

Impact topics that were analyzed in the Tier I EIS (Final EIS - 2008):

• Cultural Resources

- Loss or alteration of character-defining features that contribute to the historic significance
- Potential beneficial impacts from the newly created vantage points
- Adverse cumulative impact anticipated on the Plan of the City of Washington and the logic for the design of the National Mall

• Aesthetics and Visual Resources

- Long term impacts related to altered views, visual compatibility of the proposed action, loss or creation of unique visual or aesthetic elements, and general quality of the visual environment
- No significant adverse cumulative impacts

• Distribution and Movement of Groundwater

- No direct impacts are anticipated, however, mitigation may be required to ensure the safety of surrounding structures
- No significant adverse cumulative impacts

• Surface Water Resources

- No direct or cumulative adverse impacts are anticipated

• Air Quality

- No direct or cumulative adverse impacts are anticipated

• Noise

- No direct or cumulative adverse impacts are anticipated

• Transportation

- No direct or cumulative adverse impacts are anticipated

• Land Use and Planning Policies

- Significant change in land use
- Will remain designated as a Major Federal Tract by the D.C. Office of Zoning
- No significant adverse cumulative impacts

• Communities and Businesses

- Positive effect on the local economy from increased tourist spending
- Neither construction nor operation will place a burden on local facilities, demographics or environmental justice communities
- No significant adverse cumulative impacts

• Visitor Use and Experience

- NMAAHC would not significantly alter the long term visitorship of the Smithsonian Institution or the National Mall and provide a museum with new subject matter

• Infrastructure and Utilities

- No direct or cumulative adverse impacts anticipated
- Hazardous waste would be handled in compliance with applicable regulations

• Public Health and Safety

- No direct impacts anticipated
- Potential for adverse effects on pedestrians and bicyclists during construction