



**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
ARMY NATIONAL MILITARY CEMETERIES  
ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY  
ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA 22211-5003

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**SUBJECT:** National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 for the Road Reconstruction & Sidewalk Improvement Project at Schley, Sherman, & Meigs Drives on the Grounds of Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia (DHR Project No. 2024-4750)

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ATTN: Ms. Jennifer Bellville-Marion  
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Virginia Department of Historic Resources  
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Dear Ms. Bellville-Marion:

Army National Military Cemeteries (ANMC) would like to take this opportunity to formally initiate the consultation process with the Virginia Department of Historic Resources (DHR) 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. ANMC proposes a road reconstruction and sidewalk improvement project within Arlington National Cemetery (ANC) to improve safety and enhance the quality of the vehicular and pedestrian experience through a full-depth roadway reconstruction and realignment, and the construction of a new sidewalk along one side of Sherman Drive. 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). Per 36 CFR § 800.3(c), ANMC identifies the Virginia Department of Historic Resources (DHR) as the appropriate State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) to be involved in the Section 106 process.

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. Roadway realignment and construction of the new sidewalk requires ANMC to obtain an easement and permits from the NPS-GWMP. ANMC shall serve as the lead agency for

the project with responsibility for all National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) compliance.

The project is within both the Arlington National Cemetery and Arlington House Historic Districts. To determine the potential effects to both historic properties, ANMC undertook a tree survey and inventory in October 2023, and a Phase I archeological survey in December 2023. The Phase I archeological survey did not identify any new National Register-eligible sites or cultural features in the APE. The APE contains two sites that are listed on the National Register, but the survey determined the portions of the sites within the APE generally have limited integrity and research potential. No Phase II or other archeological investigations were recommended. ANMC will perform archeological monitoring when work occurs in the APE of the sites. The full findings can be found in the enclosed pre-final Phase I archeological survey report.

Additional information regarding the proposed undertaking can be found in Attachment A: *Section 106 Process Submission: Project Description, Identification of Consulting Parties, Identification of Historic Properties, Area of Potential Effects, and Assessment of Effects*, and on the ANC website: <https://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/About/Policies-and-Public-Notices/Public-Notices>.

With this letter, ANMC notifies the DHR that, in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), the agency has:

1. Found that the proposed undertaking affects historic properties.
2. Identified potential consulting parties.
3. Identified the historic properties.
4. Identified the area of potential effects (APE).
5. Applied the criteria of adverse effects (36 CFR § 800.5[a][1]) to the undertaking and finds that the proposed project would have no adverse effects to historic properties in the Area of Potential Effects (APE).

By way of this submission, ANMC requests that the DHR:

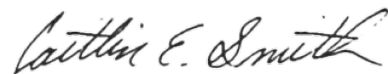
1. Respond to ANMC's request for review of its finding of effect on historic properties.
2. Provide concurrence or comments on the determined APE.
3. Provide concurrence or comments on the identified potential consulting parties.
4. Respond to ANMC's findings of:
  - a) No adverse effects to the Arlington National Cemetery Historic District (000-0042).
  - b) No adverse effects to the Arlington House Historic District (DHR # 000-0001).
  - c) No adverse effects to archaeological sites.

Please provide DHR's comments on the agency's findings and determinations within thirty (30) days of receipt of this letter. All comments on the enclosed documents should be sent to the ANMC Cultural Resources Manager at [usarmy.pentagon.hqda-anc-osa.mbx.cultural-resources@army.mil](mailto:usarmy.pentagon.hqda-anc-osa.mbx.cultural-resources@army.mil).

Concurrent with this submission, ANMC notified consulting parties and the public of the agency's findings and determinations, and of the initiation of a 30-day comment period. The notices and Section 106 documentation are posted on the ANC website: <https://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/About/Policies-and-Public-Notices/Public-Notices>.

Army National Military Cemeteries looks forward to continuing the Section 106 consultation process with our agency partner, the George Washington Memorial Parkway, consulting parties, and the public. We respectfully request your review and consideration of the information provided. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,



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Attachments:

- A Section 106 Process Submission: Project Description, Identification of Consulting Parties, Identification of Historic Properties, Area of Potential Effects, and Assessment of Effects

**Selected Project Background Information:**

Arlington National Military Cemetery Historic District National Register Nomination:  
<https://www.dhr.virginia.gov/historic-registers/000-0042/>

Arlington House Historic District National Register Nomination:  
<https://www.dhr.virginia.gov/historic-registers/000-0001/>

Arlington Memorial Bridge Historic District (DHR #000-0014)  
<https://www.dhr.virginia.gov/historic-registers/000-0014/>

Fort Myer Historic District (DHR #000-0004)  
<https://www.dhr.virginia.gov/historic-registers/000-0004/>

Information about Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act can be found here: <https://www.achp.gov/protecting-historic-properties>

Information about the ongoing compliance process can be found on the ANC Public Notices page of the ANC website at: <https://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/About/Policies-and-Public-Notices/Public-Notices>