

NATIONAL MALL PLAN

The vision in the National Mall Plan preferred alternative:

1. **A national civic space designed for everyone; high levels of use can be sustained and maintained for First Amendment demonstrations and national celebrations so that history continues to evolve and be made here. First Amendment rights do not change.**
 - a. Flexible venues with inspiring backdrops including symbols of our nation are designed to sustainably facilitate First Amendment gatherings, national celebrations and special events.
 - b. Management processes such as permitting, scheduling, monitoring are improved through technology; more intense landscape recovery methods are used; smaller areas are restored more frequently; and equitable scheduling is used to meet multiple goals (sightseeing, special events, recreation, landscape restoration, and park operations).
 - c. Redesign of several areas accommodates more people for First Amendment demonstrations, national celebrations and general visitation.

2. **A healthier and beautiful National Mall within a well-functioning and sustainable ecosystem improves soils, water, and vegetation.**
 - a. Soils in some areas are re-engineered to reduce compaction, increase fertility and infiltration.
 - b. Special status trees are protected; durable turf varieties are selected; heavy-duty irrigation systems installed; and temporary facilities for special events are eliminated from areas with special status trees.
 - c. Designed water features are clean and sustainable; comprehensive sustainable water management addresses volume and source of water in designed water features and irrigation; reduces use of potable water; improved water quality; storm water infiltration and management; flood control; reclaimed and gray water; and on-site water cleansing.

3. **People are welcomed and have enjoyable visits year round; they leave inspired with a new or renewed appreciation of their inalienable rights, the American experience and our diverse culture.**
 - a. Education and programs are increased and celebrate broad themes
 - i. Democracy, the First Amendment and civic space;
 - ii. American history and values;
 - iii. Development of the federal capital;

- iv. Stories related to commemorative works;
- v. Stewardship and sustainability
- b. Diverse offerings are flexible to allow visitors choice to personalize their visit.
 - i. Improved websites, audio programs, cell phone tours, and variable message signs about activities increase understanding.
 - ii. Thematic tour brochures and multi-lingual offerings.
 - iii. Increased access for disabled (parking, transit, programs, and facilities).
 - iv. Guided walks, bicycle tours, living history, and on-site programs offer personal services.
 - v. Entertainment that supports educational themes, national celebrations, the American experience and cultural diversity.
- c. Coordinated visitor circulation (pedestrian, bicycle, transit), improved facilities (paving, lighting, seating, bike lanes, crosswalks) and signs make it easier to get around, and improves connection to adjacent areas.
- d. Recreation opportunities are increased and area conditions improved.

4. **Necessary facilities are pleasant, flexible, well-distributed, right-sized, and of a quality encouraging respect and stewardship; they support visitation levels and reduce resource damage by concentrating use impacts.**

- a. Easy to find facilities are convenient along critical locations along circulation routes at reasonable distances. Multi-purpose facilities with restrooms, indoor/outdoor food, retail and outdoor flexible program or performance space provide maximum convenience and operational efficiency.
- b. Facilities will be added, removed, replaced, adapted or expanded
 - i. Add new facilities to conveniently meet needs (5, plus 2 more if use warrants)
 - ii. Remove facilities no longer needed (4)
 - iii. Replace and revise outdated, undersized, difficult to maintain, or facilities with an inappropriate character (9)
 - iv. Re-use and adapt historic structures (3) – Survey Lodge, Lockkeepers House, Constitution Gardens refreshment stand)
 - v. Expand undersized restrooms within Lincoln memorial (1)