



NATIONAL MALL PLAN: 2010 GENERAL IMPLEMENTATION PRIORITIES

The *National Mall Plan* was prepared to address current and future needs. The projects listed below grew out of the recognition that the National Mall was not designed or prepared for the types or levels of use it receives, resulting in deterioration of this highly symbolic, designed historic landscape.

Priority categories for projects only illustrate whether a project is a high, medium, or lower priority; the order of listing does not indicate any mandatory order of implementation. Implementation priorities will be updated periodically, and priorities may change due to funding availability, donations, and park needs. Numbers in the last column are used only to identify project locations on the accompanying map.

Higher priority projects are those that place the National Mall on a sustainable track for the future — preserving and respectfully rehabilitating its historic landscape, preparing it for the types and levels of use it receives, or moving the National Mall toward sustainability. The list does not include all smaller projects or some non-construction projects (such as educational programs, communication and website upgrades, or recreation equipment rentals). Some projects must occur sequentially (that is, one project must be completed before another project can be implemented), and these dependencies are noted.

Projects will follow required NEPA and NHPA compliance processes. The level of compliance will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

NOTES:

Estimated Cost: \$\$\$ = high; \$\$ = medium; \$ = lower. (Costs will be determined during design or implementation.)

Degree of improvement to resource protection or visitor experience: ★★★★★ (very high degree of improvement) to ★ (less improvement).

Location and Project Description	Cost	Degree of Improved Resource Protection / Improved Visitor Experience and Visibility	Map Location
High Priorities			
Union Square: Design Competition. Sponsor a design competition to redesign Union Square as a symmetrical and formally laid out civic square that is flexible and suitable for multiple uses, including large First Amendment demonstrations and national celebrations as well as general tourism. See plan for criteria.	\$	★★★★★ / ★★★★★	1
Union Square: Construction. Redevelop Union Square in accordance with the design competition results and commission input. <i>Dependent on design competition.</i>	\$\$\$	★★★★★ / ★★★★★	2
Union Square: Grant Memorial Restoration. Restore the Ulysses S Grant Memorial.	\$	★★★★★ / ★★★★★	3
National Mall: Paving Materials and Site Furnishings (All Areas). Design a low-maintenance, sustainable, universally accessible coordinated palette of paving materials that will be used for sidewalks, walkways, and crosswalks on the National Mall and that will meet a variety of uses (such as running or supporting heavy vehicles) and improve access for people with disabilities. Address coordinated site furnishings and pedestrian lighting.	\$	★★★★★ / ★★★★★	4

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The Mall: Paving, Civic Space, and Infrastructure. Remove gravel; pave walkways with universally accessible materials; widen some walks; increase seating opportunities, and improve event venues. Remove some north-south walks between 7th and 9th streets; widen some walkways to provide space for temporary facilities used for national celebrations, First Amendment activities, and special events. Provide additional shaded seating and other visitor amenities. <i>Dependent on the development of a coordinated palette of paving materials and site furnishings.</i>	\$\$\$	★★★★★ / ★★★★★	5
Tidal Basin Area: Seawalls and Walks. Rebuild Tidal Basin seawalls to be above tidewater; widen and repave walkways. <i>Dependent on completion of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial.</i>	\$\$\$	★★★★★ / ★★★★★	6
National Mall: Computerized Permit System. Develop and implement a computer-based scheduling / mapping / reservation system.	\$	★★★★★ / ★★★★★	7
The Mall: Welcome Plaza. Develop a pedestrian welcome plaza near the Smithsonian Metro station, with information, restrooms, and visitor amenities. Provide electronic listings of activities/events.	\$\$	★★★ / ★★★★★	8
The Mall: Tree Panel Restoration. Reduce the impacts of compaction and erosion within the Mall elm tree panels; improve conditions, watering capability, and tree protection. <i>Dependent on the development of a coordinated paving system.</i>	\$\$\$	★★★★ / ★★★★★	9
The Mall: Street Tree Restoration. Redesign street tree areas along Madison and Jefferson drives (address paving, improve tree conditions, watering, and soils) to improve tree health and appearance. <i>Dependent on the development of a coordinated paving system.</i>	\$\$\$	★★★★ / ★★★★★	10
Tidal Basin Area: Circulation and Bridges. Improve pedestrian and bicycle circulation; separate bicyclists, pedestrians, and vehicles at narrow bridges — Kutz (A), Inlet (B), and Outlet (C). Also see circulation for Washington Monument grounds and West Potomac Park. <i>Dependent on Tidal Basin walls, walks, and circulation.</i>	\$\$	★★★ / ★★★★★	11
Constitution Gardens: Restrooms. Replace outdated facility (southwest of the lake).	\$	★★ / ★★★★★	12
Washington Monument: Food Service / Multipurpose Facility. Provide a flexible multipurpose facility for visitors and staff (food service, retail, performance venue, restrooms, and office space).	\$\$	★★ / ★★★★★	13
Lincoln Memorial and Grounds: Restroom. Construct a small restroom near the south concession stand.	\$	★ / ★★★★★	14
National Mall: Visitor Transportation System (All Areas). <i>Related project: Implement visitor transportation system.</i>	\$\$\$	★ / ★★★★★	15
Constitution Gardens: Food Service / Multipurpose Facility. Provide a multipurpose visitor facility (food service, retail, restrooms) at the east end of the lake; provide performance space.	\$\$	★★ / ★★★★★	16
Ash Woods: Restroom. Construct a new restroom near the U.S. Park Police stables; remove the existing restroom.	\$	★ / ★★★★★	17
Constitution Gardens: Lockkeeper's House. Potentially relocate or rehabilitate the Lockkeeper's House and adaptively reuse to coordinate with the proposed multipurpose food service facility. <i>Dependent on the levee and multipurpose facility.</i>	\$\$	★★ / ★★★★★	18
Moderate Priorities			
West Potomac Park Riverfront: Shoreline. Where feasible, establish a sustainable, vegetated shoreline; in other areas construct stone-faced river walls.	\$\$\$	★★★★ / ★★★★★	19
The Mall: Civic Infrastructure and Facilities (12th Street). Redesign the 12th Street axis to accommodate tents, stages, infrastructure, special event logistical and operating staging areas, with flexible office space and a public restroom facility.	\$	★★★★ / ★★★★★	20

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Constitution Gardens: Soils and Vegetation. Rehabilitate soils to improve the health of turf, trees, and other plant materials.	\$\$	★★★★ / ★★	21
Lincoln Memorial: Restrooms. Renovate and expand restrooms inside the memorial.	\$\$	★★★ / ★★★★★	22
Circulation: Washington Monument Grounds and West Potomac Park. Redesign roads and circulation on 15th Street / Raoul Wallenberg Place / Independence Avenue / Maine Avenue to improve circulation; separate vehicles, pedestrians, and bicycles; redesign Tidal Basin parking lot; add pedestrian amenities. <i>Dependent on the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial, as well as Tidal Basin wall, walk, and bridge improvements.</i>	\$\$\$	★★★ / ★★★★★	23
Washington Monument: Survey Lodge. Adaptively reuse Survey Lodge for visitor services, parking and drop-off for visitors with disabilities, and recreation equipment rentals. <i>Dependent on completing the multipurpose facility or relocating staff.</i>	\$\$	★★ / ★★★★★	24
Thomas Jefferson Memorial Grounds: Circulation and Bus Drop-off. Upgrade the tour bus drop-off area and related pedestrian and bicycle circulation.	\$	★★ / ★★★★★	25
West Potomac Park: Recreation Fields. Improve field conditions.	\$	★★ / ★★★★★	26
Washington Monument: Constitution Avenue Walks. Replace walks along Constitution Avenue and develop street tree protection.	\$	★★★ / ★★	27
Ash Woods: U.S. Park Police Stables and Access. Reconstruct the U.S. Park Police stables, with parking and a new entrance from Independence Avenue.	\$\$	★★★ / ★★	28
Tidal Basin Area: Eastside Concession Facilities and Recreation Rentals. Replace the refreshment stand and recreation equipment rental facility; add boating choices.	\$	★★ / ★★	29
Washington Monument: Landscape Plan. Update the 2003 Olin planting plan to accommodate ongoing or proposed projects. <i>Dependent on design for National Museum of African American History and Culture, Sylvan Theater area multipurpose facility, and the Potomac Park levee.</i>	\$	★★ / ★	30
Lower Priorities			
The Mall: Civic Infrastructure (8th Street). Provide a flexible paved area on the 8th Street axis (south of the National Gallery of Art Sculpture Garden and north of the center grass panels) that can be transformed for events; provide visitor amenities such as seating.	\$	★★★★ / ★	31
The Mall: Civic Infrastructure (12th Street). Construct a flexible space over the 12th Street tunnel for flexible events use.	\$\$\$	★★★★ / ★	32
West Potomac Park Riverfront: Recreation Access. Develop nodes for recreational use such as fishing or launching small hand-carried watercraft.	\$	★★ / ★★★★★	33
West Potomac Park Riverfront: Pedestrian and Bicycle Circulation. Improve walks; develop separate bicycle lanes / trails; reconfigure parking.	\$\$\$	★★ / ★★★★★	34
Constitution Gardens: Walks. Repave walks, widen some intersections or nodes for events, and reconfigure as necessary for the Potomac Park levee. <i>Dependent on all other projects within Constitution Gardens and the Potomac Park levee.</i>	\$	★★★ / ★★	35
Constitution Gardens: Lake. Reconstruct the lake to be self-sustaining, reduce use of potable water, and coordinate water source with that for the Lincoln Reflecting Pool; improve storm-water management.	\$\$\$	★★★ / ★★	36

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The Mall: Restroom (6th Street). Provide a small restroom near the National Air and Space Museum or improve access to the museum food court restrooms. <i>Dependent on possible agreement with the Smithsonian Institution to provide additional access to the Air and Space Museum food court.</i>	\$	★ / ★★★★★	37
Thomas Jefferson Memorial Grounds: Civic Infrastructure. Provide events infrastructure south of the memorial.	\$	★★★ / ★	38
Lincoln, Korean War, and Vietnam Veterans Memorials: Visitor Information Kiosks. Coordinate visitor information needs in the vicinity of the Lincoln, Vietnam Veterans, and Korean War Veterans memorials to improve convenience; reexamine the Vietnam Veterans information station when the memorial center is completed; replace or remove kiosks as necessary. <i>Dependent on completion of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Center.</i>	\$	★★ / ★★	39
Thomas Jefferson Memorial Grounds: Refreshment Stand. Replace concession refreshment stand and provide retail and restrooms. <i>Location dependent on the Thomas Jefferson Memorial perimeter security project (design ongoing).</i>	\$	★★ / ★★	40
West Potomac Park Riverfront: Water Taxi Stops. Accommodate water taxi stops by others.	\$	★★ / ★★	41
Lincoln Memorial and Grounds: Pedestrian and Bicycle Circulation. Improve access to Arlington Memorial and Theodore Roosevelt bridges, Lincoln Circle, and Ohio and Parkway drives. <i>Dependent on plans by others for improved circulation between the Kennedy Center, E Street, and the National Mall.</i>	\$	★ / ★★	42
Vietnam Veterans Memorial: Pedestrian Circulation. Examine changed circulation patterns resulting from the new memorial center. <i>Dependent on completion of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Center.</i>	\$	★★ / ★	43
Korean War Veterans Memorial: Entry Walks. Widen walks on the west side to accommodate changing circulation patterns.	\$	★★ / ★	44
Ash Woods: Refreshment Stand. If demand warrants, consider additional food service. <i>Dependent the stables, operations, and restroom development, as well as future demand.</i>	\$	★★ / ★	45
George Mason Memorial: Fountain. Rehabilitate the historic fountain and gardens; improve water quality and recirculation.	\$	★★ / ★	46
West Potomac Park: Refreshment Stand. If demand warrants, consider additional food service convenient to the Franklin Delano Roosevelt / Martin Luther King, Jr. memorials along Ohio Drive.	\$	★★ / ★	47
Ash Woods: JFK Hockey Fields. Improve condition of athletic fields; soften geometric tree edge.	\$	★ / ★	48
Thomas Jefferson Memorial and Grounds: Exhibits and Visitor Facilities. Update exhibits; renovate retail and restrooms.	\$\$	★ / ★	49
Ash Woods: Pedestrian Circulation. Examine pedestrian circulation and upgrade Ash Woods road for pedestrian use.	\$	★ / ★	50
Constitution Gardens: Concession Building. Adaptively use concession building for recreation equipment rentals, such as model boats and chairs.	\$	★ / ★	51
Lincoln Memorial Grounds: Northwest Recreation Area. Improve recreation fields and volleyball courts; add restrooms and drinking fountains.	\$	★ / ★	52




National Mall Plan Implementation Priorities

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Priorities: Project priorities illustrate general categories and not a mandatory order for implementation. Higher priority projects are those that place the National Mall on a sustainable track for the future—preserving and respectfully rehabilitating its historic landscape as a symbol of our nation, preparing it for the types and levels of use it receives as our national front yard and democratic stage, or ensuring that infrastructure, maintenance, and operations are sustainable.

Note: Projects already under construction are not shown on this map. Also, smaller projects (such as educational programs, communication and website updates, or recreation equipment rentals) are not included.

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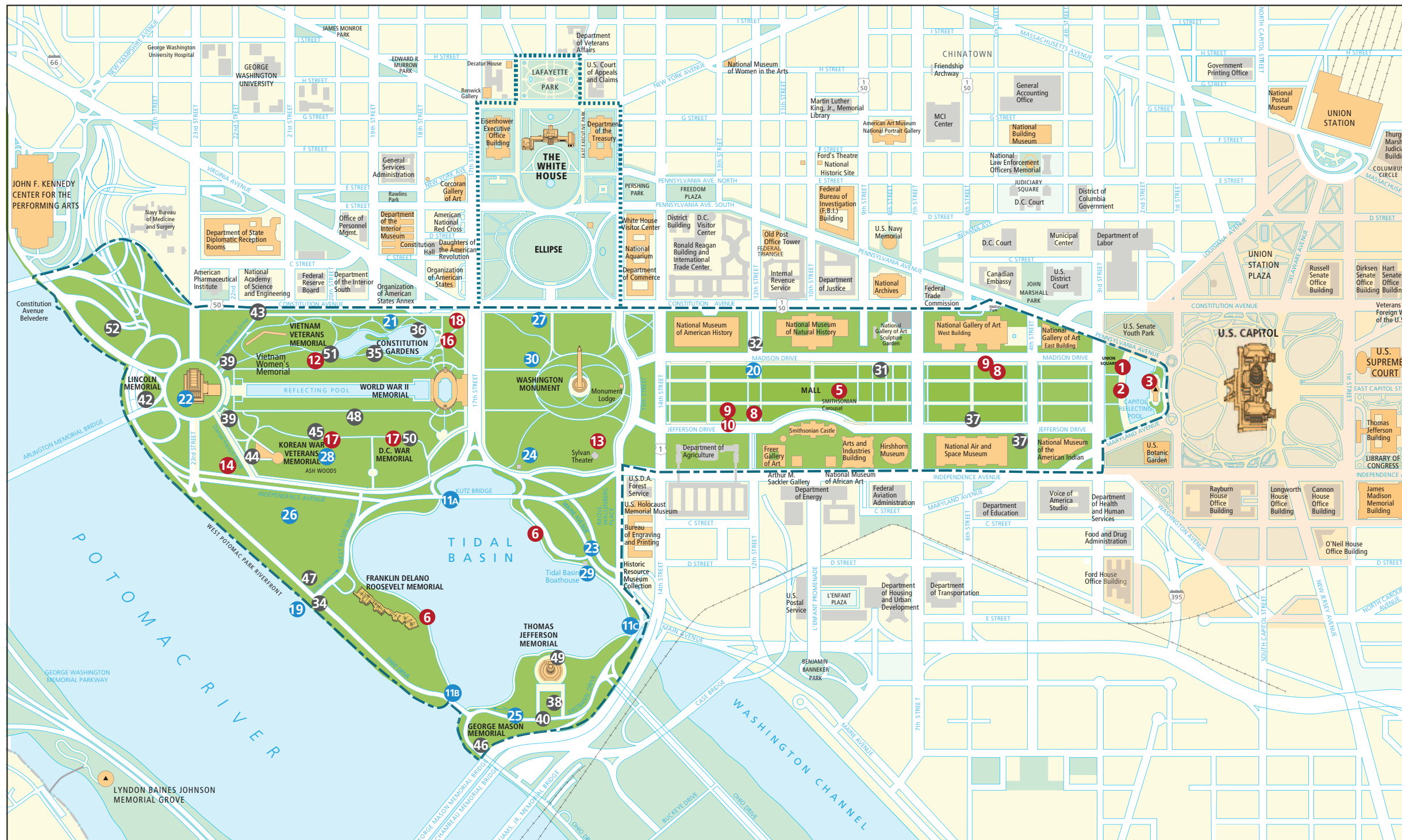
-  THE NATIONAL MALL
-  THE WHITE HOUSE & PRESIDENT'S PARK
-  U.S. CAPITOL COMPLEX

IMPLEMENTATION PRIORITIES

-  HIGH PRIORITIES
-  MODERATE PRIORITIES
-  LOWER PRIORITIES

Locations not shown on the map: The following implementation priorities include systems and nonconstruction projects, projects throughout the entire National Mall, projects extending to areas beyond the National Mall, or projects where the exact location will be determined during conceptual design.

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HIGH PRIORITIES

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MODERATE PRIORITIES

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26. West Potomac Park: Recreation Fields
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30. Washington Monument Grounds: Landscape Plan

LOWER PRIORITIES

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