



U.S. Park Police H1 Stables Redevelopment Environmental Assessment & Section 106

Public Scoping Meeting
April 17, 2019

Agenda

Welcome + Purpose of Meeting

Project Background

NEPA + Section 106 Process + Issues

Site + Building Layout Options



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Purpose of Meeting

- Conduct public scoping/initial Section 106 meeting
- Present site and building layout options
- Encourage public feedback on site and building layout options



Project Background

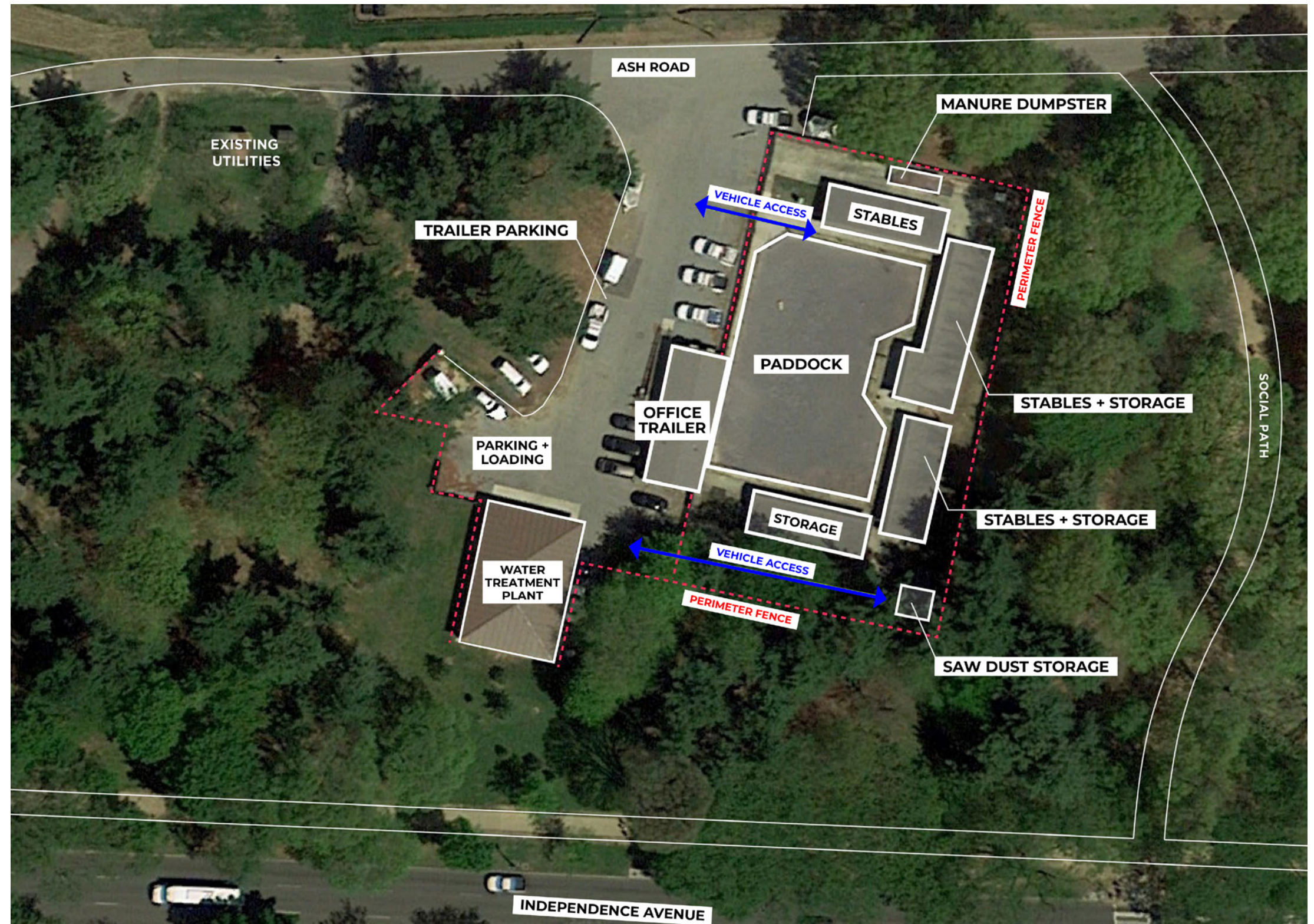
Project Background

- The 3.38-acre project area is located on NPS land on the National Mall between the Korean War Veterans Memorial and the DC War Memorial.
- The National Mall and Memorial Parks (NAMA) NPS unit administers the project area.



Project Background

- The facility was originally built as a temporary structure to support 1976 Bicentennial events.
- The facility has undergone a few refurbishments in the 1980s and in 2000 and repairs for storms, but no major renovations since it was originally built.



EXISTING CONDITIONS



NEPA + Section 106 Process + Issues

Purpose

The purpose of the proposed project is to redevelop the horse stable facilities essential to the U.S. Park Police (USPP) mission as included in the approved National Mall Plan. The project is intended to improve horse living and stable conditions, provide adequate administrative space and storage, improve operational access, reduce vehicular and pedestrian conflicts, address drainage concerns, and engage the public through limited education/interpretation program.



Existing stables, paddock, and office trailer



Existing paddock behind stables and storage



Existing manure dumpster



Existing parking area accessed from Ash Road

Need

The Plan is needed to address the following concerns and ongoing issues affecting USPP's ability to carry out its mission:

- The appearance and quality of the existing facility is inconsistent with the character and quality of the National Mall* and is directly visible from Ash Road and sensitive areas of the National Mall
- The existing facility lacks adequate paddock space, stalls, and storage for horses and equipment
- The existing storage facilities for food, bedding, hay, sawdust, and manure attract pests
- Poor drainage and grading results in stormwater affecting manure and other storage areas
- The existing interior office space and parking is insufficient
- Existing access to the facility is insufficient for optimal operations and creates safety hazards along Ash Road
- The existing facilities are not energy efficient or sustainable

*Issues, goals or concerns in the National Mall Plan



Existing paddock and stables



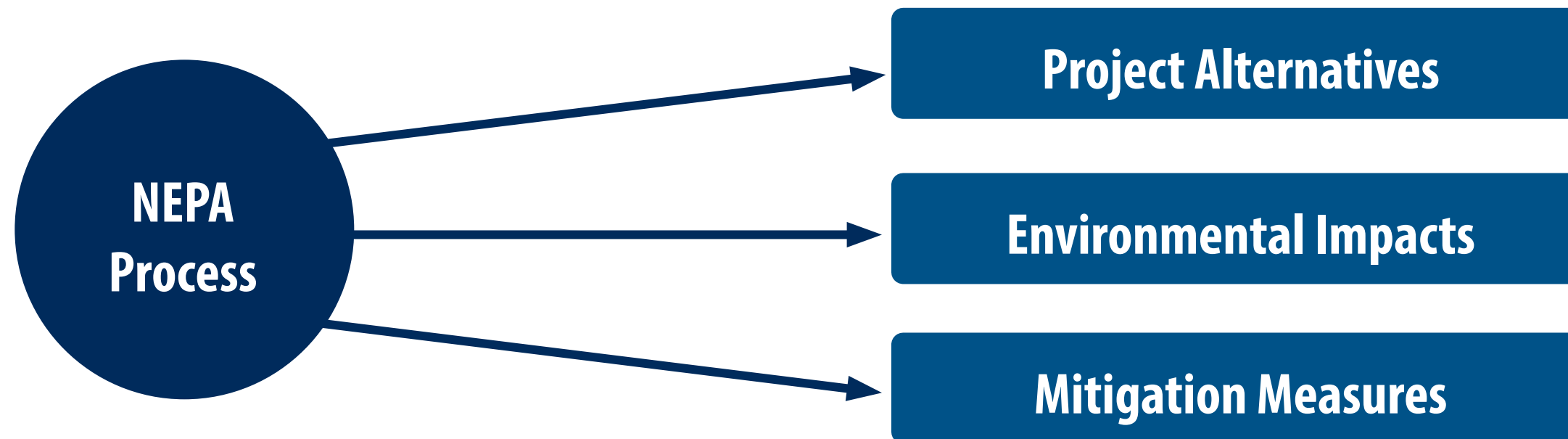
Existing storage

What is NEPA?

National Environmental Policy Act of 1969

(NEPA; Public Law 91-190; 42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.)

- Established a national policy for **protecting the environment** and requires evaluation of alternative actions
- Goal is to ensure **informed decision-making**
- Can conclude with an Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) or an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Record of Decision (ROD)

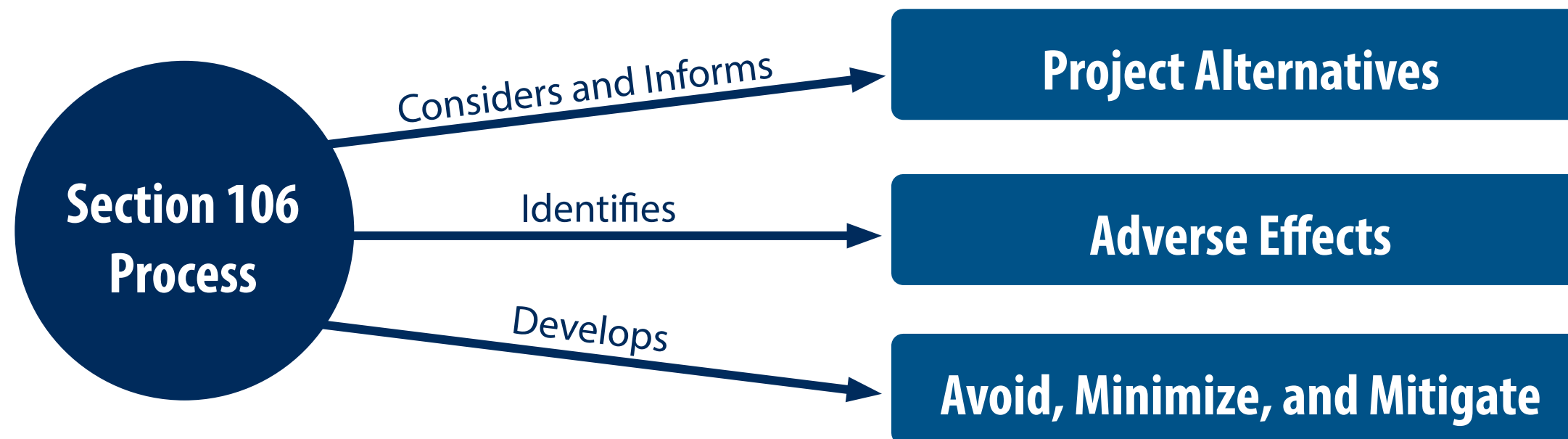


What is Section 106?

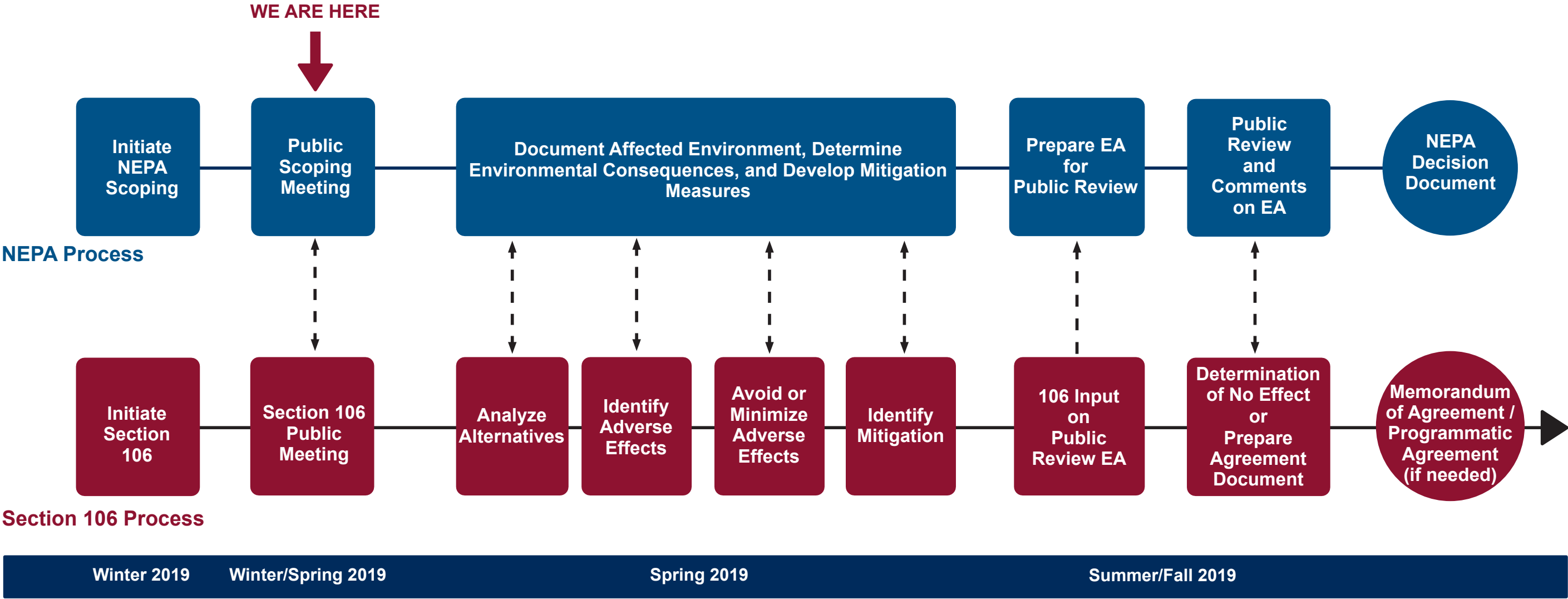
Component of National Historic Preservation Act of 1966

(NHPA; Public Law 89-665; 16 U.S.C. 470 et seq.)

- Established a process to **protect resources** listed on, or eligible for listing in, the National Register of Historic Places, and requires the consideration of alternatives if effects on historic resources are anticipated
- Goal is to **minimize potential harm** and damage to historic properties
- Can conclude in a Determination of No Adverse Effect or a Memorandum of Agreement with Consulting Parties



NEPA + Section 106 - A Coordinated Approach



What Issues will the EA Address?

- Ash Road currently provides vehicle, pedestrian, bicycle, scooter, and Segway circulation without defined spaces for these different user groups resulting in user conflicts and safety concerns
- Vehicle parking is currently unstructured
- The proposed project could provide the public with educational and interpretive exhibits
- The replacement and/or rehabilitation of the drainage system and grade changes could improve stormwater runoff control
- The proposed project could introduce or change elements of documented historic resources and cultural landscapes



Ash Road looking east



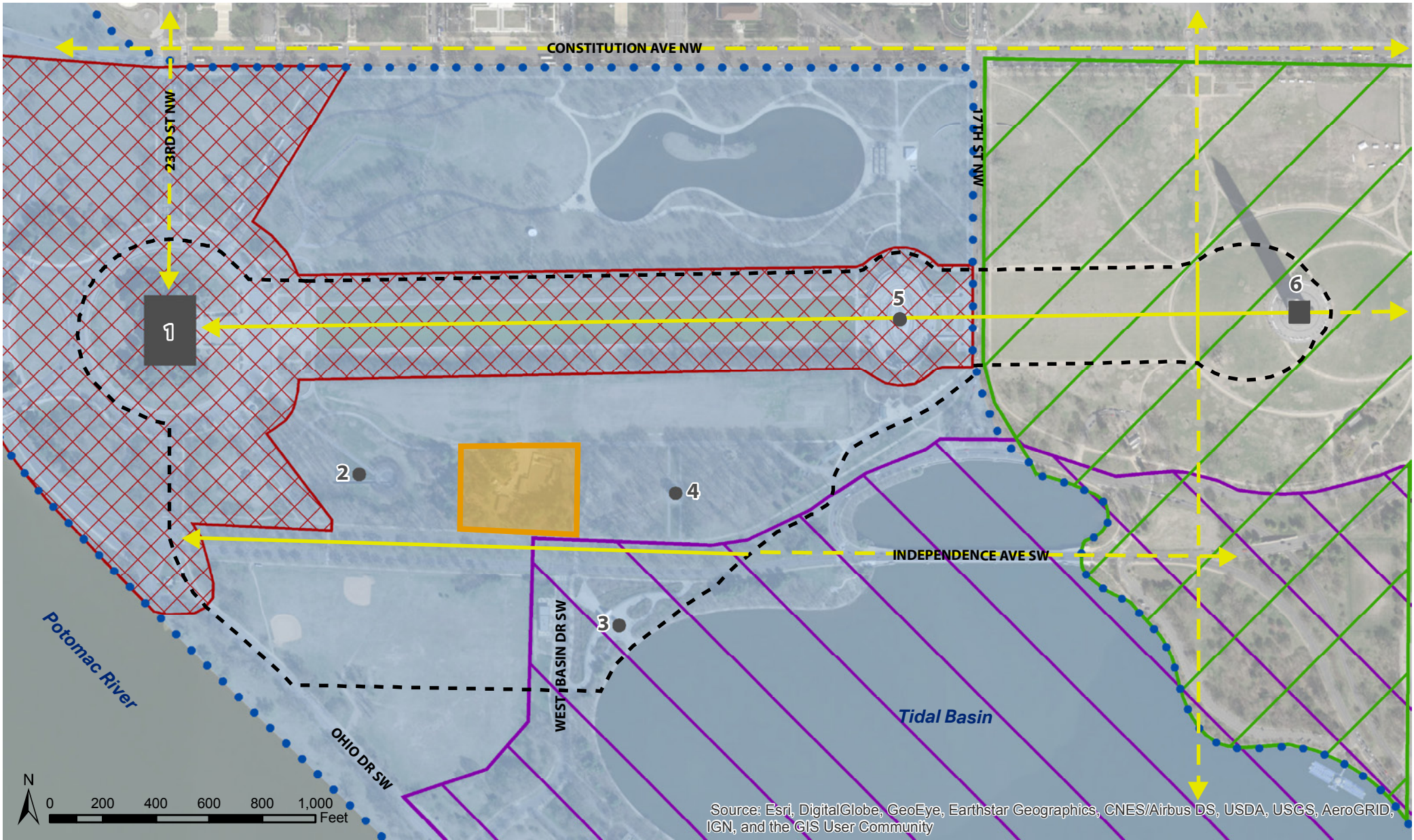
Existing saw dust storage

Section 106 Participants

- District of Columbia State Historic Preservation Office
- Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
- National Capital Planning Commission
- U.S. Commission of Fine Arts
- Trust for the National Mall
- Preservation Organizations and Other Interested Parties
- General Public



Section 106 Historic Resources



LEGEND

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| | Draft Area of Potential Effect (APE) | | Washington Monument Grounds Cultural Landscape | 2 | Korean War Veterans Memorial |
| | Project Site | | L'Enfant Plan of the City of Washington Vista in the APE | 3 | Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial |
| | East and West Potomac Parks Historic District | | L'Enfant Plan of the City of Washington Vista outside the APE | 4 | DC War Memorial |
| | Lincoln Memorial Grounds Cultural Landscape | | Historic Resources in the APE | 5 | World War II Memorial |
| | Tidal Basin Cultural Landscape | 1 | Lincoln Memorial (and Statue of Lincoln) | 6 | Washington Monument |

How Can You Submit Comments?

During this Meeting

- Comment Cards

After this Meeting

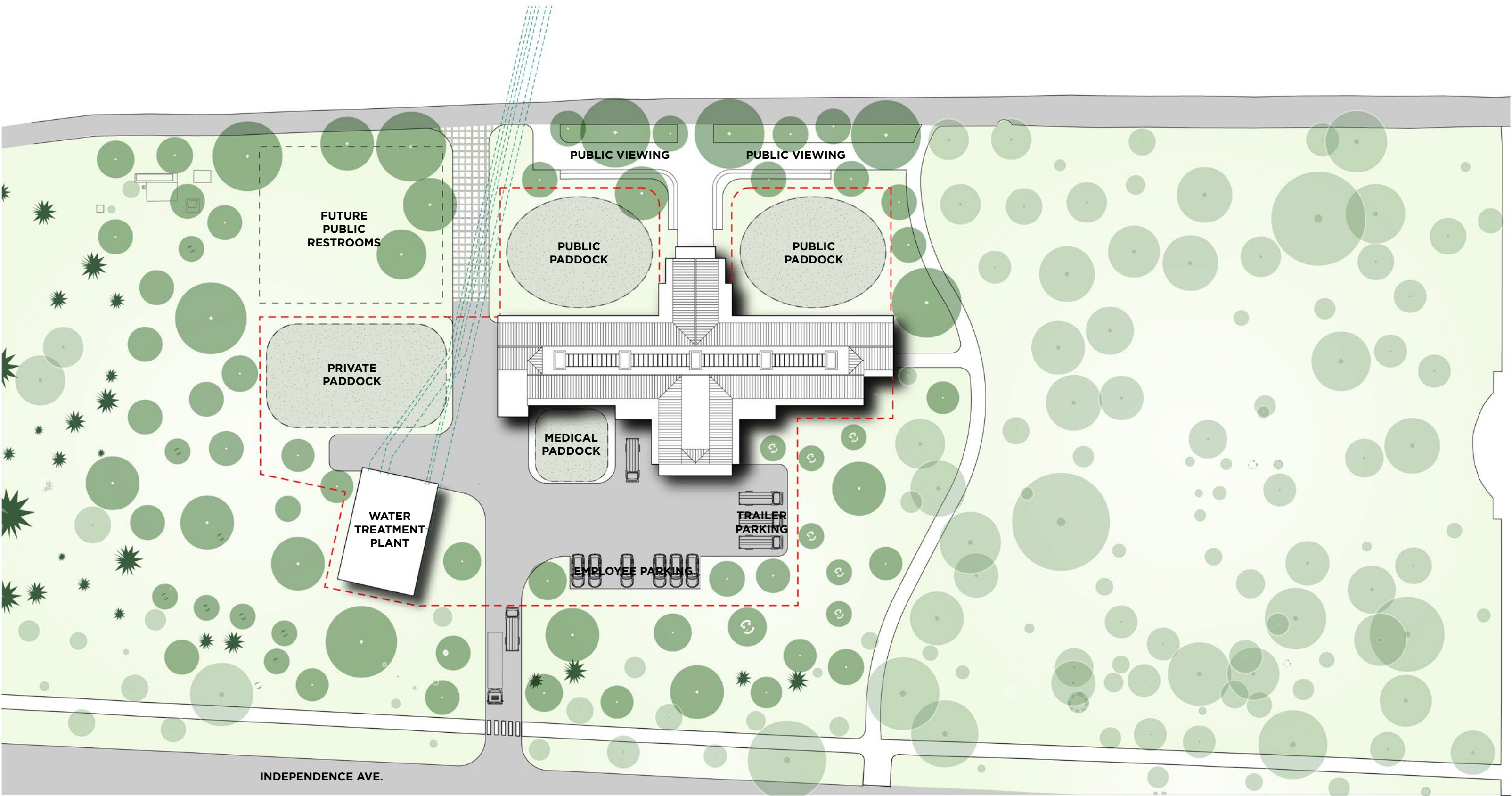
- **On-line:** Submit comments by **May 1, 2019** at <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/H1Stables>
- **Written comments can be mailed to:**

Jeffrey P. Reinbold
Acting Superintendent
Attn: USPP H1 Stables Redevelopment EA
National Park Service
National Mall and Memorial Parks
900 Ohio Dr. SW
Washington, DC 20024
- **Mailed comments** must be postmarked by **May 1, 2019** to receive consideration

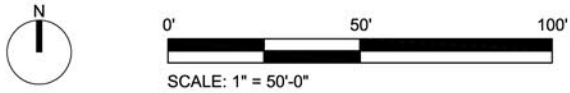
Please Note: Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment – including your personal identifying information – may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your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



Site + Building Layout Options



OPTION 1 - SYMMETRICAL BUILDING





OPTION 1 - SYMMETRICAL BUILDING - ELEVATION FROM ASH ROAD



OPTION 1 - SYMMETRICAL BUILDING - ELEVATION FROM DC WAR MEMORIAL



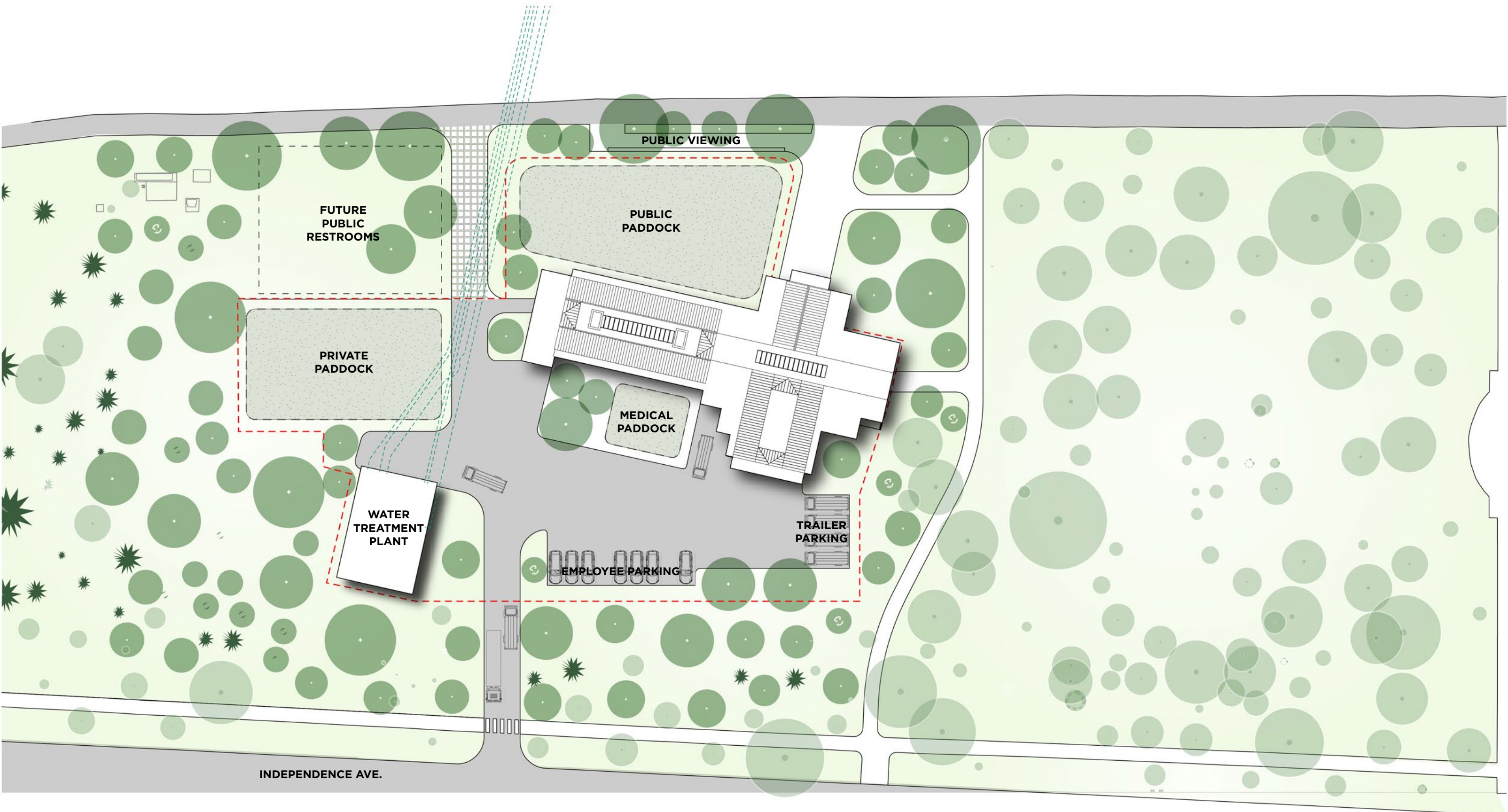
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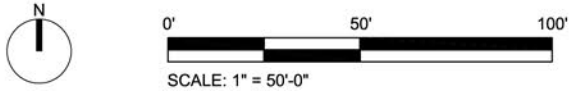
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OPTION 3 - ASYMMETRICAL BUILDING ROTATED

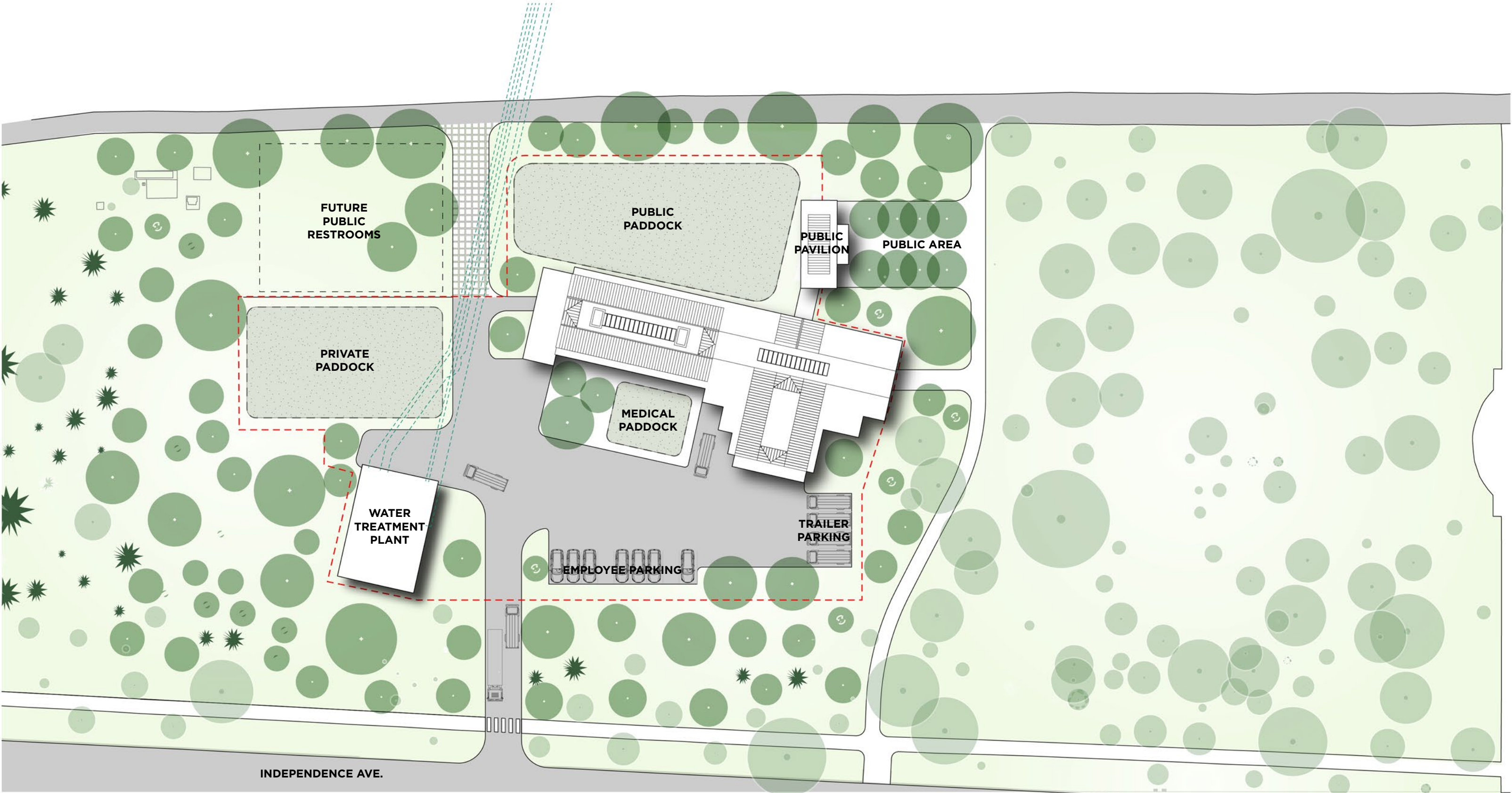




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OPTION 4 - ASYMMETRICAL DETACHED BUILDING



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