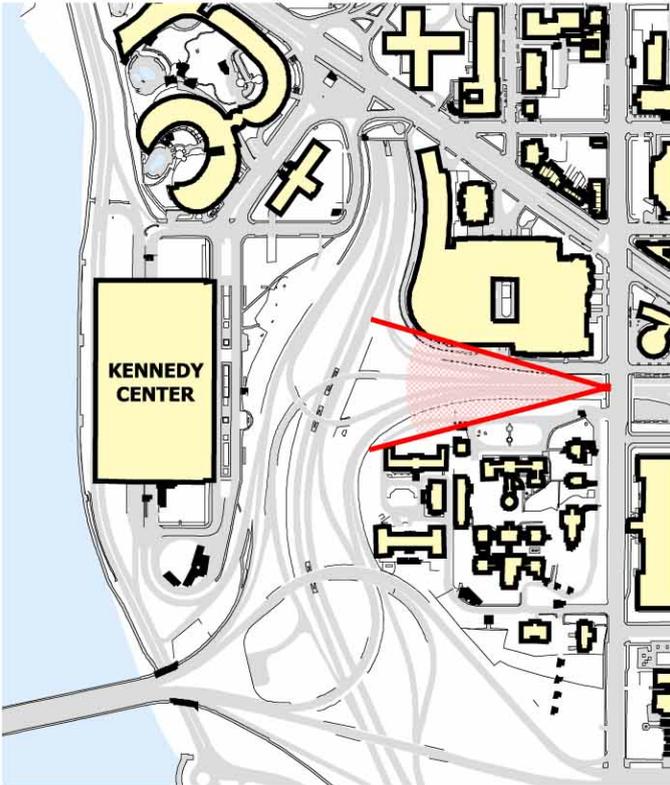


VIEWSHED #10



The viewpoint is from the western sidewalk of 23rd Street at the E Street overpass, looking west.

Existing view shows the east façade of the Kennedy Center framed by the Potomac Naval Annex retaining wall and landscaping on the left; and Columbia Plaza on the right. In the foreground are the E Street Expressway and a westbound ramp to the Roosevelt Bridge that arches over the Potomac Freeway and turns toward the left. This view is often used to show that although the Kennedy Center can be seen from the east, it is not directly accessible from that direction.

Alternative 4

The Alternative 4 overlay shows the proposed surface E Street with median strip, the proposed plaza, and a portion of the proposed north building (Rehearsal and Office Building) to the right. The proposed south building (Education Center) is hidden by the Potomac Naval Annex retaining wall. This alternative affords an uninterrupted view of the entire east façade of the Kennedy Center.

- No views of historic resources are blocked.
- Views of the E Street Expressway are totally obscured.

Major positive impact: A view over traffic ramps would be replaced by a view over a landscaped, at-grade approach to the Kennedy Center. The visual connection to the east façade of the Center would be paired with a direct vehicular and pedestrian connection. The characteristic bilateral symmetry of the Kennedy Center would be reinforced by the placement of the two proposed buildings.

Alternative 4V

The Alternative 4V overlay shows the proposed surface E Street, central water feature, plaza, and proposed north and south buildings. This alternative affords a partially obscured view of the east façade of the Kennedy Center. As one proceeds westward, past the buildings, the view expands.

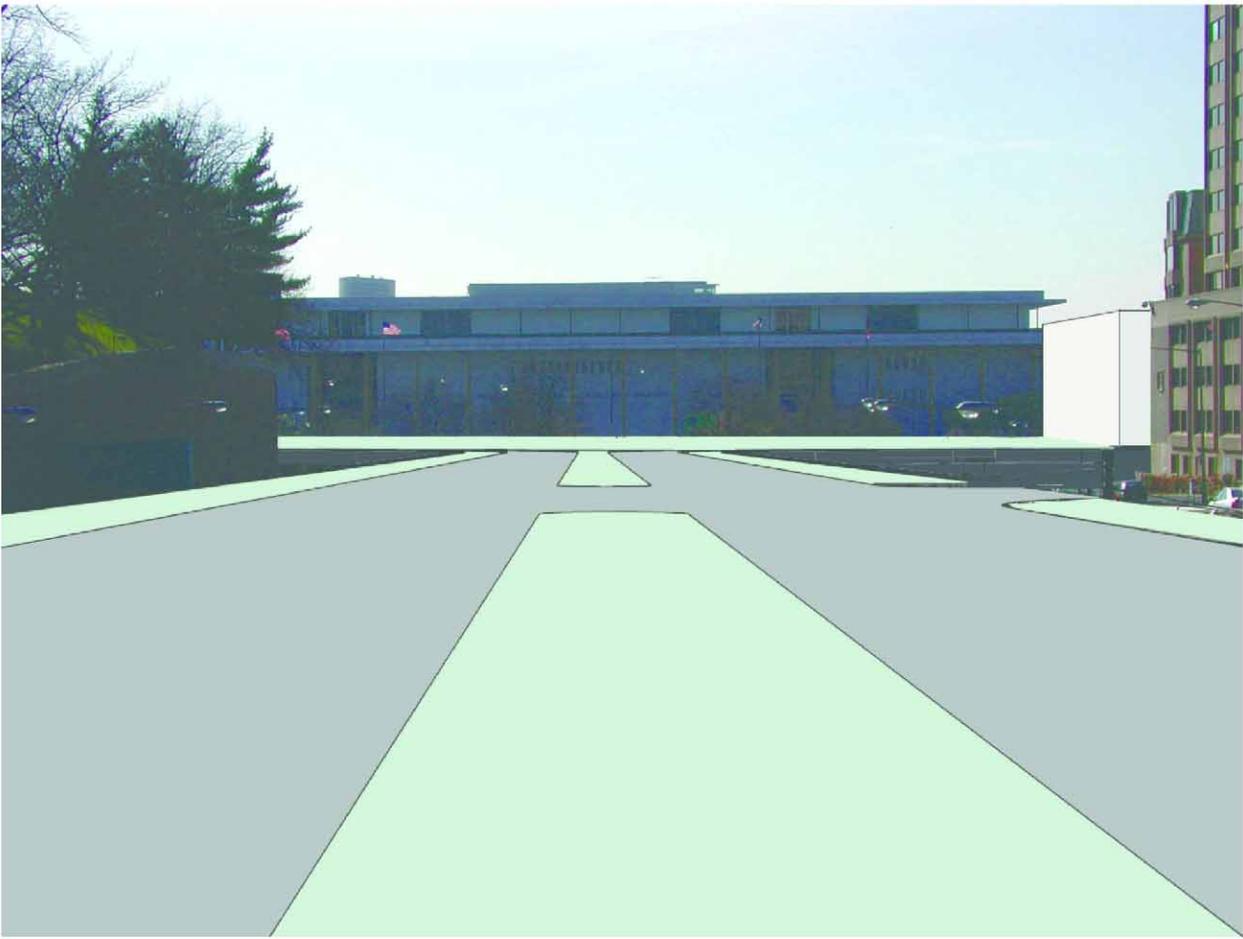
- No views of historic resources are blocked.
- Views of the E Street Expressway are totally obscured.
- Proposed buildings frame the Kennedy Center.

Major positive impact: A view over traffic ramps would be replaced by one over a landscaped, at-grade approach to the Kennedy Center. The visual connection to the east façade of the Center would be paired with a direct vehicular and pedestrian connection. However, only the Kennedy Center's north entry hall would be visible. The characteristic bilateral symmetry of the Center would not be immediately evident.

Existing Conditions



Alternative 4



Alternative 4V

