

## **DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**

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SUBJECT: National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 for the Washington Gas

Line Replacement Project on the Grounds of Arlington National Cemetery,

Arlington, Virginia (DHR Project No. No. 2024-4806)

Army National Military Cemeteries (ANMC) proposes a gas line replacement project within Arlington National Cemetery (ANC). Washington Gas Light Company (WGL) proposes replacing, abandoning, and rerouting sections of an existing gas line that runs near Sherman, Lincoln, and Ord & Weitzel Drives to improve service to the Eternal Flame at the John F. Kennedy (JFK) Memorial Gravesite. This is a Virginia SAVE (Steps to Advance Virginia's Energy Plan) accelerated system replacement program project. The proposed project is considered a federal undertaking with the potential to cause adverse effects on historic properties pursuant to 36 C.F.R. 800.3(a).

ANMC is coordinating the project design with the National Park Service (NPS) George Washington Memorial Parkway (GWMP) to reduce potential impacts to historic, archaeological, and tree resources on lands managed by both agencies. ANMC shall serve as the lead agency for the project with responsibility for all National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) compliance.

On September 6, 2024, ANMC initiated the consultation process with the Virginia State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, 16 U.S.C. § 470f, and its implementing regulations, 36 C.F.R. Part 800.

With this notice, ANMC provides the public the opportunity to view materials submitted to the SHPO as part of the Section 106 compliance process for the proposed undertaking. The documentation accompanies this notice. It shows the area potentially affected by the proposed project, contains a project description, identification of potential consulting parties, lists the historic properties contributing to National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) which are in the area of potential effects, and the agency's findings of no adverse effects.

This notice initiates a 30-day comment period. During this period, ANMC invites review and comment from the public on this project. Please send your comments to the Cultural Resources Manager at <a href="mailto:usarmy.pentagon.hqda-anc-osa.mbx.cultural-resources@army.mil">usarmy.pentagon.hqda-anc-osa.mbx.cultural-resources@army.mil</a> and include "Washington Gas Line Replacement" in the subject line. Comments are due no later than <a href="October 9">October 9</a>, 2024.

Thank you for your interest in ANC and the G.W. Memorial Parkway.