

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

**U.S. Soldiers' and Airmen's Home National Cemetery Real Property Master Plan**

**Agency:** Department of the Army, Soldiers' and Airmen's Home National Cemetery

**Public Comment Period:** August 30 to September 30, 2013

**Summary:** The Department of the Army, Arlington National Cemetery (ANC), on behalf of and in cooperation with the U.S. Soldiers' and Airmen's Home National Cemetery (SAHNC), has prepared a Real Property Master Plan (RPMP) for SAHNC. The RPMP outlines how the cemetery will accommodate future development and operational needs. The recommended projects add burial capacity, maintain the iconic image, improve facilities, and maintain infrastructure.

In order to implement the projects recommended in the RPMP, compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is required. 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), a Programmatic Environmental Assessment (EA) has been prepared to identify the potential environmental consequences of projects recommended in the SAHNC 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 SAHNC committed to prepare project-specific NEPA documentation as required prior to implementing the specific projects.

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

The Programmatic EA and Draft FNSI are now available for public review on the ANC Web site at <http://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/AboutUs/PublicNotices.aspx> and at the following locations.

Lamond-Riggs Library  
5401 South Dakota Ave. N.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20011

Petworth Library  
4200 Kansas Ave. N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20011

Mt. Pleasant Library  
3160 16<sup>th</sup> St., N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20010

Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library  
901 G St. N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20001

**Comments:** Comments, if any, are requested on the form provided on the ANC Web site. Comments submitted by the close of the comment period on September 30, 2013 will be

considered prior to signing the Final FNSI. Please submit written comments by September 30, 2013 to:

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