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## **Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)**

*Property:* **Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial**  
Maryland Avenue, SW at Independence Avenue between 4th and 6th Streets,  
SW, Washington, D.C.  
CFA Submission File Number: CFA 18/JUN/15-5

*Action:* Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for final design approval

The National Park Service (NPS), on behalf of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission, has requested approval of the site and building plans for the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial, as shown in materials submitted and received on 4 June 2015. Pursuant to Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act, the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR, Parts 1500-1508), and the Commission of Fine Arts' (CFA) Rules and Procedures For Application of the Requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act To Review and Approval of Commemorative Works Site and Design Proposals, I have evaluated the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Environmental Assessment, September 2012 (EA) provided by the NPS, comments that NPS received on the EA, NPS responses to those Comments, and the NPS FONSI dated March 2012; this evaluation also includes review of the NPS Final Determination Letter of 8 May 2015 finding no new or intensified adverse effects, the subsequent letter of concurrence by the DC State Historic Preservation Office dated 22 May 2015, and the NPS Signatories Notification of Objection by Consulting Party memorandum dated 4 June 2015.

Based on this evaluation, I have adopted the applicant's EA and determined that the proposed memorial will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment. Provided that the design and construction for the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial project satisfies the following mitigation measures in the applicant's EA, the preferred alternative will result in long-term positive impacts to the human environment with regard to cultural resources, natural resources, transportation, and pedestrian circulation:

### *Design Principles:*

The design will conform to the seven design principles (guidelines), listed in Appendix C of the Memorandum of Agreement among the NPS, NCPC, DC SHPO, ACHP and the EMC

regarding the establishment of the Eisenhower Memorial, Washington DC, signed and dated 1 March 2012.

The design principles:

- 1) Preserve reciprocal views to and from the U.S. Capitol along Maryland Avenue.
- 2) Enhance the nature of the site as one in a sequence of public spaces embellishing the Maryland Avenue vista.
- 3) Create a unified Memorial site that integrates the disparate parcels into a meaningful and functional public gathering place that also unifies the surrounding precinct.
- 4) Reflect L'Enfant Plan principles by shaping the Memorial site as a separate and distinct public space that complements the Department of Education Headquarters and other surrounding buildings.
- 5) Respect and complement the architecture of the surrounding precinct.
- 6) Respect the building lines of the surrounding rights-of-way and the alignment of trees along Maryland Avenue.
- 7) Incorporate significant green space into the design of the Memorial.



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Secretary