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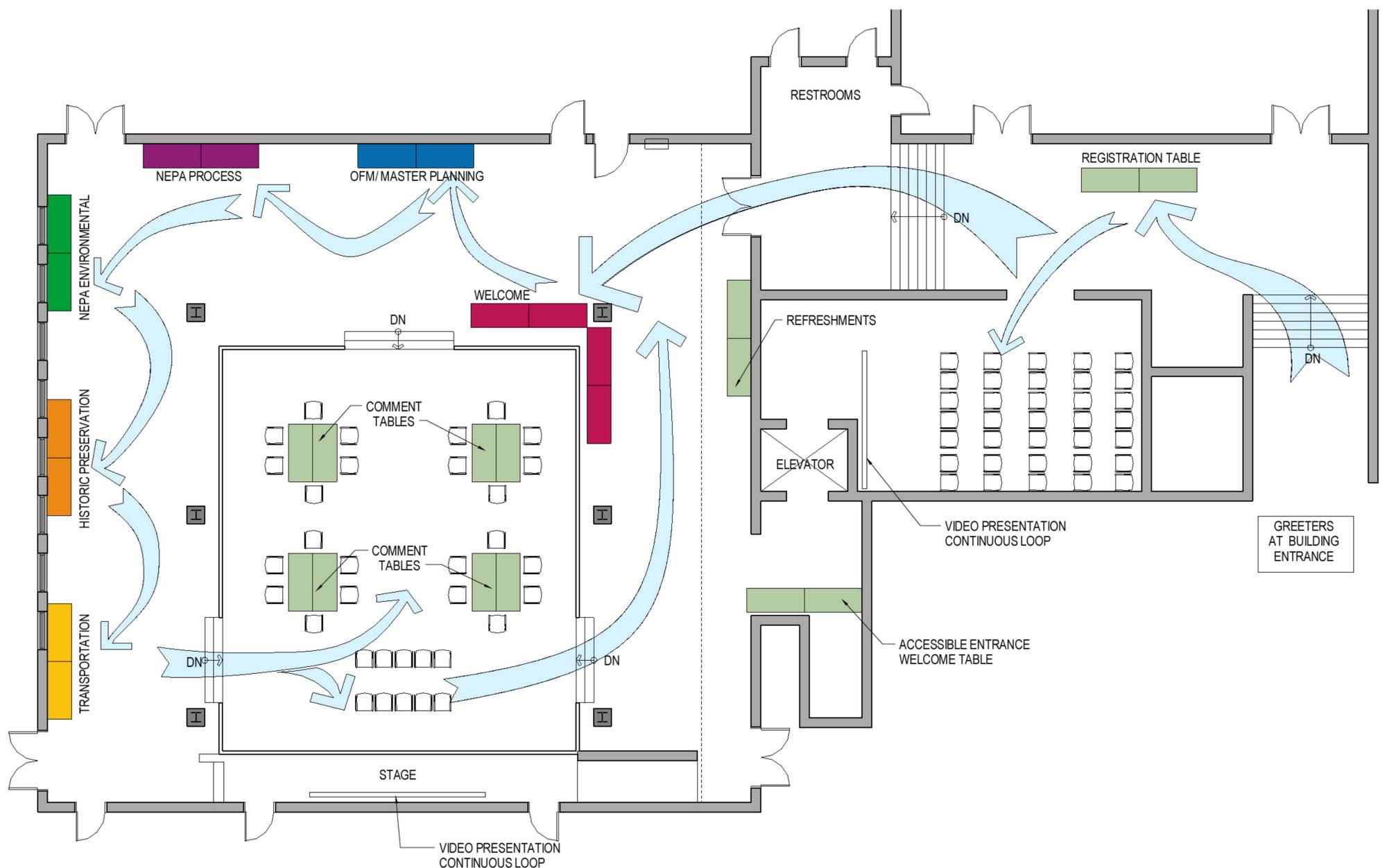
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Welcome!

What is the purpose of this Public Scoping Meeting?

The purpose of this public scoping meeting is to inform you about the proposed project, explain the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), and the associated environmental impact analysis. We are soliciting your comments and concerns related to the development of the Master Plan for the Foreign Missions Center (FMC) at the former Walter Reed Army Medical Center site. Specifically, we would like your input on significant issues to be studied for the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Please review the displays located throughout this open house, ask questions, and provide us with your comments. The layout of the room is shown below.





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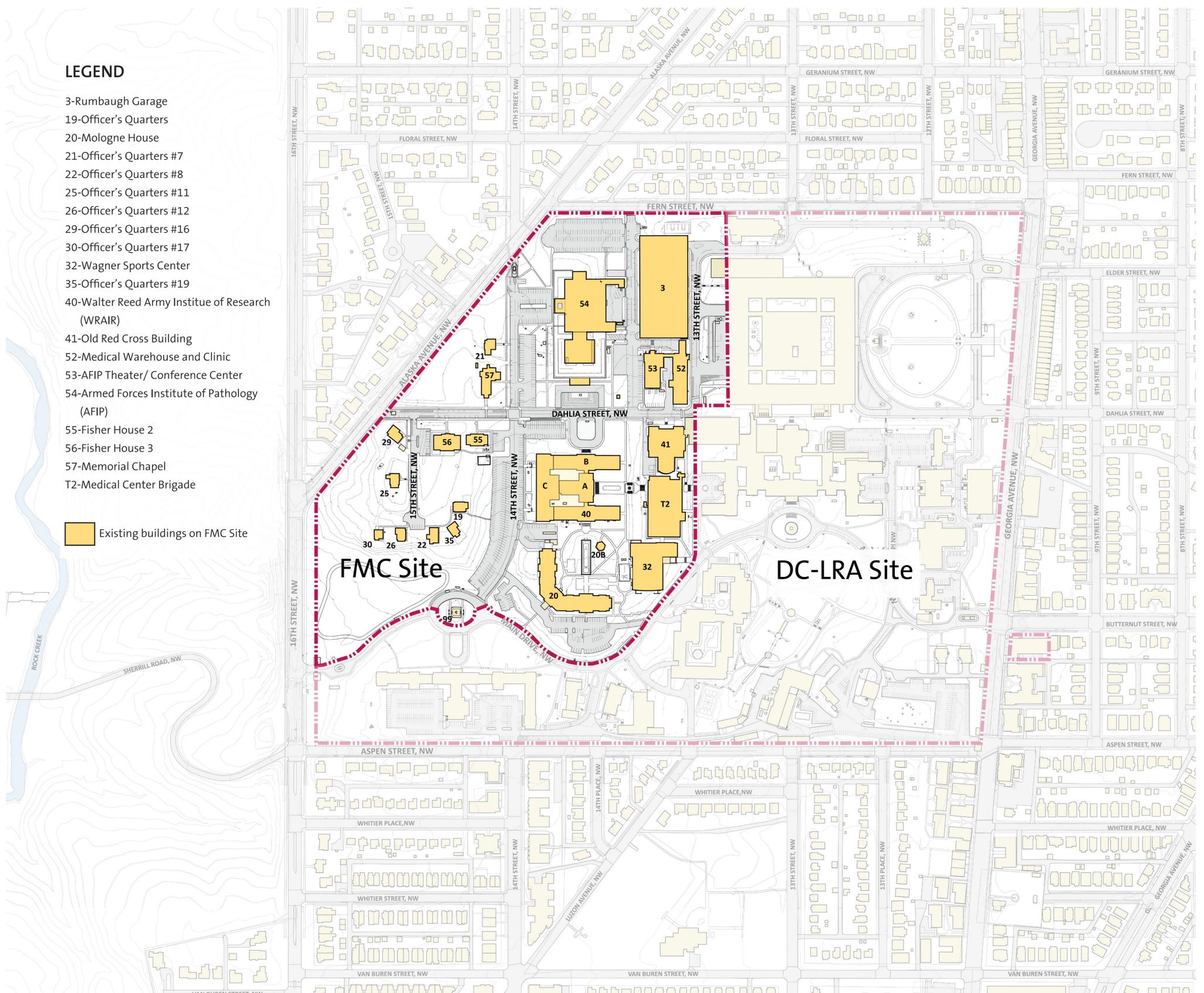
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Existing Campus

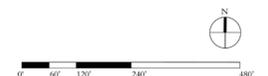
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- 3-Rumbaugh Garage
- 19-Officer's Quarters
- 20-Mologne House
- 21-Officer's Quarters #7
- 22-Officer's Quarters #8
- 25-Officer's Quarters #11
- 26-Officer's Quarters #12
- 29-Officer's Quarters #16
- 30-Officer's Quarters #17
- 32-Wagner Sports Center
- 35-Officer's Quarters #19
- 40-Walter Reed Army Institute of Research (WRAIR)
- 41-Old Red Cross Building
- 52-Medical Warehouse and Clinic
- 53-AFIP Theater/ Conference Center
- 54-Armed Forces Institute of Pathology (AFIP)
- 55-Fisher House 2
- 56-Fisher House 3
- 57-Memorial Chapel
- T2-Medical Center Brigade

 Existing buildings on FMC Site



Site plan highlighting Foreign Missions Center Site



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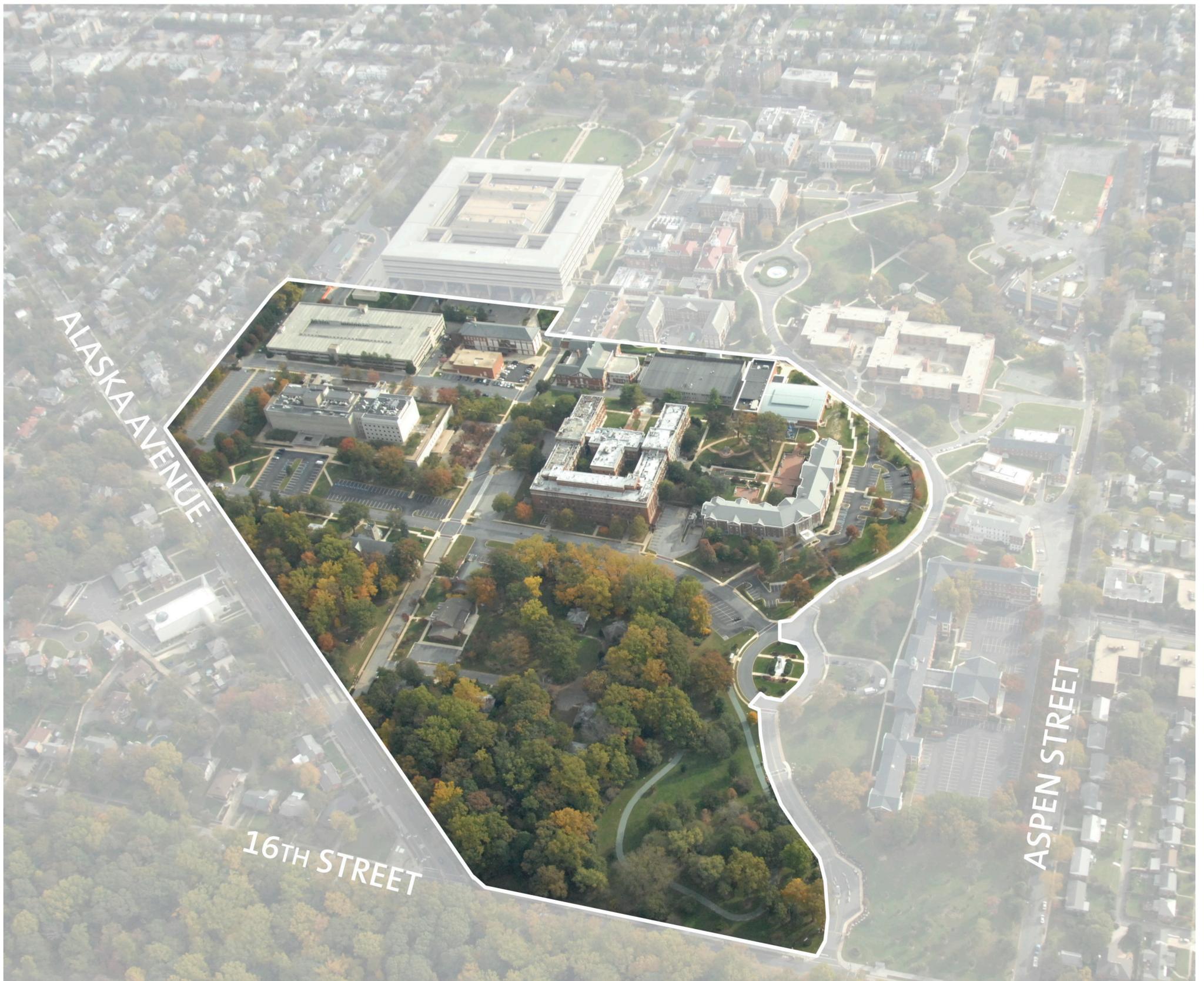


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Existing Site Conditions



Aerial view of Foreign Missions Center Site

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Your Input Is Important

1. Please Ask Questions

Representatives from the U.S. Department of State and our supporting subject matter experts are here to listen to your concerns.

2. Please Provide Comments

Please take a moment to submit your comments. This will help us understand your concerns. Comments will be accepted until August 10, 2012 by the following methods:

Email: FMC.INFO@state.gov

Mail: PROJECT MANAGER
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
A/OPR/RPM
HST ROOM 1264
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20520-1264

Voice Mail: 202-471-5032

3. Want to Stay Informed?

To receive future notices, please complete the Contact Information section of the comment card.

For more information please visit the project website at <http://www.state.gov/ofm/property/fmc/index.htm>

Thank you for your participation tonight.



Office of Foreign Missions

What is U.S. Department of State Proposing?

- To acquire the site and develop U.S. Department of State (DOS) Foreign Missions Center.

Why is the Foreign Missions Center Needed?

- There is limited available property within Washington, D.C. for development or redevelopment for diplomatic use by foreign missions.
 - There is a high and increasing demand for additional property to be developed and/or redeveloped for use as the embassies of foreign missions within Washington, D.C.
 - As security realities abroad have resulted in larger footprints for U.S. diplomatic and consular properties abroad, DOS has observed increasing pressures from foreign governments to reciprocate in Washington, D.C.
 - As foreign governments continue to face greater difficulty identifying properties within Washington, D.C. that are either available for mission use or are viewed by foreign governments as being suitable for modern mission operations, DOS is facing a significant number of new challenges in its attempts reciprocally to acquire properties in other countries.
- DOS currently operates a diplomatic enclave called the International Chancery Center near Van Ness Street and Connecticut Avenue, but it is fully leased.
 - The Foreign Missions Act of 1982 authorizes the DOS to acquire property in the United States for the establishment of property exchange agreements with foreign governments.
 - Under these agreements the U.S. Government (USG) would reciprocally obtain a site abroad that is at least of equal benefit to the USG as the property acquired for the counterpart country in the United States.
 - The Base Realignment and Closure Act (BRAC) of 2005 called for the closure of the Walter Reed Army Medical Center by 2011. DOS has been working with the Army to acquire approximately 43.5 acres of the former hospital site.



Existing facilities at Embassy Row, Massachusetts Avenue

Security

- Security provisions are expected to be similar to those as the International Chancery Center.
- Secret Service will patrol the site once new embassies are constructed.



What is a Foreign Mission?

A **foreign mission** is any mission to or agency or entity in the United States which is involved in the diplomatic, consular, or other activities of, or which is substantially owned or effectively controlled by a foreign government, or an organization representing a territory or political entity which has been granted diplomatic or other official privileges and immunities under the laws of the United States or which engages in some aspect of the conduct of international affairs of such territory or political entity, including any real property of such a mission and including the personnel of such a mission.

What is a Chancery?

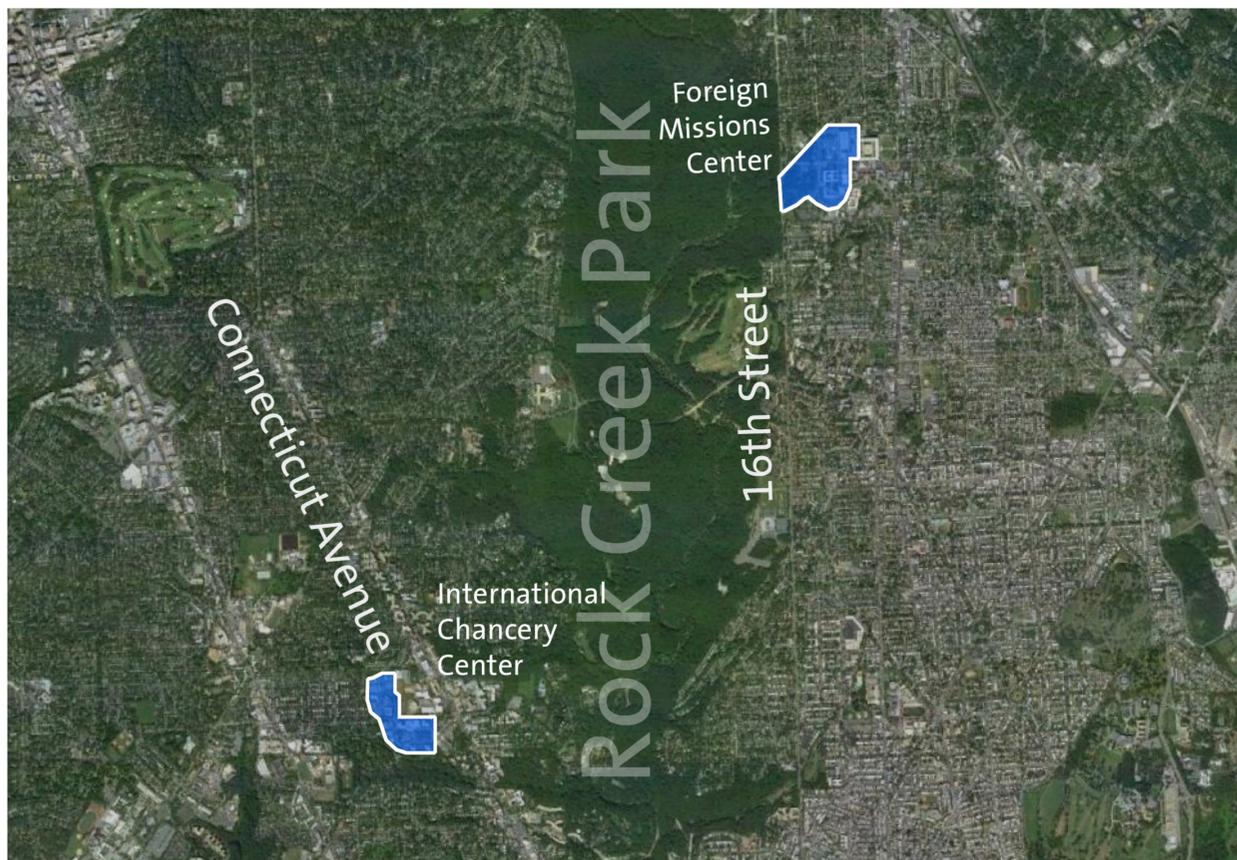
A **chancery** is the principal offices of a **foreign mission** used for diplomatic or related purposes, and annexes to such offices (including ancillary offices and support facilities), and includes the site and any buildings on such site which is used for such purposes.

International Chancery Center Campus

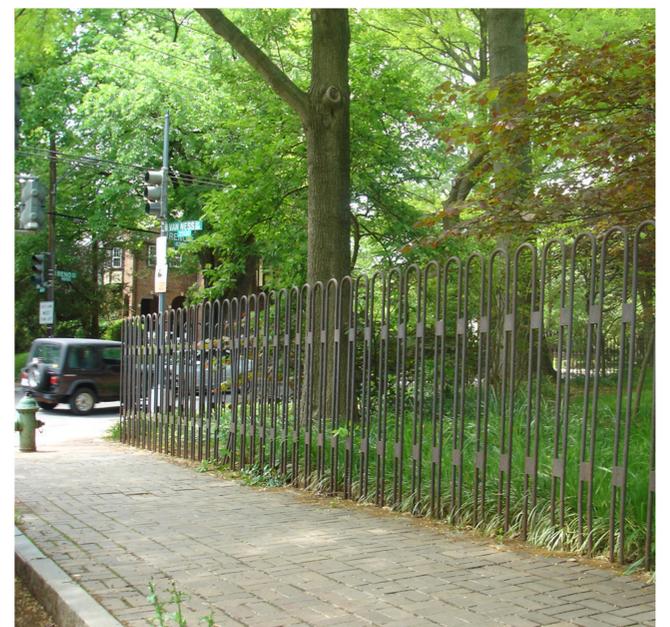
Established 1968



Embassy of Malaysia



Location Map



Perimeter fence at ICC



Planning Overview

Learning

- Develop goals for study
- Gather information
- Learn programmatic intent

Analyzing

- Enhance knowledge base
- Develop planning requirements
- Study issues and opportunities

Synthesizing

- Study planning scenarios
- Develop design options

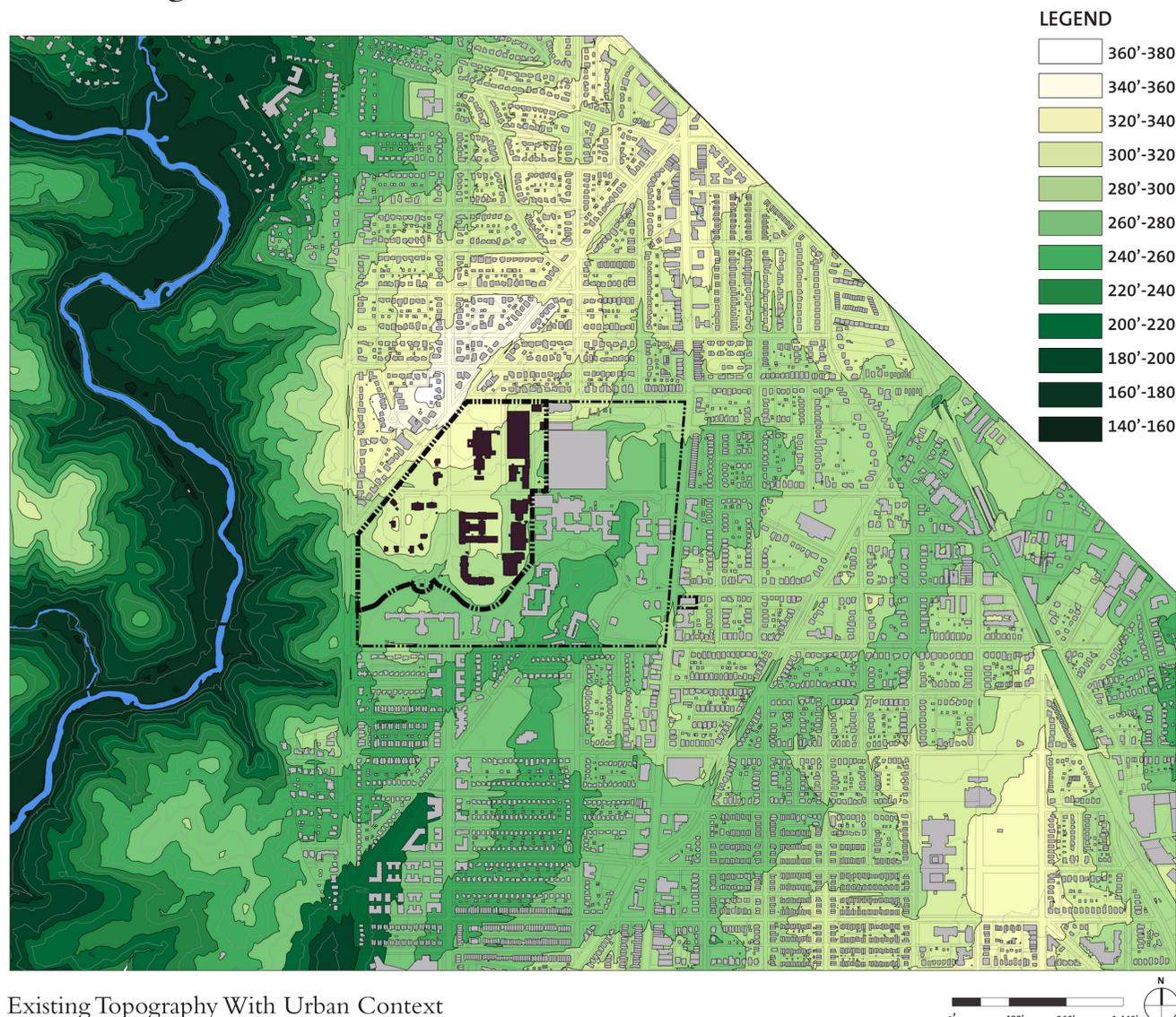
Evaluating

- Review proposed options
- Select preferred plan
- Develop draft plan

Documenting

- Record findings
- Finalize recommendations for development

Master planning for the proposed Foreign Missions Center at the former Walter Reed Medical Center site will include a thorough study of how the proposed development may affect surrounding neighborhoods, the City of Washington, D.C., and the environment. Master Planning will be coordinated with the National Capital Planning Commission, the Commission of Fine Arts, and the DC-LRA development to ensure the former Walter Reed Army Medical Center is developed in a holistic manner that is respectful of the neighborhood.



MASTER PLANNING



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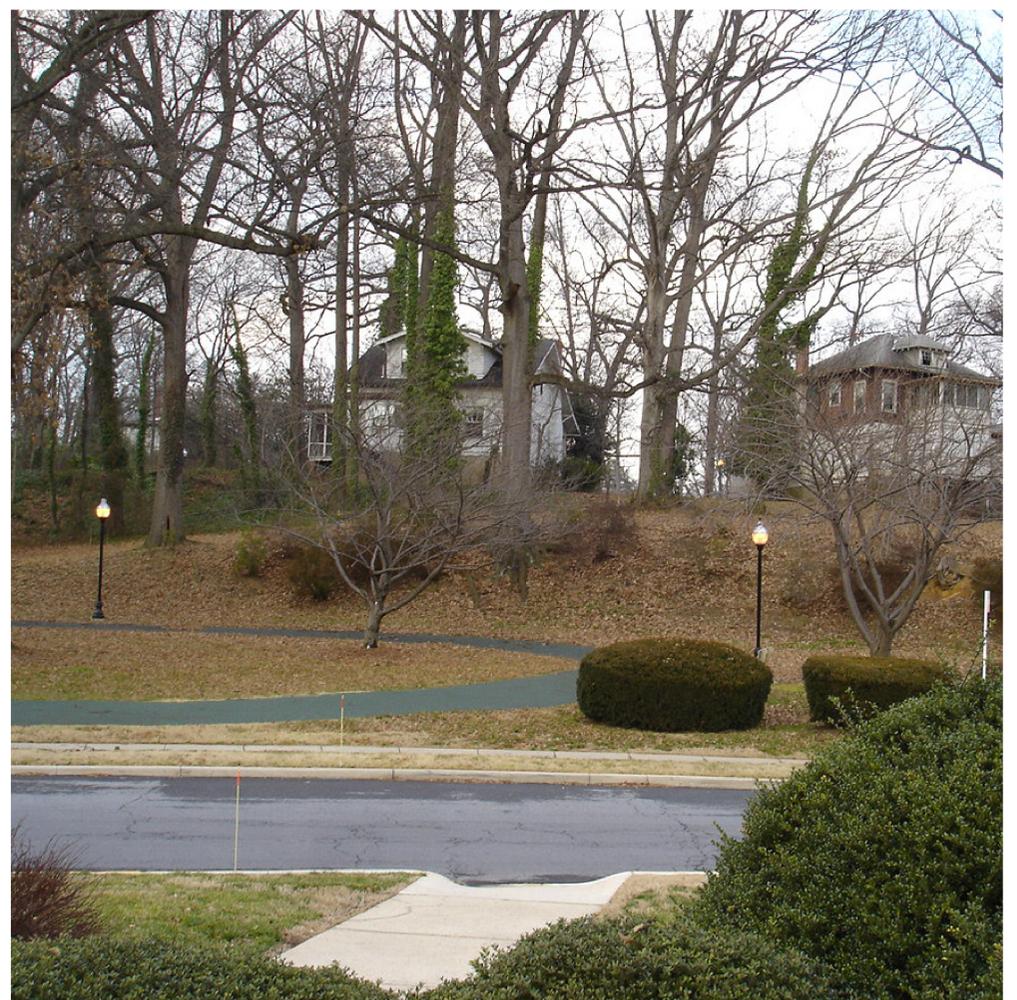
Existing Campus



Old Red Cross Building



Healing fountain and WRAIR, building 40



Running track adjacent to Main Drive



Parking at 14th Street



Fence along Alaska Avenue



Scoping - What is the purpose?

Scoping is the process of determining the scope of issues and alternatives for a proposed study by consulting with stakeholders – federal agencies, state agencies, tribes, cities and towns, and the public.

Goals of scoping

- Identify and determine the extent of the most significant issues to be analyzed and the methods for analysis.
- Identify the issues which are not significant, narrowing the analysis and discussion of these issues.

We would like to hear from you

- Please tell us the most important issues to be addressed in the study and why.
- A separate comment form has been provided for your use.

Thank you for sharing your questions and concerns



Frequently Asked Questions, NEPA

What is the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)?

The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) was enacted to ensure that information on the environmental impacts of any federal or federally funded action is available to public officials and citizens before decisions are made and before actions are taken. The Department of State (DOS) will be preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in order to comply with the requirements of NEPA.

What is an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)?

An EIS is a detailed report describing the potential impacts of a project on the natural, social, and cultural environment and serves to assist the federal government in recognizing environmental impacts of a federal agency's proposed action. An "impact" is a change or consequence that results from an activity. Impacts can be positive or negative or both. An EIS describes impacts as well as ways to mitigate impacts.

What resources are studied in an EIS?

NEPA is often referred to as an "umbrella law" providing a comprehensive framework for complying with other federal, state and local environmental legal requirements. An EIS will contain relevant information necessary for the agency to make a determination on the significance of the impacts the proposed action may have upon the environment. Resources considered in an EIS include land, water, air, structures, living organisms, environmental values at the site, and social, cultural, and economic factors, including transportation, traffic, and parking.

How is public input considered in the NEPA process?

As part of the NEPA process, agencies are required to identify and invite the participation of interested persons. Public input will be used in the project evaluation process and throughout EIS development, including the scoping period (identifies what issues the EIS should cover), Draft EIS comment period and Final EIS review period.

Where can I find more information about the NEPA process?

Additional information regarding the NEPA process can be found on the Council of Environmental Quality (CEQ) website at <http://ceq.hss.doe.gov>

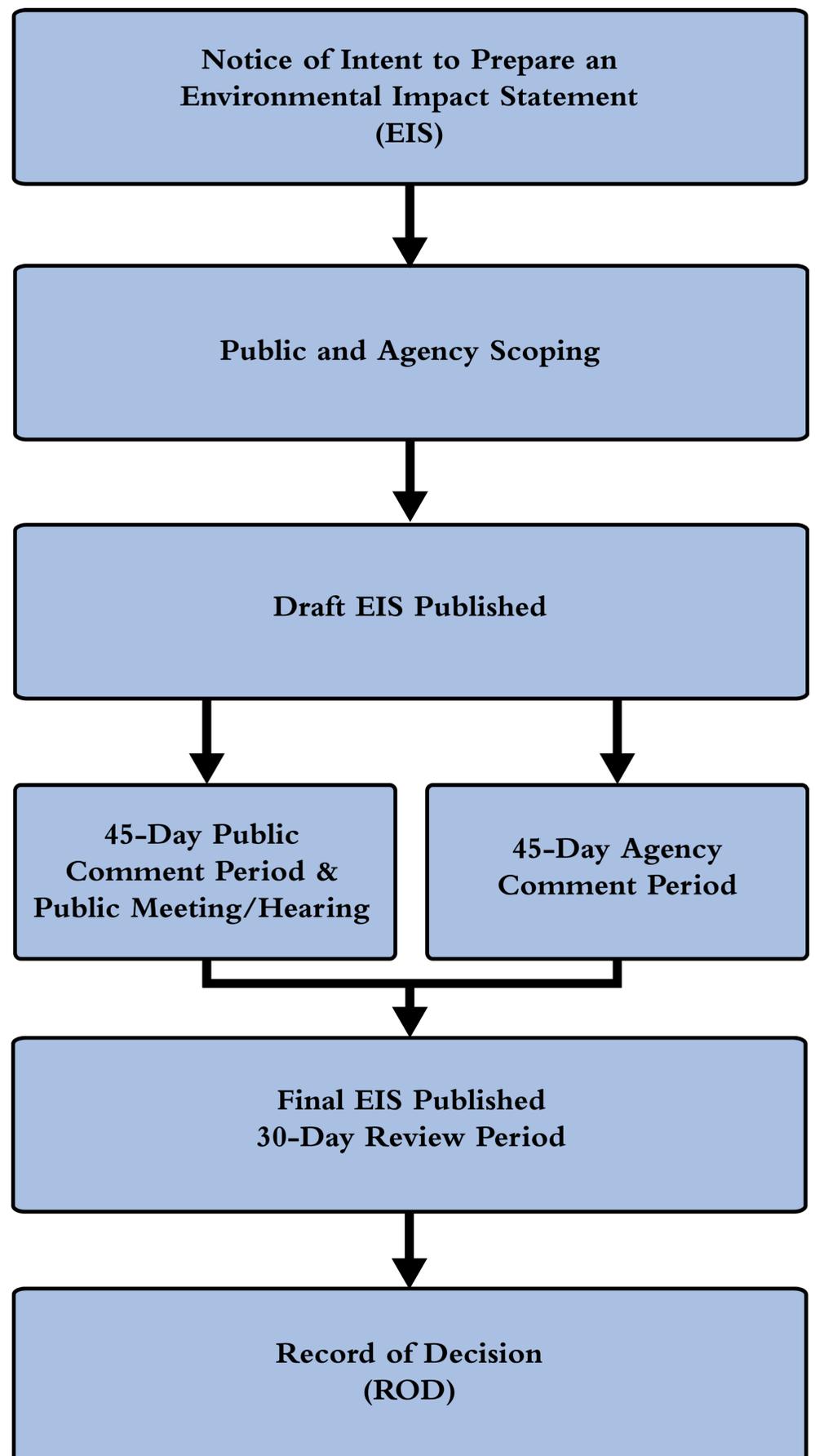


National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Process

- NEPA requires federal agencies to evaluate potential environmental impacts of any proposed major actions.
- U.S. Department of State (DOS) will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the planning of the proposed Foreign Missions Center (FMC).

The EIS will include:

- Purpose and Need
 - Proposed Actions and Alternatives
 - Affected Environment
 - Environmental Consequences
 - List of Preparers
 - EIS Distribution List
- The U.S. Department of the Army has been invited to be a cooperating agency, to contribute information based on its extensive knowledge of the property.
 - A Draft EIS will be made available for public review and comment before a decision is made or actions taken.
 - Your input during the scoping period will assist DOS in identifying key environmental, social and cultural issues that need to be evaluated in the Draft EIS.





What Environmental Resources/ Issues will the EIS Evaluate?

Atmospheric Environment

- Air Quality
- Noise

Natural Environment

- Physical Geography and Geology
- Water Resources
 - Surface Waters
 - Groundwater
 - Floodplains
 - Wetlands
- Vegetation and Wildlife Habitat
- Threatened and Endangered Species

Transportation Environment

- Traffic
- Access and Circulation
- Parking
- Pedestrian and Bicycle use
- Transit

Cultural Environment

- Section 106 Historic Preservation Consultation
- Archaeological Survey

Cumulative Impacts

- Potential impacts from other planned projects

Land Use, Social and Economic Environment

- Existing and Future Land Use
- Zoning
- Population
- Housing
- Jobs
- Environmental Justice
- Community Facilities and Services
- Parks and Recreation
- Visual and Aesthetics



Existing Tree Inventory Map



Existing Site Conditions



Site plan highlighting DOS portion of former Walter Reed Army Medical Center site

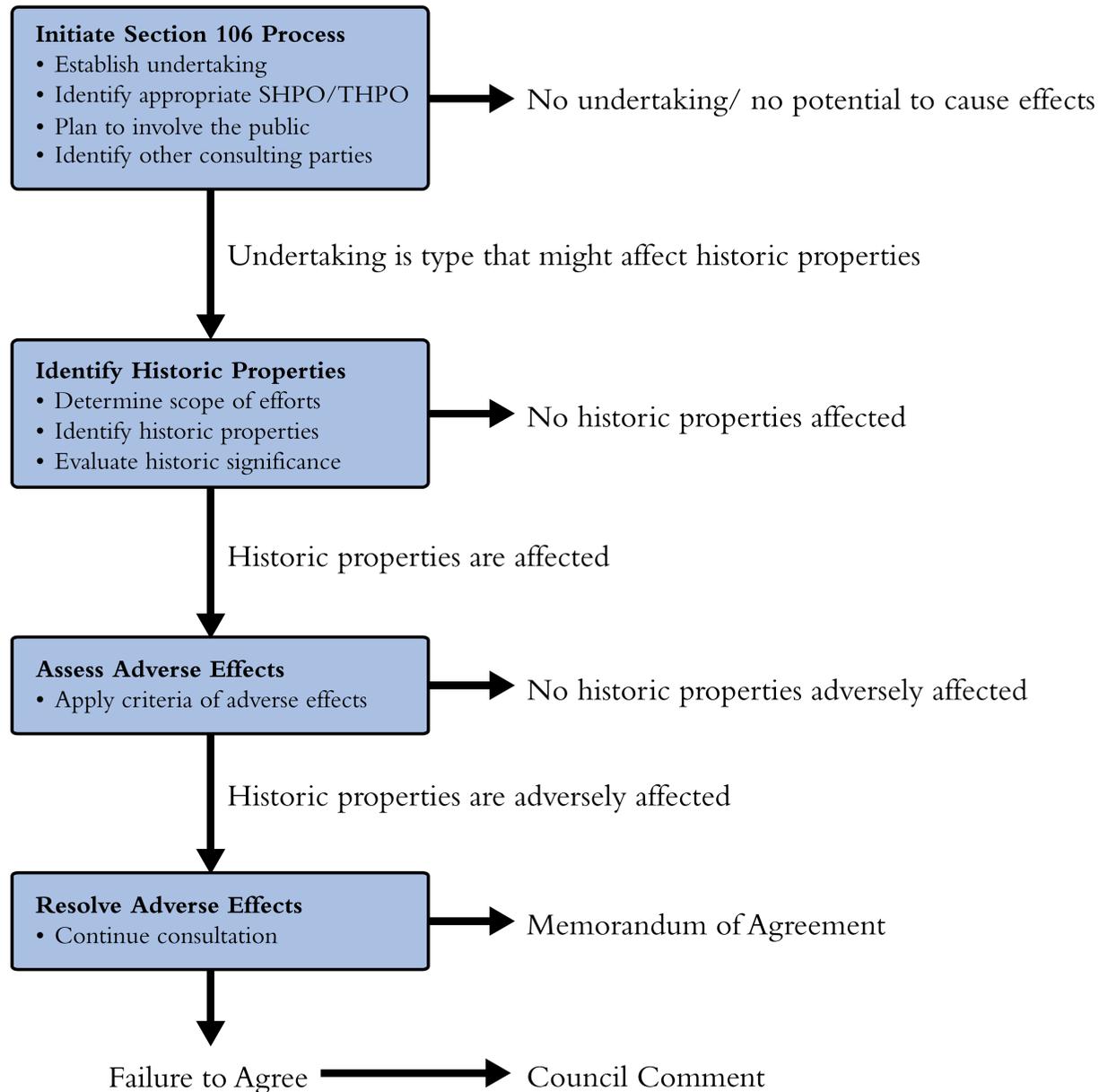




National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA)

Section 106 Consultation

- Sec. 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act requires federal agencies to take into account the effects of their undertakings on historic properties and afford the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation a reasonable opportunity to comment on such undertakings.
- The goal of consultation is to identify historic properties potentially affected by the undertaking, assess its effects and seek ways to avoid, minimize or mitigate any adverse effects on historic properties.



Section 106 Consulting Parties

District of Columbia Office of Planning-
Historic Preservation Office

The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation

The National Capital Planning Commission

The U.S. Commission of Fine Arts

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4A

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B

Brightwood Community Association

The Committee of 100 on the Federal City

Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development
Walter Reed Army Medical Center-
Local Redevelopment Authority

District of Columbia Office of Planning

The District of Columbia Preservation League

The National Trust for Historic Preservation

Shepherd Park Citizens Association

Ward 4 Council Member

Office of the City Administrator

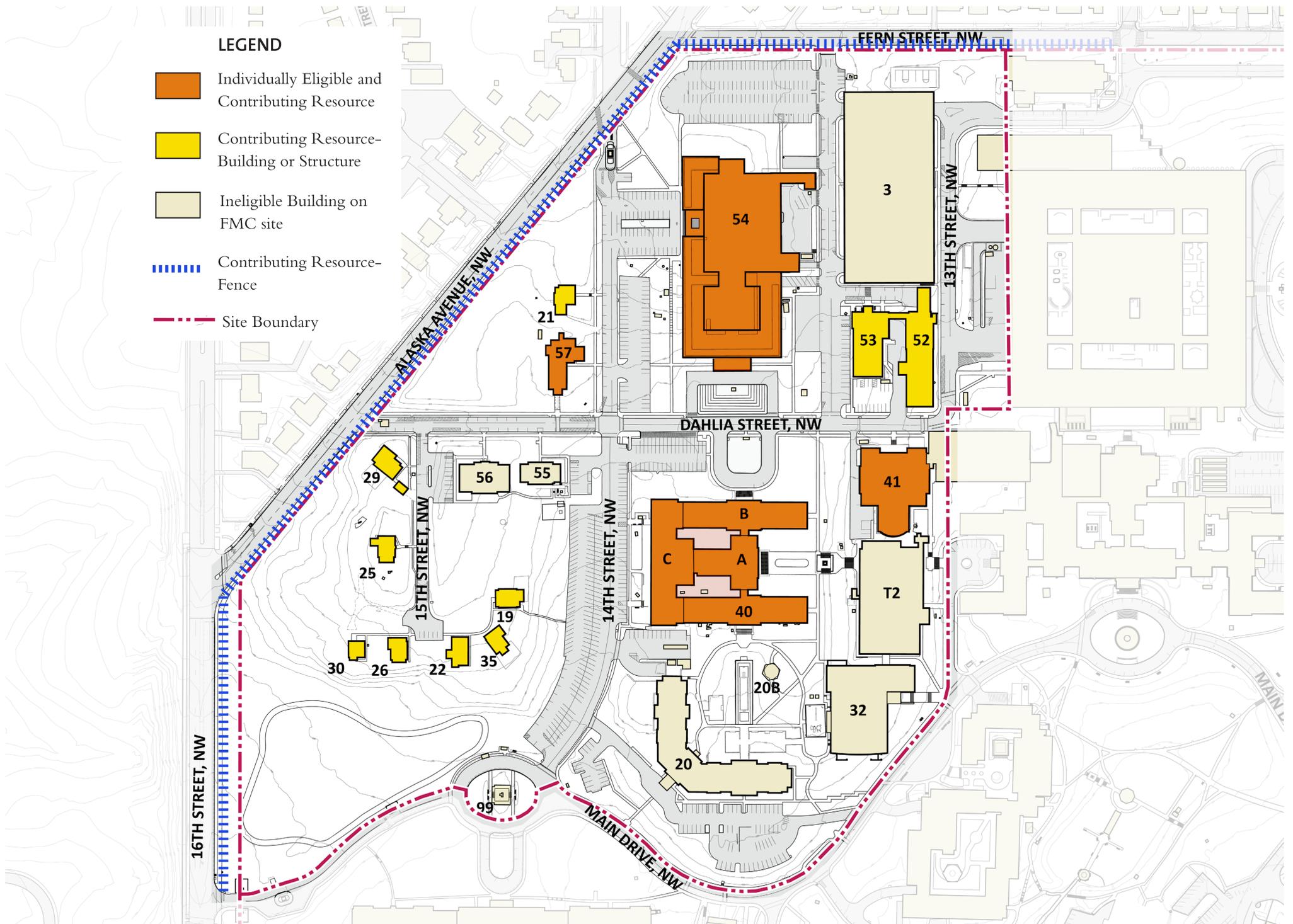
HISTORIC PRESERVATION



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Historic Resources Map



Individually Eligible Buildings



WRAIR, Building 40



Old Red Cross, Building 41



AFIP, Building 54



Memorial Chapel, Building 57



Frequently Asked Questions, NHPA

What is the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (NHPA)?

The NHPA is the core legislation regarding the preservation of historic and cultural properties in the United States. The NHPA created many familiar components of preservation in the United States, such as the National Register of Historic Places, State Historic Preservation Officers/ Offices (SHPOs), and Federal stewardship programs regarding federally owned or managed historic properties.

What is Section 106?

Section 106 of the NHPA requires Federal Agencies to take into account the effects of their undertakings on historic properties. The goal of Section 106 consultation is to identify historic properties that may be affected by the undertaking, assess the effects of the undertaking on these historic properties, and seek ways to avoid, minimize, or mitigate any adverse effects.

What is an undertaking?

An undertaking is a federal project, activity, or program, including those carried out by or on behalf of a Federal agency; those carried out with Federal financial assistance; or those requiring a Federal permit, license, or approval.

What is consultation?

Consultation is the process of seeking, discussing, and considering the views of other participants, and, where feasible, seeking agreement with them regarding matters arising in the Section 106 process.

How is public input considered in the NHPA process?

Section 106 provides for public participation throughout the review process. The public is provided with timely and complete documentation to facilitate their participation, and appropriate steps are taken to ensure that pertinent information is shared with consulting parties and considered during consultation.

Where can I find more information about the NHPA process?

Additional information regarding the NHPA process can be found at the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation website (www.achp.gov).



Transportation

Traffic Capacity Review

- Analyze existing and future conditions within vicinity of the site
- Evaluate and provide recommendations to address traffic capacity

General FMC Access and Circulation

- Entry points
- Traffic circulation

Parking Demand Analysis

- Estimate the parking demand for the FMC
- Evaluate on-site parking supply

Pedestrian and Bicycle Mobility

- Pedestrian volumes are higher along Georgia Avenue near bus stops and between the site and the Takoma Metrorail station
- Estimate the demand for pedestrians and bicycles visiting the site

Transit Accessibility and Connectivity

- Approximately 1 mile to Takoma (Red Line) Metrorail Station
- Existing Metrobus service lines along 16th Street, Georgia Avenue, Alaska Avenue, 14th Street, Blair Road, 5th Street, Aspen Street and Butternut Street



Looking South of 14th Street and Aspen Street



Existing parking structure, Building 3



Bicycle Parking at Takoma Metrorail Station



Metrobus stop at 16th Street and Main Drive

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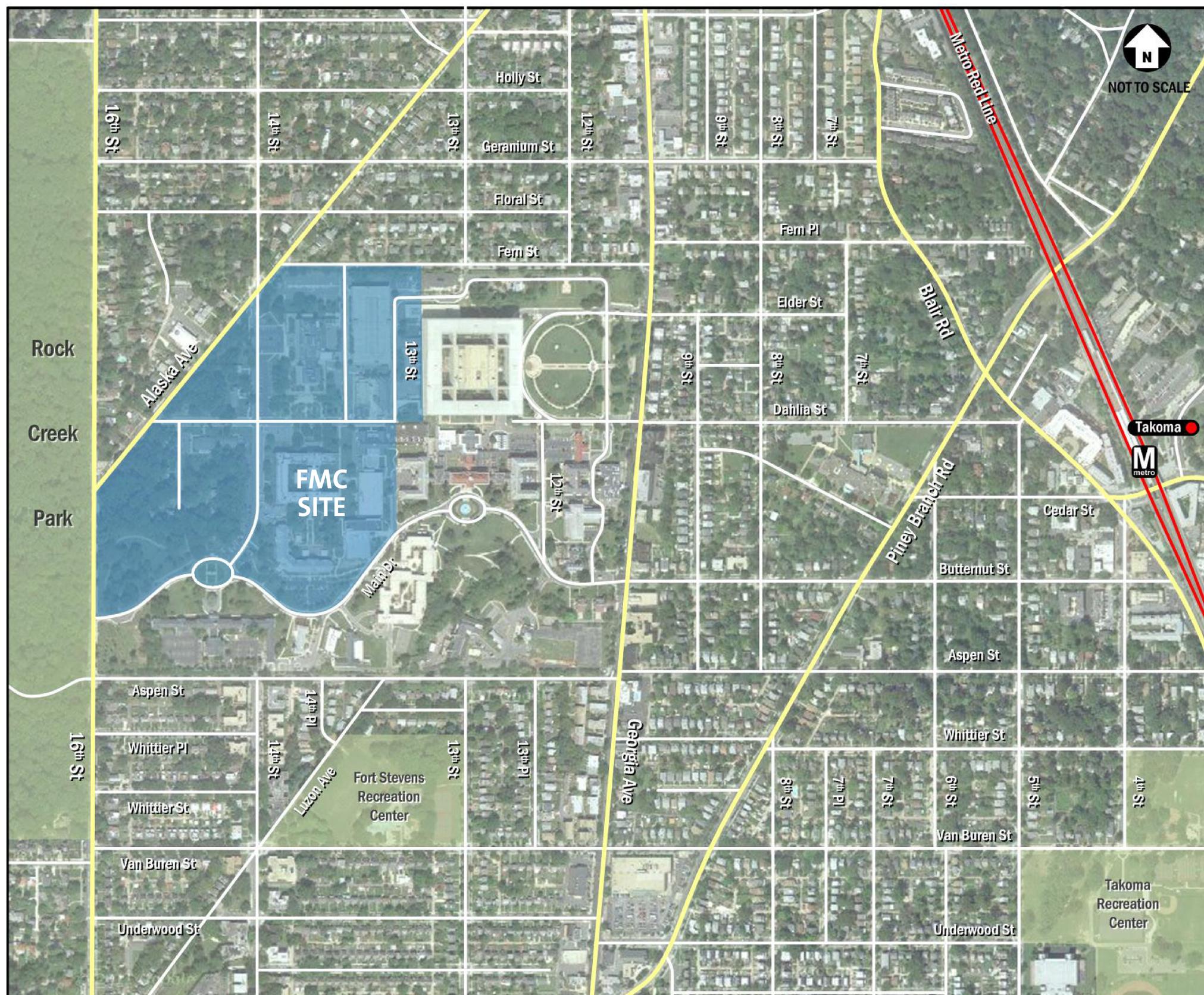


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Existing Roadways



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-  Arterial Roadway
-  Local Roadway
-  Metro Red Line