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SUBJECT: JOHN F. KENNEDY BURIAL SITE WALKWAY REPLACEMENT, ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY, ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA

Arlington National Cemetery (ANC) proposes removing a flagstone walkway north of the President John F. Kennedy Memorial grave terrace and replacing it with a flame-finished granite walkway. The new walkway will follow the same footprint as the walkway it replaces. Installed decades ago as a more accessible route to the grave terrace, the existing 3.5 feet wide by 135 feet long flagstone path is in disrepair. The pavers are not level or smooth, and no mortar or sealant remains between the pavers. Furthermore, the flagstone is not compatible with the design of the historic JFK memorial. The 6-foot wide replacement walkway is designed to better match the memorial materials, by changing the flagstone to Deer Isle granite. The granite pavers will be placed using the same pattern used along the formal approaches to the Kennedy Memorial.

ANC invites review and comment from the public on this project. We do this in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and The Programmatic Agreement among Arlington National Cemetery, The Virginia State Historic Preservation Officer, and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation for the Operation, Maintenance, and Repair Activities at Arlington National Cemetery.

The document "John F. Kennedy Burial Site Walkway Replacement, Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia, Project Description, Area of Potential Effects, and Assessment of Effect" accompanies this notice. It shows the area affected by the project, contains annotated photographs of those areas, illustrates the proposed work, and lists the historic properties contributing to National Register of Historic Places Historic Districts which are in the area of potential effects.

There are no known archaeological resources in the area of potential effects.

ANC's Cultural Resource Manager assessed the effects of the proposed undertaking using the criteria of adverse effects (36 C.F.R. 800.5(a)(1)) and determined the project will have *No Adverse Effect* on the characteristics which qualify Arlington National Cemetery and Arlington House National Register District for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

Please send your comments to the Cultural Resources Manager at usarmy.pentagon.hqda-anc-osa.mbx.cultural-resources@army.mil and include "John F. Kennedy Burial Site Walkway Replacement" in the subject line. Comments are due no later than July 17, 2022.

Thank you for your interest in Arlington National Cemetery.