



# GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM

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MEMORIAL FOUNDATION.

**PUBLIC SCOPING PERIOD | SITE SELECTION**

March 21, 2023

# AGENDA

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# **WELCOME AND PURPOSE OF MEETING**

**Sean Kennealy, National Mall and Memorial Parks**



# WELCOME AND PURPOSE OF MEETING

- First of two public scoping/initial Section 106 meetings
- Process involves selecting a site and then a design for the memorial
- Receive public feedback on site alternatives



# PROJECT BACKGROUND

**Michael “Rod” Rodriguez, Global War on Terrorism  
Memorial Foundation**



# PROJECT BACKGROUND

- Congress authorized establishment of the Global War on Terrorism Memorial in Public Law 115-51 on Federal land in the District of Columbia
- This memorial is anticipated to be known as the Global War on Terrorism Memorial
- Congress authorized the location of the commemorative work in Public Law 117-81 within the Reserve as defined by the Commemorative Works Act
- Work must be consistent with the Commemorative Works Act
- Construction of the Memorial will be sponsored and funded by the Global War on Terrorism Memorial Foundation
- The memorial will be maintained by the NPS

Public Law 115–51  
115th Congress

## An Act

To authorize the Global War on Terror Memorial Foundation to establish the National Global War on Terrorism Memorial as a commemorative work in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

Aug. 18, 2017  
[H.R. 873]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

Global War on  
Terrorism War  
Memorial Act.  
40 USC 8903  
note.

### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Global War on Terrorism War Memorial Act”.

### SEC. 2. NATIONAL GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM MEMORIAL.

(a) AUTHORIZATION TO ESTABLISH COMMEMORATIVE WORK.—The Association may establish the National Global War on Terrorism Memorial as a commemorative work on Federal land in the District of Columbia and its environs to commemorate and honor the members of the Armed Forces that served on active duty in support of the Global War on Terrorism.

(b) COMPLIANCE WITH STANDARDS FOR COMMEMORATIVE WORKS

135 STAT. 2442

PUBLIC LAW 117–81—DEC. 27, 2021

### SEC. 6605. NATIONAL GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM MEMORIAL.

(a) SITE.—Notwithstanding section 8908(c) of title 40, United States Code, the National Global War on Terrorism Memorial authorized by section 2(a) of the Global War on Terrorism War Memorial Act (40 U.S.C. 8903 note; Public Law 115–51; 131 Stat. 1003) (referred to in this section as the “Memorial”) shall be located within the Reserve (as defined in section 8902(a) of title 40, United States Code).

(b) APPLICABILITY OF COMMEMORATIVE WORKS ACT.—Except as provided in subsection (a), chapter 89 of title 40, United States Code (commonly known as the “Commemorative Works Act”), shall apply to the Memorial.



# **NEPA AND SECTION 106 PROCESS AND ISSUES**

**Claire Sale, AECOM**



# PURPOSE AND NEED

## Purpose of the Memorial:

- To commemorate and honor the members of the Armed Forces that served on active duty in support of the Global War on Terrorism

## Need for the Memorial:

- To carry out Public Law 115-51 and address the current lack of formal place for commemoration of members of the Armed Forces that served in active duty



GWOT Service Medal



Expeditionary Medal

# ORGANIZATIONS

## PROJECT SPONSOR



**GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM**  

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**MEMORIAL FOUNDATION.**

## AGENCIES

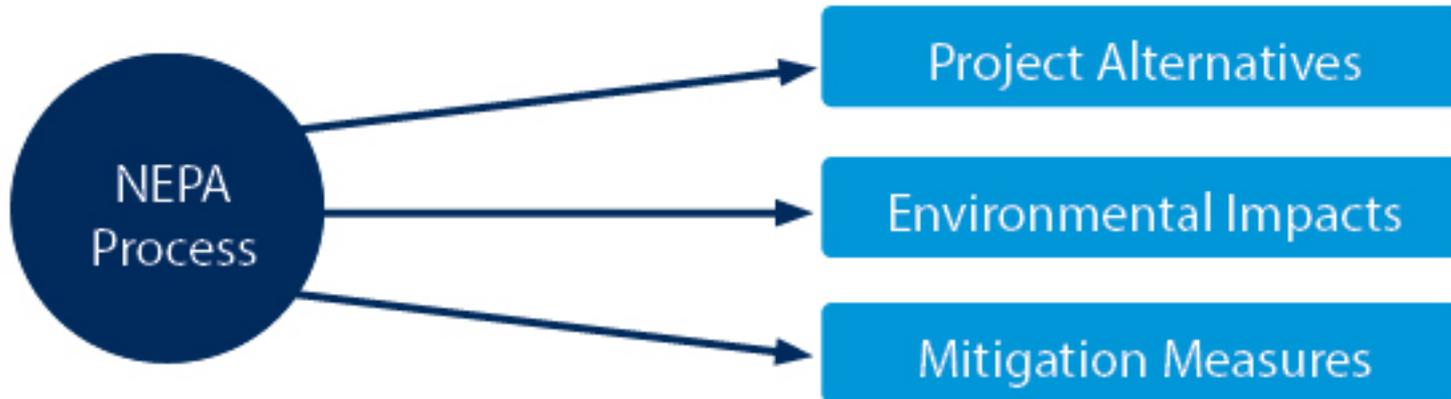


# WHAT IS NEPA?

## 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)

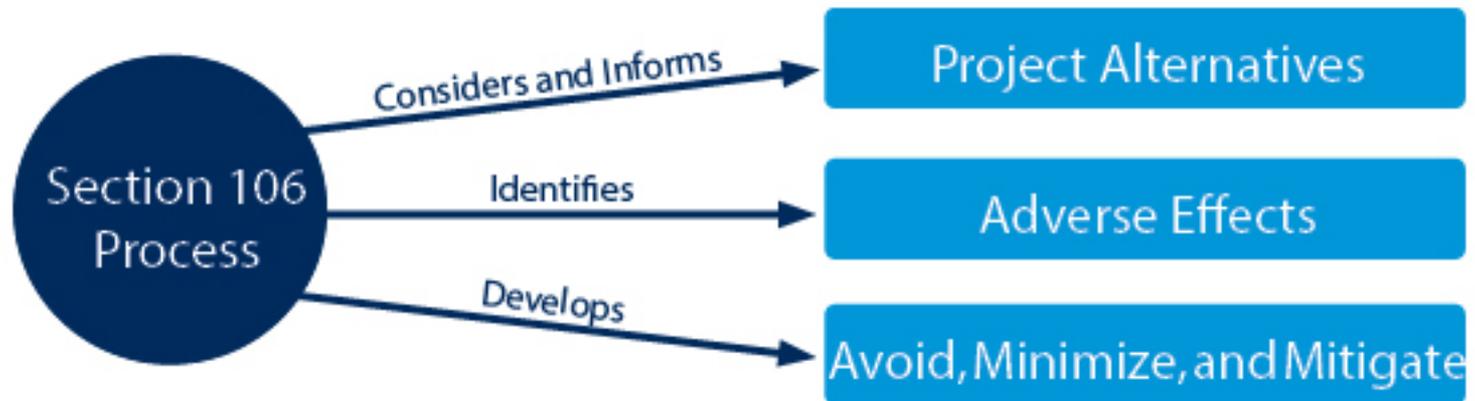


# WHAT IS SECTION 106?

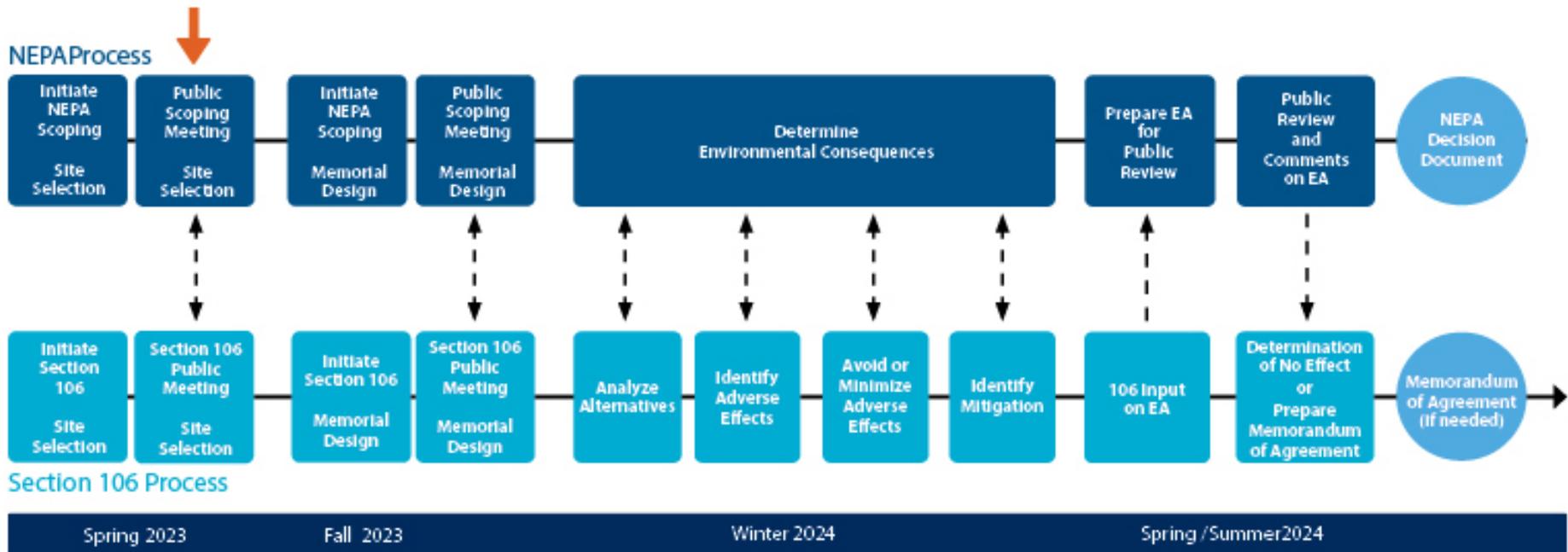
## Component of National Historic Preservation Act of 1966

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

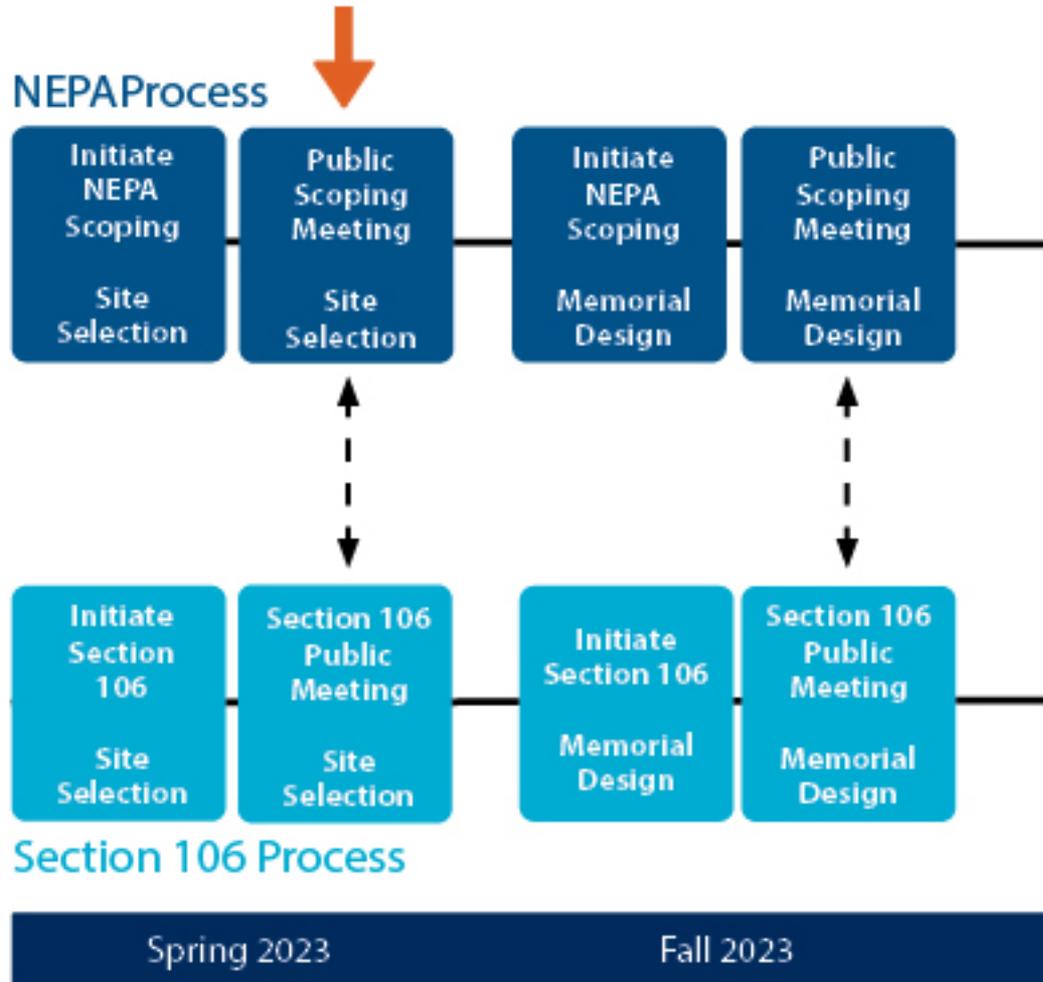
- Established a process to protect resources listed on, or eligible for listing in, the National Register of Historic Places, and requires the consideration of alternatives if effects on historic resources are anticipated
- Goal is to minimize potential harm and damage to historic properties
- Can conclude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



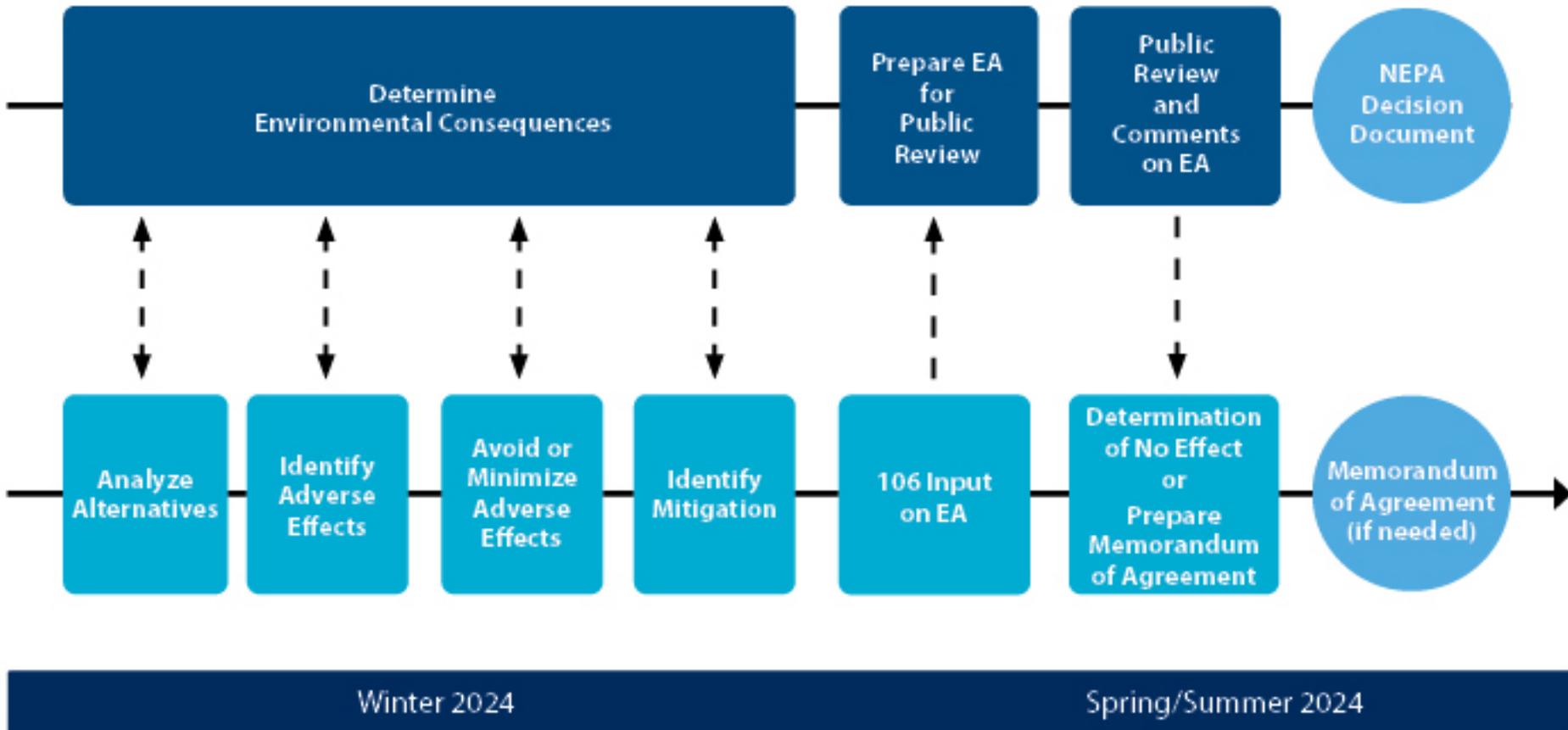
# NEPA AND SECTION 106: A COORDINATED APPROACH



# NEPA AND SECTION 106: SPRING 2023



# NEPA AND SECTION 106



# WHAT ISSUES WILL THE EA ADDRESS?

## Cultural Resources

- Historic Resources
- Cultural Landscapes
- Archeology

## Other Issues

- Utilities
- Visitor Use and Experience

## Transportation

- Traffic Operations
- Parking
- Pedestrian Circulation

## Natural and Physical Resources

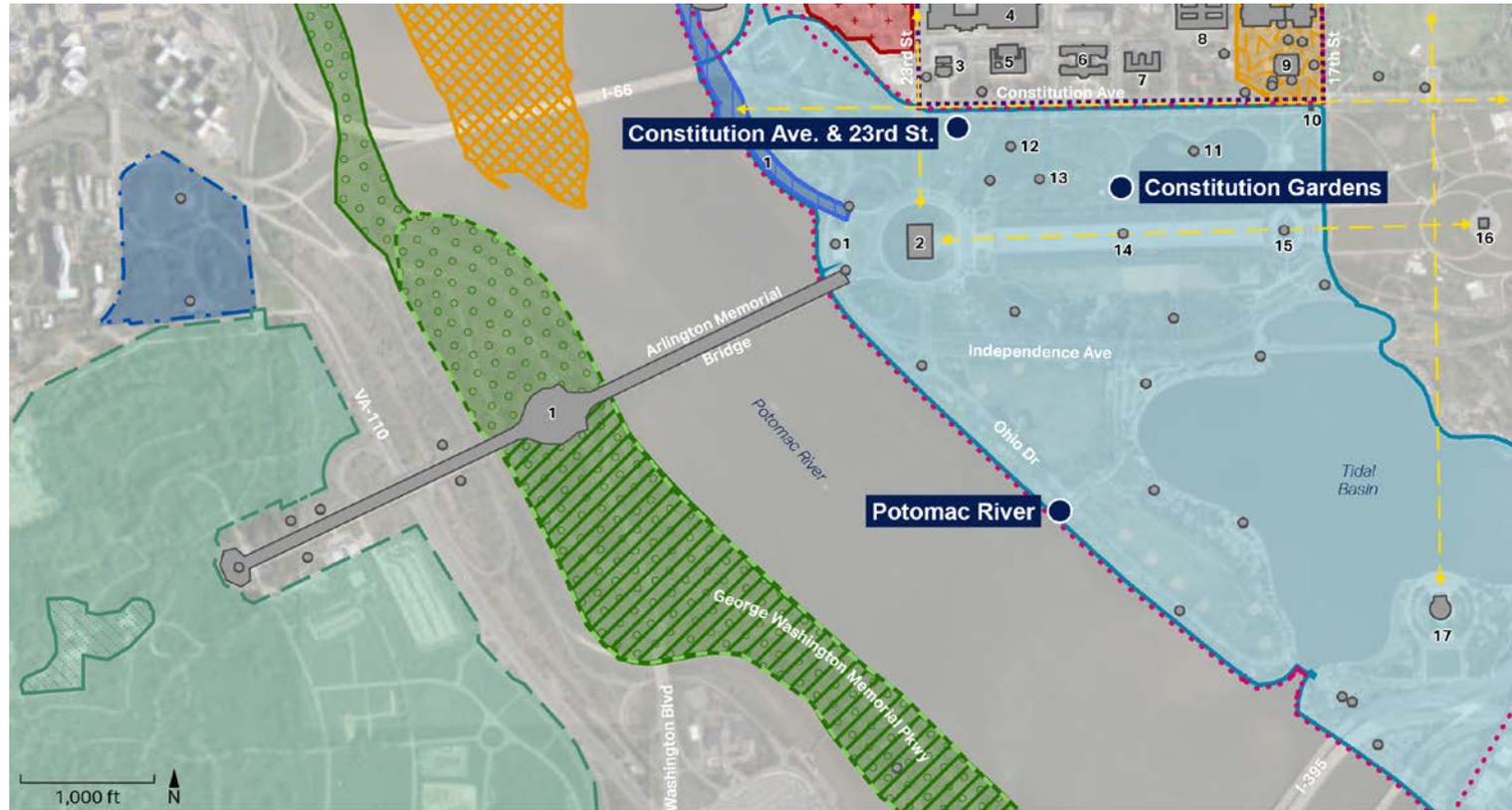
- Soils
- Vegetation
- Water Resources
- Floodplains



# SECTION 106 PARTICIPANTS

- District of Columbia and Virginia State Historic Preservation Offices
- National Capital Memorial Advisory Commission
- Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
- National Capital Planning Commission
- U.S. Commission of Fine Arts
- Arlington National Cemetery
- Arlington County
- Preservation Organizations and Other Interested Parties
- General Public
- Tribal Communities:
  - ◇ Pamunkey Indian Tribe
  - ◇ Upper Mattaponi Indian Tribe
  - ◇ Rappahannock Tribe
  - ◇ Nansemond Indian Nation
  - ◇ Chickahominy Indian Tribe
  - ◇ Chickahominy Tribe East Division
  - ◇ Monocan Indian Nation
  - ◇ Catawba Indian Nation
  - ◇ Delaware Nation
  - ◇ Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma
  - ◇ Shawnee Tribe

# HISTORIC RESOURCES CONTEXT



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| ● Potential Site for the Global War on Terrorism Memorial | Rock Creek & Potomac Parkway HD                                     | 6 Federal Reserve Building  |
| ▨ Arlington House, The Robert E. Lee Memorial             | Seventeenth Street HD   | 7 Public Health Service (Department of the Interior South Building) |
| ▨ Arlington National Cemetery Historic District (HD)      | Theodore Roosevelt Island   | 8 Department of the Interior (New Interior Building)                |
| ▨ Arlington Ridge Park                                    | ↔ L'Enfant Plan of the City of Washington Views                     | 9 Pan American Union (Organization of American States)              |
| ▨ East & West Potomac Parks HD                            | ● Memorials   | 10 Lock Keeper's House  |
| ▨ George Washington Memorial Parkway (GWMP)               | # Historic Resources near the Potential Sites                       | 11 56 Signers of the Declaration of Independence Memorial           |
| ▨ GWMP Mount Vernon Memorial Highway                      | 1 Arlington Memorial Bridge and related features                    | 12 Vietnam Veterans Memorial  |
| ▨ Lady Bird Johnson Park                                  | 2 Lincoln Memorial (and Statue of Lincoln)                          | 13 Vietnam Women's Memorial   |
| ▨ National Mall HD  | 3 American Institute of Pharmacy (American Pharmacists Association) | 14 Reflecting Pool  |
| ▨ Northwest Rectangle HD                                  | 4 Harry S. Truman Federal Building                                  | 15 World War II Memorial  |
| ▨ Observatory Hill HD                                     | 5 National Academy of Sciences                                      | 16 Washington Monument  |
|   |   | 17 Jefferson Memorial   |



# PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Claire Sale, AECOM



# MEMORIAL GOALS/PROGRAM

**1. Honor:** Salute and celebrate all who served in this conflict.

**2. Heal:** Provide a focal point for remembrance and reflection for visitors that offers a somber, respectful, and uplifting experience.

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# MEMORIAL GOALS/PROGRAM

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- Service members
- Families
- Civilian personnel
- Foreign allies
- Volunteer

## 2. Heal: Provide a focal point for remembrance and reflection for visitors that offers a somber, respectful, and uplifting experience.

- Tranquil, contemplative setting
- Soft landscape elements
- **Connection to water or water feature**
- Appropriate lighting
- Strategically placed seating

## 3. Empower: Engage and educate visitors and raise awareness about the unique nature of the Global War on Terrorism.

- On-site descriptive features and artistic representations
- On-site public events and programming
- **Online access to a broad range of interpretive resources**

## 4. Unite: Provide a place for gathering and public events, including:

- **Create both small and large spaces that people may use to come together and share experiences**
- Examples of possible programming include:
  - Lectures/Discussions
  - Commemorations
  - Reunions
  - Anniversaries
  - Landmark events



## TIER I SITE CRITERIA

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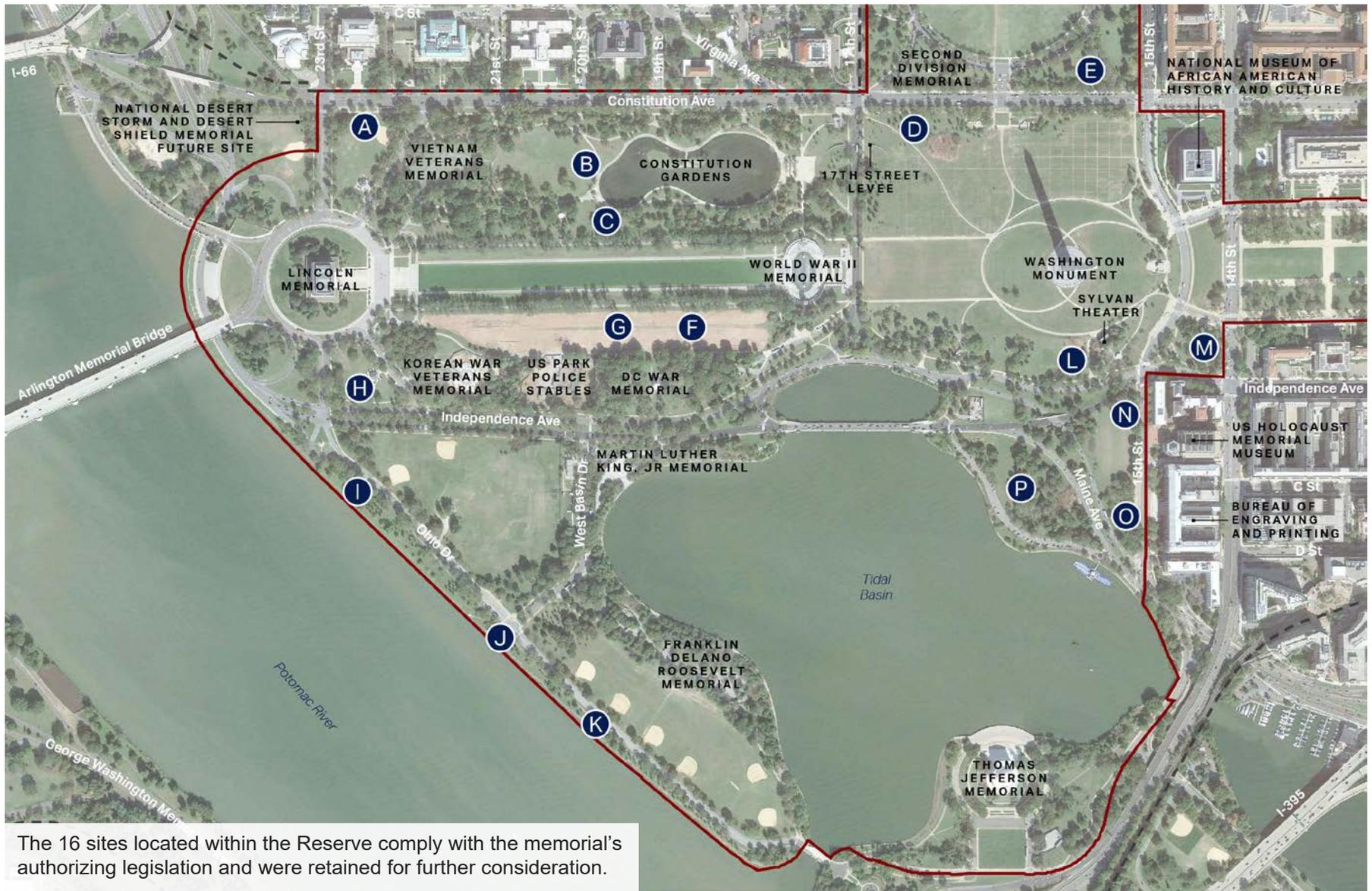
- **Location Relative to the Reserve:** The site shall be within the Reserve; however, sites within Area 1, the Monumental Core, and the District of Columbia may be considered
- **Site Availability:** The site should be available through federal jurisdiction. The site should not have previously expressed opposition to the placement of a memorial
- **Thematic Nexus:** The site should thematically connect to the memorial
- **Program Suitability:** The site should be able to accommodate the program, both the physical requirements of commemorative features, artwork, seating, lighting, and gathering space and the thematic elements to honor, heal, empower, and unite
- **Site Size/Location Relationship:** The size of the site should be appropriate for the scale and location of the memorial. The site should range from 5,000 square feet to 1 acre in size, depending on its location
- **Site Prominence:** The site should be near other tourist destinations, such as other memorials or visitor attractions
- **Visibility:** The site should have views to and/or from other iconic national symbols, including the US Capitol Building, Lincoln Memorial, Washington Monument, the Pentagon, or Arlington National Cemetery
- **Tranquility:** The site should be a place that offers a peaceful environment for reflection. Disruptive noise should be limited, including from aviation
- **Site Character:** The site should exhibit a primarily park character rather than a built setting
- **Walkability/Universal Accessibility:** Visitors arriving on foot or via vehicle should be able to easily reach the site
- **Transit Access:** This site should be accessible via public transportation

## TIER II SITE CRITERIA

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- **Site Preparations:** The site should avoid the demolition or removal of existing structures or infrastructure, which increases complexity
- **Infrastructure:** The site should require minimal new infrastructure, such as roadway improvements or utility extensions
- **Resiliency and Sustainability:** The site should be resilient to the environment. Additionally, the site should enable sustainable design practices

## SITE SELECTION CRITERIA



The 16 sites located within the Reserve comply with the memorial's authorizing legislation and were retained for further consideration.

● Potential Site    — The Reserve    - - - Area I

1,000 ft    N

## FIRST ROUND: INITIAL INVENTORY | 16 SITES



● Potential Site    — The Reserve    - - - Area I

1,000 ft    ↑ N

**SECOND ROUND: SITE EVALUATION | 16 to 5 SITES**



● Potential Site    — The Reserve    - - - Area I

1,000 ft    ↑ N

## SECOND ROUND: SITE EVALUATION | 5 SITES



● Potential Site    — The Reserve    - - - Area I

1,000 ft    ↑ N

**SECOND ROUND: SITE EVALUATION | 5 to 3 SITES**

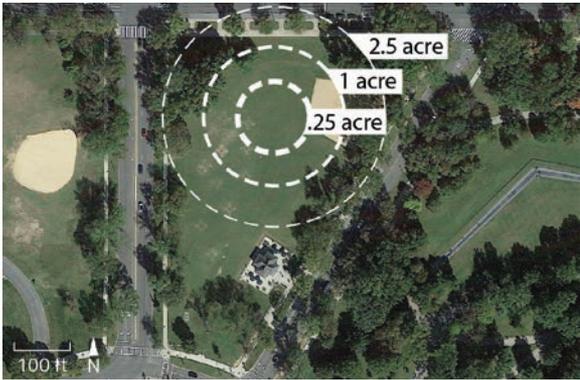
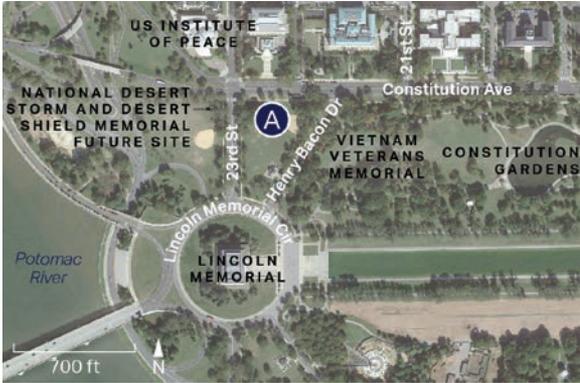


● Potential Site    — The Reserve    - - - Area I

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THIRD ROUND: SITE ANALYSIS | 3 SITES

# A Constitution Ave. & 23rd St.



View looking south from Constitution Ave.

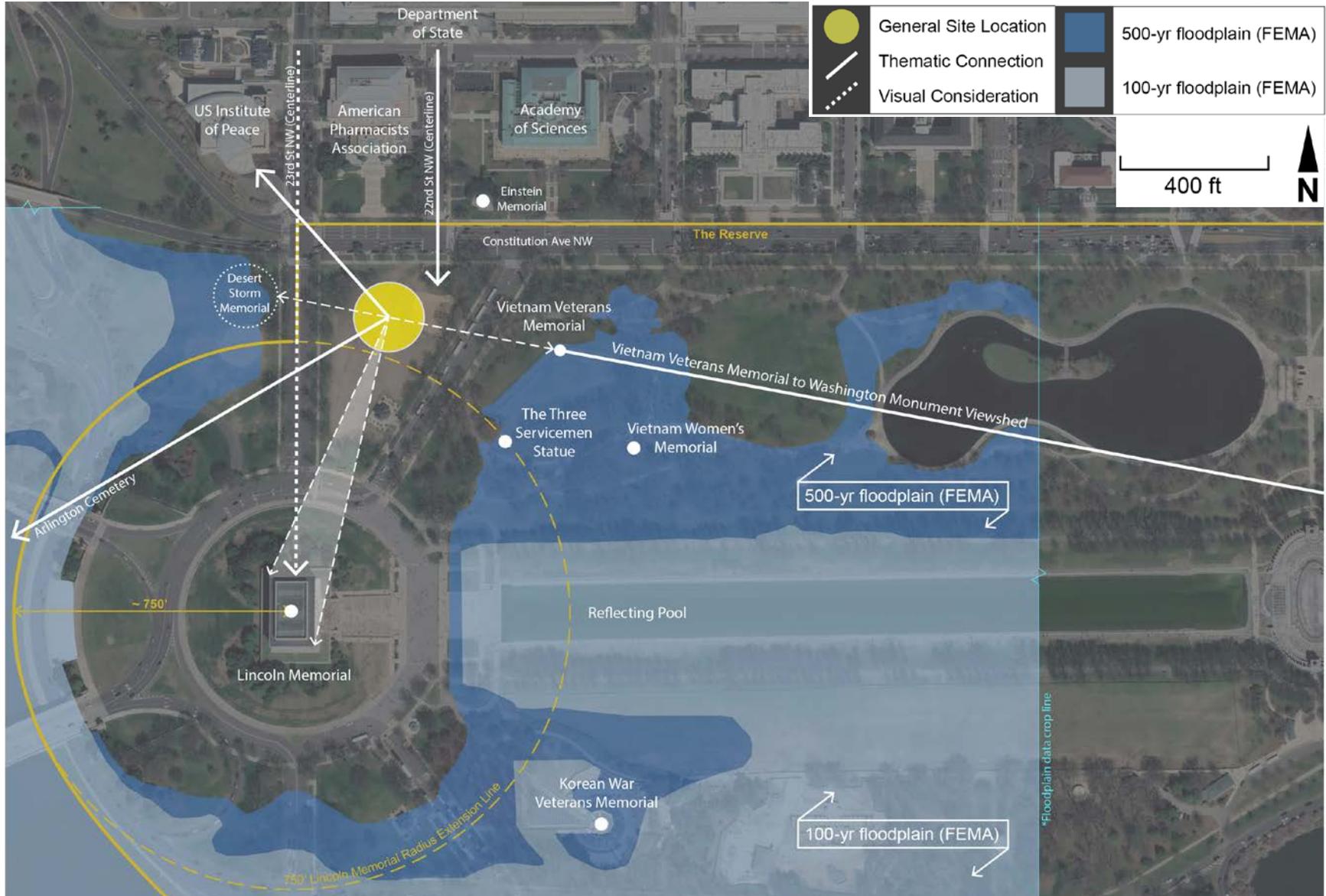


View looking north towards Constitution Ave., American Pharmacists Association, and State Department

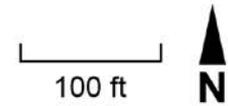
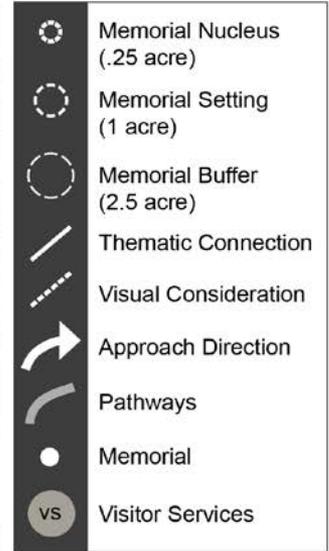
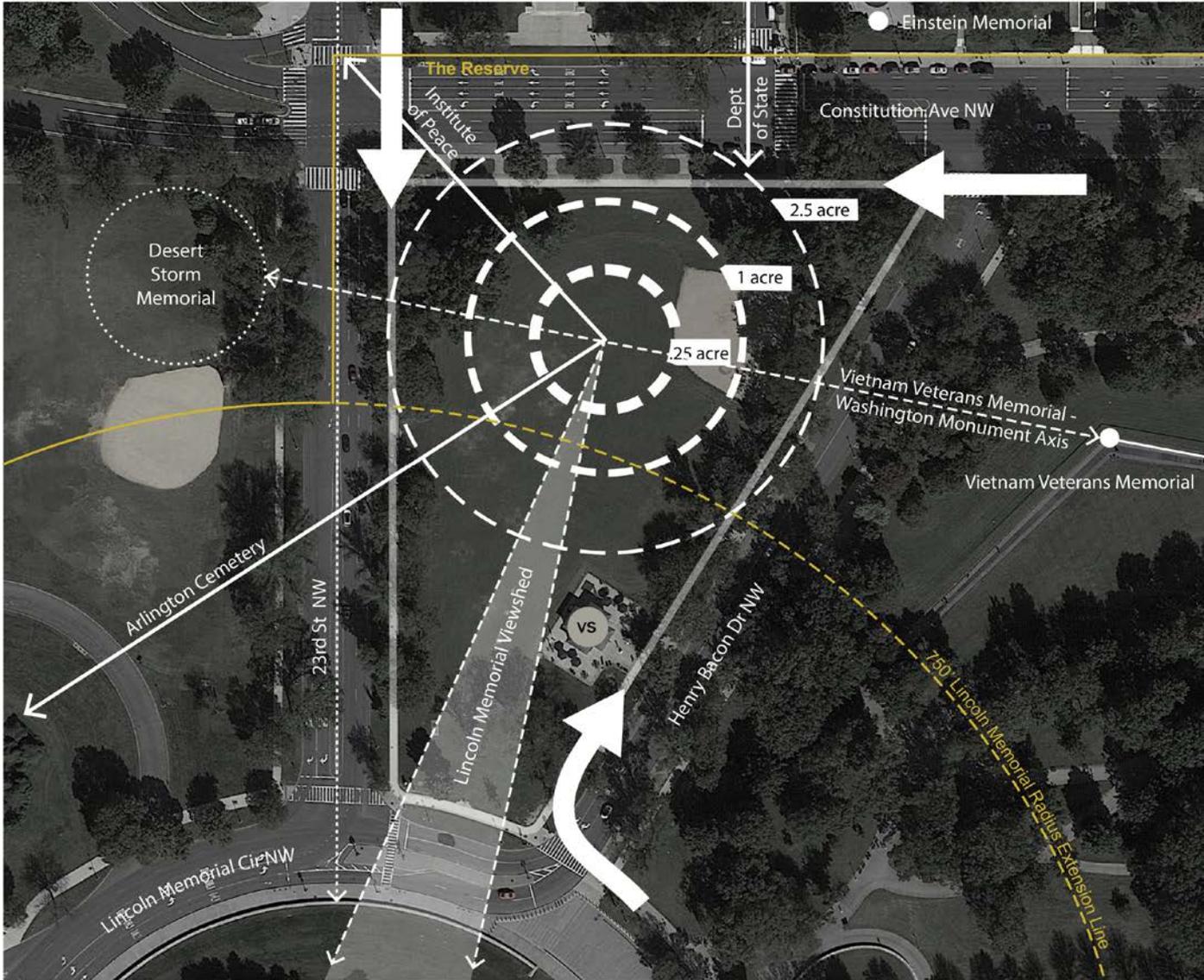


View looking northwest from Henry Bacon Dr.

**A** Constitution Ave. & 23rd St. | Context



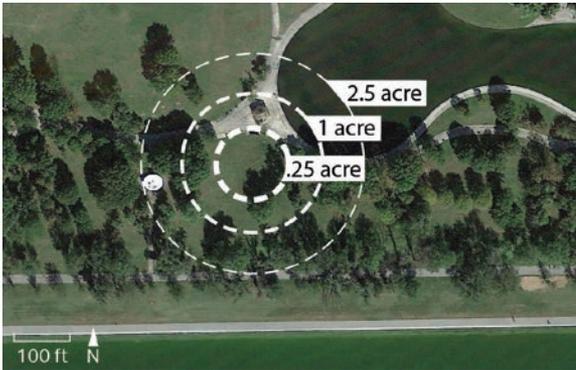
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# B Constitution Gardens



View looking east

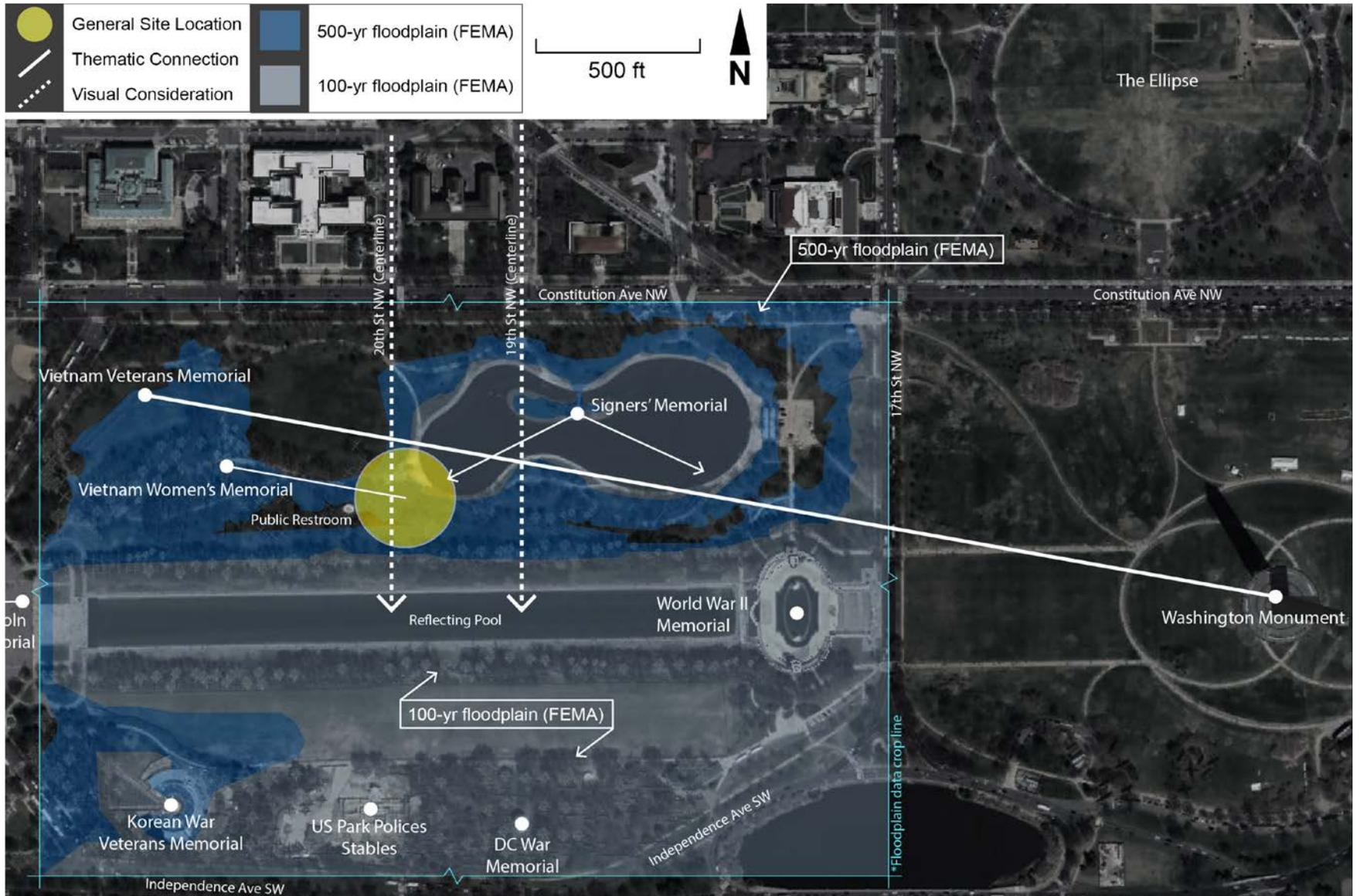


View looking south towards the Reflecting Pool

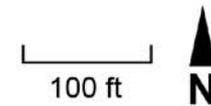
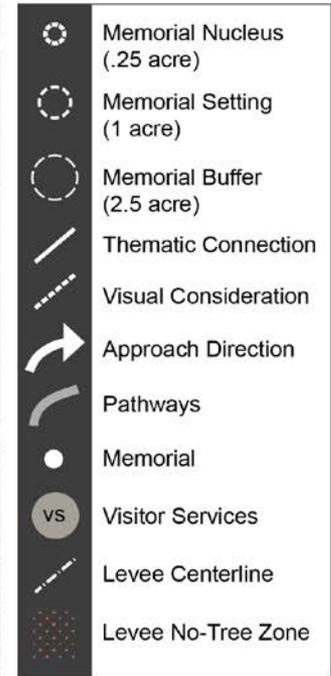


View looking northwest

## B Constitution Gardens | Context



### THIRD ROUND: SITE ANALYSIS



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# J Potomac River



View looking south with the I-395/14th St. Bridge in the background

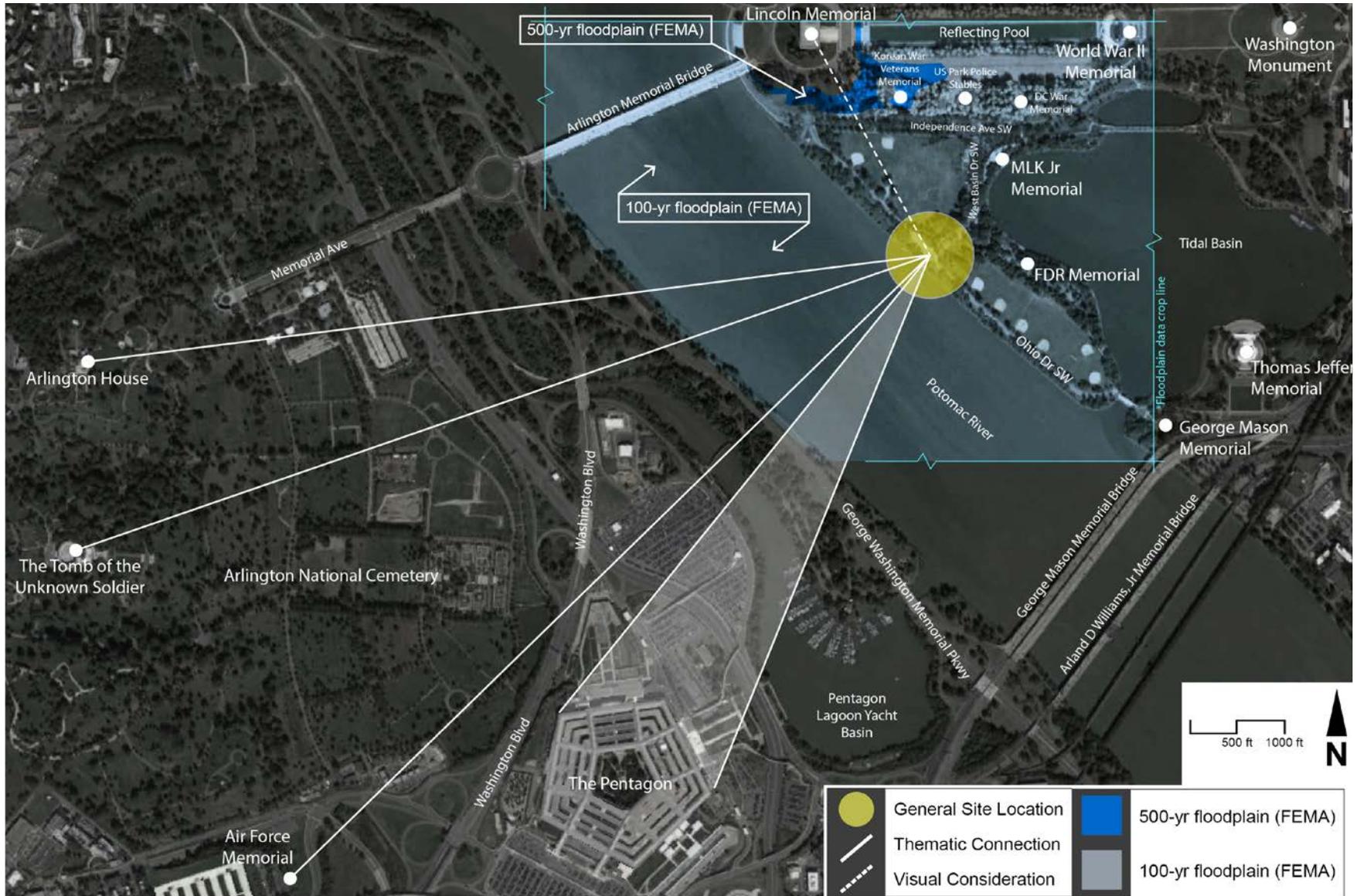


View looking southwest towards the Air Force Memorial

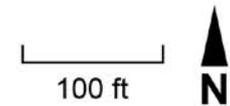
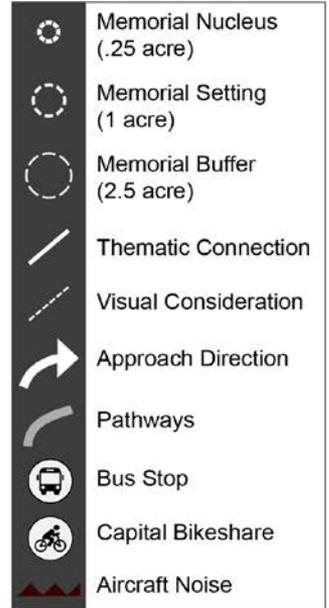
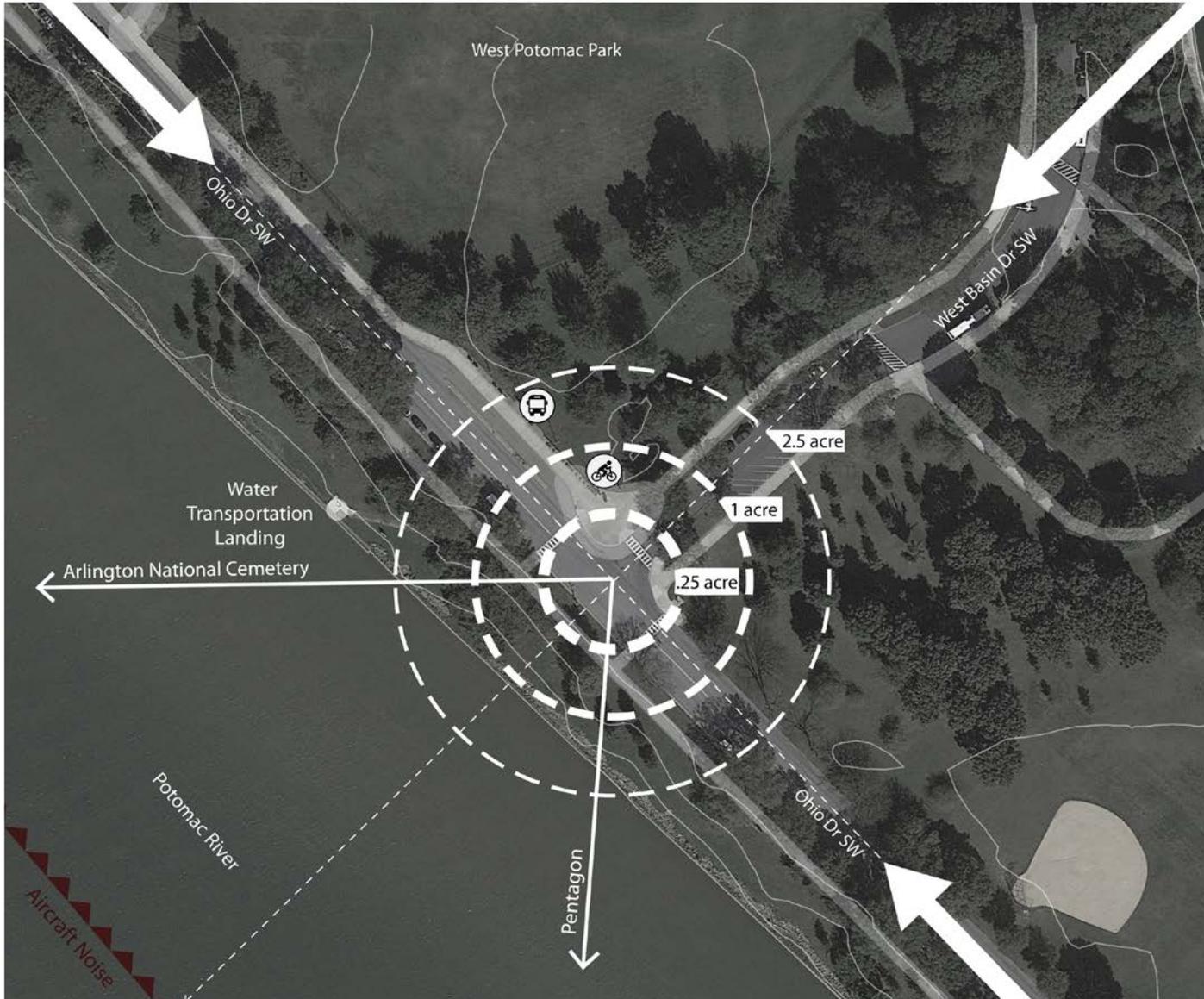


View looking northwest

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# QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS



# HOW CAN YOU SUBMIT COMMENTS?

## After This Meeting

- Online: Submit comments by **April 14, 2023** at <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/gwot>
- Written comments can be mailed to:

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Attn: Global War on Terrorism Memorial  
National Park Service  
National Capital Region  
1100 Ohio Dr. SW  
Washington, DC 20242

- Mailed comments must be postmarked by **April 14, 2023** to receive consideration

