Treasury’s North Lawn and Pennsylvania Avenue at the White House
Pennsylvania Avenue

- Major redevelopment of Pennsylvania Avenue from Treasury to EEOB
- Project construction starts Nov. 2003
- Project construction ends Oct. 2004
Pennsylvania Avenue Plan

- Streetscape and landscape redesign
- New granite and textured paving surfaces
- Trees repositioned along the Avenue
- Modified security bollards and redesigned officer booths
Landscape Plan 1861

- The plan was designed by A.J. Downing in 1851
- Treasury adopted the plan with the completion of the South Wing
- There were formal landscape elements on all sides of the Treasury
Landscape Plan 1867

- Alfred Mullett, Supervising Architect, reworked the North lawn plan
- Fountain erected in North plaza
- Symmetrical circular patterns became the key design motif
North Lawn 1890

- Period photograph, looking east, shows a well attended lawn with a circular design element
North Lawn 1919

The Downing plan continued after World War I (at that time there was a fountain in the center of the north plaza).
Current North Lawn

- The northeast lawn has been filled in with the completion of waterproofing project.
- The northwest lawn has plants along the perimeter, which cannot be seen from the Pennsylvania Avenue street level.
North Lawn Improvements

1869

Individual building landscape elements remain a cohesive design feature for Washington.

1880
North Lawn Initial Replanting

- Proposed plan returns the circle as the focal design element.
- A central circular bed replaces the perimeter flower beds.
- The circular beds will be a “seed” for future landscape enhancements for both the North and South lawns.