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Arlington National Cemetery Confederate Memorial Removal

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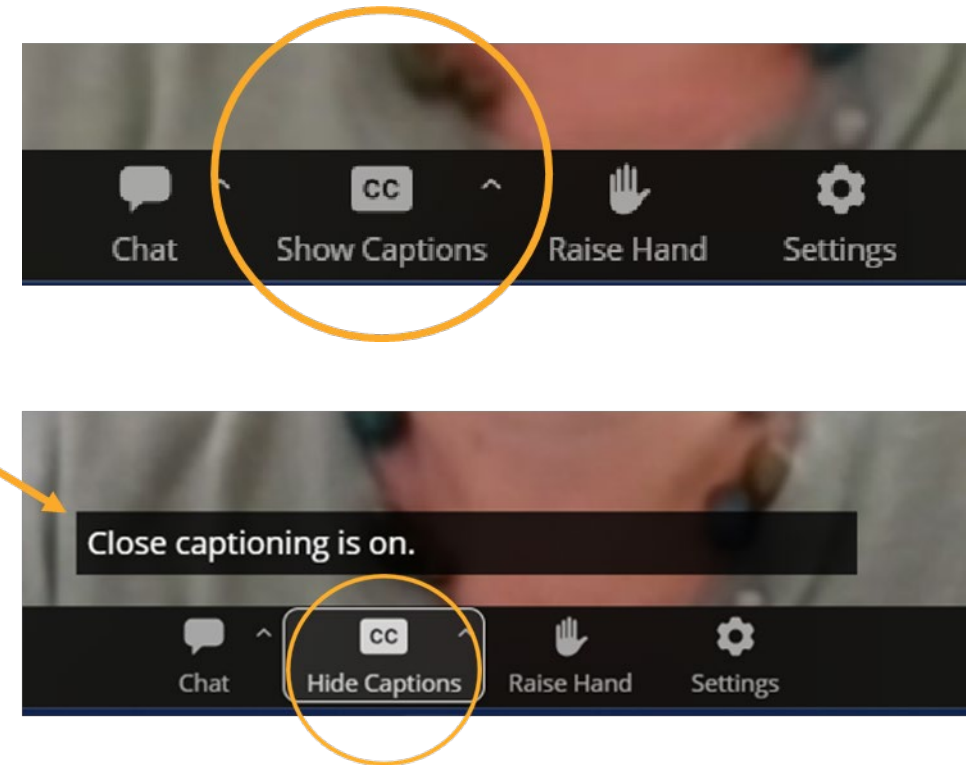
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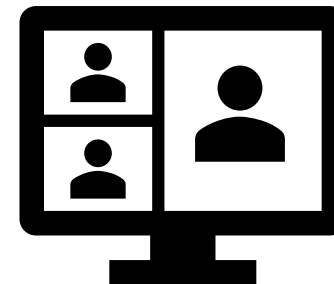
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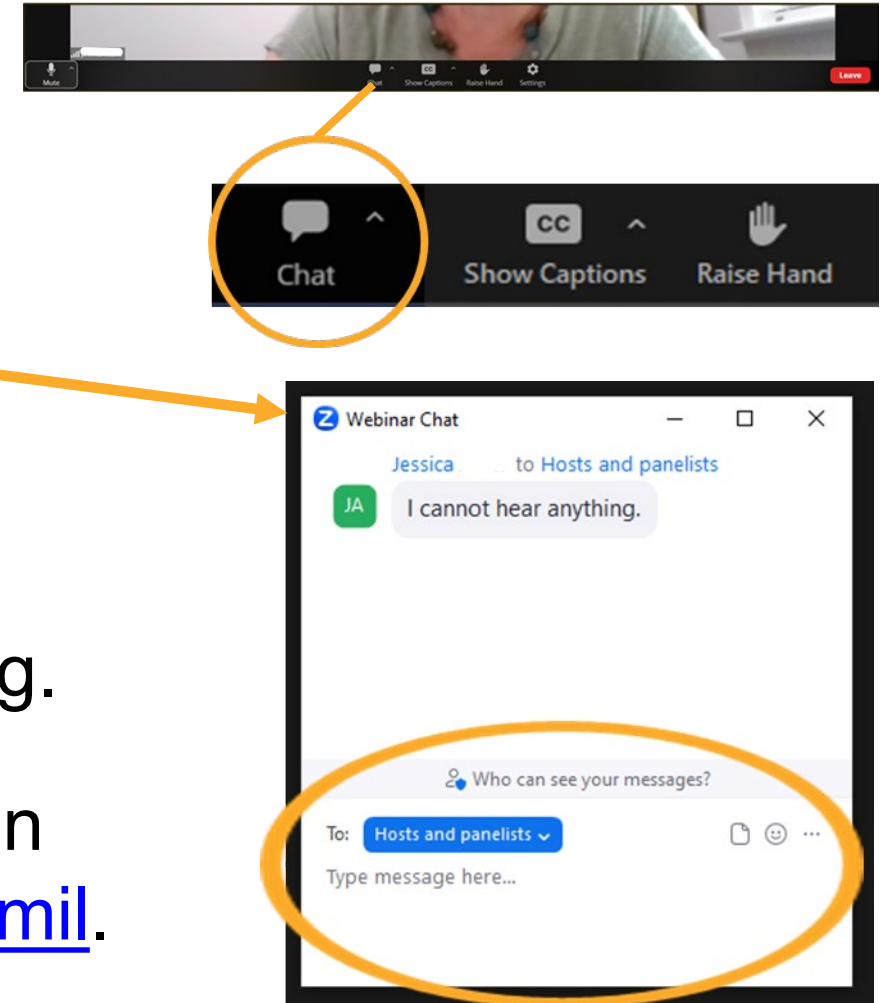
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Meeting Presenters:

- **Army National Military Cemeteries (ANMC) Leadership:** Director of Engineering, Colonel Andrew Wiker
- **Moderator:** Director of the Office of Army Cemeteries, Ms. Renea Yates
- **Compliance Lead:** ANMC Cultural Resources Program Manager, Ms. Caitlin Smith

Additional Information:

- **Project Website:** <https://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/About/Confederate-Memorial-Removal>
- **Project Email:** anc-commemorative-works@army.mil



- Project Overview
- NEPA Process
- Section 106 Process
- Public Involvement
- Public Scoping Comment Time
- Next Steps





NEPA Questions:

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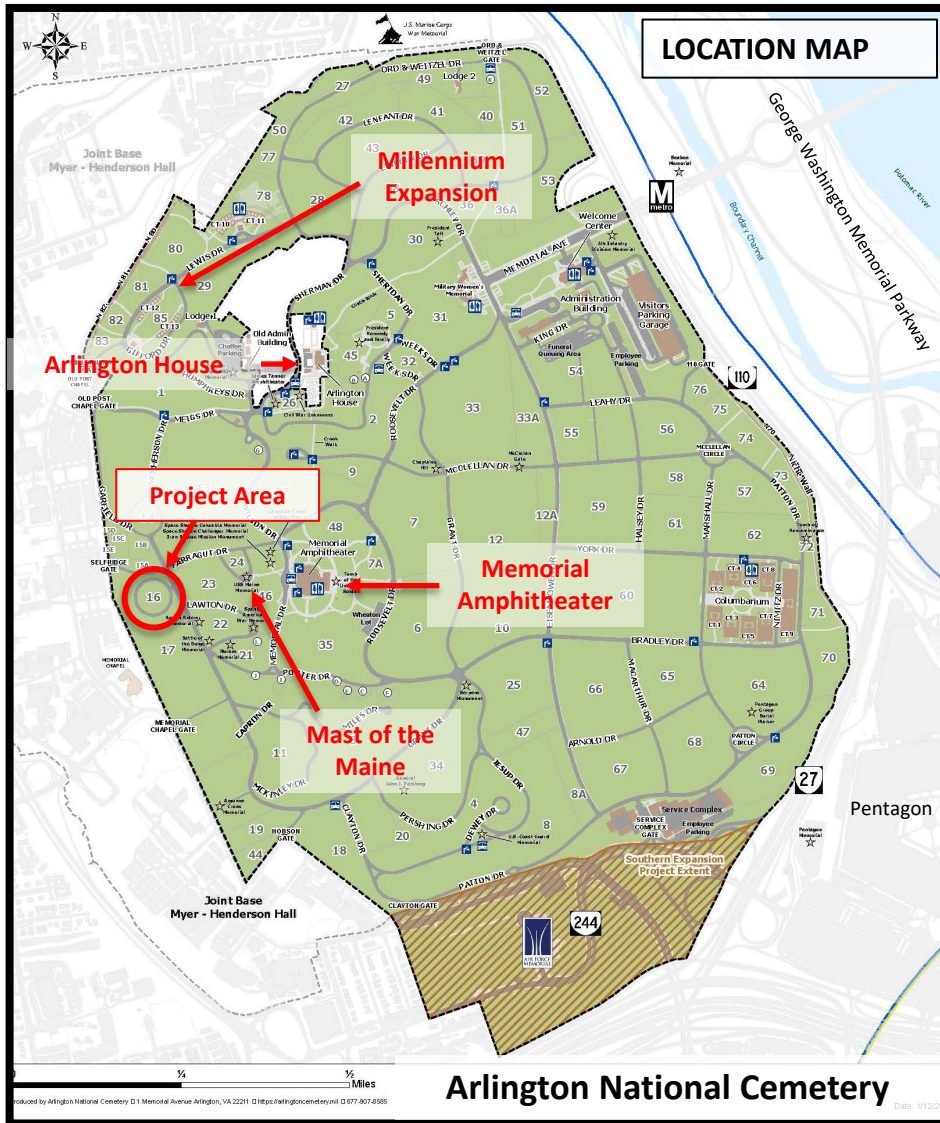
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Project Description & Location Map



- Proposed Project: To remove the Confederate Memorial in Arlington National Cemetery (ANC).
- The Naming Commission, established by Congress, recommended removal of the bronze elements of the monument, leaving the granite pedestal in place.
- The Naming Commission's recommendations became law in 2022.
- ANC has been directed by the Department of Defense to comply with the law by Jan. 1, 2024.
- The entire process, including disposition, must occur according to applicable **laws, policies and regulations**.



Section 16:

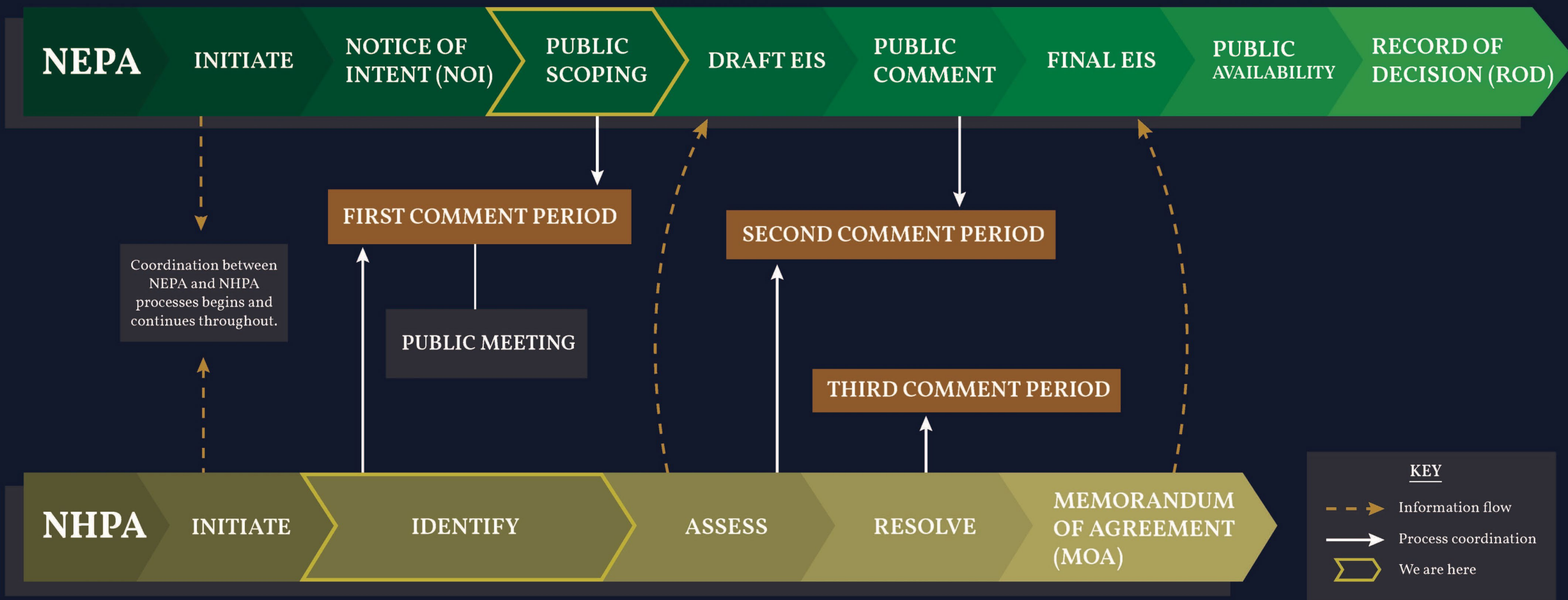
- Contains the graves of 442 Confederate soldiers, which surround the memorial. There are no remains under the memorial.
- The remains of those buried near or in the section will be protected and will not be relocated.

Memorial Description:

- 30-foot-tall bronze sculpture atop a 3-foot-tall granite base.
- Larger-than-life female figure represents the South.
- Underneath the figure are 4 urns – each representing one year of the Civil War.
- Under the urns is a frieze decorated with 14 shields, which represent the Confederate states plus 3 border states.
- Below the shields is a bas-relief of 32 figures that depict the sculptor's own interpretation of antebellum southern society as it related to the Civil War and enslavement.



NEPA & NHPA Processes

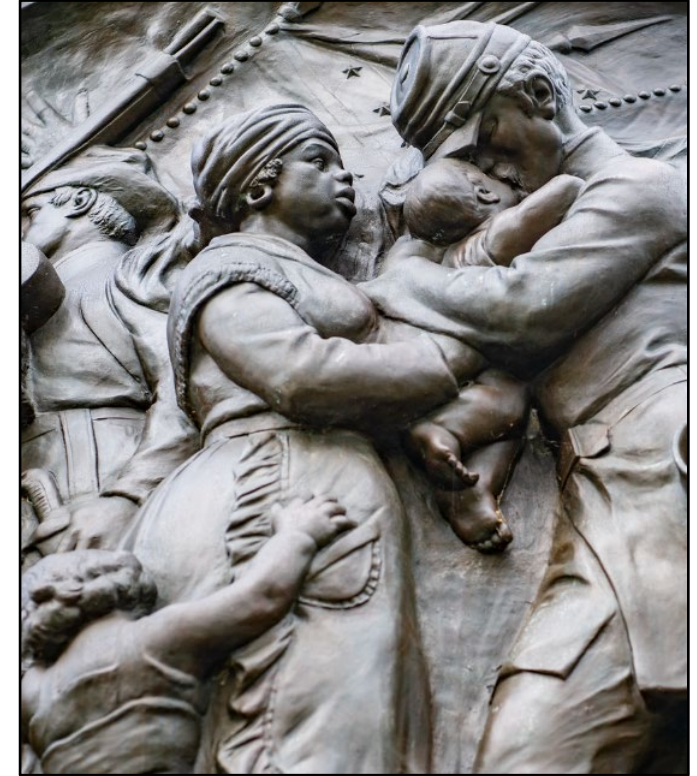


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NEPA EIS: Purpose & Need

- **Purpose of the Project:** To remove a monument that commemorates the Confederate States of America from Arlington National Cemetery.
- **Need for the Proposed Action:** To comply with non-discretionary congressional direction in the National Defense Authorization Act, which requires the Department of Defense to “remove all monuments...that honor or commemorate the Confederate States of America.”






The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires all federal agencies to evaluate potential environmental impacts of proposed major actions and to inform and involve the public in the decision-making process.



An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is being prepared under NEPA for the removal of the bronze elements of the memorial.



The EIS will consider the impacts of three stages of the proposed action: the decision to remove the bronze elements, the disassembly of the bronze elements from the stone base, and the storage and potential future relocation and reassembly of the bronze elements.



The EIS informs decision makers and the public of likely environmental consequences. It explores a project's potential environmental impacts on a variety of resources such as*:

- Impacts to threatened or endangered species
- Air and water quality impacts
- Impacts to historical and cultural sites
- Social and economic impacts to local communities (changes to businesses, employment, property values)
- Aesthetics, visual, noise, and vibrations
- Health effects



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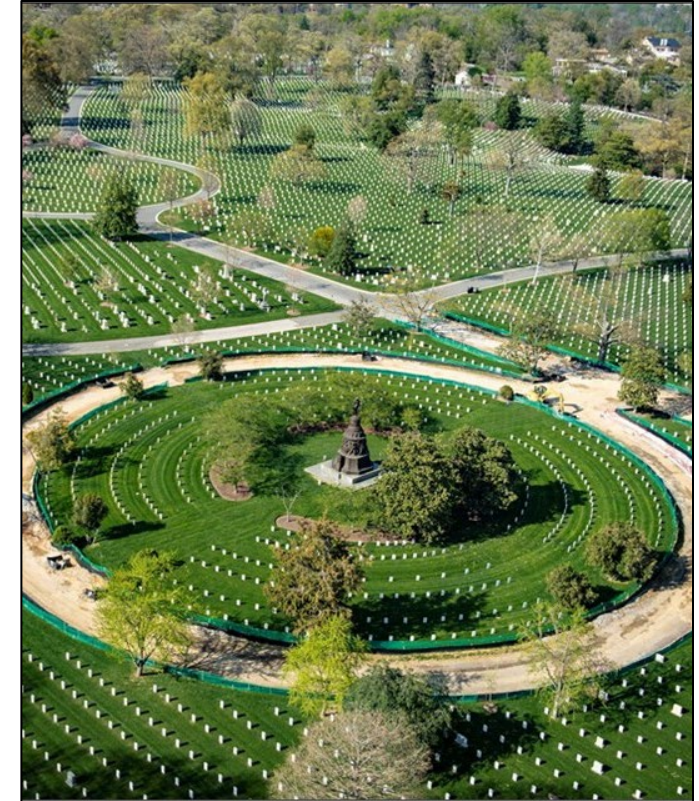
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*Not every area pertains to every EIS



As part of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process, several potential alternatives will be considered:

- Removal of the bronze elements of the memorial, with assessment of:
 - Different disassembly alternatives
 - Different storage and possible reassembly alternatives





- Notice of Intent: Published in Federal Register on Aug. 4, 2023
- Public scoping until Sept. 2, 2023
- EIS draft document estimated to be released in Fall 2023
- Final EIS and Record of Decision anticipated by the end of 2023

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INITIATE THE SECTION
106 PROCESS



IDENTIFY HISTORIC
PROPERTIES



ASSESSMENT OF EFFECTS



RESOLUTION OF ADVERSE
EFFECTS



APPROVAL OF
MEMORANDUM OF
AGREEMENT

**START OF
PROCESS**



END

Public Input Is Welcome Throughout the NHPA Section 106 Process

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Initiation of the Section 106 Process



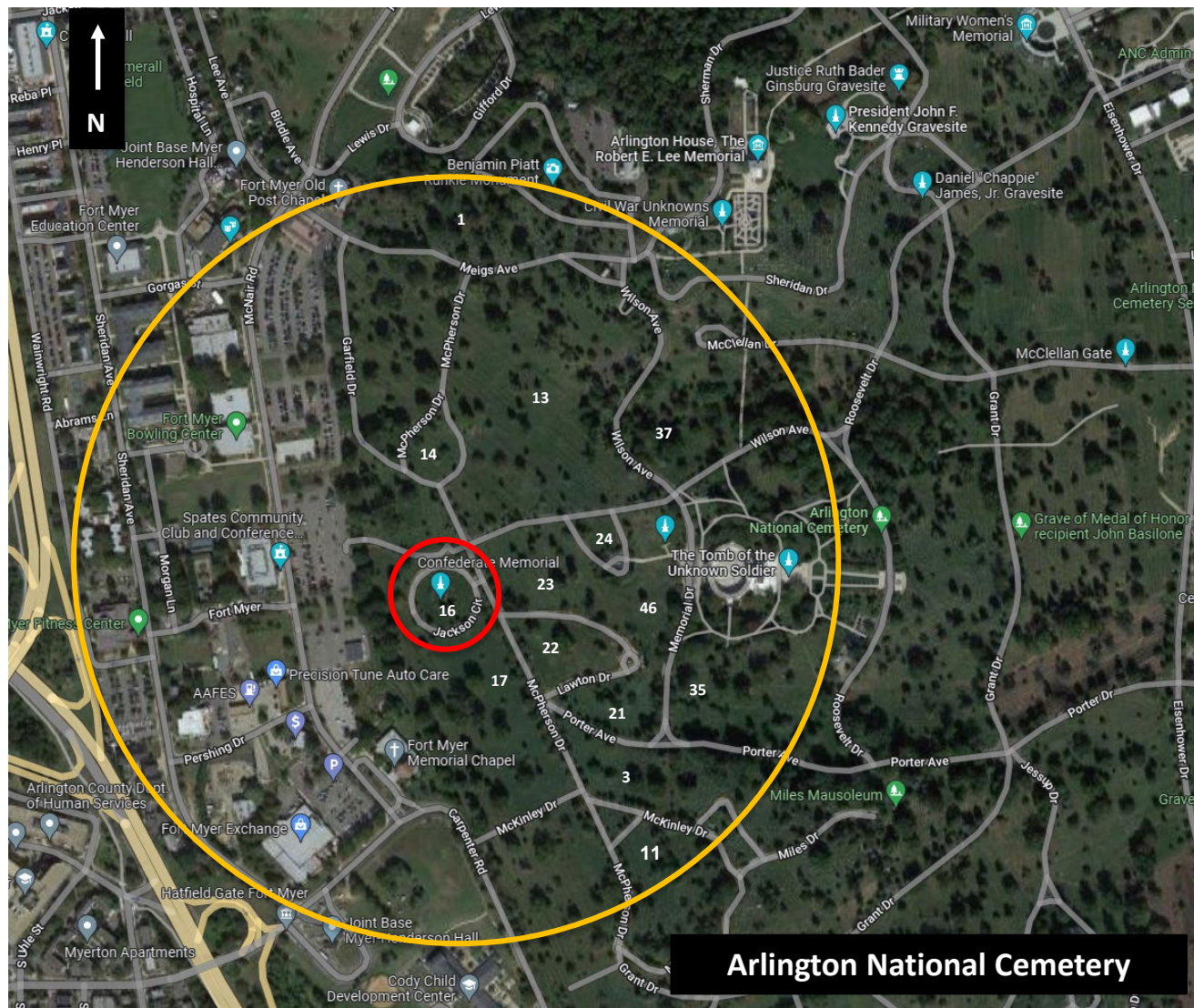
- The Section 106 process was initiated by ANMC.
- ANMC identified the Virginia Department of Historic Resources (DHR) as the appropriate State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) to be involved.
- ANMC engaged the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) for assistance with the Section 106 process.
- ANMC issued an invitation to consulting parties and the public via social media, the ANC website, and local news outlets.
- On Aug. 4, ANMC mailed letters to those potential consulting parties asking for their participation in the Section 106 process.
- Interested parties can request to be a consulting party at any point during the Section 106 process.

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Identification of Historic Properties



Area of Potential Effects (APE):

Where an undertaking may directly or indirectly cause effects.

Examples of direct effects to historic properties:

- Physical destruction of a property
- Alteration of a property
- Removal of the property from its historic location

Examples of indirect effects:

- Visual, atmospheric, or audible elements that diminish the integrity of the property's significant historic features

National Register Listed Historic Properties within / adjacent to the APE:

- Arlington National Cemetery Historic District
- Arlington House Historic District
- Fort Myer Historic District (JBM-HH)

Potentially Eligible Historic Properties within / adjacent to the APE:

- Confederate Memorial

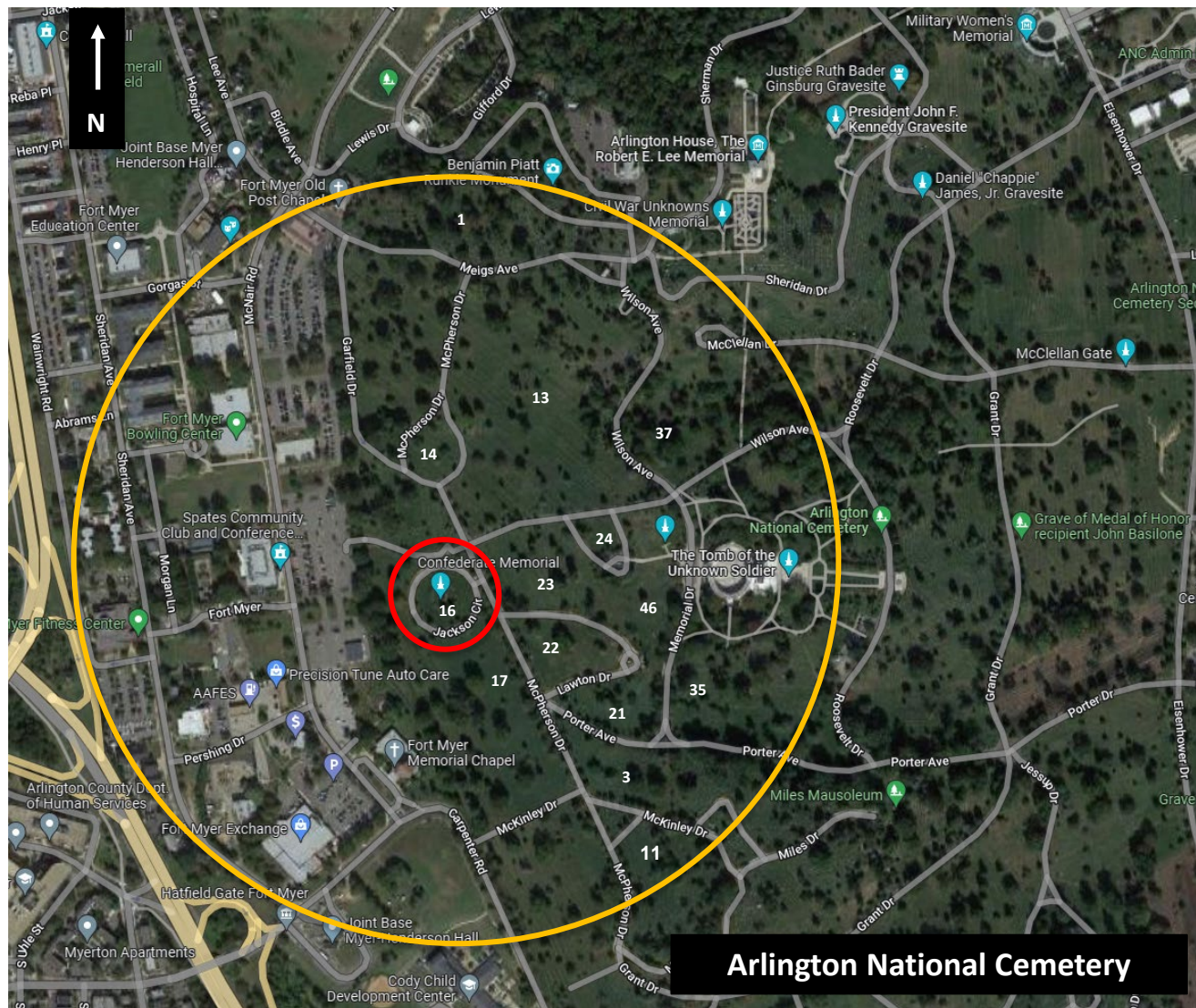
Satellite View of Project Area.

*APE outlined in **YELLOW**.*

*Proposed project location in **RED**.*



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The Confederate Memorial is visible from the following sites:

- Custis family gravesite (ANC)
- Section 13, white Civil War (enlisted) soldiers' primary burial ground (ANC)
- Grave markers and burial sections 1, 3, 11, 13, 14, 16, 17, 21, 22, 23, 24, 35, 37, and 46 (ANC)
- Boundary walls and gates (ANC)
- U.S.S. Maine Memorial (Mast of the Maine [ANC])
- Spanish-American War Memorial (ANC)
- Spanish-American War Nurses Memorial (ANC)
- Battle of the Bulge Memorial (ANC)
- Rough Riders Memorial (ANC)
- Selfridge Gate (ANC)
- McNair Rd. (Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall [JBM-HH])
- Fort Myer Memorial Chapel (JBM-HH)

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Determination of Eligibility

ANMC is consulting with the DHR and applying the National Register criteria to properties identified within the APE not previously evaluated for National Register eligibility.

ANMC completed a Phase II (Intensive-Level) survey report for preliminary evaluation of the memorial's individual eligibility for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP).

Evaluation of Historic Significance:

ANMC believes that the ANC Confederate Memorial is potentially individually eligible to be listed in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) under Criteria A and C.

1. The memorial meets **Criterion A**, for its association with events that have made a significant contribution to broad patterns of American history.
2. The memorial meets **Criterion C**, for its embodiment of distinctive characteristics of a type, period or method of construction, or that represent the work of a master (Moses Ezekiel) or possess high artistic values.
3. The memorial has integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association.

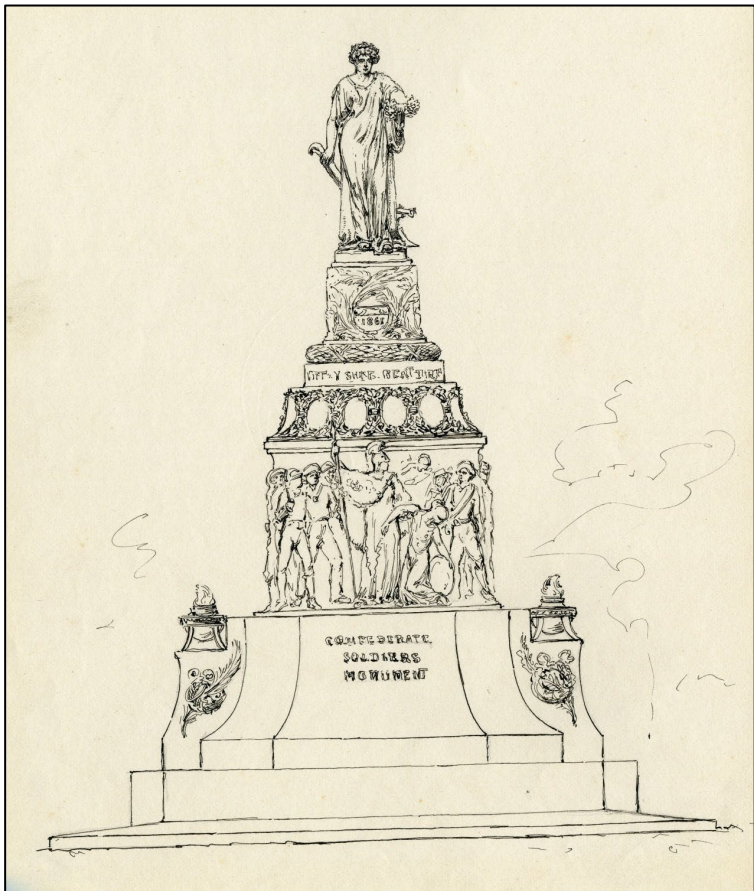


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The public is invited to comment on whether the memorial is or is not individually eligible for listing on the NRHP.



Section 106 Process: Current Status



ANMC received from the DHR:

- Concurrence on the APE
- Comments on the list of potential consulting parties

ANMC awaits the DHR's response on the second Section 106 step:

- Identification of Historic Properties in the APE
- Identification of any other Historic Properties in the APE
- Evaluation of Historic Significance and Determination of National Register Eligibility for the Confederate Memorial

Next steps in the Section 106 Process:

Step 3: Assessment of Effects on Historic Properties

Step 4: Resolution of Potential Adverse Effects

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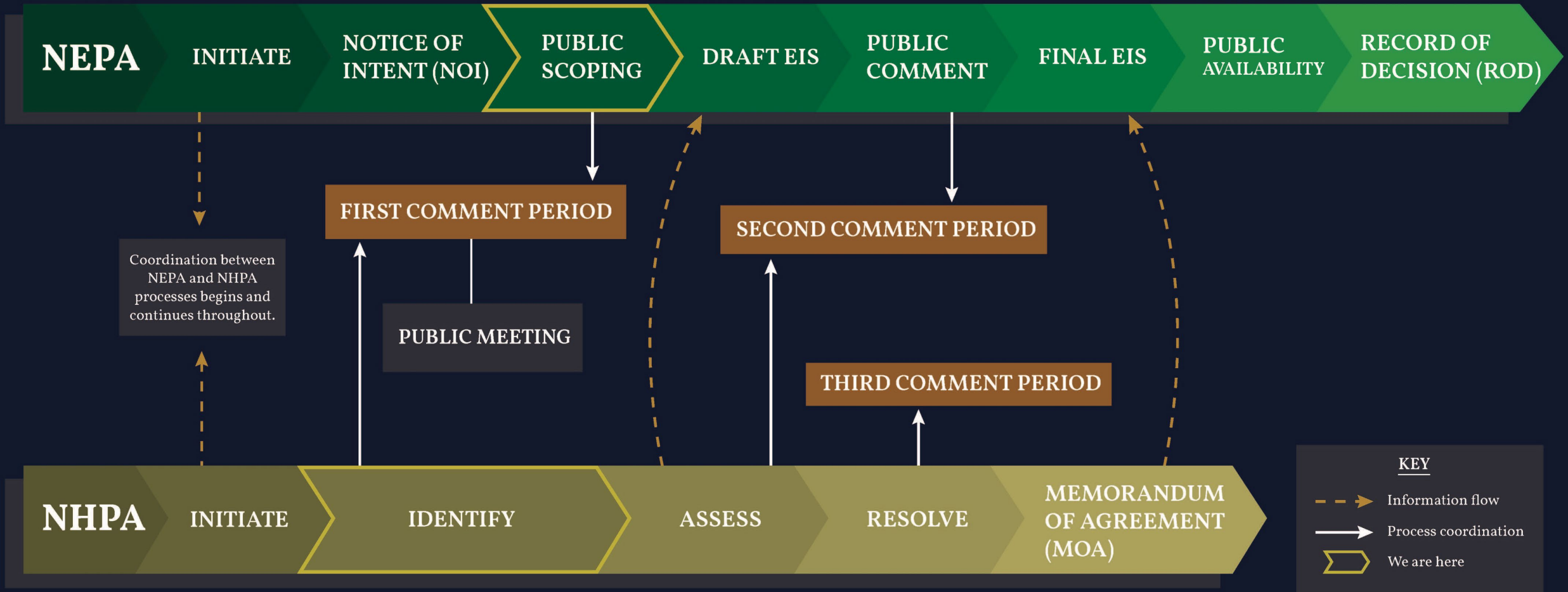
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Public Comments





Scoping Period – What Is Being Sought

- Substantive comments are those that specifically describe potential new alternatives or suggest optional ways to meet the project needs.
- **For the Scoping Period, all comments must be received by 11:59 p.m. (EDT) on Sept. 2, 2023.**
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Public Scoping Comments

Public Comment Form

Providing your personal information is voluntary. Any personal information provided will be used only to identify your desire to make a statement during the public comment periods or to fulfill requests for inclusion during the NEPA or Section 106 processes. Please be advised that your name may be published in association with your comment in the Draft or Final EIS. However, personal home addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses will not be published.

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NEPA EIS: Currently seeking comments on:

- Identification of significant environmental issues
- Identification of potential impacts

NHPA Section 106: Currently seeking comments on:

- Area of potential effects (APE)
- Identification of historic properties
- National Register eligibility

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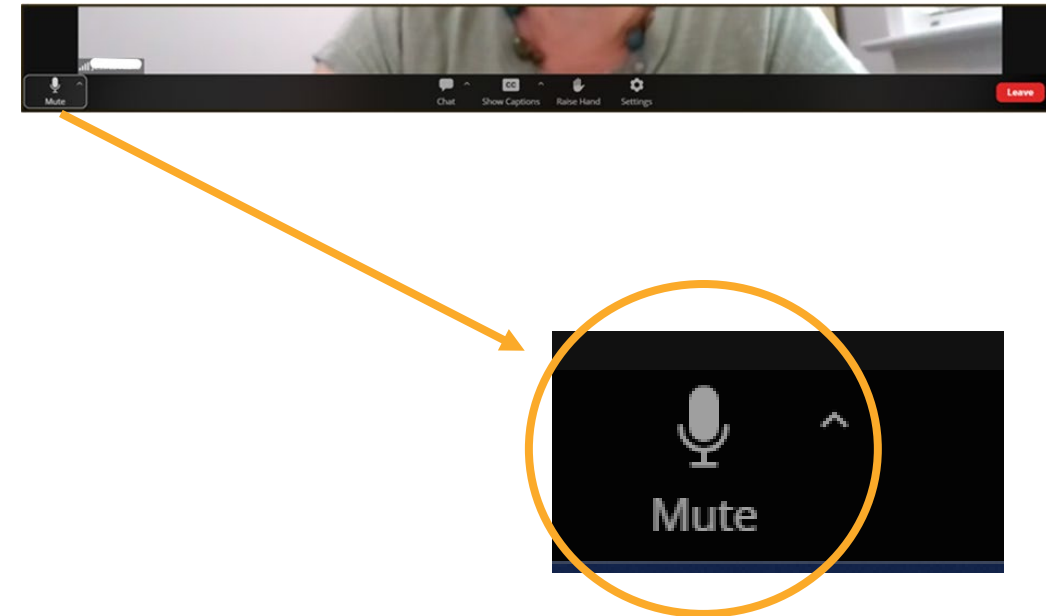
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3 – Aaron Moore	19 – Dr. Buddy Witherspoon	35 – Stuart Schimler	51 – Teri Siroki
4 – Christopher Bedford	20 – Jon Trent	36 – Joy Schank	52 – Hugh Brennan
5 – Philip Gamble	21 – Steve Herring	37 – Volpe Boykin	53 – Harold Edgerton
6 – Wayde Alford	22 – Terry Klima	38 – Thomas Arnold	54 – Gerald Lefurgy
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72 – Russell Grayson, Esq.	88 – Ephraim Bikin-Kita	104 – Vincent Balducci	120 – Tom Crane
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Next Steps

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- Development of Draft EIS
- Assessment of Effects for Section 106
- Public Review Period for Draft EIS in late September



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