SITE SELECTION STUDY

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Introduction

Emergency medical technicians and paramedics are the first to respond to an emergency, whether it involves a medical emergency, natural disaster, acts of terrorism, fire, spill of hazardous materials, or industrial or transportation accidents. Emergency Medical Services (EMS) personnel respond to more than 37 million emergency calls annually. Every day EMS personnel respond to help people they have never met. Some will never return home. Each year in this nation dozens of EMS providers are killed in the line of duty. These men and women give everything so “that others might live.”

Emergency service is a national enterprise that is supported on a state level and executed on a local level. Several Federal agencies develop the policies, processes, and technologies that will guide the next generation EMS system, including the Department of Defense, Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Homeland Security, Federal Communications Commission, and Department of Transportation.

Emergency service providers serve credentialed EMS agencies on the Federal, State, Tribal and local levels through both paid and volunteer service. In November 2018, Public Law 115-275 authorized the National Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Memorial Foundation to establish a commemorative work on Federal land in the District of Columbia and its environs to commemorate the commitment and service represented by emergency medical services. This proposed memorial intends to honor, recognize, and remember the commitment, service, and sacrifice of the nation’s EMS heroes who have died in the line of duty and for those who continue this service commitment and sacrifice.

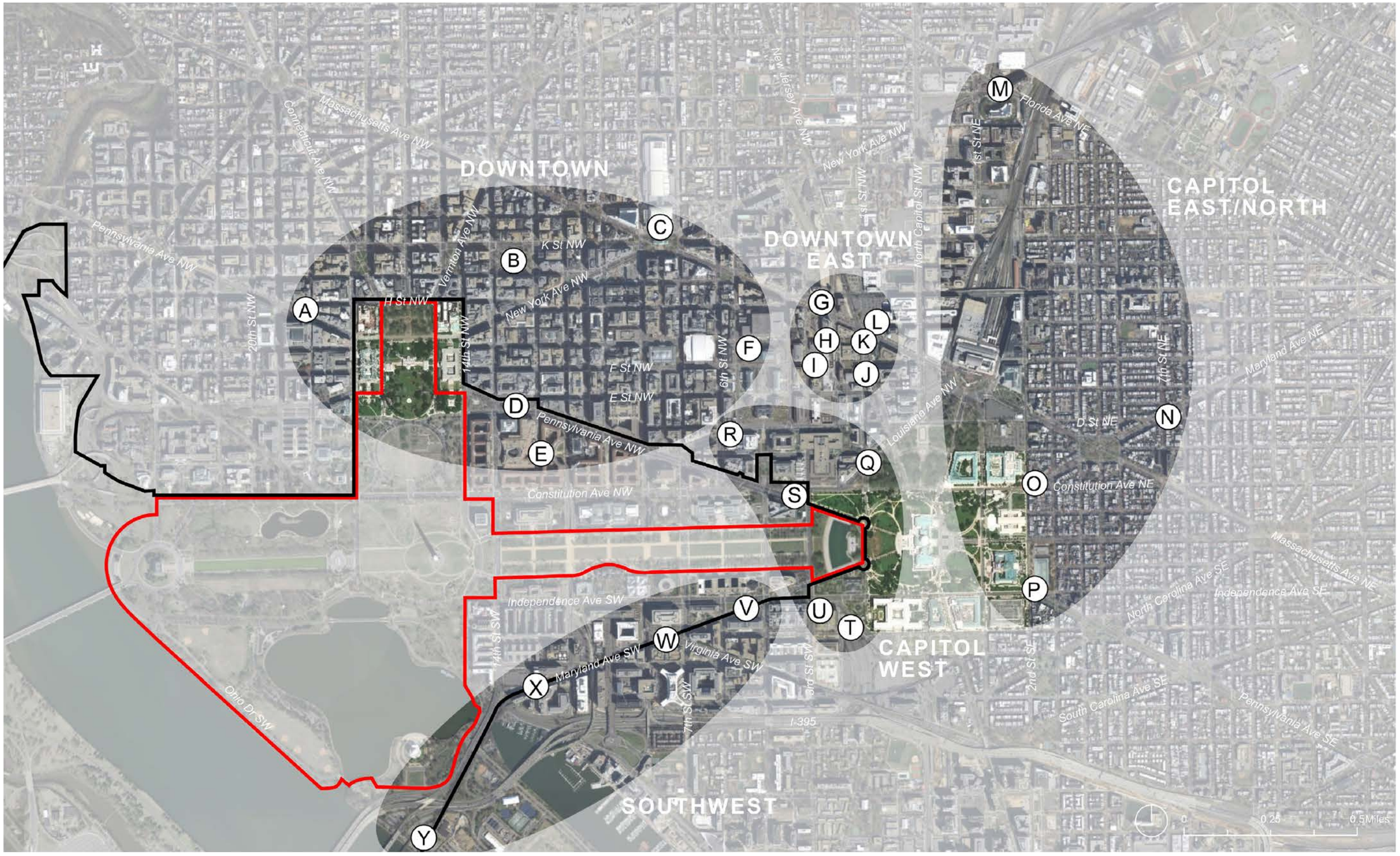
This Site Selection Study is intended to guide the location of the National EMS Memorial. The National EMS Memorial Foundation developed a series of criteria in order to identify a suitable location for the memorial and that supports the stated purpose of the memorial. These criteria were then applied to 25 potential memorial sites, including 17 potential memorial sites listed in the National Capital Planning Commission’s *Memorials and Museums Master Plan*. Four sites were identified for further analysis based on criteria. This Site Selection Study includes evaluations of each of the twenty-five initial sites identified and more detailed analysis for the four sites.

Site Criteria	Details
Program Suitability	The site should provide adequate space for a physical memorial and special events. A memorial at the site should protect public space and enhance public use while avoiding encroachment or interference with existing memorials.
Thematic Nexus	The site should be thematically connected to the memorial. Potential connections include proximity to Federal, State, Tribal, or local EMS partner agencies and memorials or commemorative works to public safety officers from law enforcement and the fire service.
Site Prominence	The site should be near other tourist destinations such as other memorials or visitor attractions. Similarly, the site should be easily seen by passersby.
Transportation Access	This site should be accessible via public transportation.
Universal Accessibility	The site should be accessible to pedestrians and visitors to the nation’s capital.
Tranquility	The site should be a place that offers a tranquil environment for reflection. Conflicts with noise, traffic, and other potential distractions are not desirable.
Shade	The site should provide shade.
Infrastructure	The site should require minimal infrastructure improvements. Required changes, such as roadway improvements or relocated utility lines, would make potential sites more challenging.
Site Availability	The site should be available through federal, District, or private properties. The site should not have known opposition to the placement of a memorial.

POTENTIAL SITES: INITIAL INVENTORY

First Round Site Identification and Evaluation

Potential Sites: Initial Inventory



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Potential Sites: Initial Inventory - Downtown

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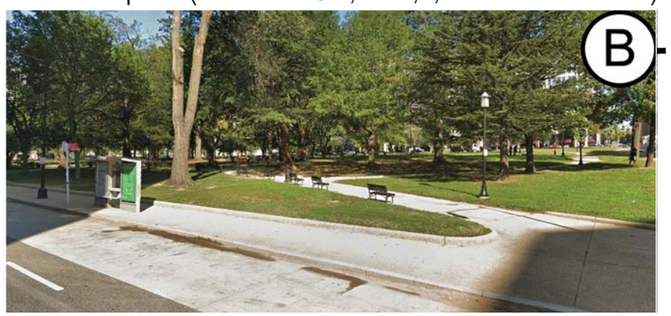
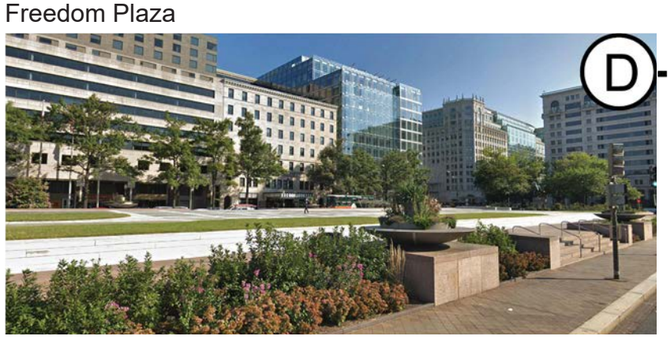
James Monroe Park (20th and 21st Streets NW)

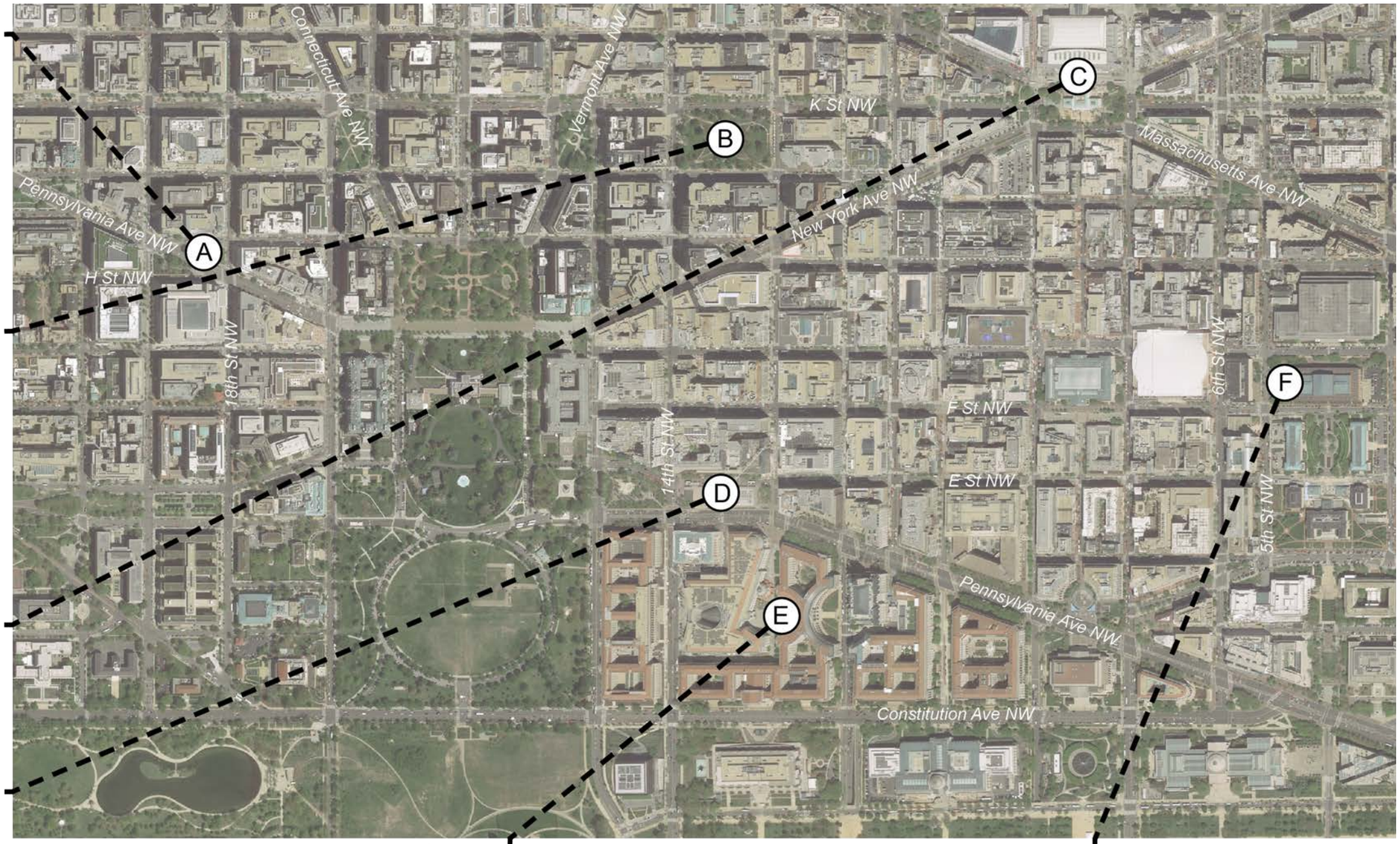
Franklin Square (between 13th, 14th, I, and K Streets NW)



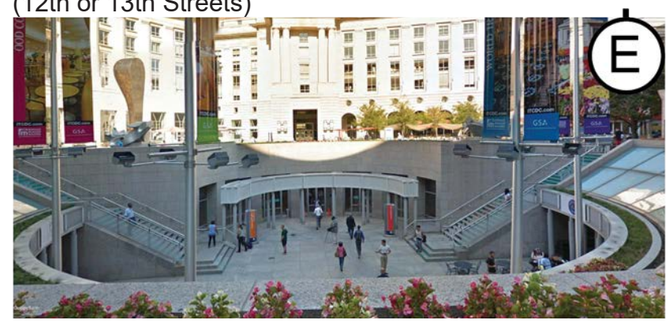
Washington Convention Center at Mount Vernon Square

Freedom Plaza





Woodrow Wilson Plaza or Benjamin Franklin Circle
(12th or 13th Streets)



National Building Museum, 5th and F Streets NW

Note: The aerial maps on pages 5-9 in the Potential Sites: Initial Inventory section are not at the same scale.

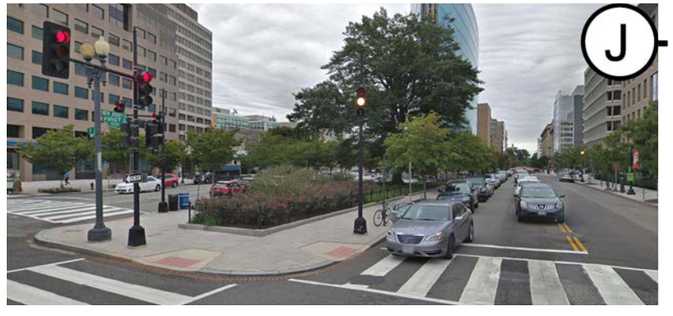
Potential Sites: Initial Inventory - Downtown East

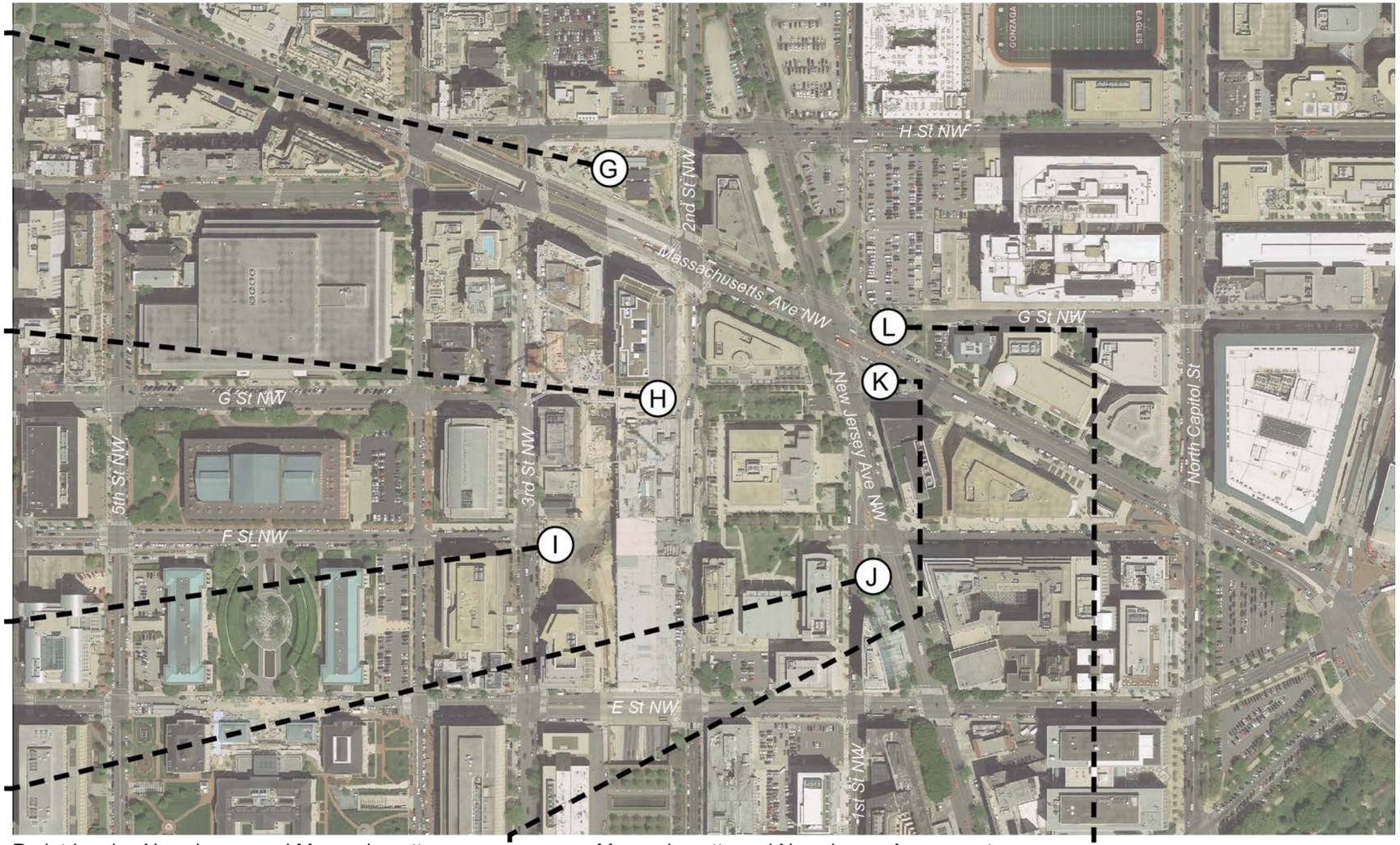
2nd Street and Massachusetts Avenue NW

G Street NW Right-of-Way

3rd and F Streets NW

1st Street and New Jersey Avenue NW





Park triangles New Jersey and Massachusetts Avenues NW

Massachusetts and New Jersey Avenues at G Street NW

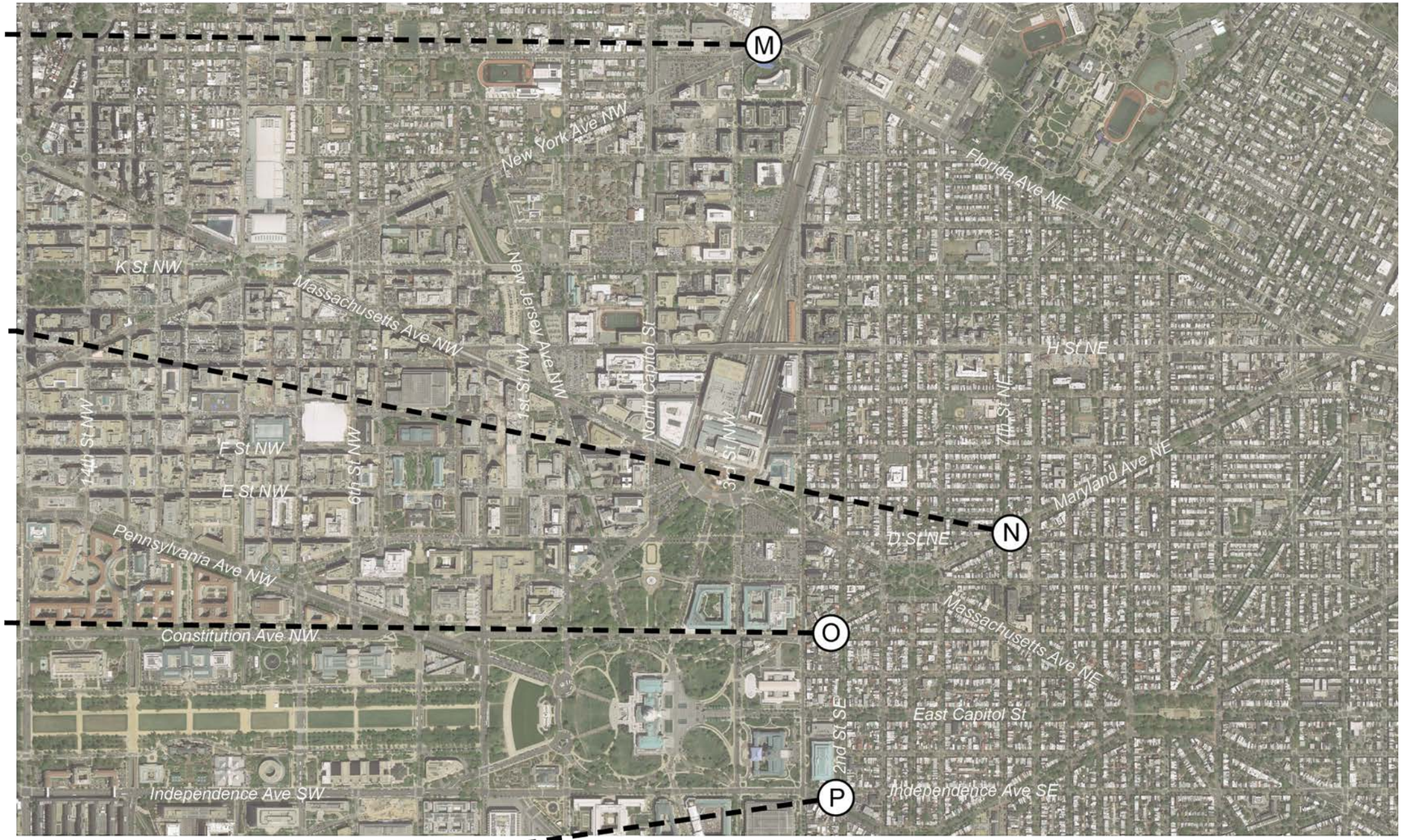
Potential Sites: Initial Inventory - Capitol East/North

New York and Florida Avenues NW

Northeast corner of Maryland Avenue and D Street NE

Northeast corner of Maryland and Constitution Avenues NE

Northeast corner of Pennsylvania and Independence Avenues SE



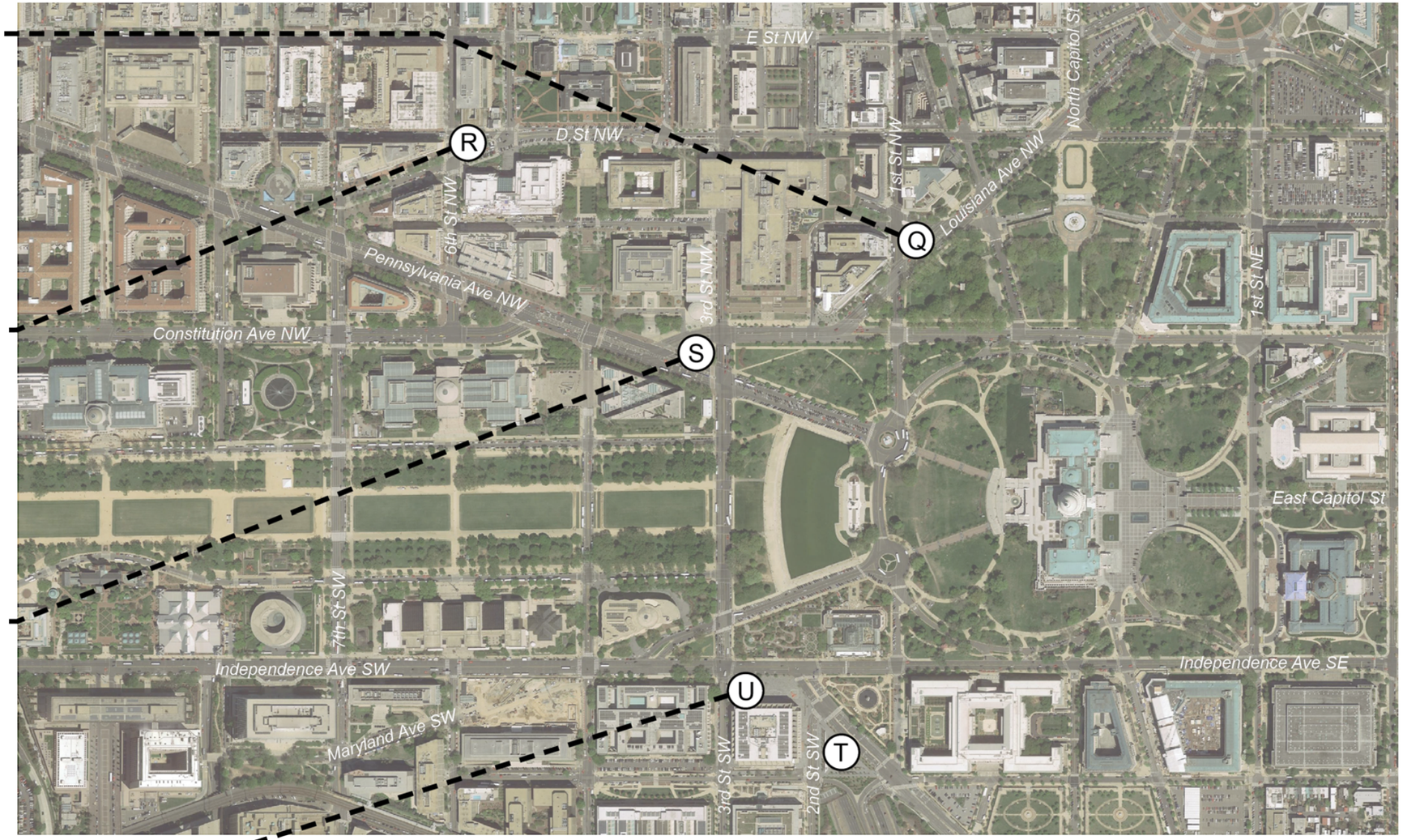
Potential Sites: Initial Inventory - Capitol West

Northeast corner of 1st Street and Louisiana Avenue NW

Indiana Avenue and D Street NW

Pennsylvania and Constitution Avenues at 3rd Street NW

3rd Street and Independence Avenue SW

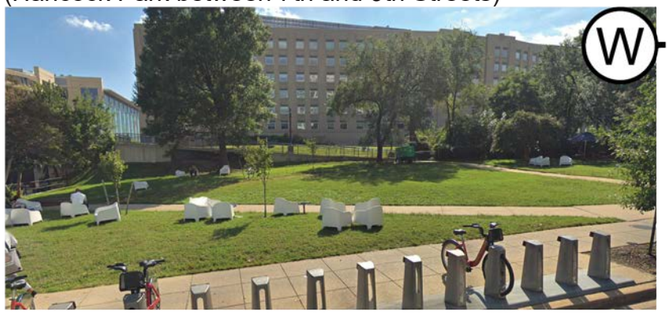


Notes: Site Q (Northeast corner of 1st Street and Louisiana Avenue NW) is currently under consideration for the Peace Corps Commemorative Park.

Site T (Washington Avenue at 2nd Street SW) is now the site of American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial.

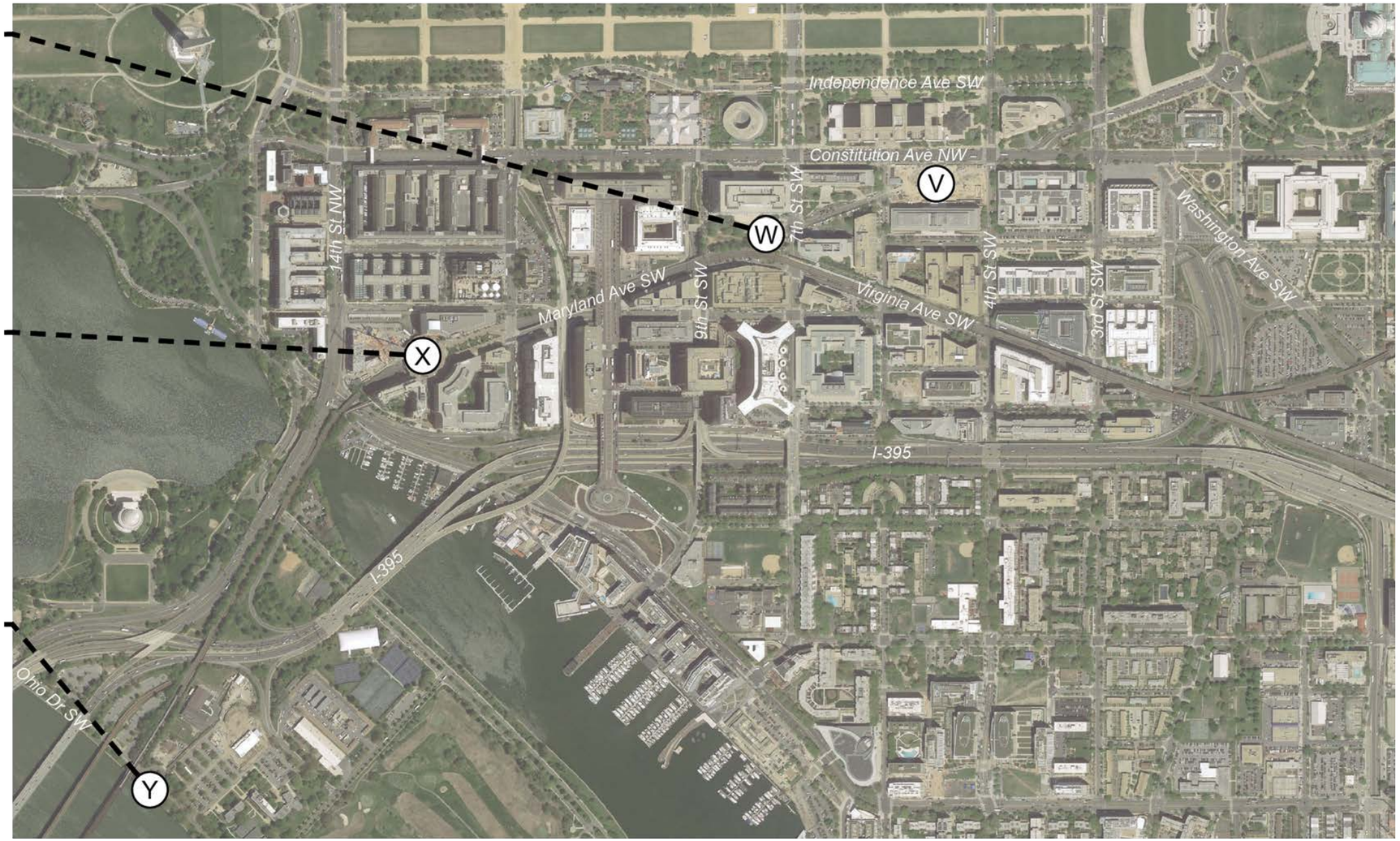
Potential Sites: Initial Inventory - Southwest

Maryland and Virginia Avenues SW
(Hancock Park between 7th and 9th Streets)



Maryland Avenue SW (Portals)

Along Potomac River shoreline near 14th Street Bridge



Note: Site V (Maryland and Independence Avenues SW) is now site of the Eisenhower Memorial, currently under construction.

Site Evaluation

Site	Location	Program Suitability	Thematic Nexus	Site Prominence	Transportation Access	Universal Accessibility	Tranquility	Shade	Infrastructure	Site Availability
A	Edward Murrow Park (18th/19th) or James Monroe Park (20th/21st)	◑	◑	◑	●	●	○	●	●	●
B	Franklin Square (between 13th, 14th, I, and K Streets NW)	○	○	◑	●	●	◑	●	●	○
C	Washington Convention Center at Mount Vernon Square	○	○	◑	●	●	○	○	●	○
D	Freedom Plaza	◑	◑	◑	●	●	○	○	◑	●
E	Woodrow Wilson Plaza or Benjamin Franklin Circle (12th or 13th Streets)	◑	○	◑	●	●	◑	◑	●	●
F	National Building Museum, 5th and F Streets NW	○	◑	◑	●	●	◑	◑	●	●
G	2nd Street and Massachusetts Avenue NW	◑	◑	◑	◑	◆	○	◆	●	◑
H	G Street NW Right-of-Way	◑	◑	◑	●	◆	◑	◆	◑	◑
I	3rd and F Streets NW	○	◑	◑	●	◆	○	◆	●	◑
J	1st Street and New Jersey Avenue NW	◑	◑	◑	●	●	○	◑	◑	◑
K	Park triangles New Jersey and Massachusetts Avenues NW	○	◑	◑	●	●	○	◑	●	●
L	Massachusetts and New Jersey Avenues at G Street NW	●	◑	◑	●	●	◑	◑	●	●
M	New York and Florida Avenues NW	○	◑	○	●	●	○	○	●	●
N	Northeast corner of Maryland Avenue and D Street NE	○	○	○	◑	●	◑	●	●	●
O	Northeast corner of Maryland and Constitution Avenues NE	○	○	○	◑	●	○	◑	●	●
P	Northeast corner of Pennsylvania and Independence Avenues SE	○	○	○	◑	●	○	◑	●	●
X Q	Northeast corner of 1st Street and Louisiana Avenue NW (Peace Corps Commemorative)	▥	▥	▥	▥	▥	▥	▥	▥	▥
R	Indiana Avenue and D Street NW	○	◑	◑	●	●	○	◑	●	●
S	Pennsylvania and Constitution Avenues at 3rd Street NW	●	●	●	◑	●	◑	●	◑	●
X T	Washington Avenue at 2nd Street SW (American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial)	▥	▥	▥	▥	▥	▥	▥	▥	▥
U	3rd Street and Independence Avenue SW	●	●	●	●	●	◑	◆	●	●
X V	Maryland and Independence Avenues (Eisenhower Memorial)	▥	▥	▥	▥	▥	▥	▥	▥	▥
W	Maryland and Virginia Avenues SW (Hancock Park between 7th and 9th Streets)	●	◑	●	●	●	◑	●	●	●
X	Maryland Avenue SW (Portals)	◑	◑	◑	◑	●	◑	◑	●	◑
Y	Along Potomac River shoreline near 14th Street Bridge	○	○	◑	○	○	●	●	●	●

Key ● Suitable ◑ Partially Suitable ○ Not Suitable ▥ Site occupied (or anticipated to be) by other memorial ◆ Unknown

Site Evaluation: Program Suitability

The Foundation identified program suitability, thematic nexus, and site prominence as the most important of the site criteria for the National EMS Memorial. After the criteria were applied to the 25 potential memorial sites, sites identified as not suitable regarding program suitability (11 sites) were eliminated from further study.

Site	Location	Program Suitability	Thematic Nexus	Site Prominence	Transportation Access	Universal Accessibility	Tranquility	Shade	Infrastructure	Site Availability
A	Edward Murrow Park (18th/19th) or James Monroe Park (20th/21st)	◑	◑	◑	●	●	○	●	●	●
X B	Franklin Square (between 13th, 14th, I, and K Streets NW)	○	○	◑	●	●	◑	●	●	○
X C	Washington Convention Center at Mount Vernon Square	○	○	◑	●	●	○	○	●	○
D	Freedom Plaza	◑	◑	◑	●	●	○	○	◑	●
E	Woodrow Wilson Plaza or Benjamin Franklin Circle (12th or 13th Streets)	◑	○	◑	●	●	◑	◑	●	●
X F	National Building Museum, 5th and F Streets NW	○	◑	◑	●	●	◑	◑	●	●
G	2nd Street and Massachusetts Avenue NW	◑	◑	◑	◑	◆	○	◆	●	◑
H	G Street NW Right-of-Way	◑	◑	◑	●	◆	◑	◆	◑	◑
X I	3rd and F Streets NW	○	◑	◑	●	◆	○	◆	●	◑
J	1st Street and New Jersey Avenue NW	◑	◑	◑	●	●	○	◑	◑	◑
X K	Park triangles New Jersey and Massachusetts Avenues NW	○	◑	◑	●	●	○	◑	●	●
L	Massachusetts and New Jersey Avenues at G Street NW	●	◑	◑	●	●	◑	◑	●	●
X M	New York and Florida Avenues NW	○	◑	○	●	●	○	○	●	●
X N	Northeast corner of Maryland Avenue and D Street NE	○	○	○	◑	●	◑	●	●	●
X O	Northeast corner of Maryland and Constitution Avenues NE	○	○	○	◑	●	○	◑	●	●
X P	Northeast corner of Pennsylvania and Independence Avenues SE	○	○	○	◑	●	○	◑	●	●
X Q	Northeast corner of 1st Street and Louisiana Avenue NW (Peace Corps Commemorative)	▥	▥	▥	▥	▥	▥	▥	▥	▥
X R	Indiana Avenue and D Street NW	○	◑	◑	●	●	○	◑	●	●
S	Pennsylvania and Constitution Avenues at 3rd Street NW	●	●	●	◑	●	◑	●	◑	●
X T	Washington Avenue at 2nd Street SW (American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial)	▥	▥	▥	▥	▥	▥	▥	▥	▥
U	3rd Street and Independence Avenue SW	●	●	●	●	●	◑	◆	●	●
X V	Maryland and Independence Avenues (Eisenhower Memorial)	▥	▥	▥	▥	▥	▥	▥	▥	▥
W	Maryland and Virginia Avenues SW (Hancock Park between 7th and 9th Streets)	●	◑	●	●	●	◑	●	●	●
X	Maryland Avenue SW (Portals)	◑	◑	◑	◑	●	◑	◑	●	◑
X Y	Along Potomac River shoreline near 14th Street Bridge	○	○	◑	○	○	●	●	●	●

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Site Evaluation: Thematic Nexus

Sites identified as not suitable regarding thematic nexus (one additional site) were next eliminated from further study.

Site	Location	Program Suitability	Thematic Nexus	Site Prominence	Transportation Access	Universal Accessibility	Tranquility	Shade	Infrastructure	Site Availability
A	Edward Murrow Park (18th/19th) or James Monroe Park (20th/21st)	◑	◑	◑	●	●	○	●	●	●
X B	Franklin Square (between 13th, 14th, I, and K Streets NW)	○	○	◑	●	●	◑	●	●	○
X C	Washington Convention Center at Mount Vernon Square	○	○	◑	●	●	○	○	●	○
D	Freedom Plaza	◑	◑	◑	●	●	○	○	◑	●
X E	Woodrow Wilson Plaza or Benjamin Franklin Circle (12th or 13th Streets)	◑	○	◑	●	●	◑	◑	●	●
X F	National Building Museum, 5th and F Streets NW	○	◑	◑	●	●	◑	◑	●	●
G	2nd Street and Massachusetts Avenue NW	◑	◑	◑	◑	◆	○	◆	●	◑
H	G Street NW Right-of-Way	◑	◑	◑	●	◆	◑	◆	◑	◑
X I	3rd and F Streets NW	○	◑	◑	●	◆	○	◆	●	◑
J	1st Street and New Jersey Avenue NW	◑	◑	◑	●	●	○	◑	◑	◑
X K	Park triangles New Jersey and Massachusetts Avenues NW	○	◑	◑	●	●	○	◑	●	●
L	Massachusetts and New Jersey Avenues at G Street NW	●	◑	◑	●	●	◑	◑	●	●
X M	New York and Florida Avenues NW	○	◑	○	●	●	○	○	●	●
X N	Northeast corner of Maryland Avenue and D Street NE	○	○	○	◑	●	◑	●	●	●
X O	Northeast corner of Maryland and Constitution Avenues NE	○	○	○	◑	●	○	◑	●	●
X P	Northeast corner of Pennsylvania and Independence Avenues SE	○	○	○	◑	●	○	◑	●	●
X Q	Northeast corner of 1st Street and Louisiana Avenue NW (Peace Corps Commemorative)	▨	▨	▨	▨	▨	▨	▨	▨	▨
X R	Indiana Avenue and D Street NW	○	◑	◑	●	●	○	◑	●	●
S	Pennsylvania and Constitution Avenues at 3rd Street NW	●	●	●	◑	●	◑	●	◑	●
X T	Washington Avenue at 2nd Street SW (American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial)	▨	▨	▨	▨	▨	▨	▨	▨	▨
U	3rd Street and Independence Avenue SW	●	●	●	●	●	◑	◆	●	●
X V	Maryland and Independence Avenues (Eisenhower Memorial)	▨	▨	▨	▨	▨	▨	▨	▨	▨
W	Maryland and Virginia Avenues SW (Hancock Park between 7th and 9th Streets)	●	◑	●	●	●	◑	●	●	●
X	Maryland Avenue SW (Portals)	◑	◑	◑	◑	●	◑	◑	●	◑
X Y	Along Potomac River shoreline near 14th Street Bridge	○	○	◑	○	○	●	●	●	●

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Site Evaluation: Site Prominence

Sites identified as not suitable regarding site prominence were next dropped from further study. No additional sites were eliminated, thus leaving 10 remaining sites for consideration as viable sites in the second round site evaluation.

Site	Location	Program Suitability	Thematic Nexus	Site Prominence	Transportation Access	Universal Accessibility	Tranquility	Shade	Infrastructure	Site Availability
A	Edward Murrow Park (18th/19th) or James Monroe Park (20th/21st)	◑	◑	◑	●	●	○	●	●	●
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D	Freedom Plaza	◑	◑	◑	●	●	○	○	◑	●
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X F	National Building Museum, 5th and F Streets NW	○	◑	◑	●	●	◑	◑	●	●
G	2nd Street and Massachusetts Avenue NW	◑	◑	◑	◑	◆	○	◆	●	◑
H	G Street NW Right-of-Way	◑	◑	◑	●	◆	◑	◆	◑	◑
X I	3rd and F Streets NW	○	◑	◑	●	◆	○	◆	●	◑
J	1st Street and New Jersey Avenue NW	◑	◑	◑	●	●	○	◑	◑	◑
X K	Park triangles New Jersey and Massachusetts Avenues NW	○	◑	◑	●	●	○	◑	●	●
L	Massachusetts and New Jersey Avenues at G Street NW	●	◑	◑	●	●	◑	◑	●	●
X M	New York and Florida Avenues NW	○	◑	○	●	●	○	○	●	●
X N	Northeast corner of Maryland Avenue and D Street NE	○	○	○	◑	●	◑	●	●	●
X O	Northeast corner of Maryland and Constitution Avenues NE	○	○	○	◑	●	○	◑	●	●
X P	Northeast corner of Pennsylvania and Independence Avenues SE	○	○	○	◑	●	○	◑	●	●
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X R	Indiana Avenue and D Street NW	○	◑	◑	●	●	○	◑	●	●
S	Pennsylvania and Constitution Avenues at 3rd Street NW	●	●	●	◑	●	◑	●	◑	●
X T	Washington Avenue at 2nd Street SW (American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial)	▨	▨	▨	▨	▨	▨	▨	▨	▨
U	3rd Street and Independence Avenue SW	●	●	●	●	●	◑	◆	●	●
X V	Maryland and Independence Avenues (Eisenhower Memorial)	▨	▨	▨	▨	▨	▨	▨	▨	▨
W	Maryland and Virginia Avenues SW (Hancock Park between 7th and 9th Streets)	●	◑	●	●	●	◑	●	●	●
X	Maryland Avenue SW (Portals)	◑	◑	◑	◑	●	◑	◑	●	◑
X Y	Along Potomac River shoreline near 14th Street Bridge	○	○	◑	○	○	●	●	●	●

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Site Evaluation: Best Suited for Memorial

Of the ten remaining sites, four were selected for further study based on their ability to meet the full range of criteria.

Site	Location	Program Suitability	Thematic Nexus	Site Prominence	Transportation Access	Universal Accessibility	Tranquility	Shade	Infrastructure	Site Availability
X A	Edward Murrow Park (18th/19th) or James Monroe Park (20th/21st)	◑	◑	◑	●	●	○	●	●	●
X B	Franklin Square (between 13th, 14th, I, and K Streets NW)	○	○	◑	●	●	◑	●	●	○
X C	Washington Convention Center at Mount Vernon Square	○	○	◑	●	●	○	○	●	○
X D	Freedom Plaza	◑	◑	◑	●	●	○	○	◑	●
X E	Woodrow Wilson Plaza or Benjamin Franklin Circle (12th or 13th Streets)	◑	○	◑	●	●	◑	◑	●	●
X F	National Building Museum, 5th and F Streets NW	○	◑	◑	●	●	◑	◑	●	●
X G	2nd Street and Massachusetts Avenue NW	◑	◑	◑	◑	◆	○	◆	●	◑
X H	G Street NW Right-of-Way	◑	◑	◑	●	◆	◑	◆	◑	◑
X I	3rd and F Streets NW	○	◑	◑	●	◆	○	◆	●	◑
X J	1st Street and New Jersey Avenue NW	◑	◑	◑	●	●	○	◑	◑	◑
X K	Park triangles New Jersey and Massachusetts Avenues NW	○	◑	◑	●	●	○	◑	●	●
L	Massachusetts and New Jersey Avenues at G Street NW	●	◑	◑	●	●	◑	◑	●	●
X M	New York and Florida Avenues NW	○	◑	○	●	●	○	○	●	●
X N	Northeast corner of Maryland Avenue and D Street NE	○	○	○	◑	●	◑	●	●	●
X O	Northeast corner of Maryland and Constitution Avenues NE	○	○	○	◑	●	○	◑	●	●
X P	Northeast corner of Pennsylvania and Independence Avenues SE	○	○	○	◑	●	○	◑	●	●
X Q	Northeast corner of 1st Street and Louisiana Avenue NW (Peace Corps Commemorative)	▨	▨	▨	▨	▨	▨	▨	▨	▨
X R	Indiana Avenue and D Street NW	○	◑	◑	●	●	○	◑	●	●
S	Pennsylvania and Constitution Avenues at 3rd Street NW	●	●	●	◑	●	◑	●	◑	●
X T	Washington Avenue at 2nd Street SW (American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial)	▨	▨	▨	▨	▨	▨	▨	▨	▨
U	3rd Street and Independence Avenue SW	●	●	●	●	●	◑	◆	●	●
X V	Maryland and Independence Avenues (Eisenhower Memorial)	▨	▨	▨	▨	▨	▨	▨	▨	▨
W	Maryland and Virginia Avenues SW (Hancock Park between 7th and 9th Streets)	●	◑	●	●	●	◑	●	●	●
X X	Maryland Avenue SW (Portals)	◑	◑	◑	◑	●	◑	◑	●	◑
X Y	Along Potomac River shoreline near 14th Street Bridge	○	○	◑	○	○	●	●	●	●

Key ● Suitable ◑ Partially Suitable ○ Not Suitable ▨ Site occupied (or anticipated to be) by other memorial ◆ Unknown

VIABLE SITES

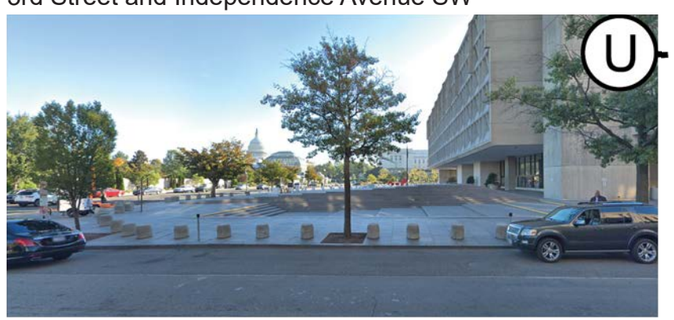
Second Round Site Evaluation

Viable Sites

Massachusetts and New Jersey Avenues at G Street NW

Pennsylvania and Constitution Avenues at 3rd Street NW

3rd Street and Independence Avenue SW



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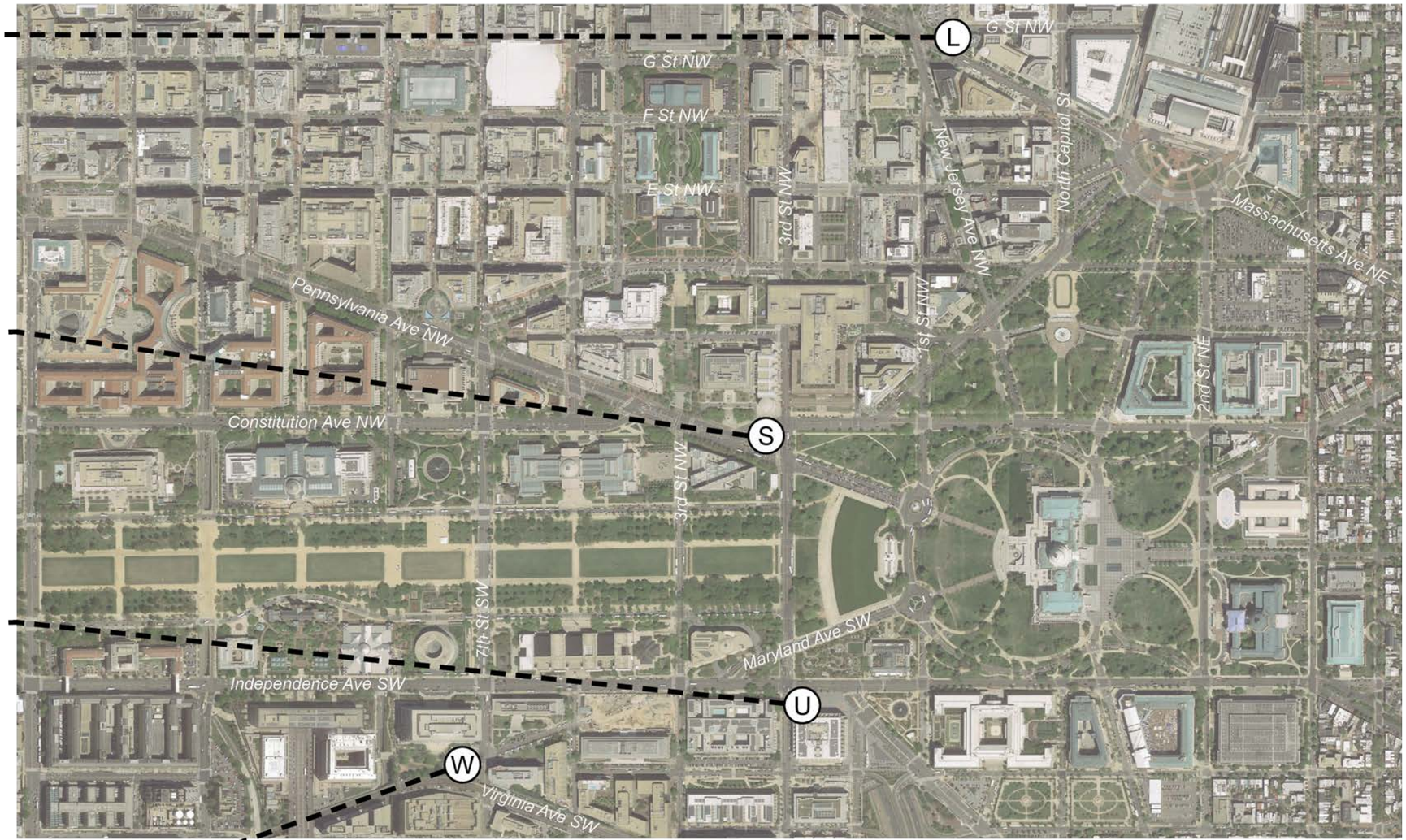
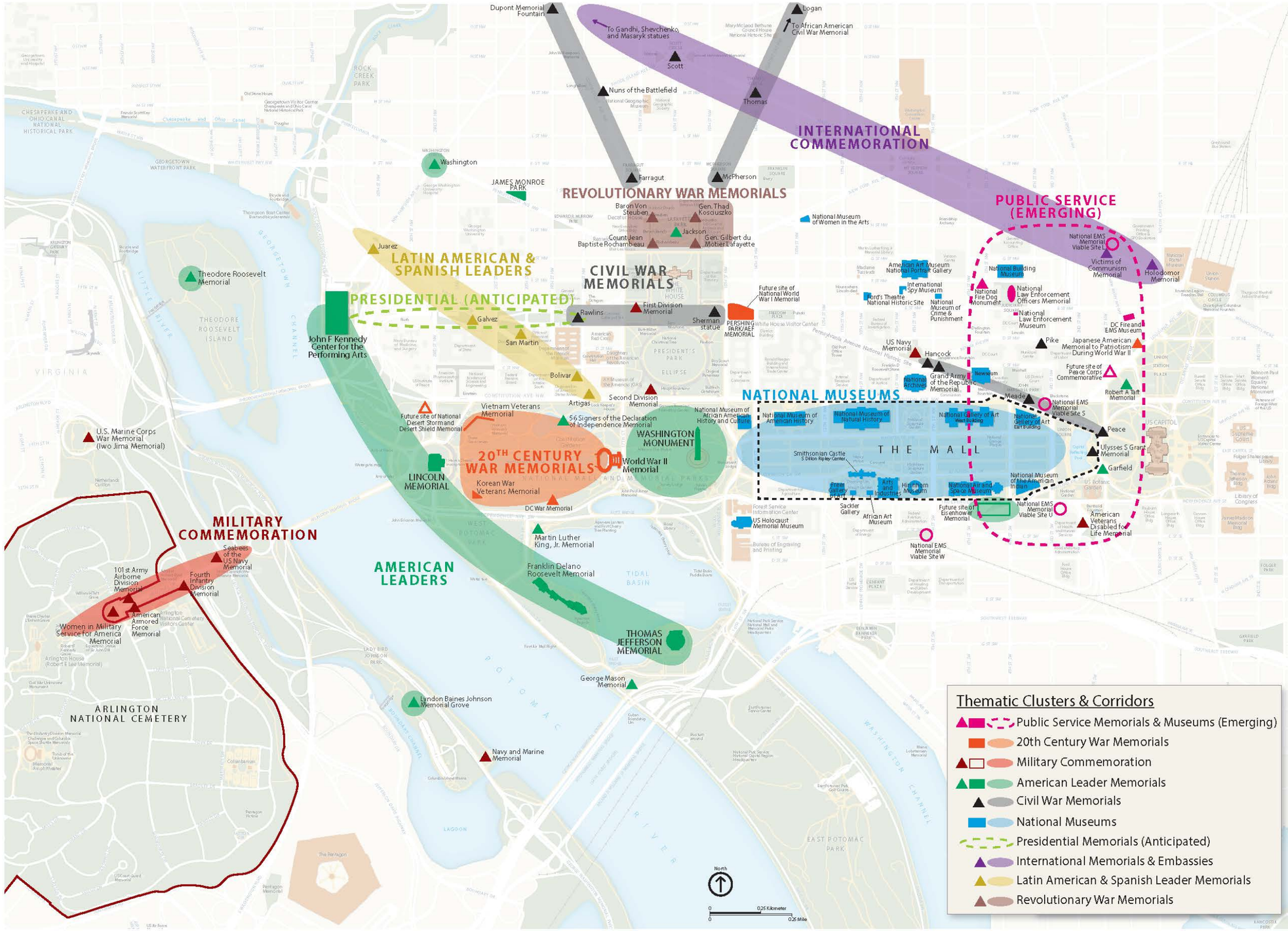
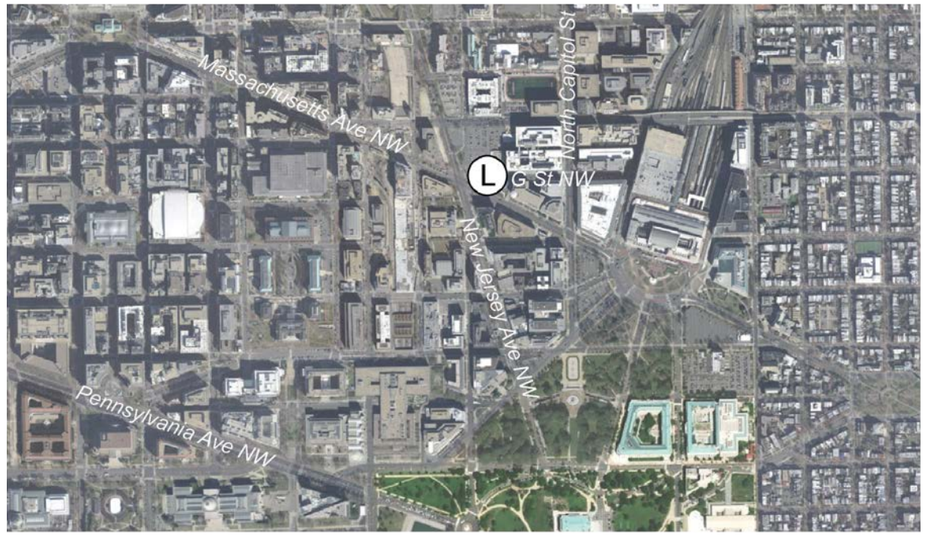


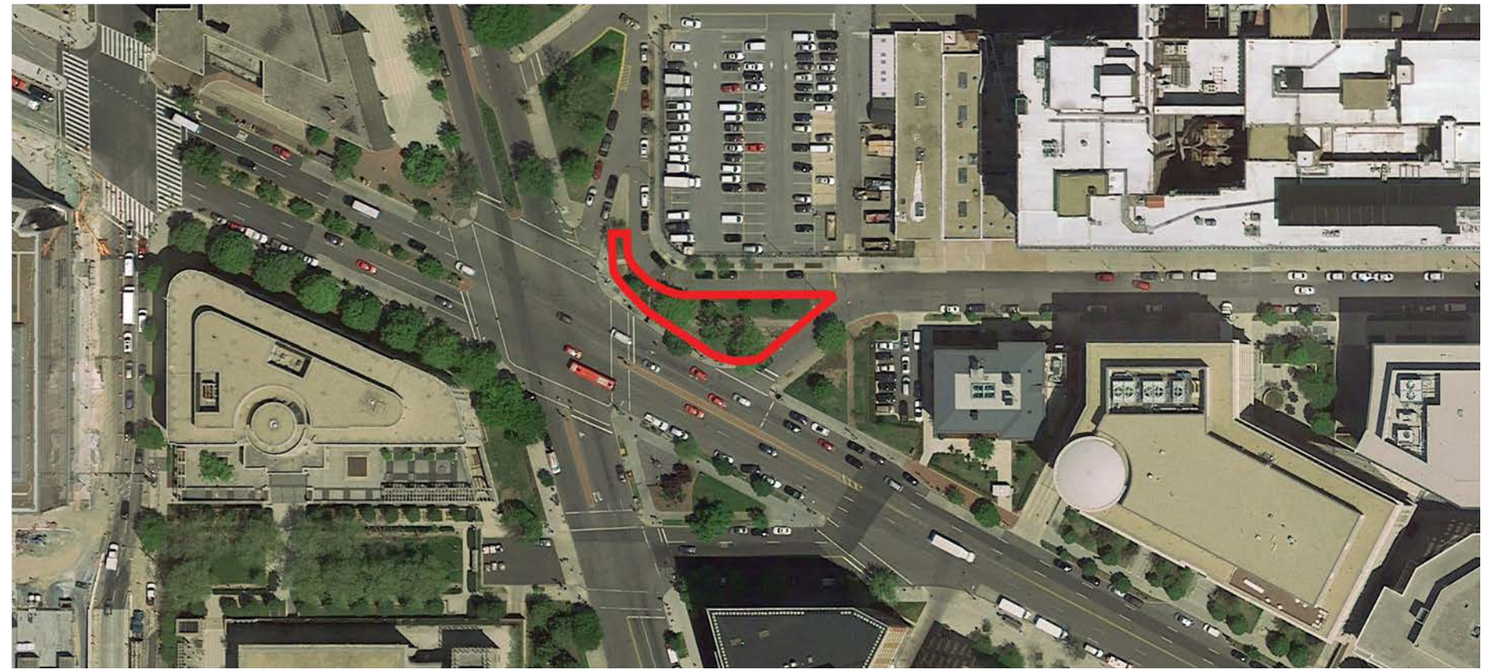
Note: Site S (Pennsylvania and Constitution Avenues at 3rd Street NW) and part of Site W (Maryland and Virginia Avenues SW (Hancock Park between 7th and 9th Streets)) are located in Area I.

Thematic Clusters and Corridors



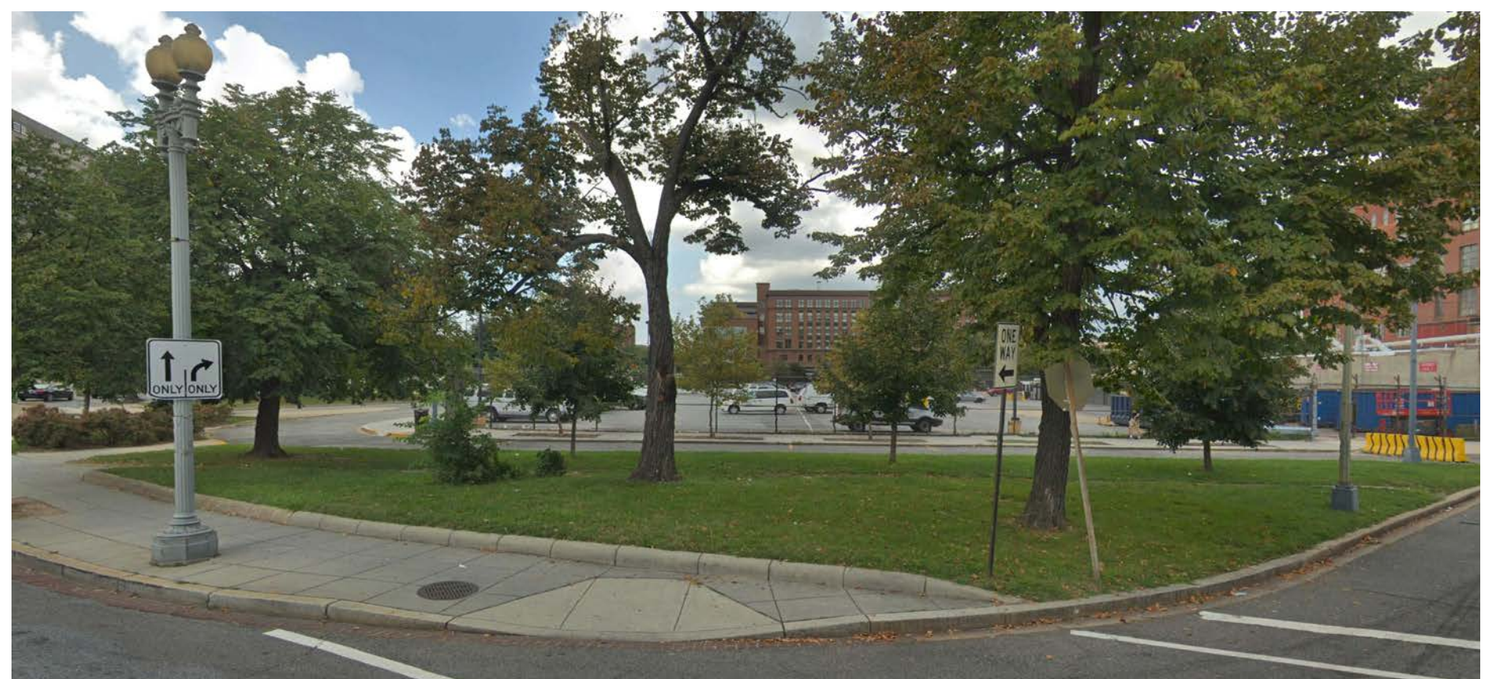
Viable Site L: Massachusetts and New Jersey Avenues at G Street NW





Site Location: Area II **Site Size:** Approximately 0.16 acres

Site Criteria	Notes
Program Suitability	Small site that can accommodate program needs.
Thematic Nexus	Two blocks from Engine Company No. 3, which houses the DC Fire and EMS Museum. Five blocks from National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial. Indirect views of U.S. Capitol extend along New Jersey Avenue NW.
Site Prominence	Site is located on Massachusetts Avenue NW, a major roadway and the location of multiple memorials in triangle parks, and close to Georgetown Law School.
Transportation Access	Site is in close proximity to Metrorail, bus, Amtrak and MARC train station.
Universal Accessibility	Site is ADA accessible with three crosswalks leading to site, but is immediately adjacent to a busy roadway.
Tranquility	Site is along a multi-lane avenue and is bordered by roads.
Shade	Site has some tree coverage.
Infrastructure	No known conflicts are present.
Site Availability	Site is under the jurisdiction of NPS.



Viable Site L: Massachusetts and New Jersey Avenues at G Street NW - *Context Analysis*

- Site L is a five minute walk from the Union Station red line Metrorail station, and just over a five minute walk from the Judiciary Square red line Metrorail station.
- Multi-directional views from the site extend along Massachusetts Avenue NW, New Jersey Avenue NW, and 1st St NW; the view along G Street NW extends east. New Jersey Avenue NW offers views toward the U.S. Capitol.
- Pedestrians have multiple access points to the site using crosswalks and roads that are immediately adjacent to the site.

Five Minute Walking Radius

Viable Memorial Site

Pedestrian Access

Views from Site

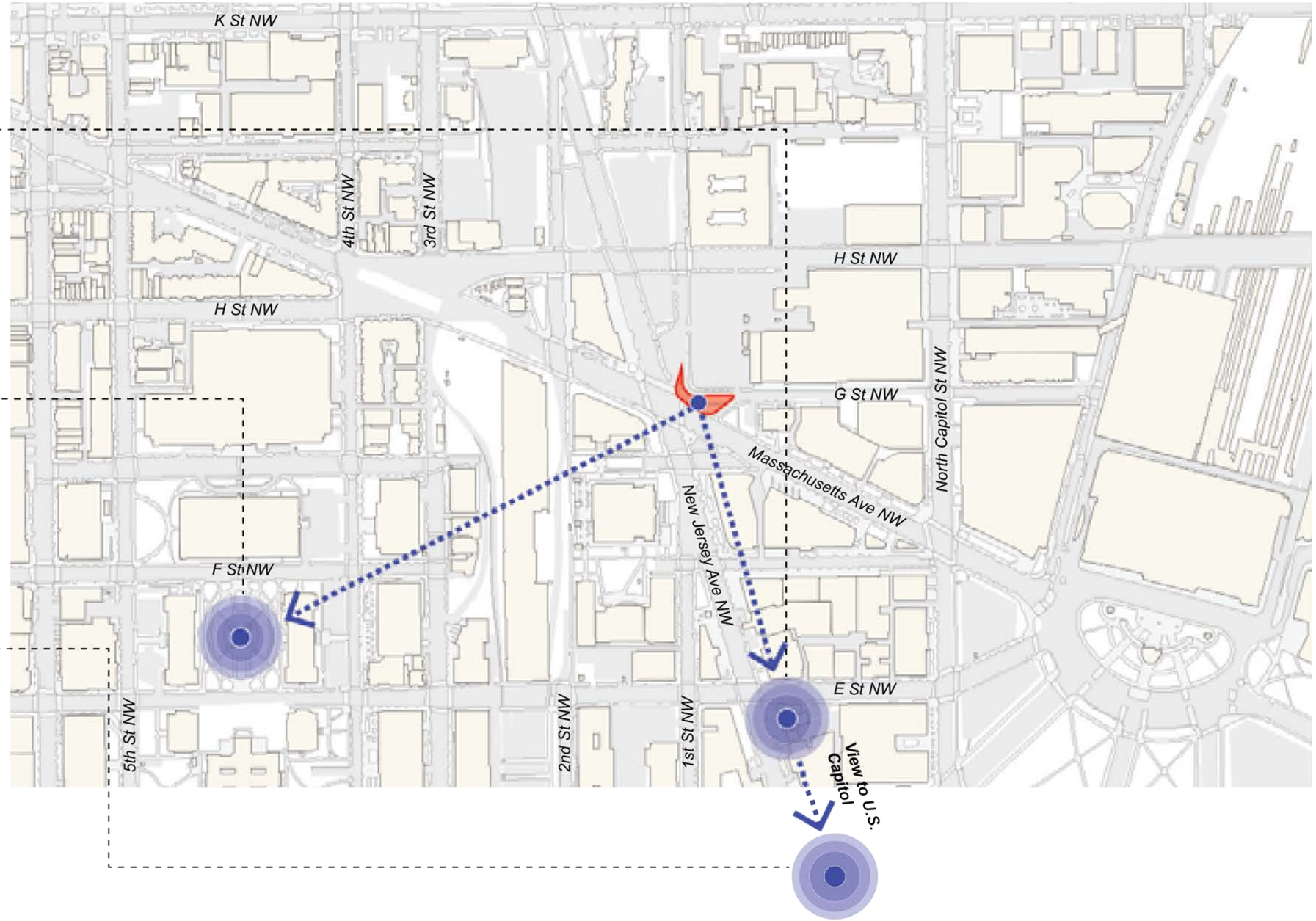
Metro Station

Viable Site L: Massachusetts and New Jersey Avenues at G Street NW - *Thematic Linkages*

- DC Fire and EMS Museum & D.C. Engine Co. 3: The museum, located in the historic D.C. Engine Co. 3 building, pays tribute to those who have served to protect the lives and property of District residents.

- Law Enforcement Officers Memorial: EMS, law enforcement, and fire protection services make up the three legs of public safety.

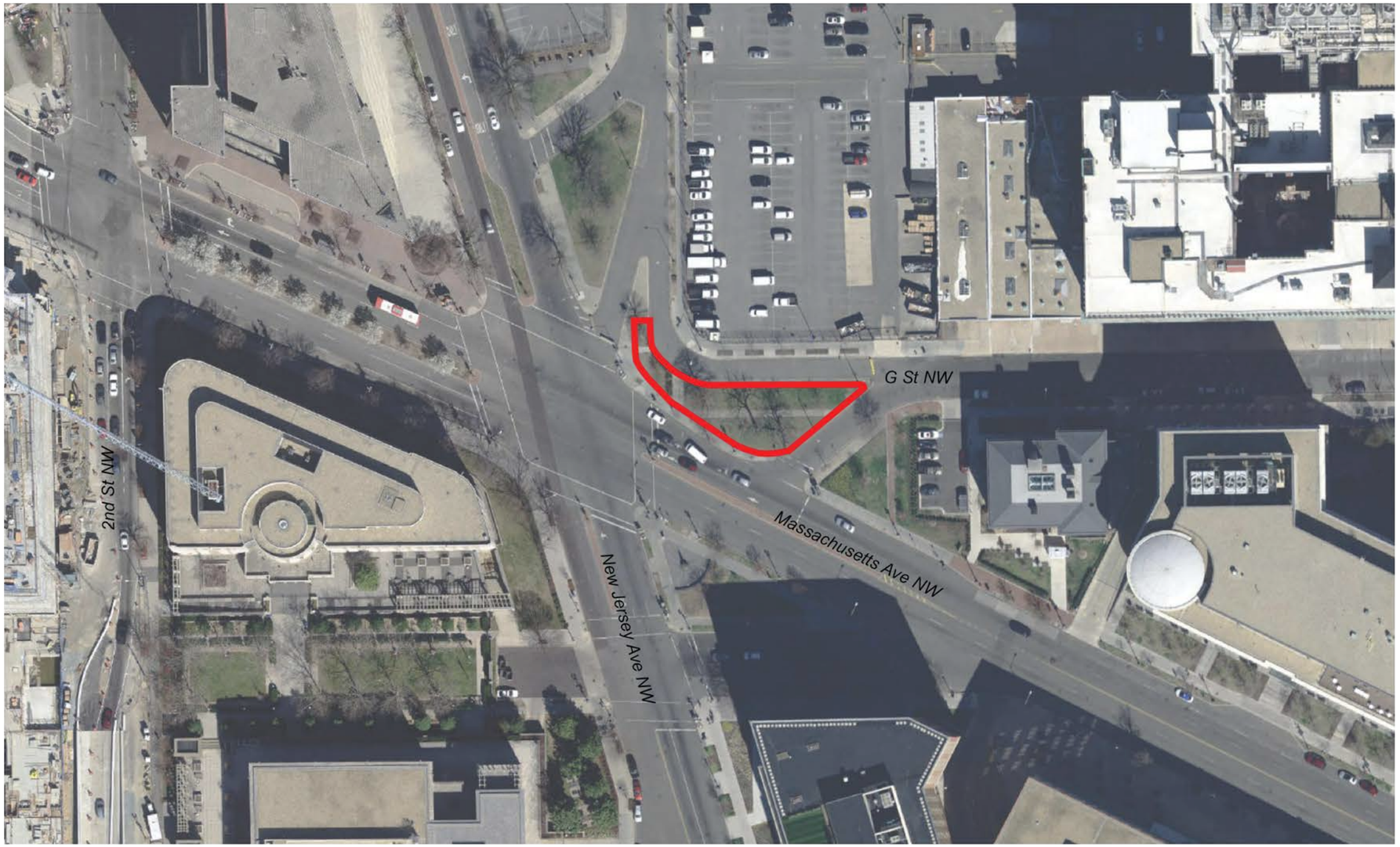
- U.S. Capitol: The federal government plays a role in providing EMS through the enactment of laws and budgets for federal agencies; the location within view of the center of the legislative branch of government would serve to increase the profile of EMS.



Thematic Linkages

Thematic Sites

Viable Site L: Massachusetts and New Jersey Avenues at G Street NW - *Floodplains*



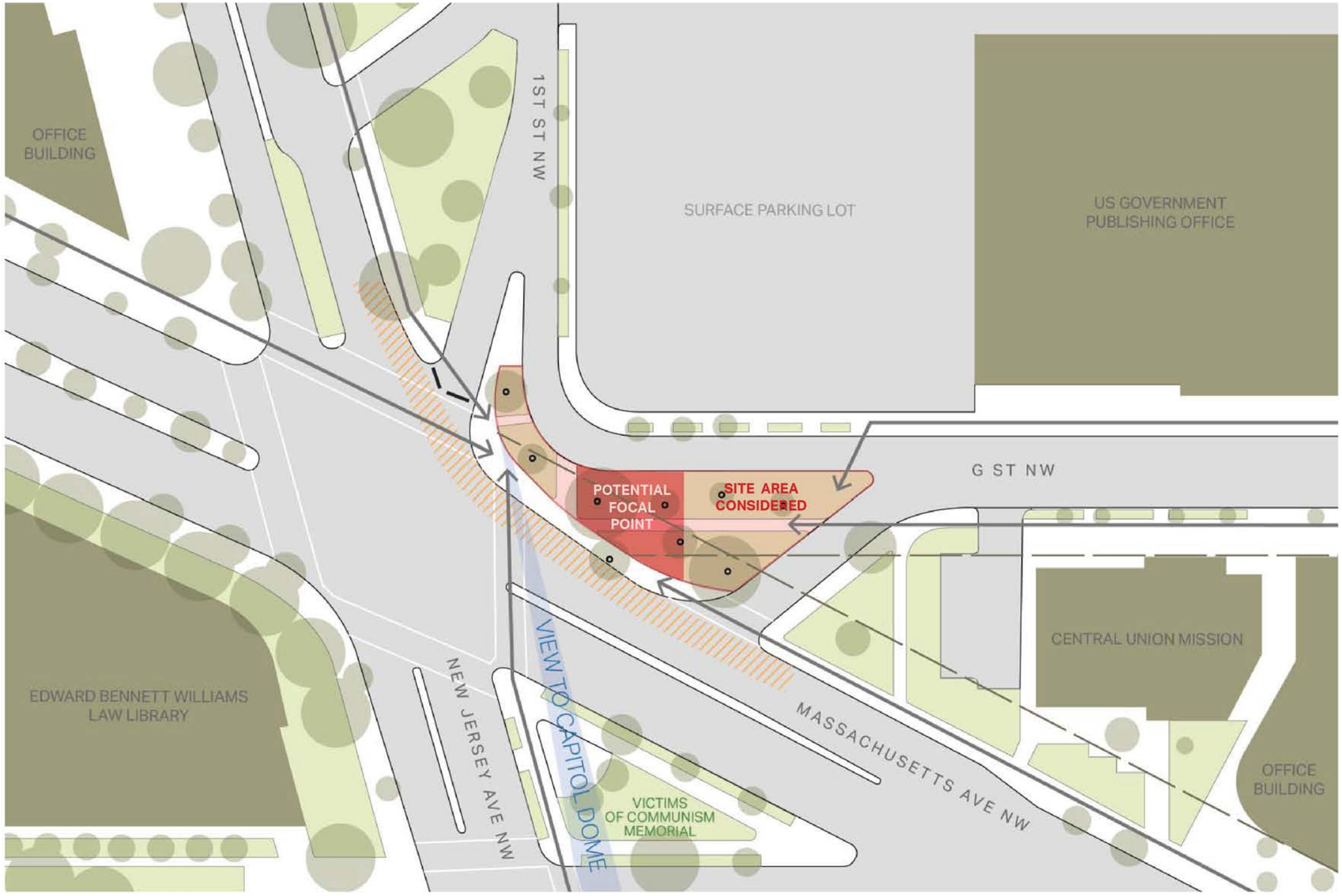
100-Year Floodplain

500-Year Floodplain

Area with Reduced Risk Due to Levee

0′ 100′ N

Viable Site L: Massachusetts and New Jersey Avenues at G Street NW - *Site Considerations*



Pedestrian Access

Jersey Barriers

Adjacent Building Setback Line

Primary Noise Source

Viable Site S: Pennsylvania and Constitution Avenues at 3rd Street NW

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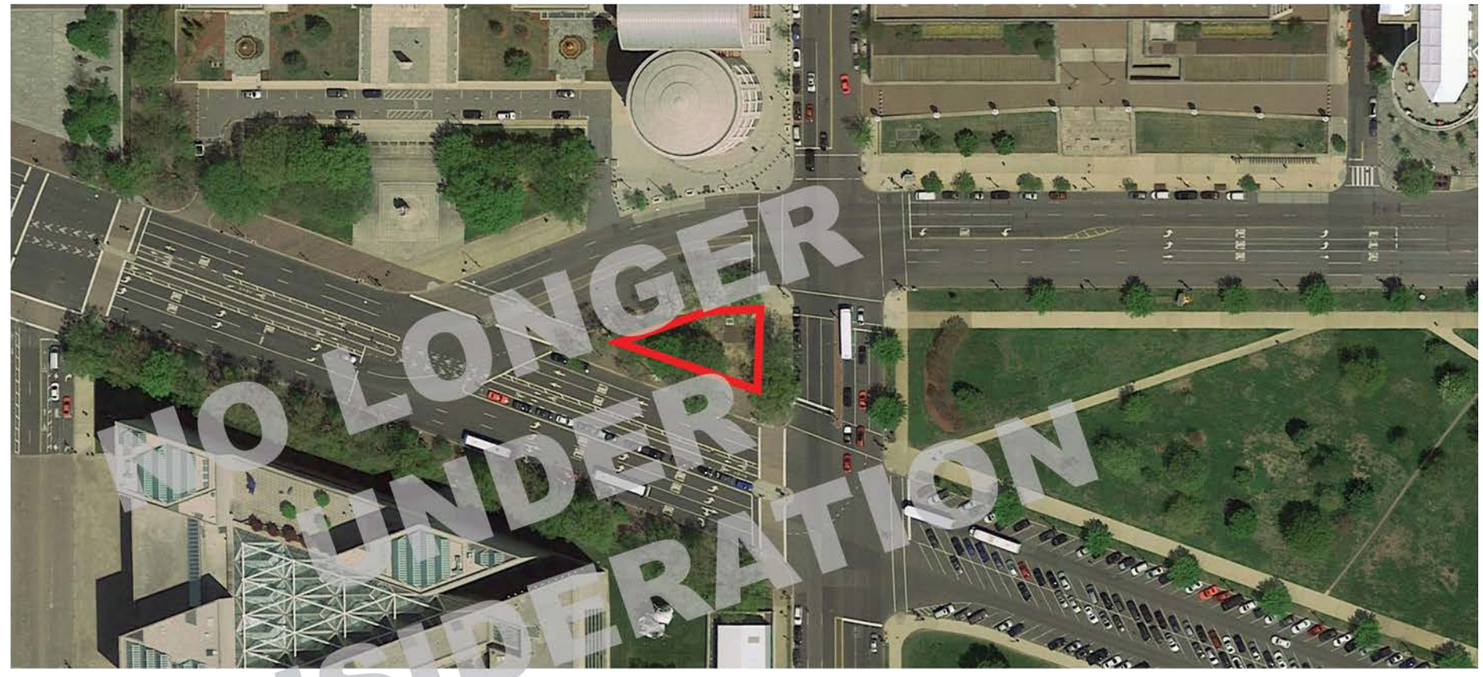

Site Location: Area I **Site Size:** Approximately 0.19 acres

Site Criteria	Notes
Program Suitability	Site is likely adequate to accommodate program needs.
Thematic Nexus	Site is adjacent to the U.S. Capitol and George Gordon Meade Memorial (commanded the Army of the Potomac at the Battle of Gettysburg where the first EMS line of duty death and injury were reported); near the National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI) and the Law Enforcement Officers Memorial.
Site Prominence	Site sits directly on Pennsylvania Ave NW near the National Mall at the foot of the U.S. Capitol Grounds.
Transportation Access	Site is in close proximity to Metrorail station.
Universal Accessibility	Site is ADA accessible with five crosswalks leading to site. U.S. Capitol Grounds could offer nearby visitor drop-off and pick-up.
Tranquility	Site is at the intersection of two multi-lane, high-traffic avenues.
Shade	Site currently has mature trees, primarily street trees.
Infrastructure	Site contains large vents and sits above I-395.
Site Availability	Site is under the jurisdiction of NPS.

Viable Site S: Pennsylvania and Constitution Avenues at 3rd Street NW

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Intersection of Pennsylvania and Constitution Avenues, NW — Site 48

Near 3rd Street, NW

Location:

Site Description Summary:

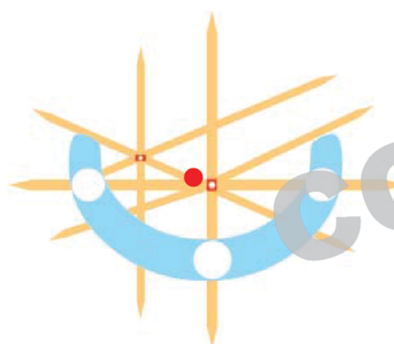
This highly prominent triangular park faces the National Gallery of Art East Wing and the U.S. Court House. It offers striking views of the Capitol and its location on Pennsylvania Avenue gives the site a high degree of visibility and urban design significance. Existing conditions are generally level, with established trees and landscape elements. The physical presence of the U.S. Capitol and the Pennsylvania Avenue Monumental Corridor greatly influence the site. Adjoining landscape elements generally offer open conditions that reinforce the dramatic visual impact of the Capitol and its extensive grounds. These visual connections to the Capitol provide design opportunities for physical improvements to the site. Potential site development is constrained by existing utilities.

Commemorative Opportunity:

Since this parcel is within the Pennsylvania Avenue right-of-way and provides outstanding views of the U.S. Capitol, it offers both symbolic and ceremonial amenities of the highest order. Future commemorative use of the site must maintain the existing vista along the Avenue to the Capitol. Another important consideration is the prominent Meade Memorial at the Prettyman Court House. Nevertheless, the site could incorporate an understated landscape feature with design elements that provide commemoration and interpretation opportunity while enhancing the linkages that characterize the historic corridor.

NOT UNDER CONSIDERATION

Framework Context:



Physical Characteristics:

Location:	National Mall Environs
Acreage:	0.5
Configuration:	Triangular
Overall Character:	Open/Landscaped
Terrain:	Flat
Adjoining Uses:	Government, Office, Museum

Visual Quality:

Prominent Views:	Federal Elements
Vistas:	Federal Elements
Existing Setting:	Mall/Capitol Grounds
Potential Setting:	Same
Gateway Corridor:	Yes

Urban Design Framework:

Relative Prominence:	Federal
Comp. Plan Element:	Special Street
Framework Element:	Monumental Corridor
Plan Compatibility:	Consistent
Memorial Proximity:	Walk
Potential Identity:	Yes

Historic & Cultural Resources:

Historic Resources:	Landmark, Special Street
Cultural Resources:	Building, Street, Landscape
Historic District:	Yes
Arts/Entertainment District:	NA
Embassy Proximity:	Yes
Memorial Zone:	1
Museum Proximity:	Walk

Vicinity:

Site Access:

Vehicular Corridor:	Yes - Constitution
Metrorail Proximity:	Good - Arch./ Navy Mem.
Metrobus Proximity:	Fair
Pedestrian Access:	Good
Parking Availability:	Good
Intermodal Station Proximity:	Yes - Metro/Circulator
Circulator Node Proximity:	Yes
Water Access:	No

Profile:

Development Term:	Present
Ownership:	NPS
ANC:	2C
Current Development Project:	NA
NPS Reservation:	553
NPS Park Name:	TBD
NPS Total Park Acreage:	TBD

Site Image

Highly prominent triangular parcel could support a future commemorative element that would complement the importance and ceremonial sequences of Pennsylvania Avenue.

Viable Site S: Pennsylvania and Constitution Avenues at 3rd Street NW - *Context Analysis*

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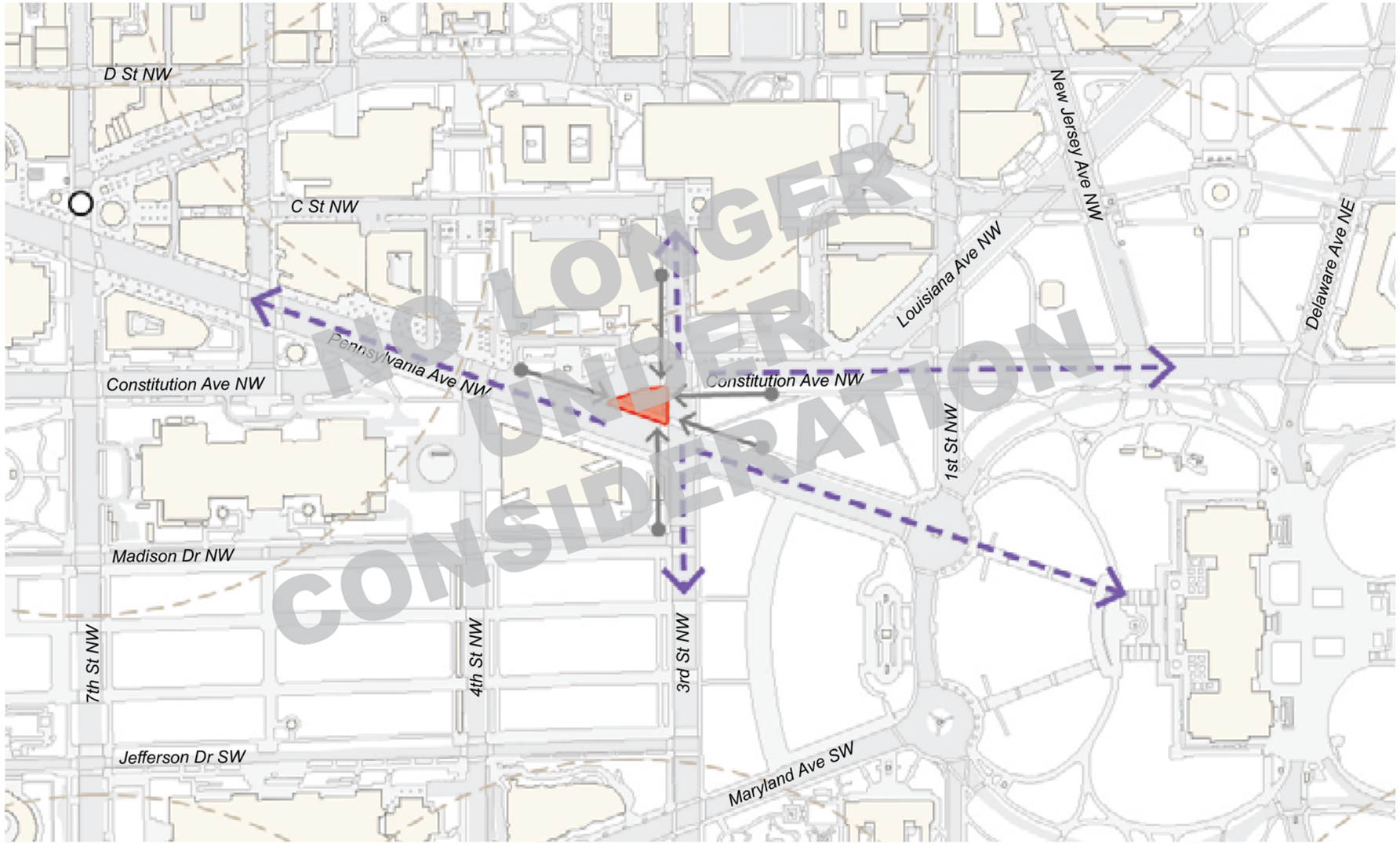
- Site S is a little over a five minute walk from both the Judiciary Square red line Metrorail station and the Archive-Navy Mem'l green/yellow line Metrorail station.
- Multi-directional views from the site extend along Pennsylvania Avenue NW, with direct views of the U.S. Capitol and views continuing toward the White House; the view along Constitution Avenue NW extends east, and views on 3rd Street NW extend north and south.
- Pedestrians can access the site using crosswalks from multiple directions.



Five Minute Walking Radius

Viable Memorial Site

Pedestrian Access

Views from Site

Metro Station

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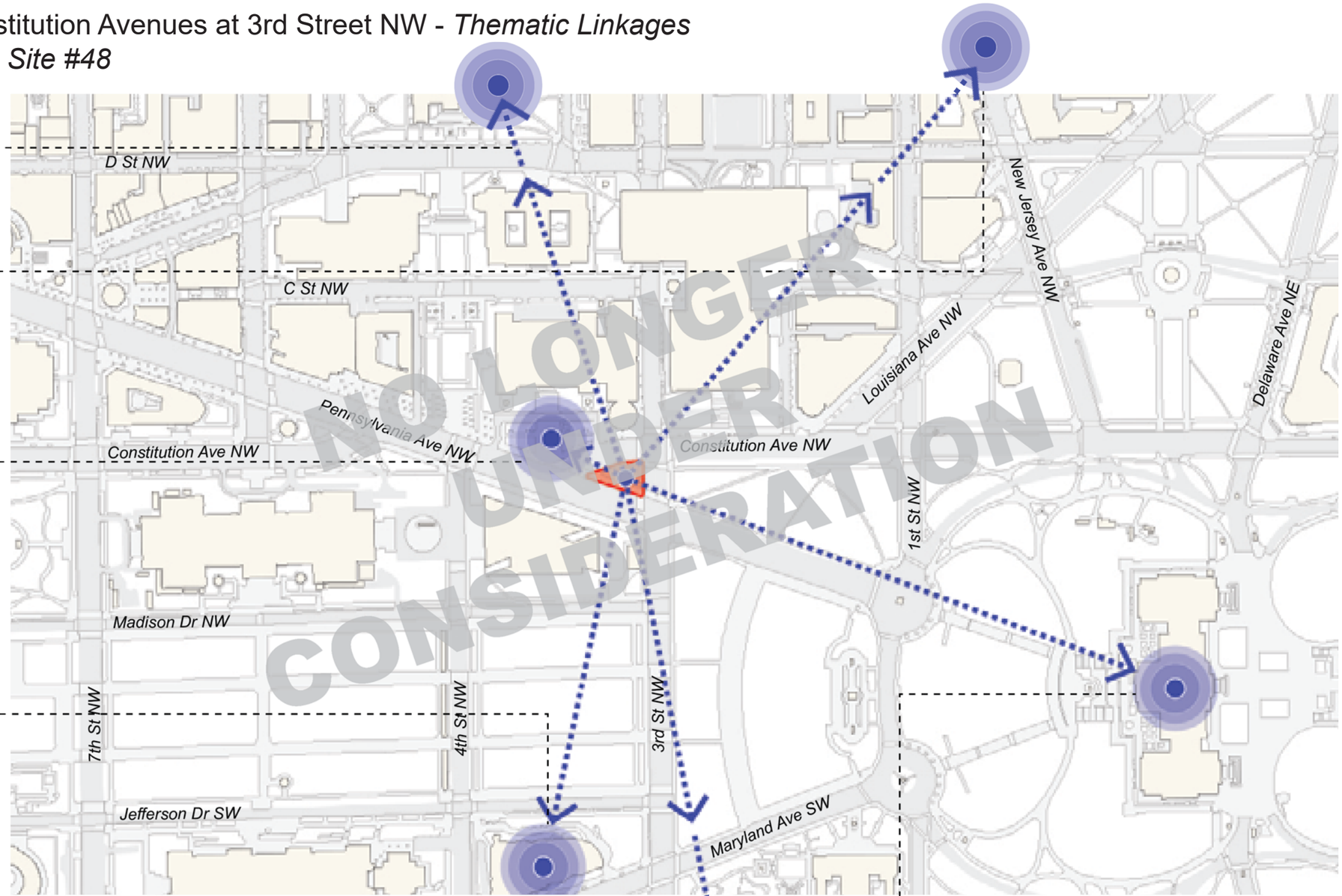

- Health and Human Services Headquarters: HHS is the primary federal agency that addresses the provision of EMS by offering technical assistance, subject matter expertise, and program services.
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Thematic Linkages

Thematic Sites

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100-Year Floodplain
500-Year Floodplain
Area with Reduced Risk Due to Levee

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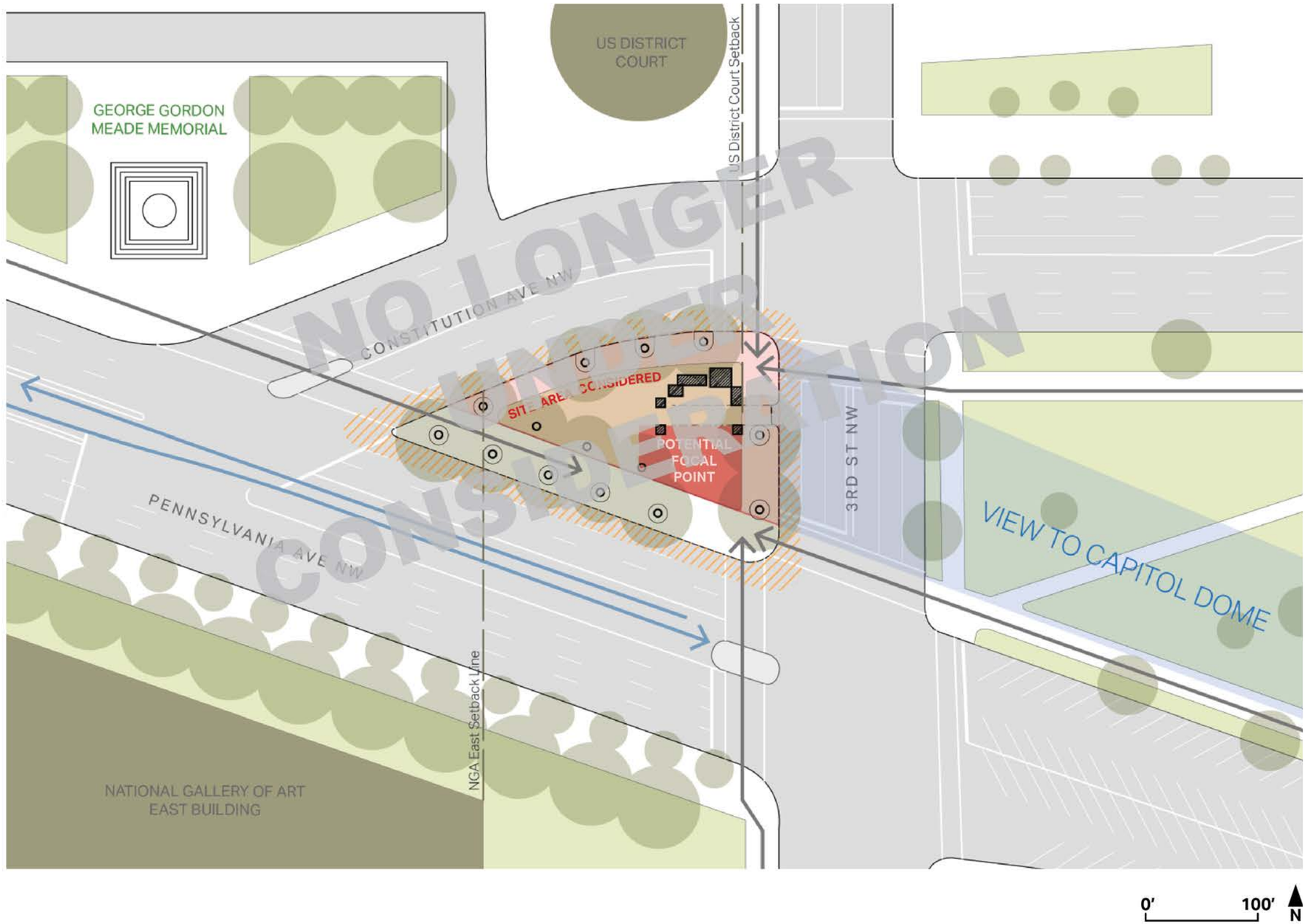


Pedestrian Access
Bicycle Lane
Adjacent Building Setback Line
Utility Shaft
Primary Noise Source

Viable Site U: 3rd Street and Independence Avenue SW

Portion of Hubert H. Humphrey (Health and Human Services (HHS) Headquarters) Building Plaza

Site Location: Area II

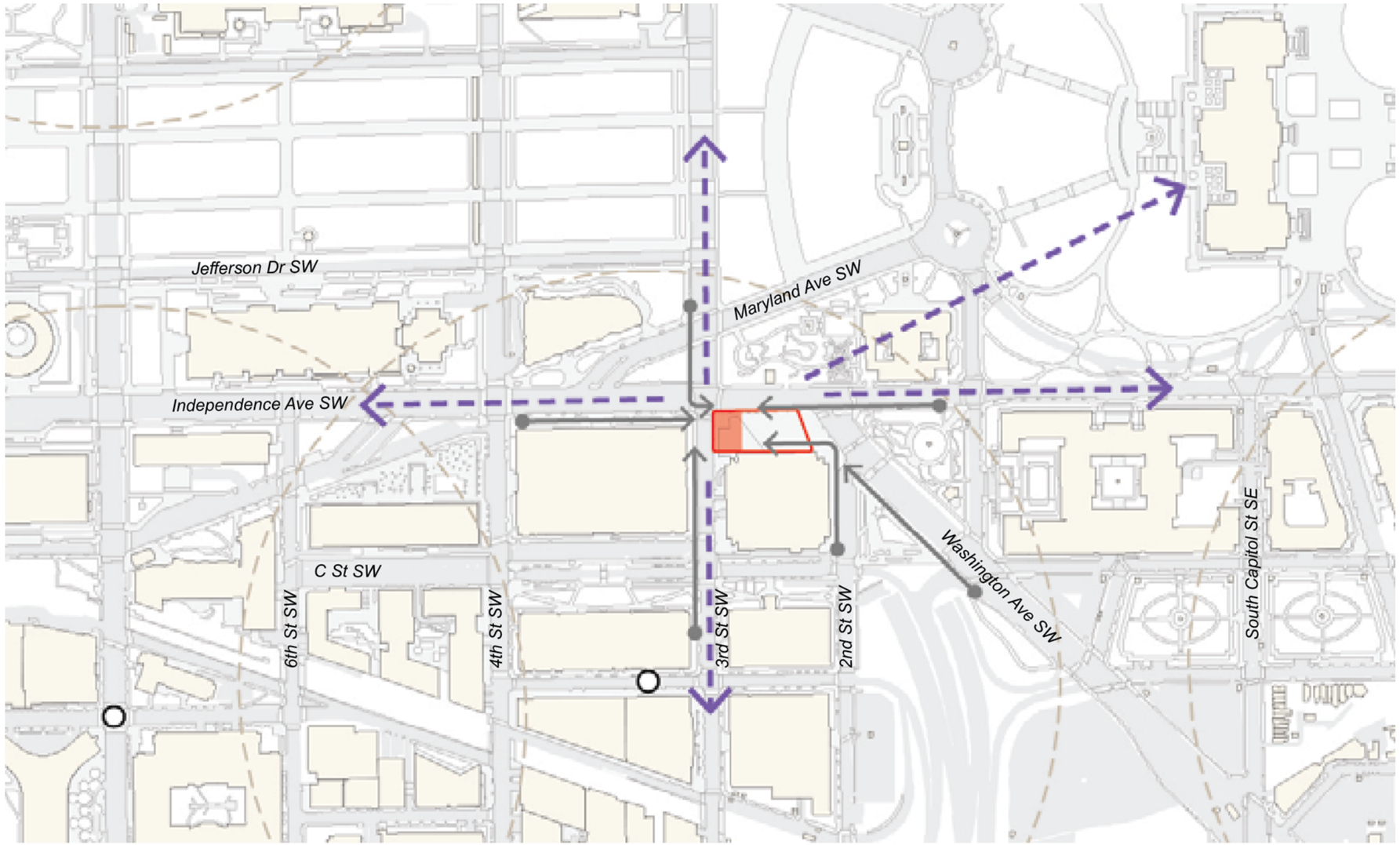
Site Size: Approximately 0.17 acres
(Plaza: Approximately 0.73 acres)

Site Criteria	Notes
Program Suitability	Site large enough to accommodate program needs.
Thematic Nexus	Site would be in front of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, have a visual relationship with the U.S. Capitol, and is proximate to the George Gordon Meade Memorial, NMAI, Eisenhower Memorial, American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial (a reminder of ongoing sacrifices of those who serve).
Site Prominence	Site is directly adjacent to the National Mall and U.S. Capitol Grounds.
Transportation Access	Site is in close proximity to Metrorail station and I-395 off-ramp.
Universal Accessibility	Site is ADA accessible, but site is immediately adjacent to busy roadways.
Tranquility	Site sits along heavily trafficked Independence Avenue SW, but is within a prominent area and possesses an open feel.
Shade	Site is an open plaza with minimal tree coverage. Potential for trees at site will require further investigation due to presence of I-395 tunnel.
Infrastructure	I-395 runs underneath portions of the site.
Site Availability	Site is under the jurisdiction of GSA.

Viable Site U: 3rd Street and Independence Avenue SW - *Context Analysis*

Portion of Hubert H. Humphrey (Health and Human Services (HHS) Headquarters) Building Plaza

- Site U is less than a five minute walk from the Federal Center SW orange/blue/silver line Metrorail station, and just over a five minute walk from the L'Enfant Plaza green/yellow and orange/blue/silver line Metrorail stations.
- Views from the site include a direct view east towards the U.S. Capitol and extend in both directions along Independence Avenue SW and 3rd Street SW.
- Pedestrians have multiple access points to the site using roads, crosswalks, and the plaza in front of the HHS Headquarters.



Five Minute Walking Radius

Viable Memorial Site

Pedestrian Access

Views from Site

Metro Station

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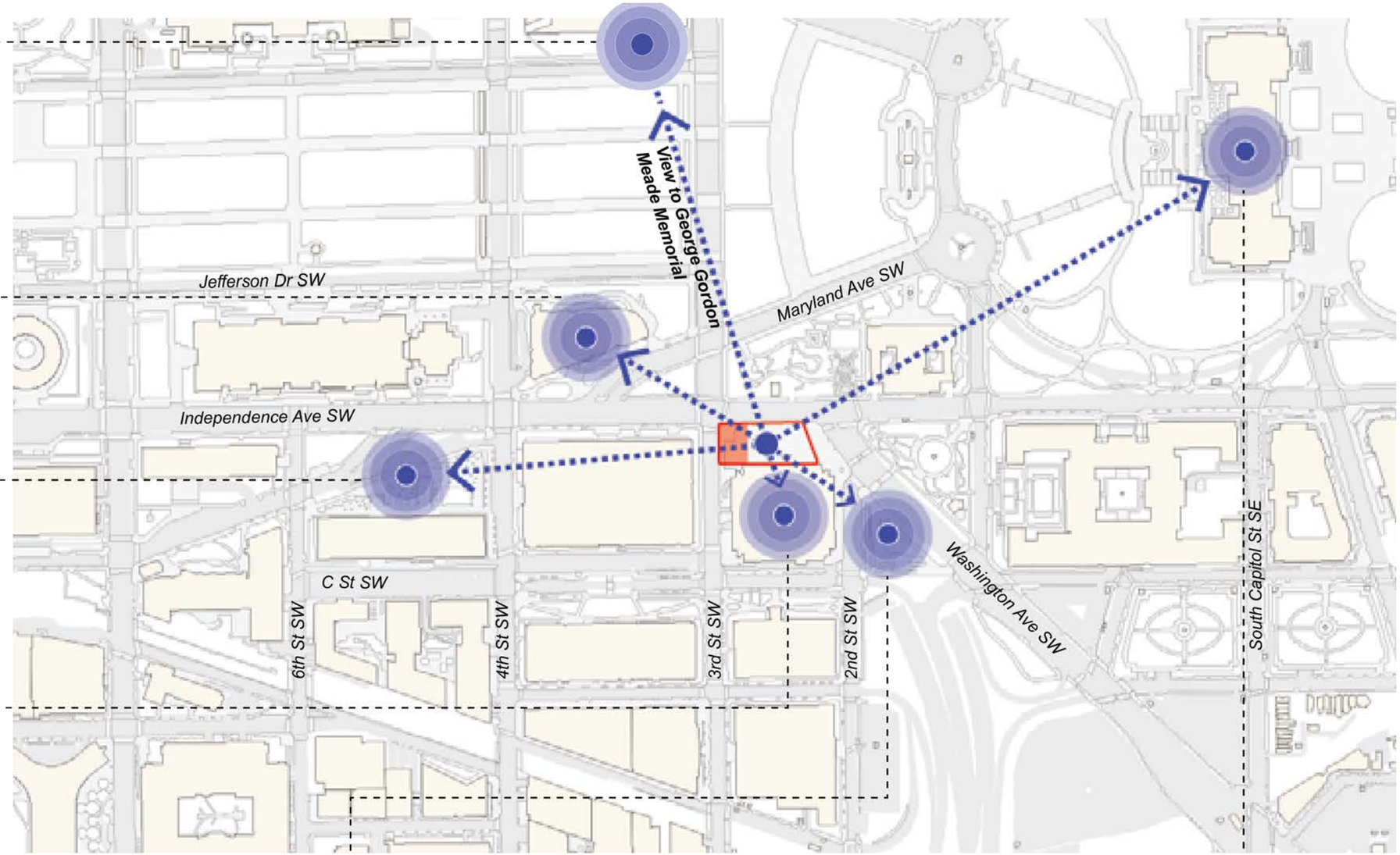

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Thematic Sites

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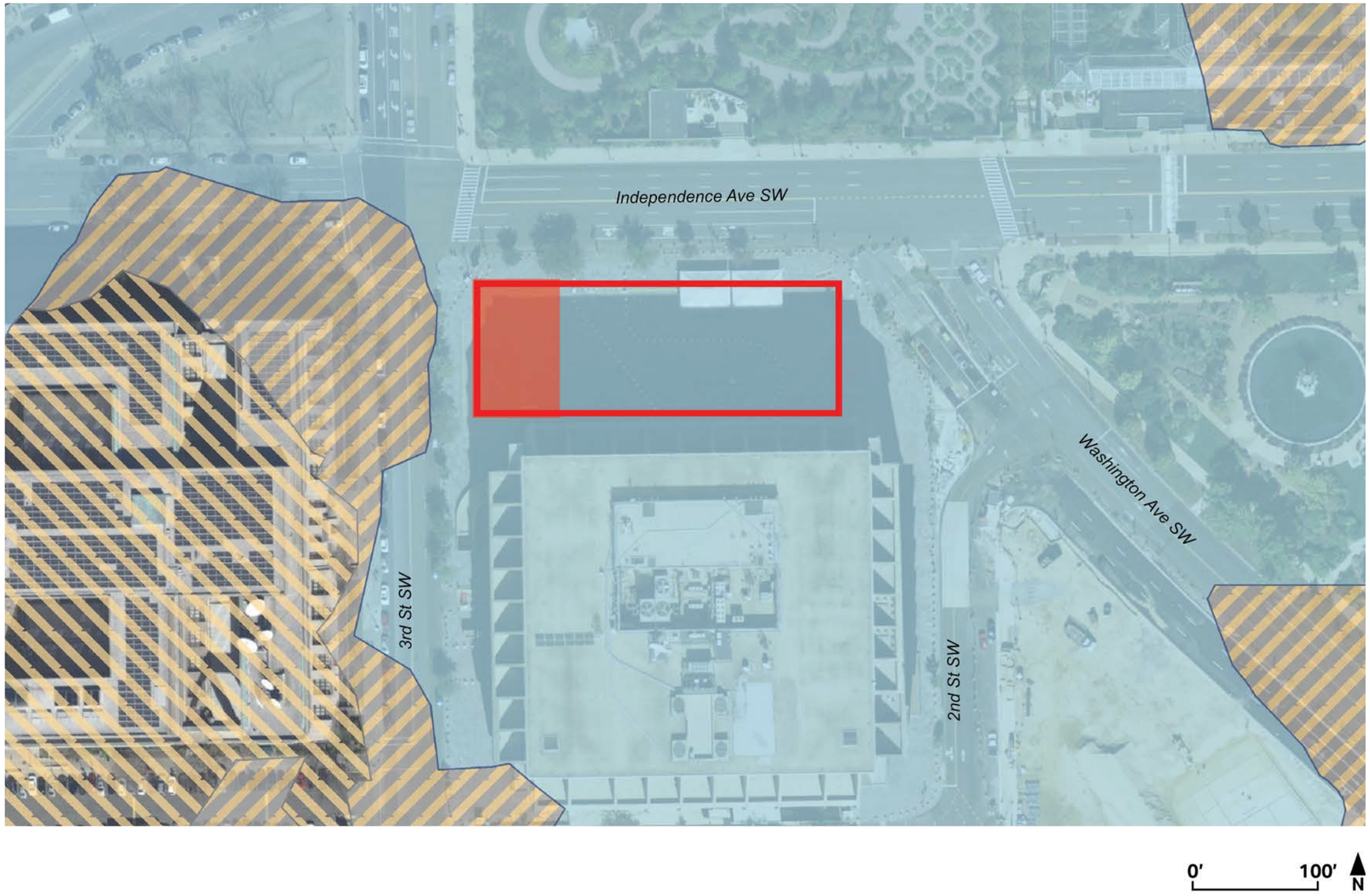

100-Year Floodplain

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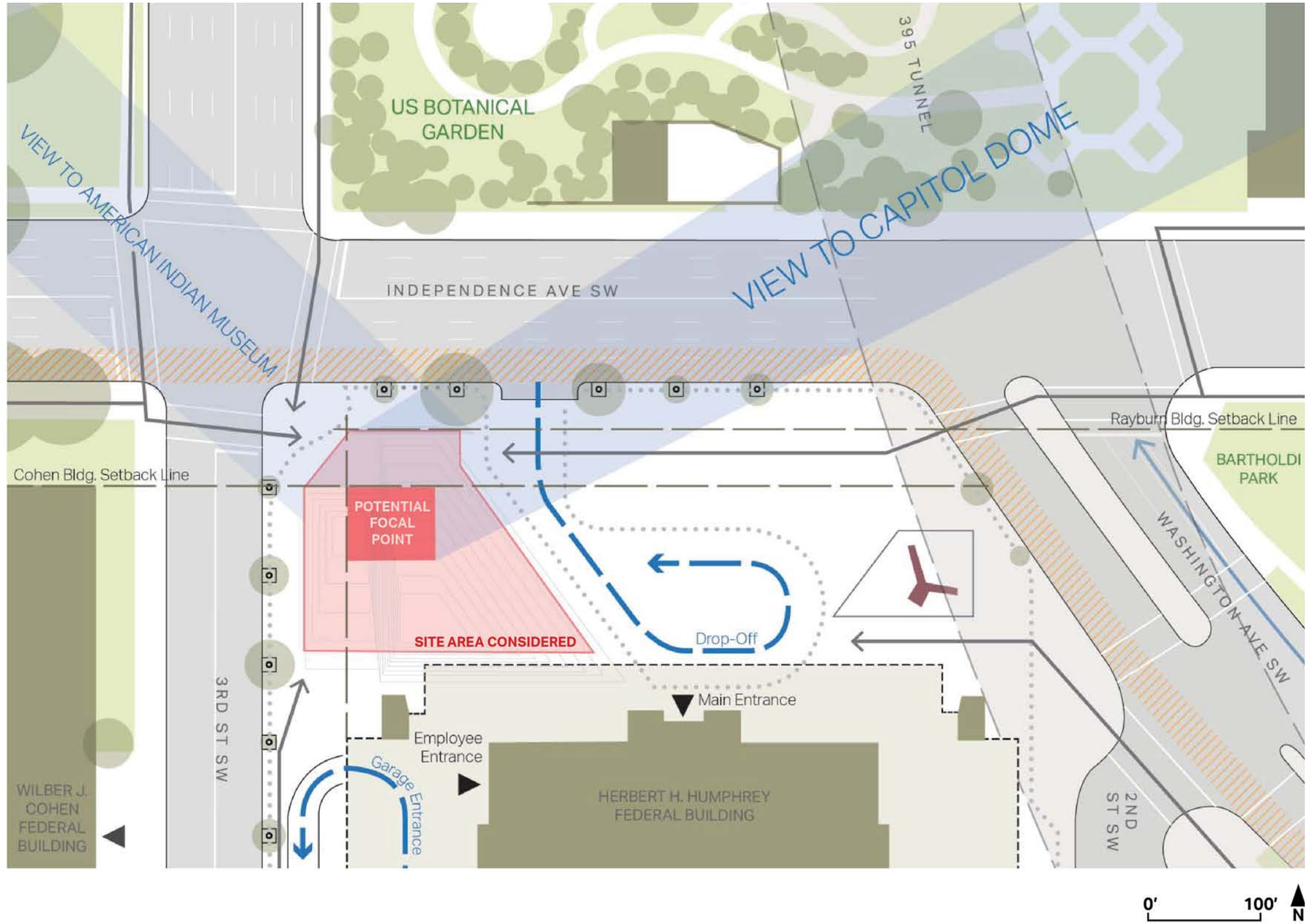

Pedestrian Access
Bicycle Lane
Vehicular Circulation
Adjacent Building Setback Line
Building Overhang Line
Primary Noise Source

Viable Site W: Maryland and Virginia Avenues SW (Hancock Park between 7th and 9th Streets)

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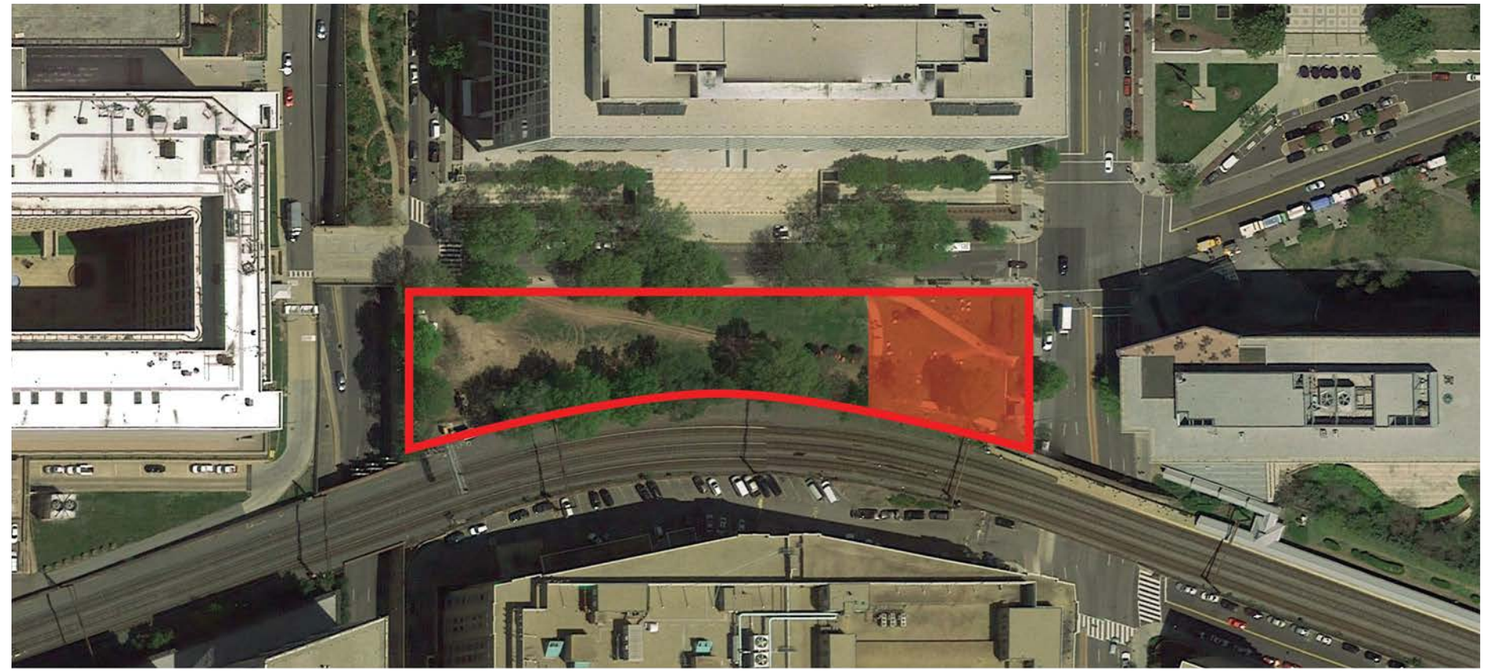
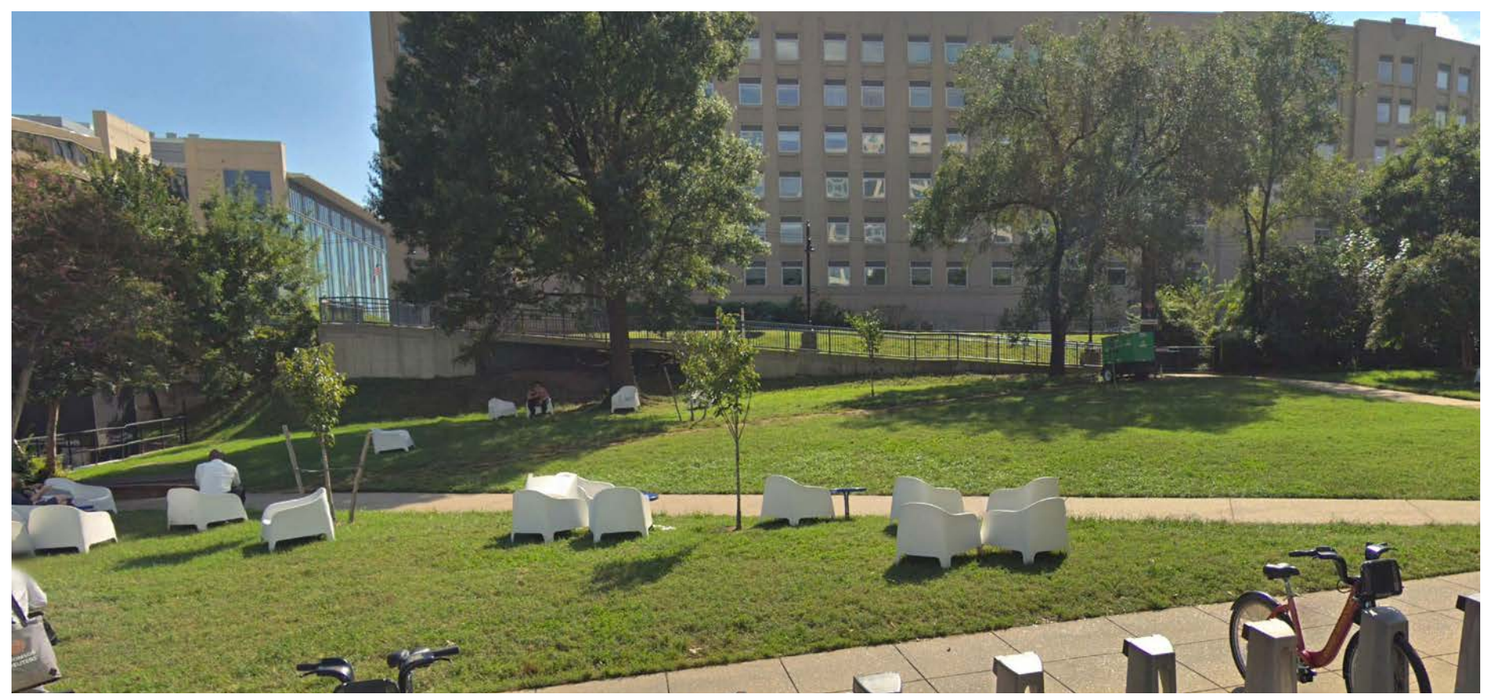


Site Location: Area I and II

Site Size: Approximately 0.29 acres
(Entire park: Approximately 1.0 acre)

Site Criteria	Notes
Program Suitability	Site large enough to accommodate program needs.
Thematic Nexus	Site has a direct axial relationship with the U.S. Capitol, NMAI, and the Eisenhower Memorial, and is proximate to the American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial.
Site Prominence	Site provides a direct view of the U.S. Capitol and the upcoming Eisenhower Memorial; is one block south of the National Mall and Smithsonian Museum complex; and near the Museum of the Bible and the International Spy Museum.
Transportation Access	Site is in close proximity to Metrorail and VRE station.
Universal Accessibility	Site is ADA accessible with sidewalk connectivity.
Tranquility	Site sits along a rail line, but is within a prominent area and open feel.
Shade	Site is currently bordered by mature trees.
Infrastructure	Site is adjacent to a rail line.
Site Availability	Site is under the jurisdiction of NPS.



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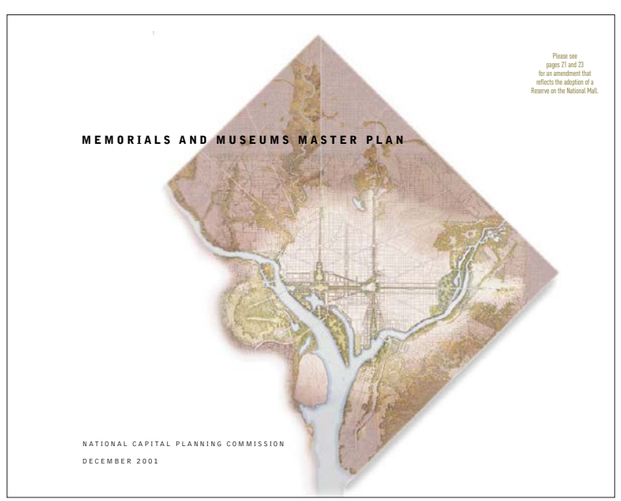

The Intersection of Maryland and Virginia Avenues, SW — Site 19

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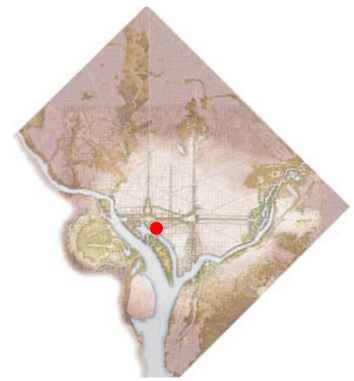

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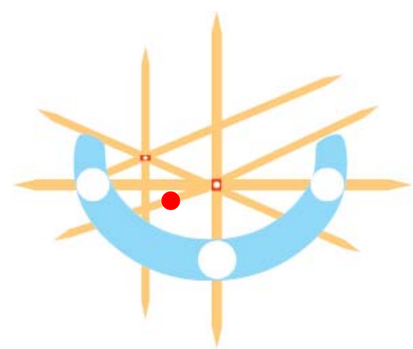

Vicinity:

Site Description Summary

This site location is south of the National Mall, in the Southwest Federal Center area near L'Enfant Plaza. The site boundaries are C, 7th, and 9th Streets, and the rail lines to the south. The site is surrounded by federal office uses and is within walking distance of the Capitol.

Urban Design Conditions

This site strongly reinforces the framework, located at the intersection of two Special Streets (Maryland and Virginia Avenues). The location is at a potential urban square prominently featured in the L'Enfant Plan as a mirror image of Market Square on Pennsylvania Avenue (where the Navy Memorial is located). The site offers a dramatic view and direct axial relationship to the U.S. Capitol. The site is also on the 8th Street axis, highlighted in the Legacy Plan as a prominent corridor. Furthermore, the site is strategically located near L'Enfant Plaza and the Mall, two areas that offer numerous cultural resources and amenities. Memorial development on this site has the potential to not only enhance the site but also to showcase this square as a significant element in future plans for the city.

Economic Conditions

The intersection of Maryland and Virginia Avenues is located in a mixed-use area, with institutional, commercial (primarily office), tourism, and residential uses nearby. This mix of uses, and the potential for upgrading the food service and retail offerings at street level and underground at L'Enfant Plaza, gives the site a high suitability for locating a museum or memorial.

Transportation Conditions

This site has an excellent supporting transportation system that has the potential of capitalizing on multiple modes of transportation. The L'Enfant Plaza Metrorail Station has an entrance on the site, through which the Yellow, Blue, Orange and Green lines can be accessed. The Virginia Railway Express has a stop at this location, which may be relocated to 4th Street. It is expected that a significant percentage of visitors to a memorial/museum at this location would utilize the Metrorail because of the number of lines connecting at L'Enfant Plaza, the number of secondary Metrorail stations in the vicinity and the synergy created from the surrounding attractions. The transportation characteristics surrounding this site demonstrate that it would be possible to accommodate a large volume of visitors.

Environmental Conditions

The site is rectangular and flat, but has an irregular edge and slope where it abuts the rail line. The site currently features an expansive lawn and a buffer of trees by the rail line. There are no wetlands or other water resources on the site. While the vegetation and topsoil offer a favorable setting, the railroad presents some concerns. The railroad generates noise and air quality impacts and presents possible environmental contamination constraints.

Viable Site W: Maryland and Virginia Avenues SW (Hancock Park between 7th and 9th Streets) - *Context Analysis*

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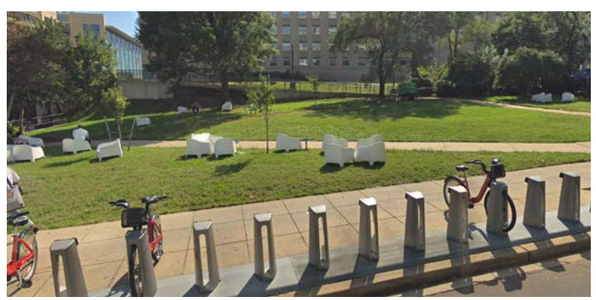
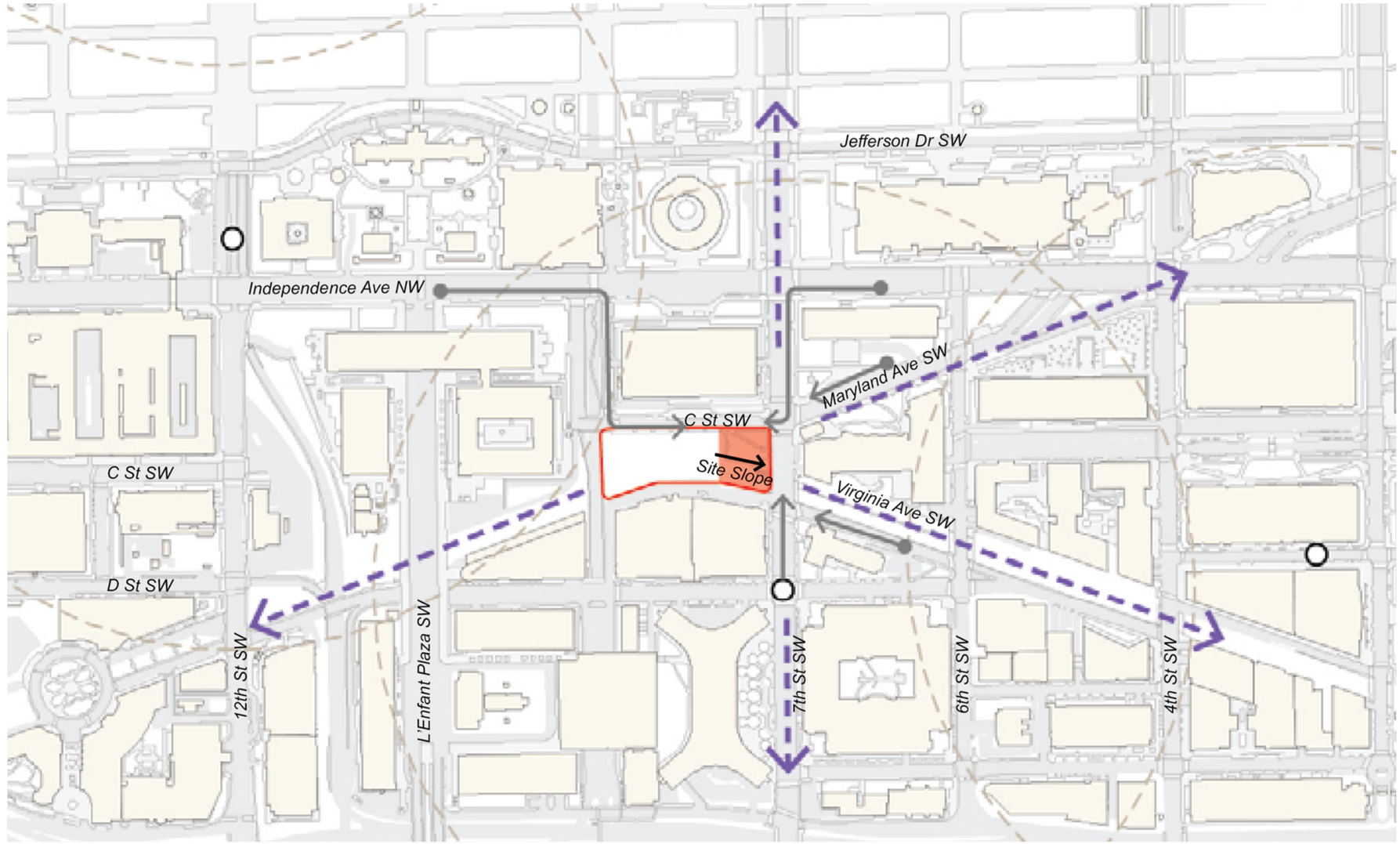
- Site W is less than a five minute walk from the L'Enfant Plaza green/yellow and orange/blue/silver line Metrorail stations, and just over a five minute walk away from the Federal Center SW and Smithsonian orange/blue/silver line Metrorail stations.
- Views from the site extend in both directions along Maryland Avenue SW, including toward to the U.S. Capitol, and north-south along 7th Street SW; views extend southeast along Virginia Avenue SW.
- Pedestrians have multiple access points to the site using nearby streets, crosswalks, and path behind the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) building.
- The site's topography slopes down towards 7th Street NW.





Five Minute Walking Radius

Viable Memorial Site

Pedestrian Access

Views from Site

Metro Station

Viable Site W: Maryland and Virginia Avenues SW (Hancock Park between 7th and 9th Streets) - *Thematic Linkages*
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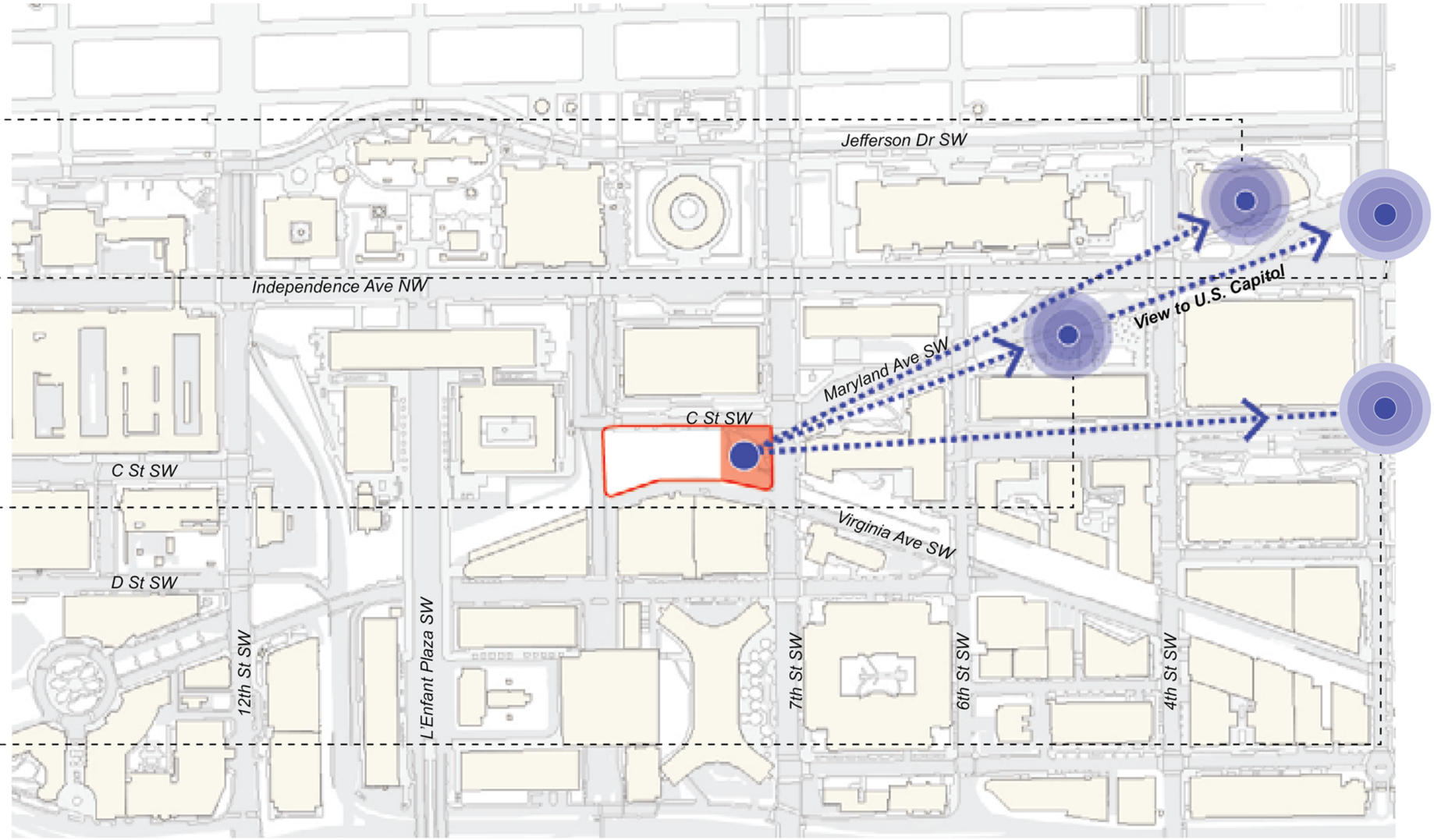
- National Museum of the American Indian: Native American communities have developed tribal EMS programs to provide effective services in locations that present challenges, such as available resources or isolated locations.
- U.S. Capitol: The federal government plays a role in providing EMS through the enactment of laws and budgets for federal agencies; the location within view of the center of the legislative branch of government would serve to increase the profile of EMS.
- Eisenhower Memorial: President Dwight D. Eisenhower established the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. This cabinet-level department evolved into HHS, the primary federal agency involved in providing EMS.
- American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial: The Memorial is dedicated to both the living and the deceased, and serves as a reminder of their sacrifices and service.



Thematic Linkages

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Viable Site W: Maryland and Virginia Avenues SW (Hancock Park between 7th and 9th Streets) - *Floodplains*
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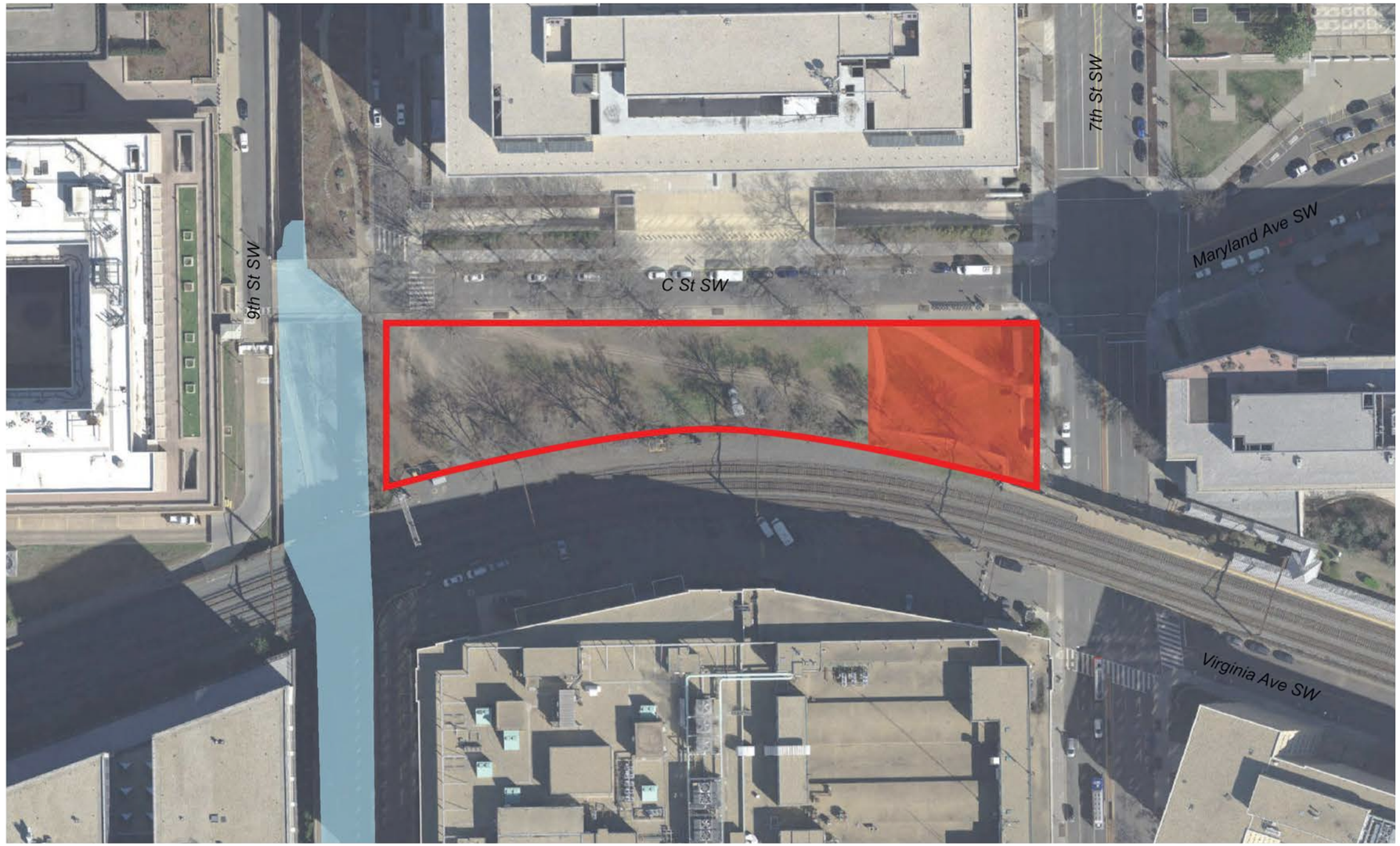

100-Year Floodplain

500-Year Floodplain

Area with Reduced Risk Due to Levee

0′ 100′ N

Viable Site W: Maryland and Virginia Avenues SW (Hancock Park between 7th and 9th Streets)

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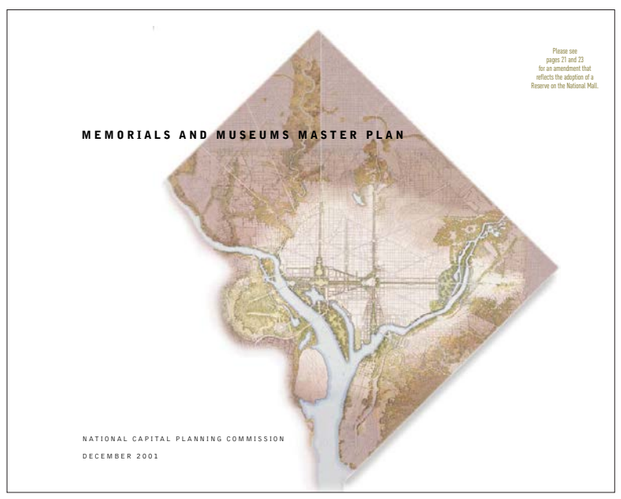


The Intersection of Maryland and Virginia Avenues, SW — Site 19

Commemorative Opportunity:

Jurisdiction: Federal – National Park Service

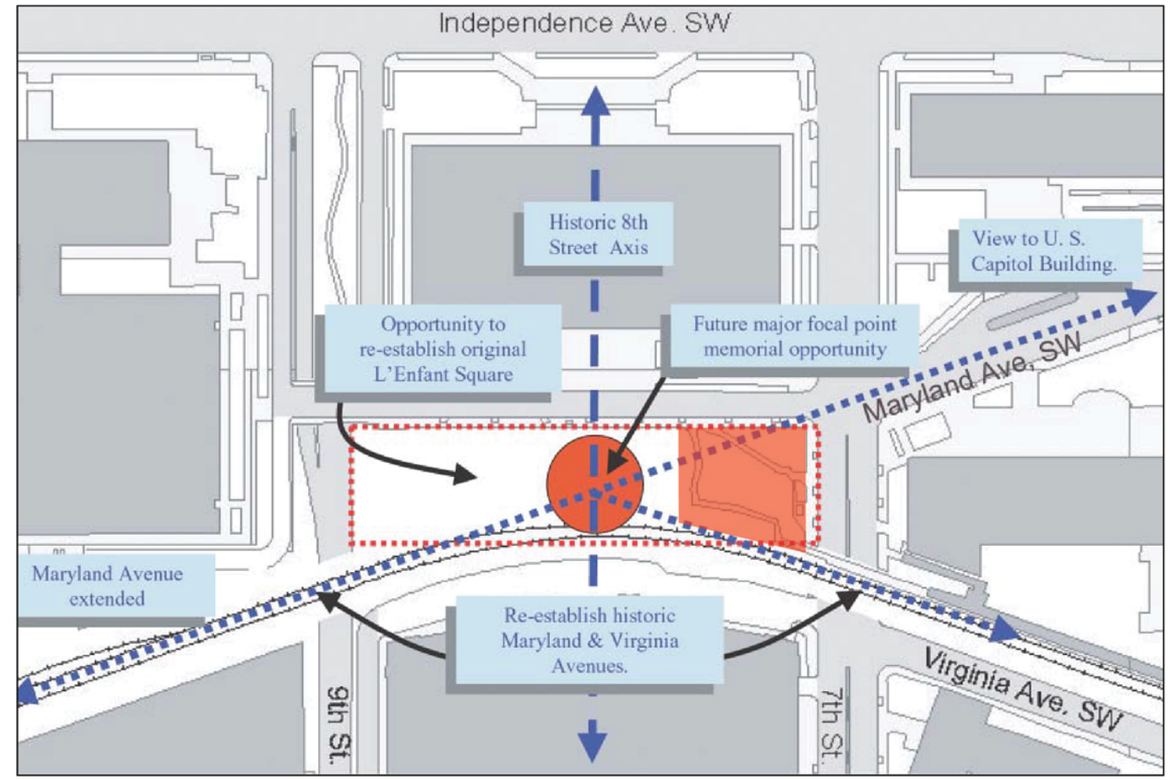
The size of the currently available parcel is less than one acre; however, this area could be increased by the future inclusion of the railroad rights-of-way. Memorial development could create an important civic space at this Special Place and complement museums and other cultural resources on the Mall. Development could take advantage of the view and axial relationship to the Capitol and 8th Street, as well as pedestrian access to the National Mall.

Memorial development in conjunction with the implementation of the Circulator system (which could connect at L'Enfant Plaza to create an Intermodal Station) would increase use of public transportation.

Although enactment of the Legacy proposal to remove the rail lines would improve the environmental quality of the site, environmental assessment and possible remediation would be required for memorial development. Memorial development would likely require limited filling/grading and utility improvements.

The site is identified in the L'Enfant Plan as a significant urban square, a mirror image of the square at the intersection of Pennsylvania Avenue and the 8th Street axis (site of the Navy Memorial).

Design Considerations:



The image above depicts a northeast view along Maryland Avenue to the U.S. Capitol. This prominent Monumental Corridor provides an established setting that is suitable for future commemorative elements.

1. The design principles embodied in the L'Enfant Plan can be enhanced through the appropriate placement and design of a memorial at this location.

2. An opportunity exists to create an important civic place at the intersection of Maryland and Virginia Avenues, SW. The placement of a memorial at this location could serve to support the location's Special Place qualities.

3. A future memorial should both respect and incorporate the reciprocal vistas that can be established along the Maryland Avenue and Virginia Avenue view corridors. Axial relationships along Virginia Avenue and Maryland Avenue should be enhanced in all directions. The 8th Street cross axis, a key feature of the L'Enfant Plan, should be recognized in a memorial design.

5. Proximity to museums on the Mall is an important feature and attraction of this location; a memorial at this location could complement nearby museums.

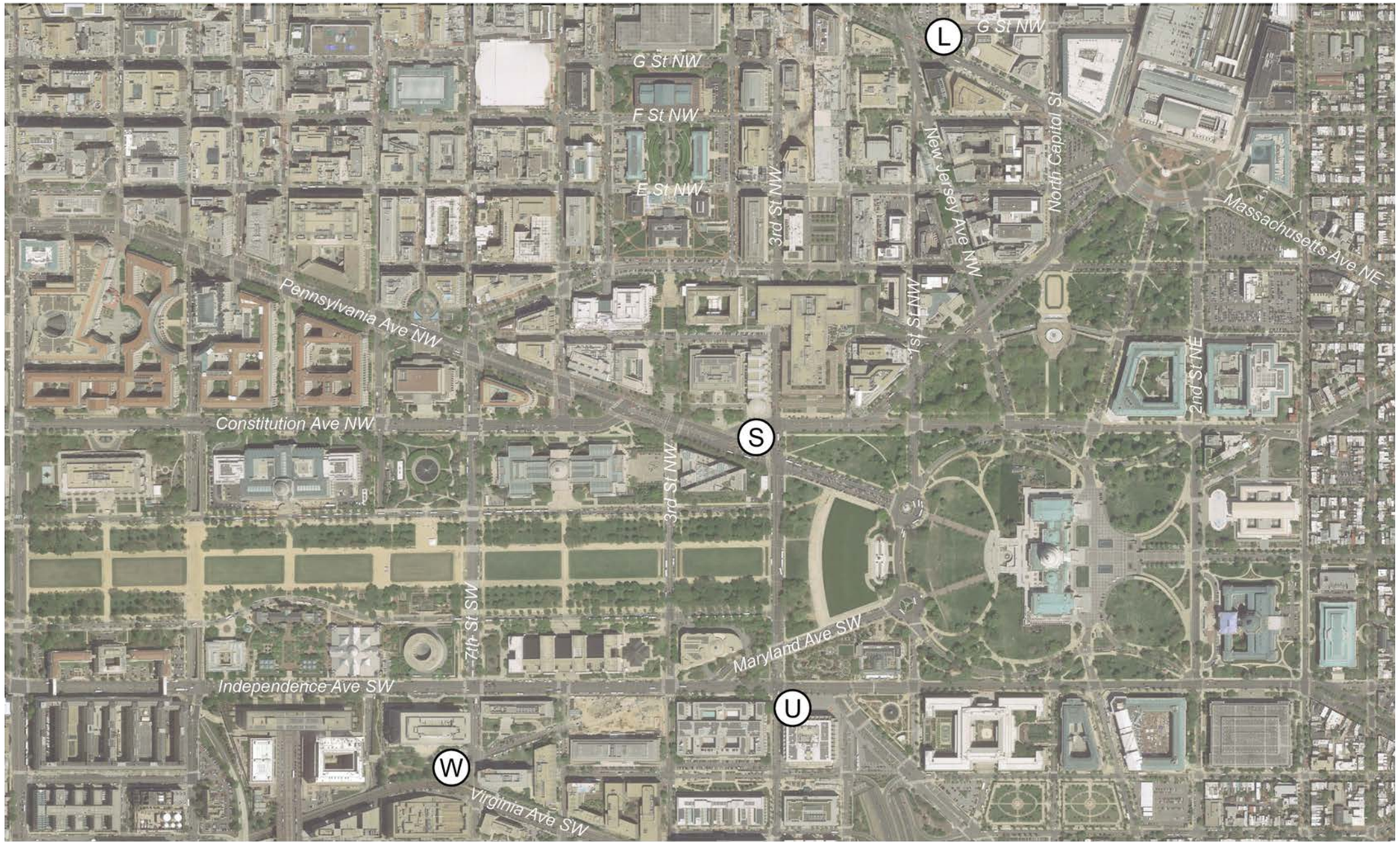
6. Any future memorial should be pedestrian-oriented. A memorial at this location can encourage activity and enhance the visitor's experience. Visitor services could also be located in conjunction with a memorial here.

7. A memorial at this location will have excellent accessibility by alternative modes of transportation including the L'Enfant Plaza Metrorail Station.

8. Future memorial designs should include green landscaped area, given the passive nature of the existing site and the prevalence of paved areas in the immediate vicinity.

Conclusion

- Initially identified 25 potential sites
- Evaluated sites based on nine criteria
- Studied four sites in greater detail
- Welcome public feedback on four final sites



APPENDIX

Additional Site Evaluation

Memorials and Museums Master Plan

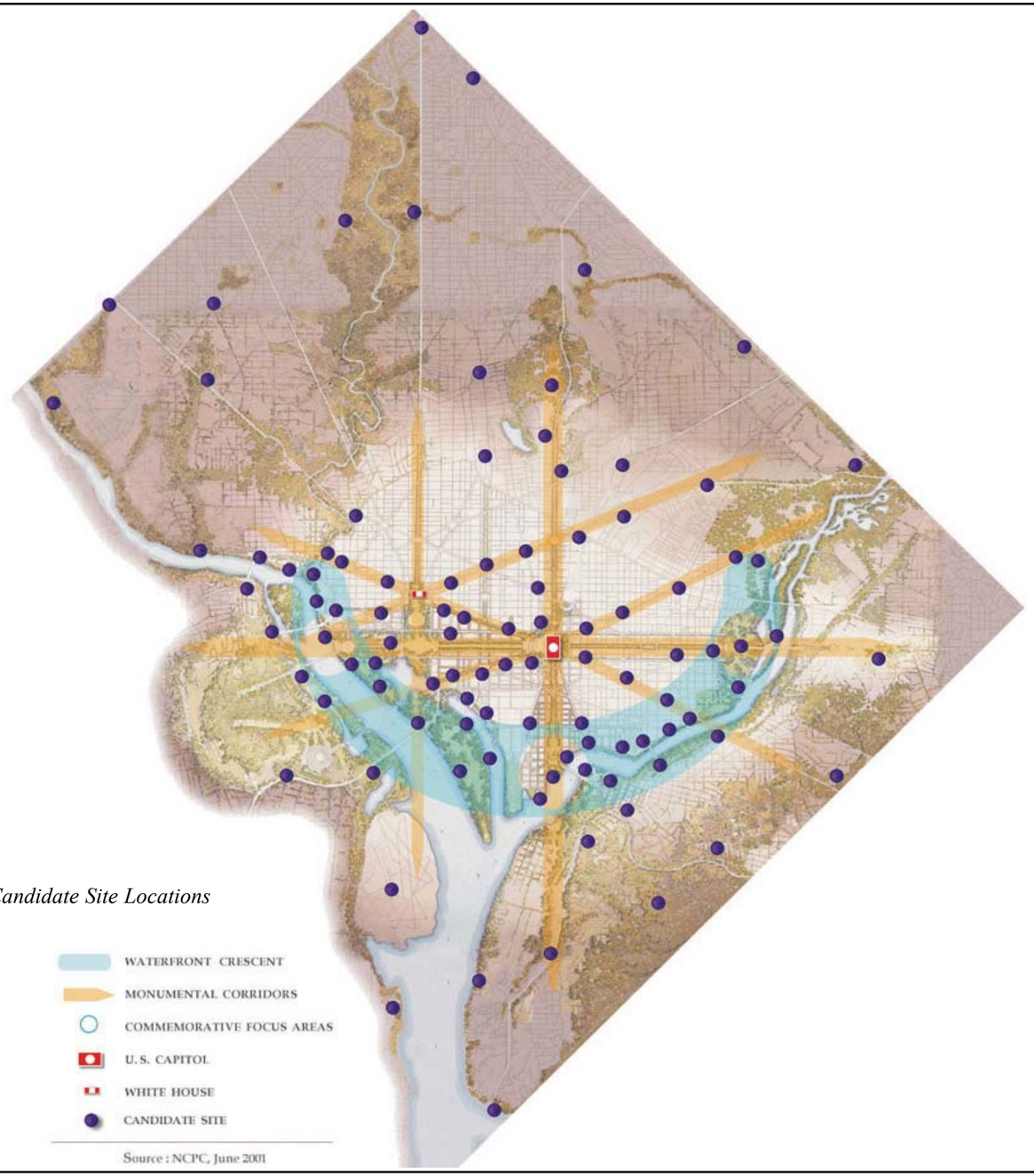


Figure 3-1 *Candidate Site Locations*

Viable Sites

2nd Street and Massachusetts Avenue NW

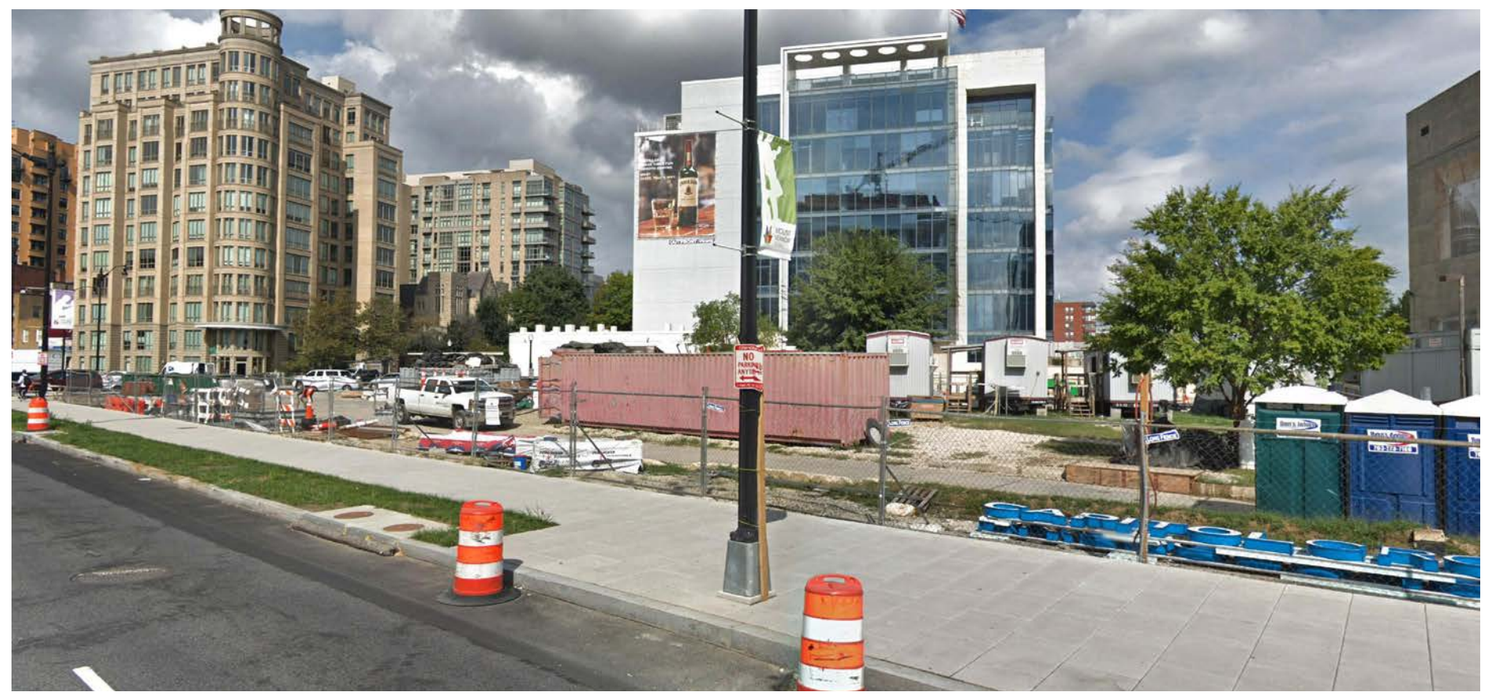
G Street NW Right-of-Way

Viable Site G: 2nd Street and Massachusetts Avenue NW

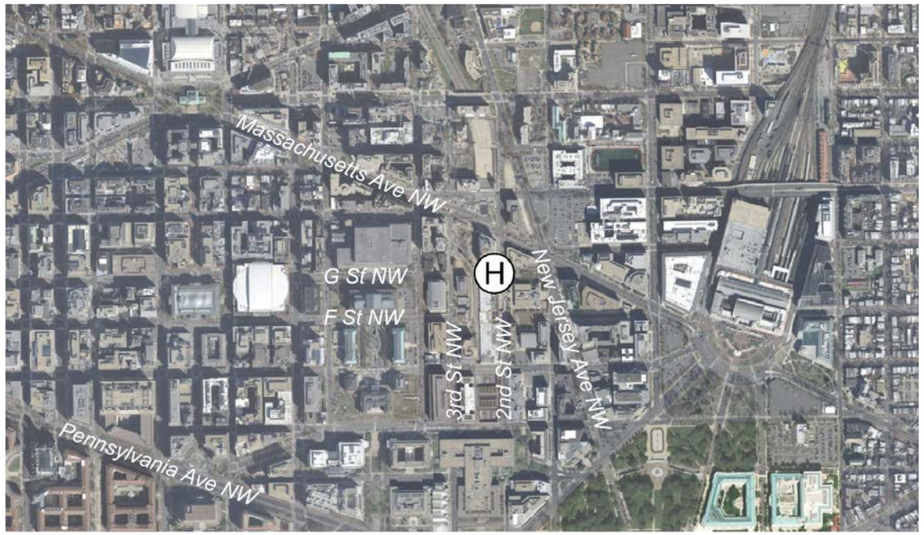
Cobb Park

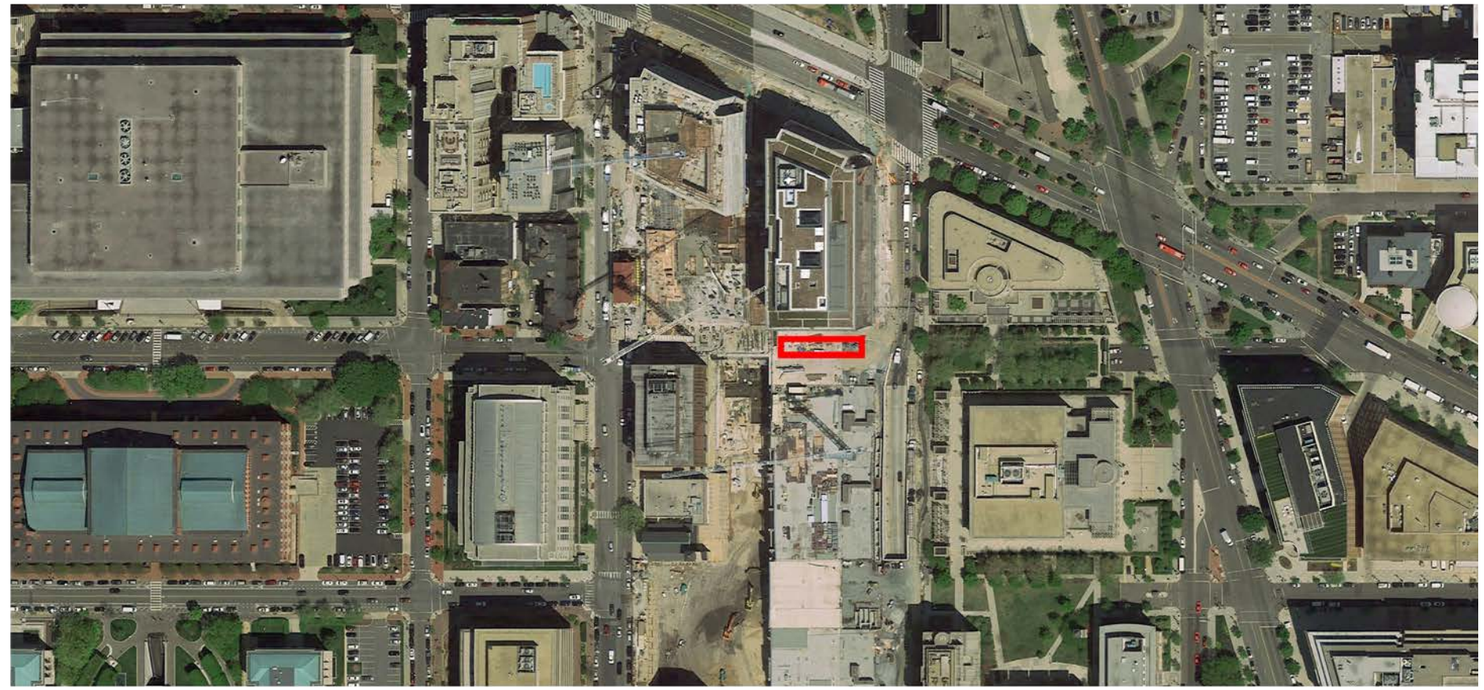
Site Location: Area II **Site Size:** Approximately 0.82 acres

Site Criteria	Notes
Program Suitability	Small site that can accommodate program needs. (Note: Currently serving as staging area for Capitol Crossing construction).
Site Context	Three blocks from National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial.
Site Prominence	Site is located on Massachusetts Avenue NW, a major roadway, but not near other major attractions.
Transportation Access	Site is close to Metrorail station and I-395 off-ramp.
Universal Accessibility	Site is ADA accessible with six crosswalks leading to site.
Tranquility	Site bordered by roads and I-395 on-ramp.
Shade	Site currently has minimal shade coverage, but historically had tree coverage as a park.
Infrastructure	I-395 tunnel runs near the site.
Site Availability	Site is under the jurisdiction of the District of Columbia.



Viable Site H: G Street NW Right-of-Way
Capitol Crossing





Site Location: Area II **Site Size:** Approximately 0.08 acres

Site Criteria	Notes
Program Suitability	Small site that can accommodate program needs (Note: Currently serving as staging area for Capitol Crossing construction). Site will likely require private developer negotiation.
Site Context	Site located three blocks from National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial.
Site Prominence	Site is not located along prominent road or near other memorials. Would only be visible along G Street NW or facing site from 2nd Street NW. Site is close to Georgetown Law School.
Transportation Access	Site is in close proximity to Metrorail station.
Universal Accessibility	Site is ADA accessible with sidewalk connectivity.
Tranquility	Site is within a pedestrian throughway in the G Street right-of-way between a vehicle turnabout to the west and 2nd Street to the east once construction completed.
Shade	Site currently has no tree coverage.
Infrastructure	I-395 tunnel runs underneath the site.
Site Availability	Site is currently privately-owned, but will be transferred to the District once construction completed.