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## Jefferson National Expansion Memorial News Release

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### FONSI Issued for CityArchRiver Elements

The National Park Service (NPS) is pleased to announce the availability of the finding of no significant impact (FONSI) for the Environmental Assessment for Implementing CityArchRiver Initiative Elements at Jefferson National Expansion Memorial. Signed by the Regional Director of the Midwest Regional Office, the FONSI describes the alternative the NPS has selected for implementation (alternative 3 from the environmental assessment), provides the rationale for its selection, and explains why it will not have significant impacts on the human environment. The FONSI also includes the response to comments received on the environmental assessment during the public review period.

The Environmental Assessment evaluates the proposed changes to Jefferson National Expansion Memorial (the park) for improving visitor access and experience, while better integrating the park into downtown St. Louis. The proposed changes being considered by the NPS are an outgrowth of the design competition called for in the park's General Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (GMP/EIS), and part of the broader CityArchRiver 2015 initiative.

The approval of the FONSI concludes the National Environmental Policy Act process and represents a major milestone in the effort to revitalize Jefferson National Expansion Memorial. The National Park Service continues to participate in the design review process and to work with partners and other stakeholders in securing funding for construction, operations, and maintenance, prior to implementation of the selected alternative. The recently approved EA and FONSI are available by visiting the NPS planning website at:

[http://parkplanning.nps.gov/jeff\\_car\\_fonsi](http://parkplanning.nps.gov/jeff_car_fonsi).