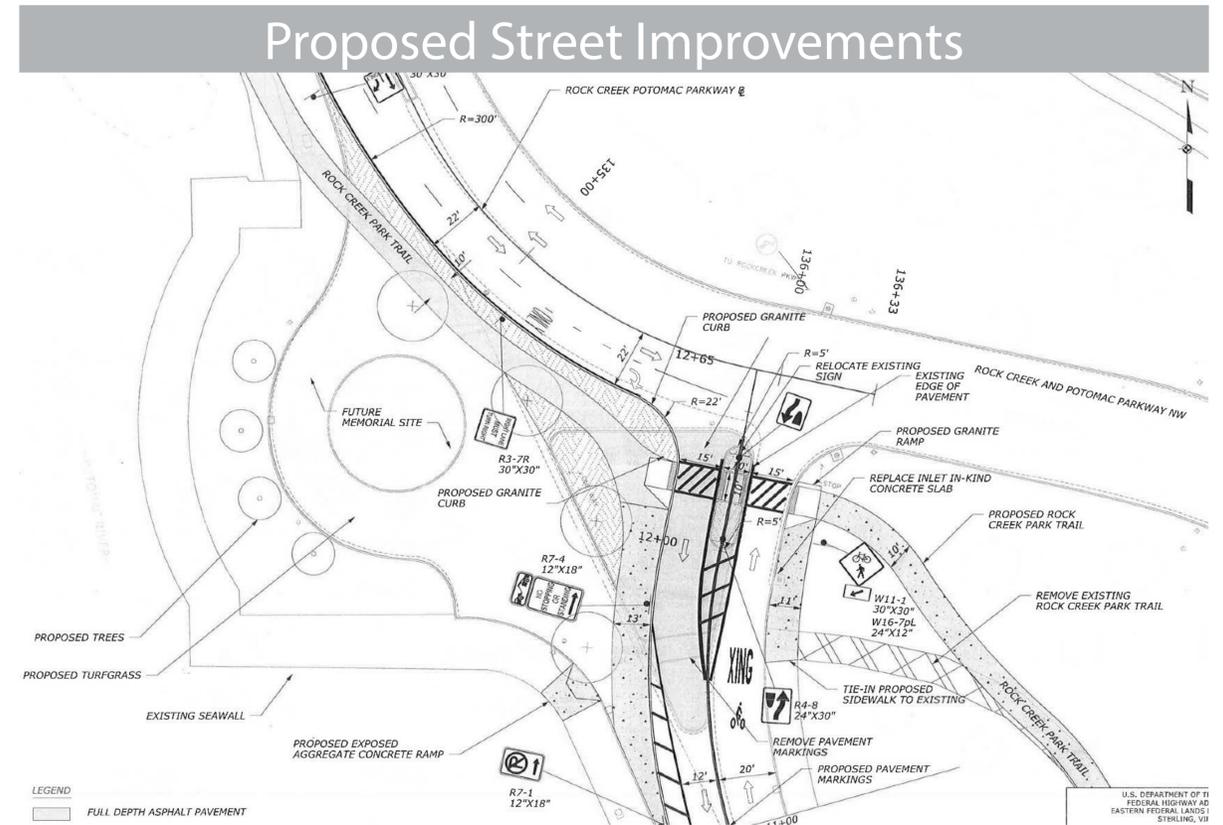
# Constitution Avenue Belvedere



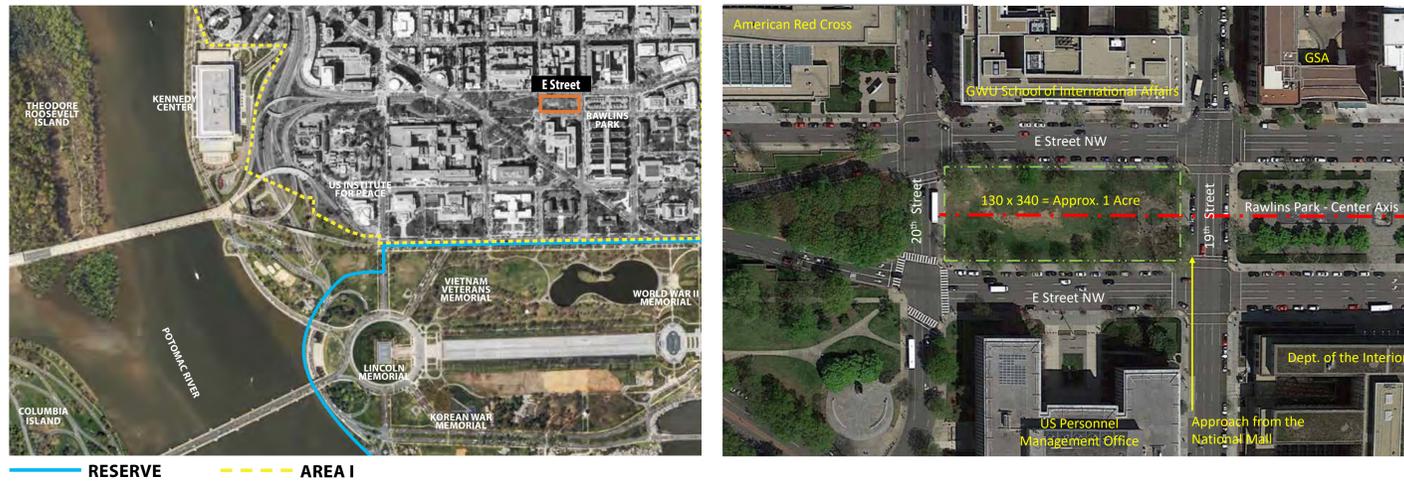
**Site Character:** "The Civic Landscape" A visible, prominent site on the Potomac River

**Site Characteristics:**

- ▶ Historic terminus to Constitution Avenue
- ▶ Visible to & from multiple directions
- ▶ Parallel parking on Potomac Parkway
- ▶ Adjacent vehicular circulation
- ▶ Multi-use trail passes through the site
- ▶ Adjacent to the Potomac River: boundlessness & floodplain
- ▶ 1/2-mile walk to the National Mall & Lincoln Memorial



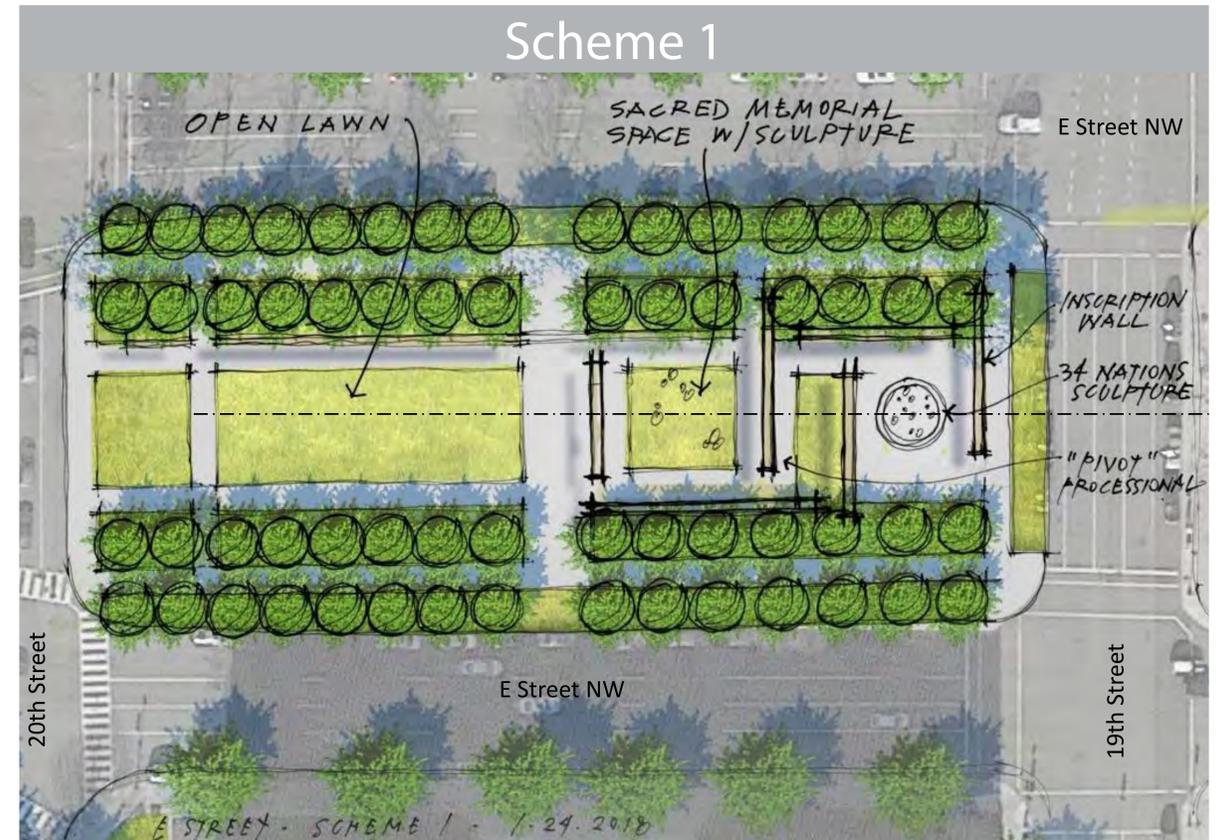
# E Street



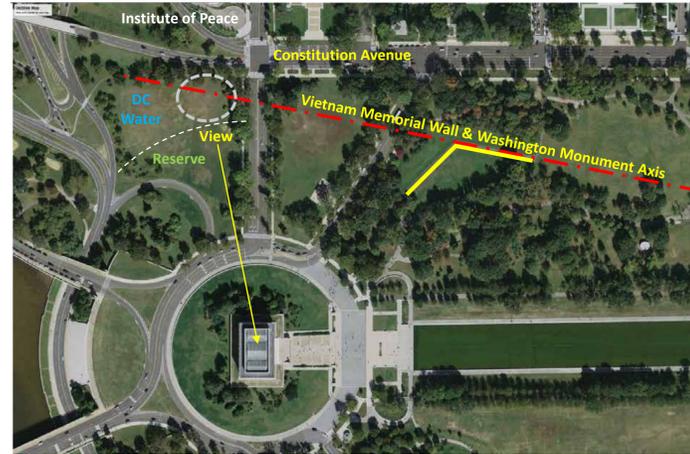
**Site Character:** "The Urban Landscape" An urban green space

**Site Characteristics:**

- ▶ Urban character, zoned for mixed use
- ▶ Area II location level of prominence
- ▶ Pedestrian accessible
- ▶ On-street parking
- ▶ Bounded by four streets & multi-story buildings
- ▶ Existing park occupies east portion of site
- ▶ 1/4-mile to the National Mall via 19th Street
- ▶ Adjacent to Rawlins Park, with a shared center axis
- ▶ Within anticipated Presidential Corridor



# Constitution Avenue Terminus Area



## Site Character: "The Cultural Landscape" Near the National Mall

### Site Characteristics:

- ▶ Adjacent to the National Mall
- ▶ Pedestrian accessible
- ▶ Connections to other national memorials
- ▶ Area I location, the Reserve is to the south
- ▶ On-street parking on Constitution Avenue
- ▶ Lincoln Memorial adjacency: A symbol of liberation & freedom
- ▶ Outside of the 100-yr floodplain, within the 500-yr floodplain
- ▶ Coordination with future DC Water & levee projects

