

Summary of Primary Character-Defining Features of Identified NR Resources

<p>A: Primary threshold views to the Washington Monument grounds. Also includes resources (buildings, landscape features, etc.) of primary importance to the significance of the Washington Monument grounds. These features are contained within the boundaries of the Washington Monument grounds, in direct proximity to the NMAAHC site and are likely to be most affected by the construction and operation of the NMAAHC.</p> <p>B: Important multidirectional views within the Washington Monument grounds. Also includes features that contribute to the significance of the Washington Monument and grounds, or features that are in close proximity to the NMAAHC site. These features are likely to be affected by the construction and operation of the NMAAHC.</p> <p>C: Important views from within the Washington Monument grounds to the outside periphery and street views along main corridors bordering the Monument grounds. Also includes features that contribute to the significance of areas surrounding the Washington Monument grounds. These resources may be affected by the construction and operation of the NMAAHC.</p> <p>D: Important broad contextual views. Also includes features that contribute to the broader context of the city, at a greater distance from the Washington Monument grounds. These resources may be affected by the construction and operation of the NMAAHC.</p>	<p>Notes</p> <p>The definitions for "A,B,C,D" were initially developed at the September 19th Section 106 consulting parties meeting as a means of ranking views and vistas within the Area of Potential Effect. For the purposes of this matrix, which includes all primary character-defining features, the ranking system framework was expanded to include additional historic resources such as buildings, landscape features, and spatial organization.</p> <p>Character-defining features on this matrix are taken from the following sources: Multiple National Register of Historic Places documentation, HABS/HAER documentation, and National Park Service Cultural Landscape Inventories and Cultural Landscape Reports for the Mall and Washington Monument Grounds. The features have been discussed and augmented in a series of Section 106 consulting party meetings during the summer and fall of 2007.</p>
--	---

Views and Vistas

A	Viewshed to Washington Monument from 17th Street & Constitution (gateway view)	
A	Viewshed to Washington Monument from 14th Street & Constitution (gateway view)	
A	Viewshed to Washington Monument from WWII Memorial and base of Reflecting Pool (gateway view)	
B	Multi-directional views within Washington Monument grounds	
C	Viewshed from Washington Monument grounds to the Federal Triangle	
C	Viewshed from Washington Monument grounds to U.S. Auditors Complex	
C	Viewshed from Washington Monument grounds to the White House and Ellipse	
C	Viewshed from Washington Monument grounds to the U.S. Department of Agriculture	
C	Viewshed along Constitution Avenue	
C	Viewshed along Independence Avenue	
C	Viewshed along 14th Street	
C	Viewshed along 17th Street	
C	Viewshed from the White House to the Jefferson Memorial and the southern horizon	
D	Viewshed from Capitol to Washington Monument and the western horizon	
D	Viewshed from Lincoln Memorial to the Washington Monument	
D	Viewshed from Arlington House and Arlington Cemetery	
D	Aerial views of the Washington Monument grounds and surrounding urban area	
D	Views to elms from walks and grass panels along the Mall	
D	Views to building facades along the Mall	
D	Views up cross streets along the mall	
D	View to and from Old Post Office tower	

Summary of Primary Character-Defining Features of Identified NR Resources

Notes

Spatial Organization		
A	Original Appropriation No. 3 (Washington Monument grounds) bounded by 14th Street, 17th Street, Constitution and Independence Avenues	
A	The knoll as organizing feature of the Washington Monument grounds	
A	Open landscape within the Washington Monument grounds	
B	Original Appropriation No. 1 (President's Park)	
C	Flat landscape along the Mall from Capitol to Washington Monument grounds	
C	Original Appropriation No. 2 (Capitol grounds and the Mall)	
D	Reservation No. 332 (West Potomac Park)	
D	Orthogonal grid of the city	
D	Radiating avenues of the city	
D	Washington Monument as organizing feature of the city	
Buildings and Structures		
A	Washington Monument	
A	Monument Lodge	
A	Bulfinch Gateposts (flanking 15th Street, one on NMAAHC site)	
B	Survey Lodge	
B	Jefferson Pier	
B	Federal Triangle	
B	White House and Ellipse	
C	U.S. Auditors Complex	
C	U.S. Department of Agriculture	
D	Northwest Rectangle	
D	Seventeenth Street Historic District	
D	Smithsonian Castle	
D	Freer Gallery	
D	Arts & Industries Building	
D	National Museum of Natural History	
D	National Gallery of Art West Building	
D	U.S. Capitol and Grounds	
D	Lincoln Memorial	
D	Jefferson Memorial	
D	Old Post Office tower	

Summary of Primary Character-Defining Features of Identified NR Resources

Notes

Landscape		
A	Open turf lawn on Washington Monument grounds	
A	Street trees (elms) on the Washington Monument grounds, particularly those lining Constitution Avenue and 14th Street	
B	Tree plantings around Survey Lodge, Sylvan Theater	
B	Groves of cherries on Washington Monument grounds	
D	Flat grass panels along the Mall	
D	Tree panels lining the Mall	
Land Use		
A	Free/informal public gathering space	
A	Free/informal recreational space	
Topography		
A	Gentle rise of the Washington Monument knoll	
C	Overall level topography from the Capitol to 12th Street along the Mall	
C	Discernable downward slope to 14th Street along the Mall	
Circulation		
C	Constitution Avenue	
C	Independence Avenue	
C	14th Street	
C	15th Street	
C	17th Street	
D	Jefferson and Madison Drives along the Mall	
D	3rd, 4th, 7th, 14th Streets	
D	East/West walks along the Mall (including sidewalks along Jefferson & Madison and North/South Vista Walks)	
D	Cross-axial walks along the Mall (5th, 6th, 9th, 10th, 12th & 14th)	