National Museum of African American History & Culture
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT & SECTION 106 CONSULTATION

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Consulting Parties
Meeting # 3
May 30, 2007

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Agenda

9:30am- 9:35am  Welcome & Introductions
                Don Edwards, JSA
9:35am- 9:50am  Presentation of Phase II Archaeology scope &
                schedule
                Charlie LeeDecker, Berger
9:50am-10:00am  Disposition of comments from May 2 &
                Larry Earle, Berger
10:00am- 10:15  Presentation & Finalization of APE
                Judy Robinson, Robinson & Associates
10:15am- 10:45am  Historical Framework for views & vistas
                Judy Robinson, Robinson & Associates
                Presentation of new views & vistas
                Hany Hassan, Beyer Blinder Belle
10:45am- 11:15am  Continued Discussion of Effects
11:15am- 11:25am  Conclude comment period for Cultural Resources
                    Report
11:25am- 11:30am  Next Steps & Adjourn
                    Don Edwards
Individually Listed Historic Properties
Historic Districts & Contributing Properties
Washington Monument Views and Vistas
(NPS Cultural Landscape Inventory, *The Mall*, National Monuments and Memorial Parks 2006)

Orienting and focal point; the symbolic center of the Nation’s Capital.

Long vistas to and from the Capitol, White House, Lincoln Memorial, and Jefferson Memorial.

Vegetation and topography screen views of adjacent site features.

Visual effect of long views is of Monument rising from groves of trees and swaths of grass.
View east from Washington Monument

Aerial view of Mall

Carol Highsmith, 2006
View south from the Ellipse

View toward the White House from Washington Monument plaza
View west from Washington Monument Plaza
View north from Jefferson Memorial

View toward Jefferson Memorial from Washington Monument plaza
View from 14th & Constitution

View from west Monument Grounds
The Mall Views and Vistas
(NPS Cultural Landscape Inventory, *The Mall*, National Monuments and Memorial Parks 2006)

**Primary Vista**
U.S. Capitol to Washington Monument

**Contributing Views along Mall**
Views to elms from walks and tapis vert
Views to building facades from the Mall
Broader views along cross street corridors
L’Enfant/McMillan Views and Vistas

*(Plan of the City of Washington, draft National Historic Landmark Nomination, 2000, vistas associated with contributing features)*

**Primary Vistas**

U.S. Capitol along the Mall to the Lincoln Memorial and western horizon

White House across the Ellipse to the Jefferson Memorial and the southern horizon

**Vistas - Radiating Avenues**

Virginia Avenue (toward Washington Monument)

**Vistas - Orthogonal Avenues**

Constitution and Independence Avenues (vista of Capitol Grounds, Mall, and Potomac Parks)
View south from the White House, Senate Park Commission, 1901.
Overview of Landscape Characteristics

(A Guide to Cultural Landscape Reports, NPS, 1998)

Spatial Organization:
Formal geometric cross-axis with buildings and monuments punctuating ends and sides

Topography
Flat, grassy Mall lawn panels
Mound at the base of the monument

Vegetation
Rows of elms

Views and Vistas
Vistas along the primary cross-axis
Contributing views along Mall

Small-Scale Features
Bullfinch gateposts
Jefferson Pier