

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

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Arlington National Cemetery (ANC) proposes a project to rehabilitate Red Spring area, Crook Walk and the Tram Stop near the Kennedy Gravesites. 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 "Red Spring, Crook Walk, & Kennedy Gravesites Tram Stop Rehabilitation at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia, Project Description, Area of Potential Effects, and Assessment of Effect" accompanies this notice. It describes the project; shows the area potentially affected; contains annotated photographs of the areas; and includes drawings and illustrations of the proposed changes. Additionally, it lists the historic properties contributing to ANC's and the Robert E. Lee Memorial's National Register of Historic Places Historic Districts which are in the areas of potential effects.

ANC proposes rehabilitating two historic structures and a tram stop near the Kennedy gravesites. The work is part of a roadway repair and repaving project on Sheridan, Wilson, McClellan, and Weeks/Grant Loop Drives and storm drainage pipe replacement in Sections 31 and 37. At Red Spring, a structure contributing to ANC's National Register Historic District, we plan to replace selected landscape plantings, hardscape, and site furnishings and address deteriorated conditions of spring's red sandstone enclosure. We propose rehabilitating of Crook Walk sidewalk, another structure contributing to ANC's National Register Historic District, by replacing deteriorated concrete and providing safe stairs and handrails. At the tram stop on Grant Drive near the Kennedy gravesites, we propose replacing existing landscape plantings, extending and replacing the hardscape, and installing new site furnishings.

The areas are ones with moderate ground disturbance due to previous work. The proposed project has little potential to effect archaeological resources.

ANC's Cultural Resource Manager assessed the effect of the proposed project using the criteria of adverse effects (36 C.F.R. 800.5(a)(1)) and determined the rehaibliation project will have No Adverse Effect on the characteristics which qualify ANC's or Robert E. Lee Memorial's National Register Historic District for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Place.

Please send your comments to Cultural Resources Manager Caitlin Smith at <u>Caitlin.e.smith36.civ@mail.mil</u> and include "Red Spring, Crook Walk, and Tram Stop" in the subject line. Comment are due no later than January 6, 2021.

Thank you for your interest in Arlington National Cemetery.