



Technical Fact Sheet

REFLECTING ABSENCE: A MEMORIAL AT THE WORLD TRADE CENTER SITE -

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Memorial elements:

- The proposal includes two pools submerged approximately 30 feet below street level in the middle of a large open plaza at street level
- The open plaza contains a “field of open cobbles” and eastern white pine trees, over one hundred feet tall, in a “random arrangement.”
- A pair of sloped buildings borders each pool
- Below-grade, a passageway connects the areas around the two pools. It includes alcoves and a vestibule leading to the unidentified remains.

Access to Memorial:

- There is access to the open plaza from Fulton Street, Greenwich Street, Liberty Park North (via a wide, large stair), and West Street.
- One descends to below through either one of the structures bordering each pool.

* Recognition of each individual:

- Individuals’ names are engraved on stone parapet surrounding the pools, in no discernable order. The names could be grouped together by meaningful adjacencies (such as friends, relatives, colleagues).

* Area for quiet contemplation and visitation:

- The underground area around the pools provides a place for quiet contemplation. There is an alcove along the below-grade passageway with a place to light candles or leave artifacts.

* Area for families and loved ones:

- There is an alcove along the below-grade passageway with a place to light candles or leave artifacts. Across from it is a corridor leading to a chamber that houses the unidentified remains. This space, for private contemplation, is reserved only for family members.

* Resting place for unidentified remains:

- The unidentified remains are located below-grade, at the level of the two pools, just north of the southern pool.

* Delineation of footprints:

- The footprints are delineated by a pair of reflective pools.

Access to bedrock:

- Access to bedrock is proposed in this scheme through the cultural buildings.
- The LMDC will ensure that access to bedrock at the footprints is provided.

Feasibility

- The proposed location of the truck ramp moves unsecured trucks and buses into the memorial area adjacent to the footprints. This scenario has already been studied by the Lower Manhattan Development Corporation and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey and deemed unfeasible. The ramp location would have to be reconciled with security and infrastructure parameters.
- The building along West Street as currently proposed is not a viable width for the range of museum and cultural uses of the redevelopment program.
- The lower inner pool as currently proposed at the southern pool conflicts with PATH emergency egress.

Asterisk (*) indicates program elements from the Memorial Competition Guidelines