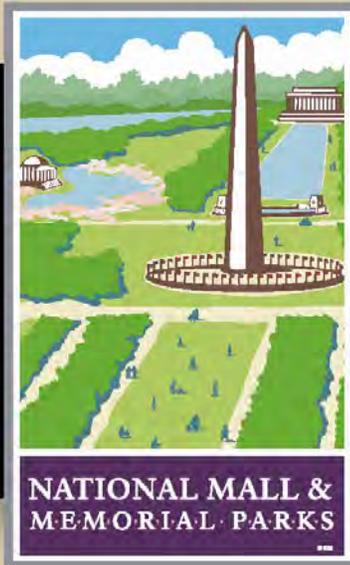


The Future

Public meetings Jan 8, 9 and 12, 2008



ENRICHING YOUR
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The National Mall Plan
Washington, D.C.

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Purpose of Meetings



- Provides additional public scoping for National Mall Plan / Environmental Impact Statement
- Answer questions
- Opportunities for focused discussions
 - Facilities, unifying identity elements, concession facilities (WAMO and Pershing Park)
 - Historic Preservation / Section 106
 - Recreation, Circulation and Events
 - Recreation rentals

Public participation



Thinking things through together. What do you like? Or not like? Why?



Purpose of Meetings



- NPS is seeking additional public comment before developing a preferred alternative, completing analysis and completing a Draft National Mall Plan / Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS).
- The alternatives newsletter contains concepts that can be combined in many different ways to achieve diverse future visions for this most important national civic and memorial space.
- Public discussion / comment will provide information used to develop a **preferred alternative**
 - Internal process begins in late January
 - Cooperating agencies participate
- The **preferred alternative** will be described in the Draft National Mall Plan / EIS
 - Draft Plan – 60 day public comment period and public meetings

NPS Tiered Planning

Different decisions at different times



- Top tier vision plans like the National Mall Plan
 - Describe *“what and where”*
 - Other plans tier from these
 - National Mall Plan – also tiers from the NCPC Legacy Plan
 - Frequently Environmental Impact Statements
 - NEPA and Section 106 are often coordinated
 - Recent planning decisions are included as common to alternatives
- Implementation Plans
 - Focus on *“how”*
 - More detailed construction plans or resource management plans
 - May include additional approvals or compliance – reviews with the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts, additional section 106 compliance

National Mall Plan Schedule



2006-2007	Scoping/ Begin affected env.	Scoping continues	Develop Alts/ Begin Environmental analysis	Public input / continue analysis
Internal Planning Preparation Studies Background Reports Internal Scoping	Press Conference Scoping newsletter November 15 Symposium Project website	Open House Planning meetings	Develop a range of concepts Cooperating Agency workshops Internal studies continue	Newsletter 3 - workbook
2006	November 2006	February 2007	April to November 2007	December 2007
2007-2009	Develop Preferred / analysis continues	Publish Draft Plan / comment response	Final Plan published	Plan completed
Scoping and Concept Workbook Meetings	Preferred Alternative Development	Meetings nationwide as Draft National Mall Plan / Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) published	Final Plan published 30 day waiting period Record of Decision signed completing planning	Plan summary document published
Early January 2008 Meetings Internet 30 days	Late Jan/Feb 2008	Late spring to Summer 2008 60 day public comment period	Nov 2008 to Jan 2009	July 2009

Public involvement



Required and Essential

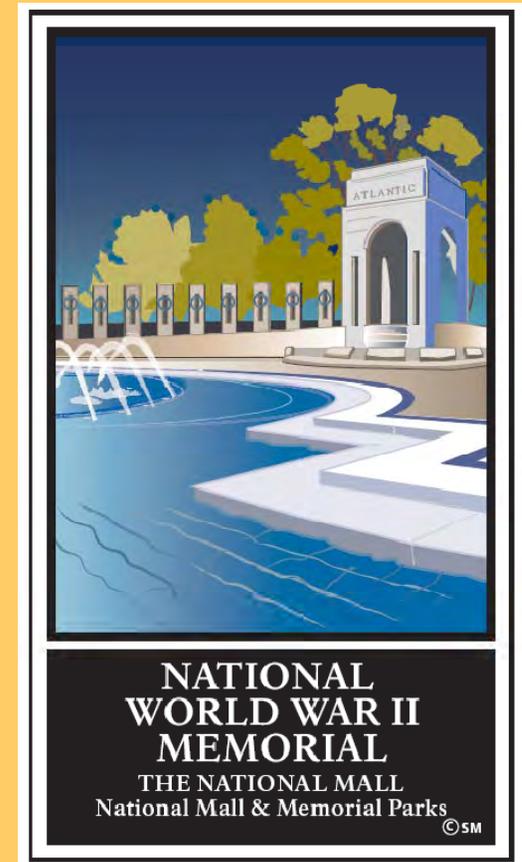
- Press conference, symposium, special website, planning video, public meetings, media outreach, presentations
- Over 5,000 scoping comments in 2007

Understand the tradeoffs / what is at stake

- Landscape health
- Landscape appearance
- The historic character of the most important venue for civic activities in our nation
- Experiences

Newsletter #3 to help define a future

- Before developing a preferred alternative and completing analysis



Alternatives ideas?



Ideas come from public comment, studies and other sources

Ideas from the alternatives can be combined in many different ways!

Public comments now help NPS think through a Preferred Alternative

So please tell NPS the reasons why you like or do not like specific concepts

Range of Alternatives in Newsletter 3



- **No-Action** – continues current management
- **Alt A** – includes ideas that focus on the Historic Landscape and Education
- **Alt B** – includes ideas that focus on a welcoming national civic space for public gatherings, events and high use levels
- **Alt C** – includes ideas that focus on urban open space, urban ecology, recreation and healthy lifestyles

National Park mission – preservation / use



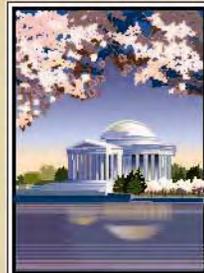
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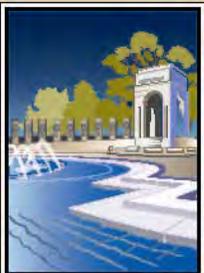
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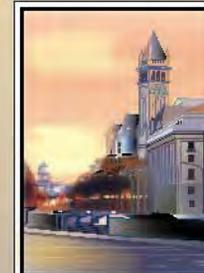
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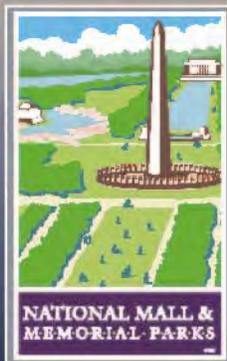
GEORGE MASON MEMORIAL



ULLYSSES S. GRANT MEMORIAL



PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE NATIONAL HISTORIC PARK



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A PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE

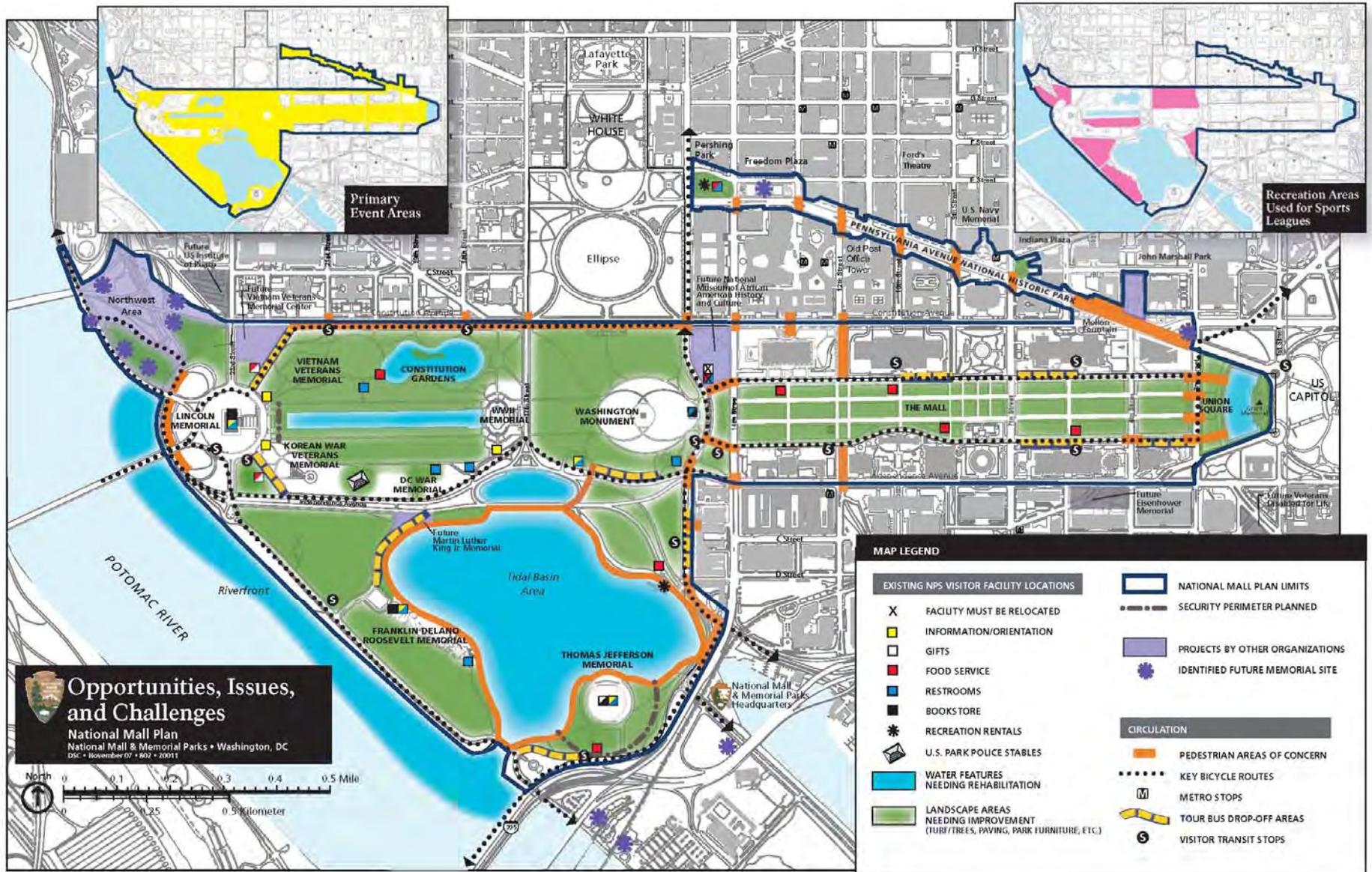
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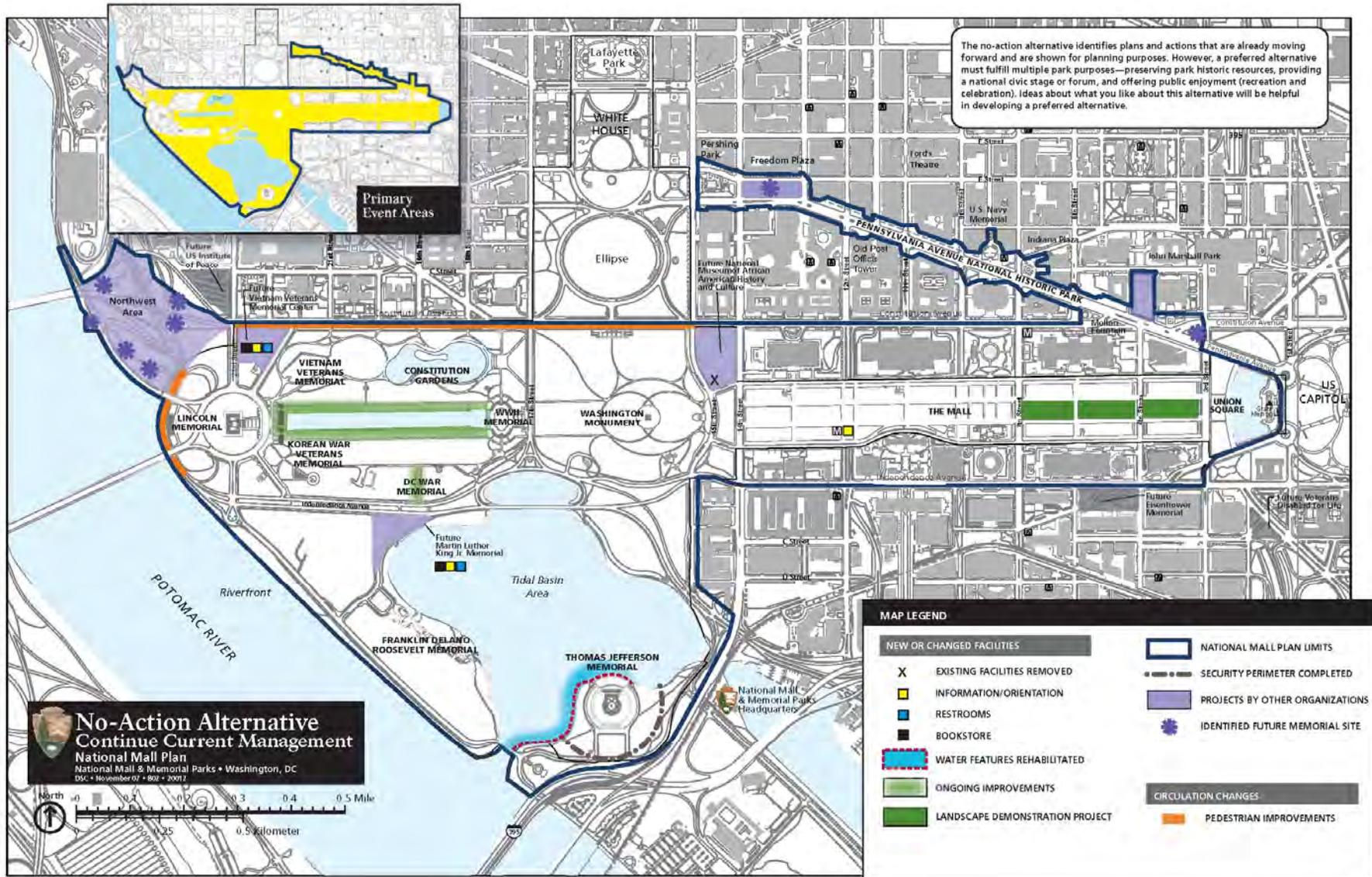
- Preserve Historic Landscape and Memorials
- Provide appropriate level of education
- Provide a welcoming national civic space for public gatherings and national celebrations
- Provide an appropriate level of recreation
- Provide for environmental stewardship and sustainability

WHAT ARE YOUR IDEAS ABOUT HOW IDEAS FROM THE ALTERNATIVES CAN BE COMBINED TO BEST ACHIEVE THESE IMPERATIVES?

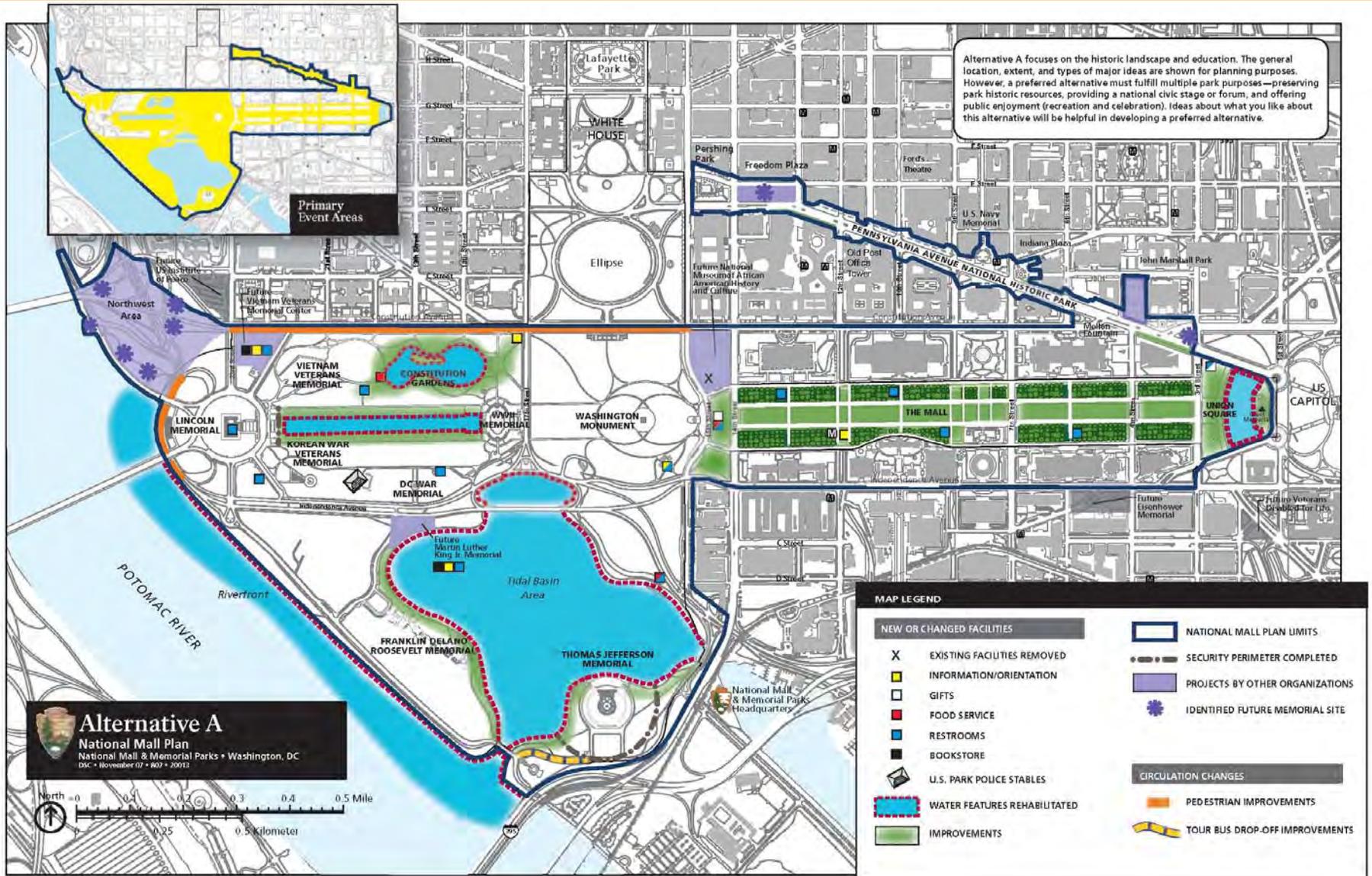
Opportunities, Issues and Challenges



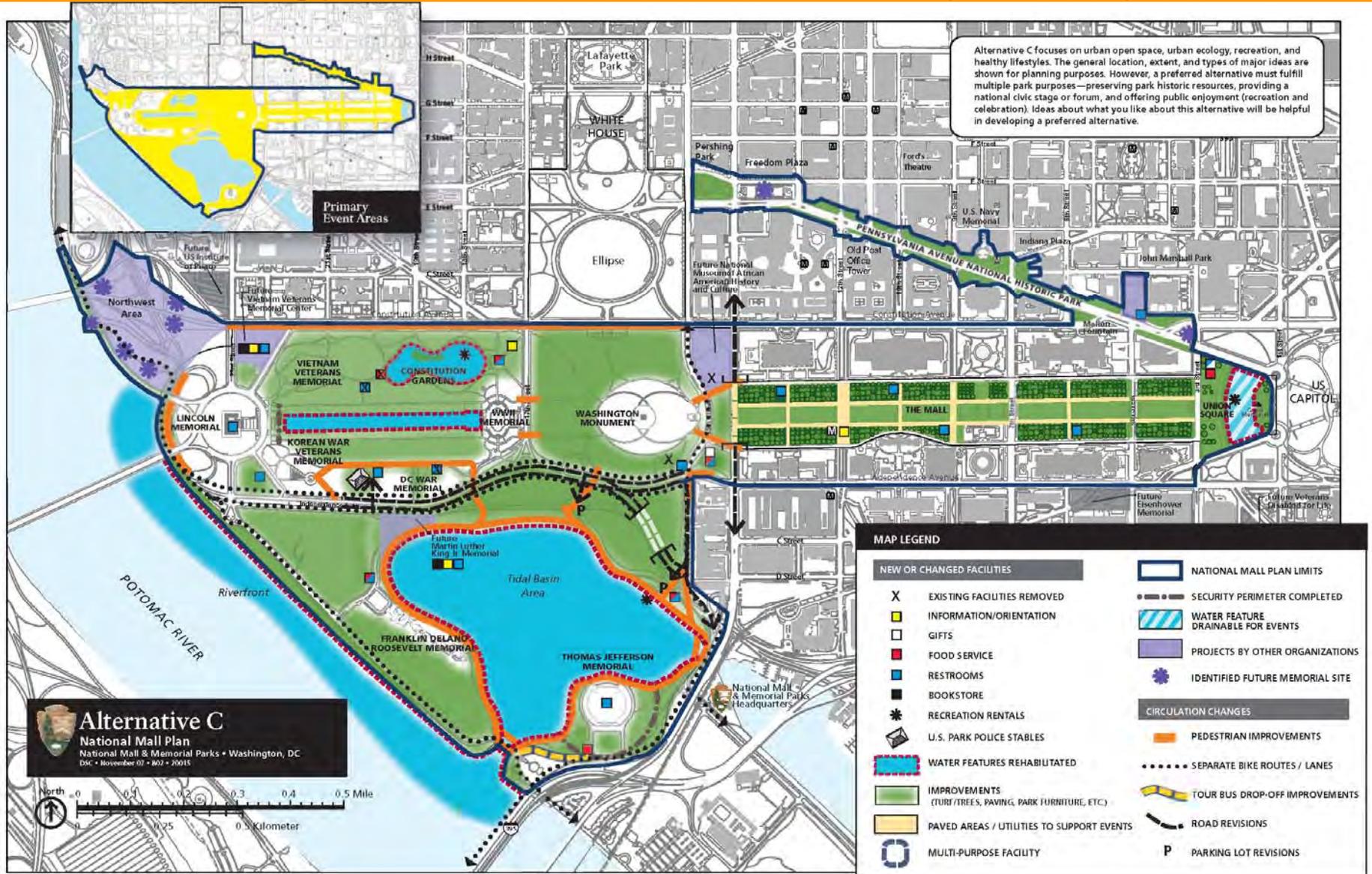
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January 12, 2008 Discussion



Recreation

- Bicycling
- Recreation rentals (existing or new)
- Playgrounds

Events and Entertainment

- Reasonable time, place and manner regulations
- Infrastructure needs (power, water, communications, temporary surfaces)

Circulation

- Bicycle routes – lanes, separate routes
- Pedestrian improvements – crosswalks, paving, seating, shade

Recreation discussion



- **Bicycling**

- Separate bicycle lanes
- Facilities for bicycling
- Commuter vs recreational



- **Recreation rentals (existing or new)**

- Paddleboats – more choice – kayak, row boats
- Constitution Gardens – model boats
- Washington Monument - kites
- Ice skating at Pershing Park
- Rental chairs
- Carousel



- **Playgrounds (Mall, Constitution Gardens, Tidal Basin area)**



Events discussion



- Types
 - First Amendment / Demonstrations / Public Gatherings
 - National Celebrations (called out in Code of Federal Regulations)
 - Other events
- Locations
 - First come basis
- Regulations
 - Reasonable time place and manner restrictions apply
- Impact on visitor experience
 - First time visitor – access and views
 - Recreation user – limits access



Entertainment discussion



- What is appropriate?
 - Types and themes
 - Events often have performances, speeches or presentations
 - Independence Day, Folklife Festival, Library of Congress Book Festival
- Existing permanent venues
 - Lincoln – west end of reflecting pool
 - Jefferson Plaza
 - Sylvan Theater
 - DC War Memorial
- Additional venues?
 - Near refreshment areas
 - Near Metro stop
 - Other areas



Circulation discussion



- Pedestrian improvements –
 - sidewalks – width, materials
 - Crosswalks – definition, timing
 - pedestrian bridges
 - Metro name change
- Road revisions – Tidal Basin, Maine Avenue
- Parking changes – Washington Monument, Tidal Basin

