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SUBJECT: NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT SECTION 106 FOR THE WI-FI CSN CONVEYANCE AND CABLING PHASE II PROJECT ON THE GROUNDS OF ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY, ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA (DHR PROJECT NO. 2024-4449)

Army National Military Cemeteries (ANMC) proposes expanding wireless (Wi-Fi) network access to burial sections throughout Arlington National Cemetery (ANC), concentrating on coverage in areas of active cemetery operations. Phase II of this project focuses on the northernmost sections of ANC. The proposed project is considered a federal undertaking with the potential to cause adverse effects on historic properties pursuant to 36 C.F.R. 800.3(a).

The project includes installation of eighteen (18) bollard-height Wi-Fi bollards, predominantly along roadways and Custis Walk, where conveyances are accessible. All communication equipment will be installed hidden below grade. Wiring to the Wi-Fi Access Points (APs) will run inside the posts. The project also includes the addition of three (3) CSN antennas to the top of existing camera and light poles.

On 18 July 2024, the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts (CFA) reviewed and approved the project. On 22 July 2024, ANMC initiated the consultation process with the Virginia State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, 16 U.S.C. § 470f, and its implementing regulations, 36 C.F.R. Part 800.

With this notice, ANMC provides the public the opportunity to view materials submitted to the DHR as part of the Section 106 compliance process for the proposed undertaking. The initiation document accompanies this notice. It shows the area potentially affected by the proposed project, contains a project description, identification of potential consulting parties, lists the historic properties contributing to National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) which are in the area of potential effects, and the agency's findings of no adverse effects. In addition, the public can view comments and project approval provided by the CFA.

This notice initiates a 30-day comment period. During this period, ANMC invites review and comment from the public on this project. Please send your comments to the Cultural Resources Manager at <u>usarmy.pentagon.hqda-anc-osa.mbx.cultural-resources@army.mil</u> and include "Wi-Fi CSN Conveyance and Cabling Phase II Project" in the subject line. Comments are due no later than August 23, 2024.

Thank you for your interest in Arlington National Cemetery.