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To: Interested Public and Agencies  
From: Superintendent, National Mall and Memorial Parks  
Subject: Pennsylvania Avenue National Historic Site Planning

The National Park Service (NPS) initiated planning for the Pennsylvania Avenue National Historic Site (NHS) portion of the Pennsylvania Avenue Development Corporation (PADDC) area in 2006 as part of the National Mall Plan. In 2009 it was removed from that planning with the intention to proceed separately following the completion of the National Mall Plan (November 2010). Planning was restarted in 2012 as a Pennsylvania Avenue National Historic Site Environmental Assessment (EA). Public meetings were held in the spring of 2013 to present a range of alternatives and seek public input. NPS has appreciated your interest and comments since 2006. Public and agency comments have been incorporated into planning for Pennsylvania Avenue NHS throughout the process.

During March 2014, the NPS determined that it is unnecessary to complete the Environmental Assessment since the draft EA primarily addressed management issues. Consequently, the National Mall and Memorial Parks (NAMA) that manages Pennsylvania Avenue NHS repackaged its preferred alternative from its draft EA as its management strategy or plan. This *Pennsylvania Avenue NHS 2014 Management Plan (Management Plan)* is posted on the NAMA website as the NPS management plan for the NHS.

<http://www.nps.gov/nationalmallplan/index.html> or  
[http://www.nps.gov/nationalmallplan/Penn\\_mgmtplan.html](http://www.nps.gov/nationalmallplan/Penn_mgmtplan.html)

The NPS draft EA, and now the *Management Plan*, proposed that broader and more collaborative planning was needed, and should be led by NCPC. It accelerated the reconsideration of planning for the much larger PADDC area by the agencies assigned responsibilities at the dissolution of PADDC in 1996 - General Services Administration (GSA), National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC), and the NPS

Over the last two years NPS worked very closely with GSA and NCPC to identify PADDC area issues, understand process constraints and current challenges.

As promised by the NPS, a Cultural Landscape Inventory that will assess the modernist PADC landscape is underway. The completed inventory will inform workgroups examining design for the larger area.

NPS invites you to visit the park website and National Mall Plan website to read its *Management Plan*. There will be opportunities for your continued participation in the Pennsylvania Avenue Initiative planning for the larger area and you will be informed about them. A public meeting is being held on July 23, 2014 from 6-8pm in the NCPC Offices at 401 9th Street, NW Suite 500N. We look forward to seeing you then.