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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
National Mall & Memorial Parks  
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Dear Sir or Madam:

The National Park Service (NPS) and the Eisenhower Memorial Commission (the Commission) propose to establish a national memorial to Dwight D. Eisenhower on a site located at Maryland and Independence Avenues, and 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Streets in southwest Washington, DC in proximity to the National Mall and US Capitol Building. The Commission, created in October 1999 by Public Law 106-79, is charged with memorializing Dwight D. Eisenhower's military achievements, Presidential accomplishments, and lifetime of public service. The site is located on federal lands owned by the NPS, the District of Columbia, and the General Services Administration (GSA). The National Capital Planning Commission encouraged redevelopment of the site as a major memorial as part of its December 2001 Museums and Memorials Master Plan. NPS is the lead federal agency for this project. The GSA is a cooperating agency.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, the NPS and the Commission are preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) to evaluate the proposed development of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial. In addition, consistent with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, the project's potential effect on historic resources will also be evaluated. Section 106 is the process by which federal agencies take into account the effect of undertakings upon historic resources on or eligible for the National Register for Historic Places. The EA will address the project background (including a summary of the 2006 planning process that determined the site for the memorial site), the purpose and need for the memorial, the no action alternative and three build alternatives, a determination of environmental issues and potential impacts of a memorial based the specific memorial design, and public involvement and agency coordination.

The proposed action would establish the memorial on the project site and could result in the closure of the segment of Maryland Avenue to vehicular traffic, the removal of limited structures on the site, and the construction and operation of a memorial of undetermined design to commemorate Dwight D. Eisenhower. Conceptual designs of the memorial are being developed. One build alternative will explore a memorial concept for the site that preserves the Maryland Avenue cartway. The alternative designs will address the constraints of the site, including adjacent building heights, setbacks from the perimeter streets and the US Department of Education Building, and the preservation of the Maryland Avenue view corridor aligned with the nearby US Capitol Building.

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As part of this planning effort, a public scoping meeting will be held by the NPS and the Commission on Thursday, April 22, 2010 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Old Post Office Tower (Room M-09), 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC. NPS staff, Commission staff, and their consultants will present project information from 6:00 pm to 6:30 pm. Subsequently, during an open house from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm, the project team will be available to discuss alternatives and site characteristics. The public scoping meeting will also provide the first opportunity for consultation on the project under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

If you wish to comment on the proposed Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial, comments will be taken during this meeting, or you may submit them electronically (the NPS preferred method of receiving comments), by fax, or mail them directly. The NPS will accept comments on the proposed project through May 30, 2010.

Submit comments on-line by following the appropriate links at:

<http://parkplanning.nps.gov/NAMA>

Fax comments to:

Attn: Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Project  
(202) 401-0017

Mailed directly to:

AECOM  
Attn: Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Project  
601 Prince Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314

If you require additional information or special assistance to attend and participate in this meeting, please contact Glenn DeMarr at the NPS at (202) 619-7027.

Thank you for your interest and participation in this process.

Sincerely,



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Superintendent - National Mall and Memorial Parks  
National Park Service