



ASSESSMENT OF ACTIONS HAVING AN EFFECT ON HISTORIC PROPERTIES

A. DESCRIPTION OF UNDERTAKING

1. **Park:** National Capital Parks - East

2. **Project Description:**

Project Name: Convert RFK Parking Lots to three new artificial turf fields

Prepared by: Joel Gorder/Elizabeth Vehmeyer **Date Prepared:** 08/15/2018 **Telephone:** 202-619-7405

PEPC Project Number: 82782

Locations:

County, State: District of Columbia, DC

Describe project:

Event's DC, the official convention and sports authority for the District of Columbia, is proposing to construct three new artificial turf fields, two 600 SF maintenance buildings, a 750 SF restroom, and smaller axillary facility (e.g., lighting, water fountains, etc.) on the existing Parking Lot 7 area at RFK Memorial Stadium. The project will involve the removal of the majority of the paved areas and replaced with the three fields, paths, lighting, grassed and other landscaped areas to supplement the project. A portion of the paved lot will be retained for parking to serve the three fields. The project site is bounded by Benning Road NE to the north, Kingman Lake to the east, C Street NE to the south and the elevated METRO tracks to the west and is currently accessed from Oklahoma Avenue NE and C Street NE.

Area of potential effects (as defined in 36 CFR 800.16[d])

RFK Stadium complex - Parking Lot 7 area- within Anacostia Park.

The project site is bounded by Benning Road NE to the north, Kingman Lake to the east, C Street NE to the south and the elevated METRO tracks to the west and is currently accessed from Oklahoma Avenue NE and C Street NE.

3. **Has the area of potential effects been surveyed to identify historic properties?**

No

Yes

Source or reference: Anacostia Park, though not listed, is considered eligible for the National Register by the NPS and DC SHPO

4. **Potentially Affected Resource(s):**

Archeological Resources Affected: No

Archeological Resources Notes: A preliminary archeology review was conducted by the District of Columbia State Historic Preservation Office (DC SHPO) and no known archeological sites were identified. The present-day RFK Stadium Campus was part of the Anacostia River prior to 1945. In the mid to late 1940s, the area of what is now the RFK Stadium Campus was reclaimed.

There is at least 10 feet of fill over the original, historic ground surface in this area and the proposed multipurpose fields do not exceed 10 feet below ground surface.

Historical Structures/Resources Affected: Yes

Historical Structures/Resources Notes: In direct APE:

Anacostia Park- NPS and DC SHPO have agreed is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. There are no historic structures or landmarks within the limits of disturbance of the project.

Within the indirect APE, the NPS identified three historic properties to the north and east of the project area:

1. Langston Golf Course Historic District
2. Langston Terrace Dwellings
3. Kingman Park Historic District

Cultural Landscapes Affected: Yes

Cultural Landscapes Notes: Anacostia Park and Langston Golf Course

Ethnographic Resources Affected: No

5. The proposed action will: (check as many as apply)

No Destroy, remove, or alter features/elements from a historic structure

No Replace historic features/elements in kind

No Add non-historic features/elements to a historic structure

No Alter or remove features/elements of a historic setting or environment (inc. terrain)

Yes Add non-historic features/elements (inc. visual, audible, or atmospheric) to a
_____ historic setting or cultural landscape

No Disturb, destroy, or make archeological resources inaccessible

No Disturb, destroy, or make ethnographic resources inaccessible

No Potentially affect presently unidentified cultural resources

No Begin or contribute to deterioration of historic features, terrain, setting, landscape
_____ elements, or archeological or ethnographic resources

No Involve a real property transaction (exchange, sale, or lease of land or structures)

Other (please
_____ specify): _____

6. Supporting Study Data:

(Attach if feasible; if action is in a plan, EA or EIS, give name and project or page number.)

B. REVIEWS BY CULTURAL RESOURCE SPECIALISTS

The park 106 coordinator requested review by the park's cultural resource specialist/advisors as indicated by check-off boxes or as follows:

No Reviews From: Curator, Archeologist, Historical Architect, Historian, 106 Advisor, Other Advisor, Anthropologist, Historical Landscape Architect

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C. PARK SECTION 106 COORDINATOR'S REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Assessment of Effect:

- No Potential to Cause Effects
 No Historic Properties Affected
 No Adverse Effect
 Adverse Effect

2. Documentation Method:

A. Standard 36 CFR Part 800 Consultation

Further consultation under 36 CFR Part 800 is needed.

B. Streamlined Review Under the 2008 Servicewide Programmatic Agreement (PA)

The above action meets all conditions for a streamlined review under section III of the 2008 Servicewide PA for Section 106 compliance.

Applicable Streamlined Review Criteria

(Specify 1-16 of the list of streamlined review criteria.)

C. Undertaking Related to Park Specific or Another Agreement

The proposed undertaking is covered for Section 106 purposes under another document such as a park, region or statewide agreement established in accord with 36 CFR 800.7 or 36 CFR 800.14.

D. Combined NEPA/NHPA Process

Process and documentation required for the preparation of an EA/FONSI or an EIS/ROD to comply with Section 106 is in accord with 36 CFR 800.8.c.

E. Memo to Project File

3. Consultation Information

SHPO Required: Yes

SHPO Sent: Jul 26, 2018

SHPO Received: Aug 15, 2018

THPO Required:

THPO Sent:

THPO Received:

SHPO/THPO Notes: From SHPO concurrence letter dated 08/14/2018: Based upon early and informal consultation with the project sponsor, Events DC, and our review of the formal NPS project submittal, which we received on July 26, 2018, we understand that this undertaking involves the removal of existing parking lots around RFK Stadium and the installation of multi-purpose fields, pavilions, walkways and related infrastructure (see attached map/illustration). We further understand that this proposal has been coordinated with and supported by residents and other groups in the immediate project area. We concur with the NPS finding that this undertaking will have "no adverse effect" on the nearby, historic Langston Golf Course, Langston Terrace Dwellings or Kingman Park Historic District. We also believe it will have "no adverse effect" on Anacostia

Park which NPS and DC SHPO have agreed is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Finally, we concur that this project will not affect any archaeological resources because most of the project site consists of fill. Thank you for providing this opportunity to review and comment.

Advisory Council Participating: No

Advisory Council Notes:

Additional Consulting Parties: No

4. Stipulations and Conditions: Following are listed any stipulations or conditions necessary to ensure that the assessment of effect above is consistent with 36 CFR Part 800 criteria of effect or to avoid or reduce potential adverse effects.

5. Mitigations/Treatment Measures: Measures to prevent or minimize loss or impairment of historic/prehistoric properties: (Remember that setting, location, and use may be relevant.)

No Assessment of Effect mitigations identified.

6. Assessment of Effect Notes:

The project will have a no adverse effect on historic resources (Anacostia Park, archeological resources) within the proposed site area/direct APE.

Based on the DC SHPO's preliminary archeological review, the NPS has determined that the project will have no adverse effect on potential archeological resources within the direct APE, including any that could be associated with the residential development on the northwest portion of the property. There is at least 10 feet of fill over the original, historic ground surface in this area and the proposed multipurpose fields do not exceed 10 feet below ground surface.

While there were three historic properties identified within the indirect APE, the NPS has determined that the auditory and visual nature of the project, coupled with the existing use of other sections of the RFK Stadium Complex, will not adversely affect what qualifies the Langston Golf Course Historic District, Langston Terrace Dwellings, or the Kingman Park Historic District for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

Based on the historical and current uses of the site, the change in use of the property from parking to active recreation should be considered an improvement from current conditions. Therefore, the NPS has determined that the implementation of the multipurpose fields and associated amenities will have no adverse effect on historic properties at this site.

D. RECOMMENDED BY PARK SECTION 106 COORDINATOR:

Compliance Specialist:

NHPA Specialist

Elizabeth
Vehmeyer

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Date: 8/15/18

E. SUPERINTENDENT'S APPROVAL

The proposed work conforms to the NPS *Management Policies* and *Cultural Resource Management Guideline*, and I have reviewed and approve the recommendations, stipulations, or conditions noted in Section C of this form.

Superintendent:

Tara Morrison
Signature
Tara Morrison

Date: 8/16/18

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE



DC STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE
FEDERAL AGENCY SECTION 106 REVIEW FORM

TO: Michael Commisso, Acting Chief of Resource Management, National Capital Parks East

ADDRESS: Via email to: michael_commisso@nps.gov

PROJECT NAME/DESCRIPTION: Installation of Multipurpose Fields, Pavilions, Walkways etc.

PROJECT ADDRESS/LOCATION DESCRIPTION: Robert F. Kennedy Stadium

DC SHPO PROJECT NUMBER: 18-0187

The DC State Historic Preservation Office (DC SHPO) has reviewed the above-referenced federal undertaking(s) in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and has determined:

This project will have **no effect** on historic properties. No further DC SHPO review or comment will be necessary.


There are **no historic properties** that will be affected by this project. No further DC SHPO review or comment will be necessary.

This project will have **no adverse effect** on historic properties. No further DC SHPO review or comment will be necessary.

This project will have **no adverse effect** on historic properties **conditioned upon** fulfillment of the measures stipulated below.

Other Comments / Additional Comments (see below):

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BY: 
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DC State Historic Preservation Office

DATE: August 14, 2018

