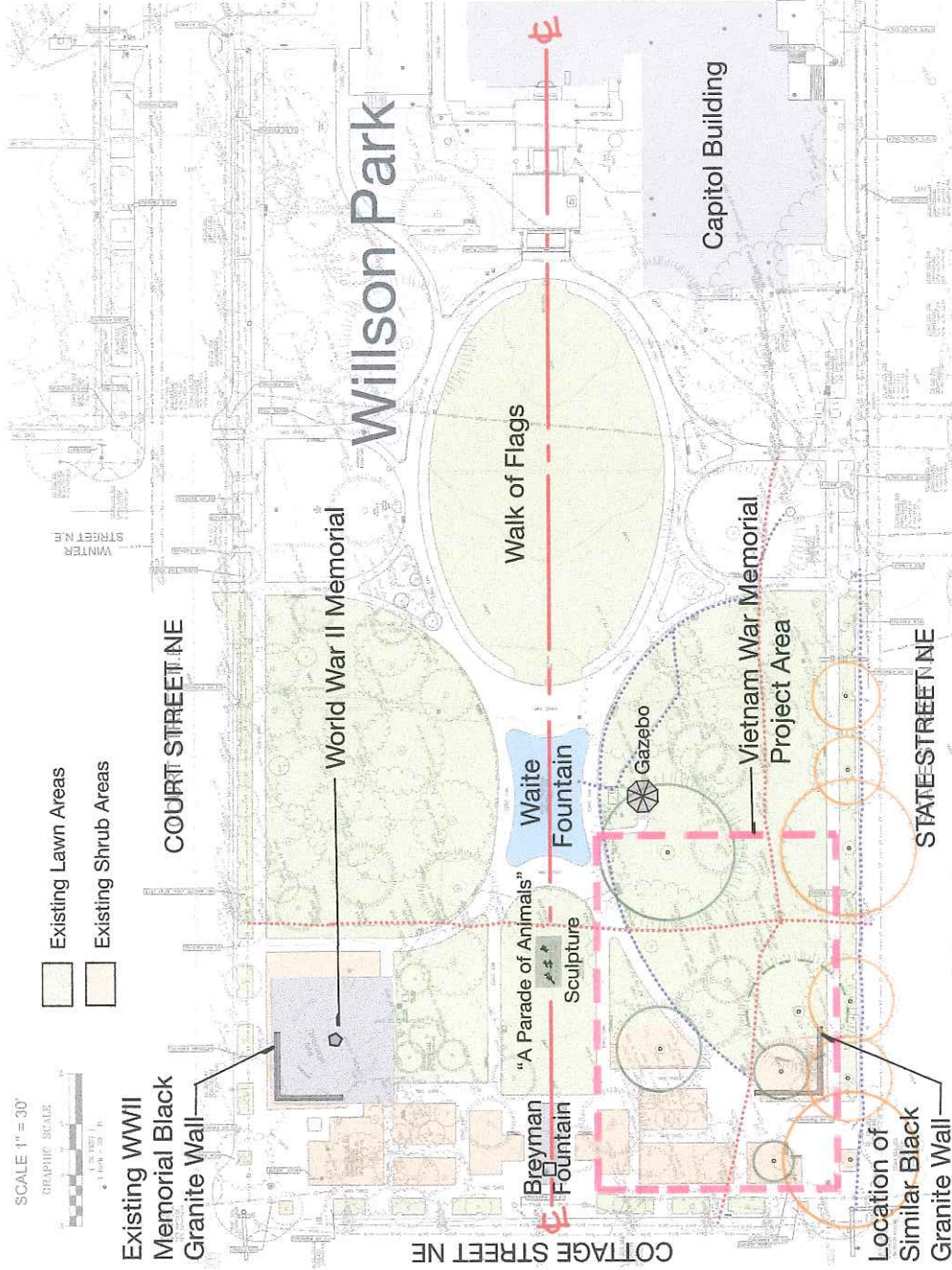


# Site Context



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Vietnam War Memorial at the Oregon State Capitol



## LEGEND

<b>Memorial Elements</b>	
1	Memorial Monument - Black Granite Columns
2	Brothers Benches
3	MIA - POW Stations
4	Nurses Station
6	Honor Station - Wetland Water Feature
7	A Soldier's Return
8	Meeting & Gathering Station
9	Persian Gulf War Memorial
10	Gold Star Families Memorial Plaque
11	Purple Heart State Plaque
<b>Other Features</b>	
A	Oregon Basalt Walls - 30" tall x 36" wide
B	8' Tall Lanterns
C	6' wide Concrete Walkway
D	Accent Paving
E	Concrete Walks
F	Shrubs & Groundcovers
G	Lawn
H	Bamboo Screen
I	8' Bench with Back
J	Curved Bench



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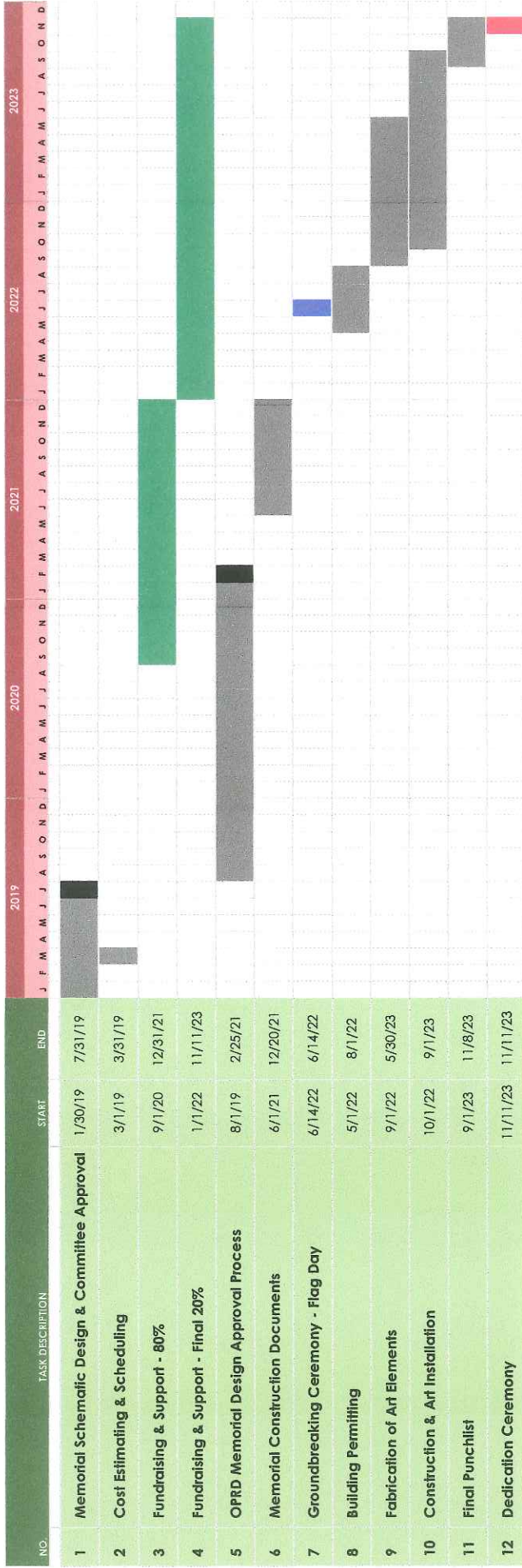
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# Project Schedule

## Vietnam War Memorial

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“Let Us Honor Our Warriors and Remember the Fallen”

## VIETNAM WAR MEMORIAL ON THE OREGON STATE CAPITOL GROUNDS PROJECT NARRATIVE

50 years ago today, over 500,000 United States military personnel were deployed to Vietnam. The New Year of 1969 brought many of the same experiences of 1968. 1968 was the year of the greatest number of casualties during the Vietnam War. Almost 3 million warriors served in Vietnam. Thousands were from Oregon. All totaled, there were over 58,000 American troops who died in Vietnam; 710 of them were Oregonians.

These were the sons and daughters of the Greatest Generation. The Vietnam generation of warriors went to war and served their country well. Yet, when they returned from serving their nation, they did not get a Thank You, let alone a “Welcome Home”.

The era of the Vietnam War was a tumultuous time. There was strife and discord. The Vietnam Era Veterans were treated poorly; spit upon, verbally rebuked and on many occasions physically attacked, for wearing a military uniform and serving their country. During the ensuing decades, the Vietnam Era Veterans, and their service to our country, were essentially ignored.

In our Oregon State Capitol building, you can find a memorial to the veterans of the Civil War. In our state capital city of Salem, on state properties, there are memorials honoring the Veterans of the Spanish American War, World War I, World War II, Korean War and the Afghan- Iraqi wars.

Many Oregon communities have a local monument, memorial or park to honor their veterans and war dead. Some communities have honored their local Vietnam War heroes with separate Vietnam War memorials.

Yet, in our state capital city, there is not a statewide monument or memorial honoring our Vietnam War Veterans. The states of California and Washington erected memorials on their capitol grounds to honor their Vietnam Veterans and collectively say “Welcome Home”. It is time for the state of Oregon to do the same.

**The Fund for a Vietnam Memorial on the Oregon State Capitol Grounds**  
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## Construction and Content Memorandum of Understanding

Version 20210517

This memorandum of understanding (MOU) sets forth obligations by the Vietnam War Memorial Fund (VWMF) and the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) related to construction of the Vietnam War Memorial at the southwest corner of Willson Park within the State Capitol State Park.

The MOU is not a comprehensive list of each party's rights and obligations, but does create a general framework for the project going forward.

### A. VWMF obligations:

The Vietnam War Memorial Fund ...

1. Is responsible for obtaining and funding all building and construction-related permits, and provide copies of permits and other forms of approval to OPRD.
2. Shall work as required with the State Historic Preservation Office on reviews and permits, including archaeological permits, as required by state and federal law and provide OPRD with copies of final reports and permits.
3. Consult during construction document development and construction with federally-recognized tribes that have an association with the property now known as Willson Park, and notify OPRD when meetings or consultations occur.
4. Shall comply with all city, state, and federal requirements during planning and construction.
5. Shall continuously consult with the Capitol Planning Commission, no less than quarterly during permitting and construction. Consultation will not necessarily change project requirements, but may result in advice.
6. Shall collaborate with the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, or its successor, to develop construction documents approved by OPRD and VWMF, with the document including final design drawings and schematics, a construction calendar to minimize disruptions to public use of the park, and a planting plan that identifies exact species and locations adhering to best horticultural practices for park management.
7. Shall convene an oversight group representative of veterans, local and national historians, interpreters, local and state public officials, and people representing Oregon's Vietnamese and/or Southeast Asian communities to review and recommend material for written and audio messages in on-site and online features associated with the memorial. The work of this group shall be incorporated into an interpretive and sculptural plan for the site, delivered for signed approval from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department or its successor.
8. Is asked to consider adding other forms of art that include both U.S. and South Vietnamese service members to reflect their relationship during this historical period.
9. Is asked to organize a public groundbreaking.

### B. OPRD obligations:

The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department ...

1. Or its successor, shall coordinate with relevant state agencies to produce an infrastructure and landscape report detailing above- and below-ground resources, including power, water, and sewer networks, and an assessment of the current condition of trees and other plantings affected by the memorial.



2. Will assign a single point of contact to coordinate site work and other agency approvals and reviews, except for regulatory or permit-related contacts including, but not limited to, permits issued by and reviews originating from the State Historic Preservation Office.

**C. General provisions:**

1. This memorandum is in effect from the date signed until site work (including construction, plantings, and installation of sculptures and interpretive materials) is accepted by OPRD as complete.
2. This memorandum is subject to change with mutual consent from OPRD and VWMF.
3. Nothing in this memorandum supersedes obligations by either party to comply with or enforce any state, federal, or local law, rule, ordinance, or other requirement.
4. Each party is solely responsible for costs associated with its obligations.

**D. Reassignment:**

1. OPRD may reassign its obligations under this MOU to any other state agency on approval from the OPRD Director.
2. VWMF may reassign its obligations under this MOU only with the expressed written consent of the OPRD Director or designee.

**E. Signatures**

Vietnam War Memorial Fund

Printed name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

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