

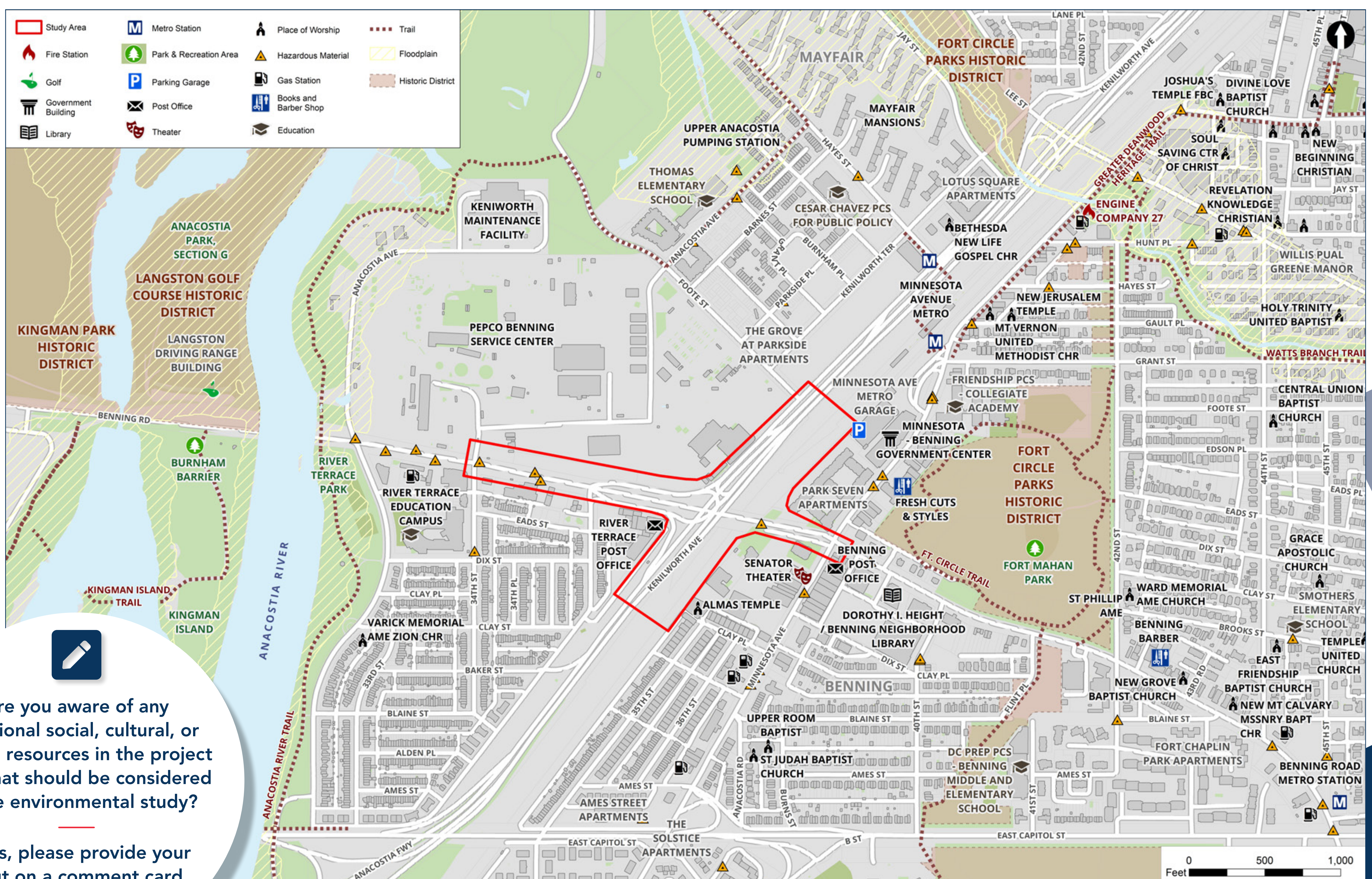


DC-295/Benning Road Interchange Environmental Resources

Before making any interchange modifications using federal funding, DDOT must follow NEPA guidance to evaluate potential environmental effects. Environmental resources in the immediate area and surrounding community are shown in the map.

What is NEPA?

- Congress passed the **N**ational **E**nvironmental **P**rotection **A**ct (NEPA) in 1969
- Requires evaluation of the environmental effects of federally funded projects
- **Project requirements**
 - Describe why the project is needed
 - Provide adequate consideration of feasible alternatives
 - Pursue mitigation measures to greatest degree possible
- **Three levels of NEPA environmental review**
 - Categorical Exclusion (CE) determination
 - Environmental Assessment/Finding of No Significant Impact (EA/FONSI)
 - Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)



Are you aware of any additional social, cultural, or natural resources in the project area that should be considered in the environmental study?

If yes, please provide your input on a comment card.