

## DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

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SUBJECT: National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) Section 106, Continued Consultation for Proposed Entry Corridor Area Improvements, at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia - Preparation of a Programmatic Agreement (DHR Project No. 2024-4142)

Army National Military Cemeteries (ANMC) is continuing consultation in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) (16 U.S.C. § 470f), and its implementing regulations, 36 C.F.R. Part 800, for a proposed project at Arlington National Cemetery (ANC) located in Arlington, Virginia. The proposed project is considered a federal undertaking, as defined in 36 CFR § 800.16(y), and is the type of activity that has the potential to cause effects on historic properties pursuant to 36 CFR § 800.3(a). The proposed undertaking includes a number of improvements to ANC's Entry Corridor Area.

As a result of the comments and feedback ANMC has received from the Virginia State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and other consulting parties to date, ANMC has decided to resolve the Section 106 process through the preparation of a Programmatic Agreement (PA) in accordance with 36 CFR § 800.14 (b). The undertaking will be a complex multi-year project that will likely be funded incrementally. As such ANMC, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP), and the SHPO do not think that effects on historic properties can be fully determined prior to approval of this undertaking (36 CFR § 800.14 (b)(1)(ii)). The goal of the PA will be to outline how the SHPO and Consulting Parties will be consulted and how historic properties will be fully considered during the design process as it moves forward. The project documents and all consulting party meeting materials are available at the following website:

https://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/About/Policies-and-Public-Notices/Public-Notices.

With this notice, ANMC provides the public the opportunity to view materials submitted to the SHPO and consulting parties as part of the Section 106 compliance process for the proposed undertaking. This notice also initiates a 30-day comment period. During this period, ANMC invites review and comment from the public on the draft PA. Please send comments to the Cultural Resources Program 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 "Entry Corridor Area Improvements" in the subject line. Comments are requested no later than <a href="mailto:November 3">November 3</a>, 2025.

If you or your organization would like to participate in the drafting of this PA as a consulting party, send your request, comments, or questions to the Cultural Resources Program 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>. Please include "Entry Corridor Area Improvements" in the subject line. Invited parties may participate in the next consulting party meeting on <a href="mailto:October 17">October 17</a>, 2025. All comments on the draft PA are requested no later than <a href="mailto:November 3">November 3</a>, 2025.

Thank you for your interest in Arlington National Cemetery.