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Of those elements, only the tree canopy and the GW Parkway's configuration of the GW Parkway itself are within the project's APE. Alteration of the forest canopy would occur primarily in an area that was impacted by the original construction of GW Parkway (see Figure 3-8). As a result of the I-495 NEXT project, it is expected that the impacts will be minimized using avoidance, design strategies, and replanting to restore the forest community to its original design intent. Additionally, during construction, areas of vegetation removal or disturbance both on land within GW Parkway and land within VDOT right-of-way adjacent to the GW Parkway that transitions to the park entrance to the maximum extent practicable to maintain the transition environment into the GW Parkway. Further, the overall configuration of the GW Parkway itself would be altered only by extending the existing merge taper for a distance of approximately 1,150 feet within the NRHP boundaries of the GW Parkway. It is VDOT's opinion that neither of these alterations to character-defining features of the GW Parkway rise to the level of diminishing those features.