Tidal Basin
Revised Development Concept Plan

Consulting Party Meeting

October 19, 2026

Welcome!

Today's Agenda

1. Introduction
2. Project Background
3. Initial Development Concept Plan
4. Updated Concept for Northwest and Southwest Zones
5. Consultation Process
6. Comments and Feedback

Introduction

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Planning Team

- National Park Service – National Mall and Memorial Parks, National Capital Region
- VHB: Compliance, Landscape Architecture
- GWWO Architects: Architecture

Purpose of this Meeting

- Review the project background
- Review the initial Development Concept Plan
- Present the revised concept for the Northwest and Southwest Zones
- Review the consultation process
- Request comments on the revised concept

Project Background

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The NPS is proposing a development concept plan for the Tidal Basin area of the National Mall and Memorial Parks.

This project is part of the stipulations agreed upon by the NPS, the DC Historic Preservation Officer, and the National Capital Planning Commission in a Memorandum of Agreement to resolve the adverse effects resulting from the project for the Rehabilitation of Tidal Basin and West Potomac Park Seawalls.

Project Background – Project Area Location

- Part of West Potomac Park
- 250 acres including the Tidal Basin and surrounding landscape

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Project Background – Purpose and Need

Purpose

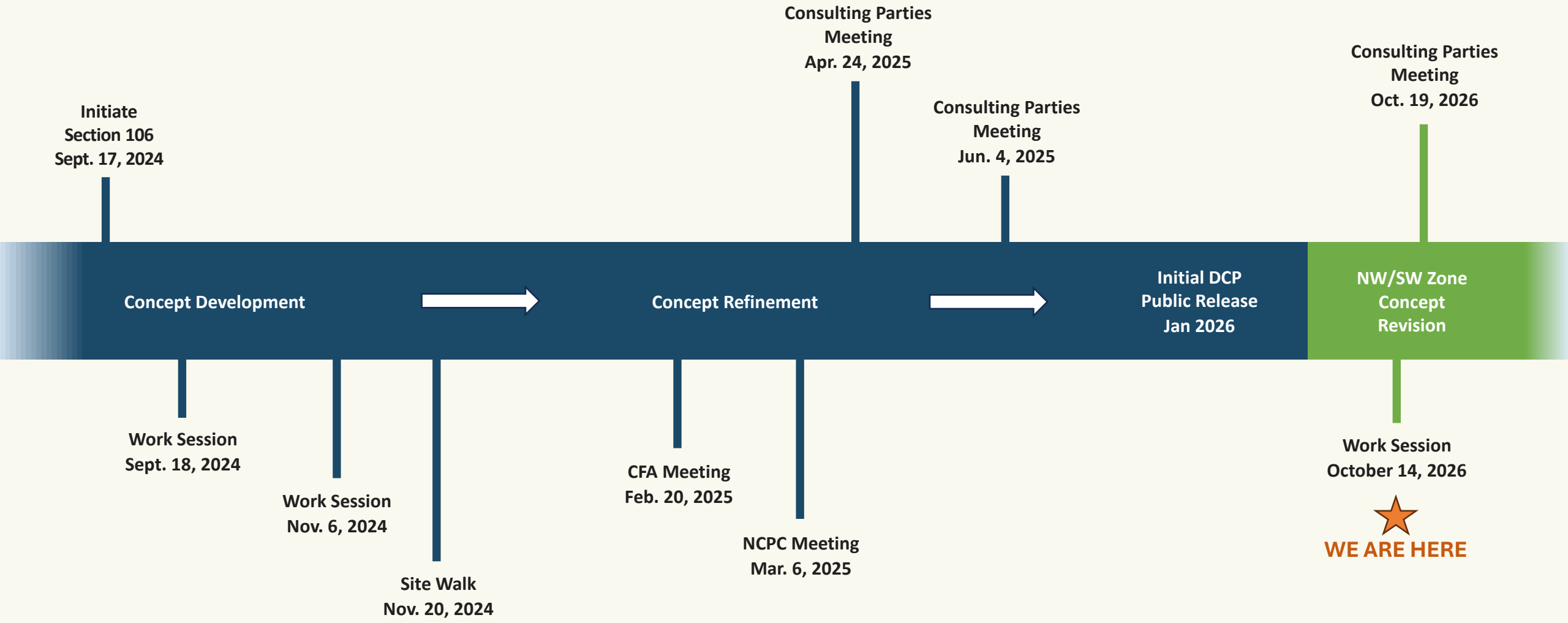
The purpose is to provide direction for the long-term management and rehabilitation of the Tidal Basin cultural landscape.

Need

The project is needed to address the following key issues:

- Heavy visitation and crowds
- Compacted soils, exposed tree roots
- Tidal flooding of sidewalks
- Brackish water damages the cherry trees
- Seawalls and sidewalks are damaged
- Change to the seawall height
- Jefferson Memorial security
- Insufficient connections to the city
- Landscape is altered from its original design intent
- NPS unable to keep pace with needed repairs

Project Background – Compliance Process



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Initial Development Concept Plan

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1. TIDAL BASIN (WATER)
2. FLORAL LIBRARY
3. CHERRY TREES (THROUGHOUT)
4. COMFORT STATION
5. PADDLE BOAT DOCK
6. TIERED SEATING
7. BIKE PATH
8. PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY
9. PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE
10. PARKING
11. DROP-OFF
12. MULTI-USE FIELD (5 TOTAL)
13. SOFTBALL FIELD (8 TOTAL)
14. RUGBY FIELD
15. CRICKET FIELD
16. TIDAL LANDSCAPE
17. ROADWAY ADJUSTMENT

PEDESTRIAN CIRCULATION

BIKE/SCOOTER CIRCULATION

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Initial Development Concept Plan – Zones to be Updated

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Updated Concept for Northwest and Southwest Zones

Updated Concept for Northwest and Southwest Zones – Overview

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Updated Concept for Northwest Zone

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Updated Concept for Southwest Zone

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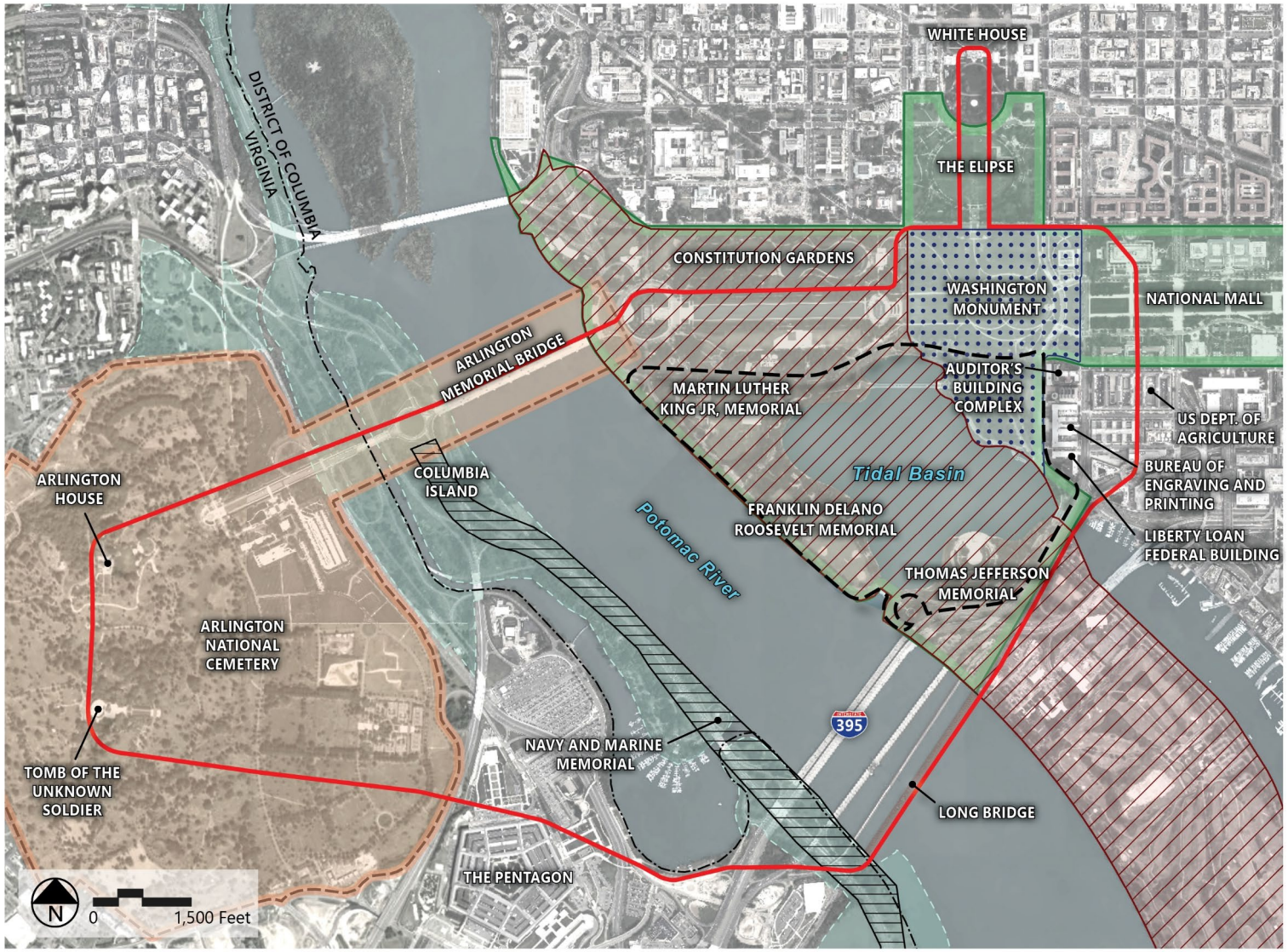
Updated Concept – Area of Potential Effect



- No changes proposed to APE or identification of historic properties

LEGEND

- PROJECT AREA
- AREA OF POTENTIAL EFFECTS
- EAST AND WEST POTOMAC PARKS HISTORIC DISTRICT
- WASHINGTON MONUMENT GROUNDS HISTORIC DISTRICT
- MOUNT VERNON MEMORIAL HIGHWAY HISTORIC DISTRICT
- NATIONAL MALL HISTORIC DISTRICT
- ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY HISTORIC DISTRICT
- GEORGE WASHINGTON MEMORIAL PARKWAY

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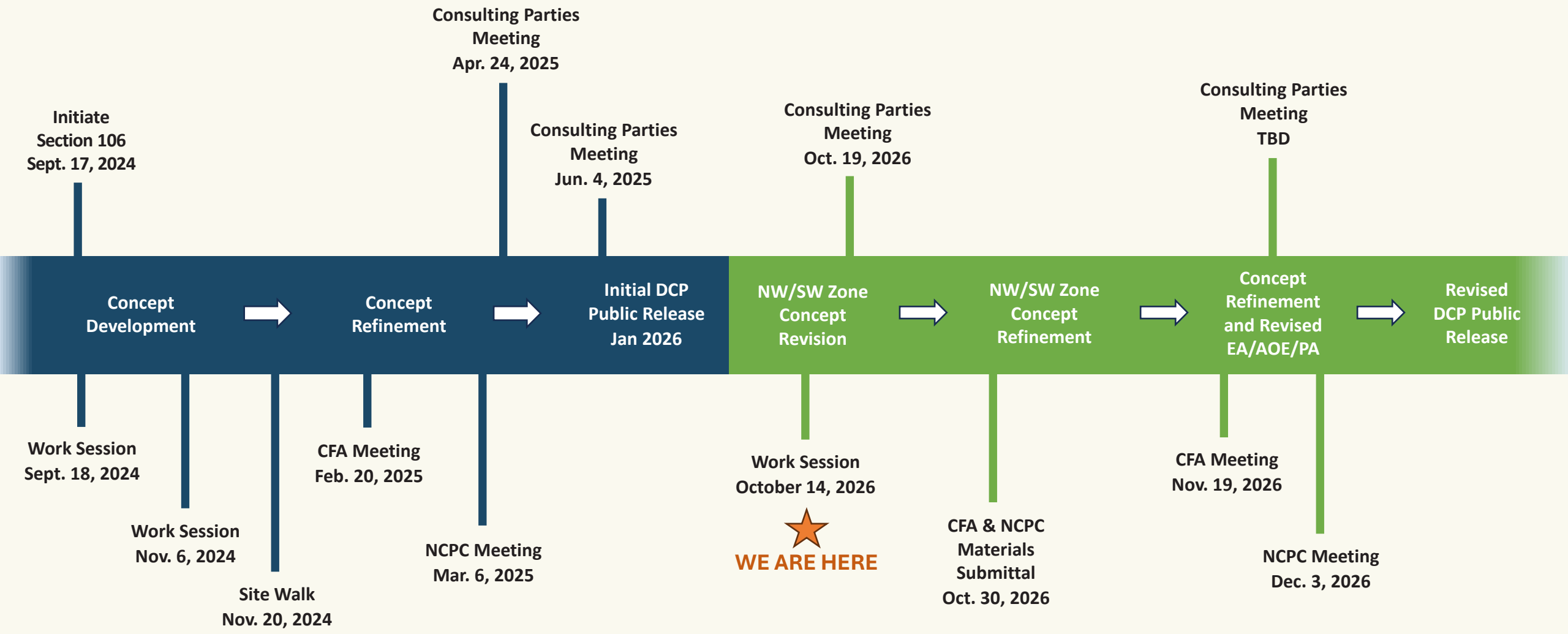

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