

**Notice of Availability: Revised Programmatic Environmental Assessment and Draft  
Finding of No Significant Impact**

**Arlington National Cemetery Real Property Master Plan**

**Agency:** Department of the Army, Arlington National Cemetery

**Public Comment Period:** October 1 to October 31, 2014

**Summary:** The Department of the Army, Arlington National Cemetery (ANC) prepared a Real Property Master Plan (RPMP) for ANC. The RPMP outlines how the cemetery will accommodate future development and operational needs. The recommended projects add burial capacity, facilitate future cemetery operations, enhance family experiences during committal services, enhance visitor experiences, and promote sustainability.

In order to implement the projects in the RPMP, ANC must first comply with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA). NEPA requires the evaluation and consideration of the environmental impacts prior to taking federal actions. Therefore, pursuant to the provisions of NEPA, Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508), and Environmental Analysis of Army Actions (32 CFR 651), ANC has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) to identify the potential environmental consequences of projects recommended in the ANC RPMP.

The EA is referred to as a Programmatic EA because it is a broad scale analysis of the RPMP recommendations. The RPMP recommendations included phased and conceptual projects. Limited information about these projects was available during the preparation of the EA. In some cases the information needed to determine specific effects was not available. Therefore, recommended projects were evaluated to the fullest extent possible in the Programmatic EA and ANC committed to prepare project-specific NEPA documentation as required prior to implementing the specific projects.

Environmental impacts were evaluated to prepare the Programmatic EA. It was determined that the projects would not result in significant impacts. Therefore, a Draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI) was also prepared.

Interested agencies and members of the public were afforded an opportunity to review the Programmatic EA and Draft FNSI between August 19 and October 21, 2013. Several agencies submitted comments. After reviewing these comments, ANC decided to revise the Programmatic EA and Draft FNSI.

Starting October 1, 2014, the revised Programmatic EA and Draft FNSI will be available for review on the ANC Web site at <http://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/About/Policies-and-Public-Notices/Public-Notices> and at the following locations:

Arlington County Central Library  
1015 N Quincy St  
Arlington, VA 22201

Aurora Hills Branch  
735 South 18th St  
Arlington, VA 22202

Columbia Pike Branch  
816 South Walter Reed Dr  
Arlington, VA 22204

**Comments:** The comment period begins on October 1, 2014 and closes on October 31, 2014. Comments submitted by the close of the comment period will be considered prior to signing the Final FNSI. Please submit written comments by October 31, 2014 to:

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