

The Canoe Cruisers Association would like to register its opposition to the building of the proposed Georgetown University Boathouse on what is now C&O National Historical Park land. As stewards of our public parkland we would hope you would be vigorously diligent in protecting a scarce and beautiful resource.

The protected canal and river views upstream of D.C. are a special treasure and a unique resource for the residents and visitors of this area. Encroachment and destruction of these precious resources for the benefit of private individuals, such as Dan Snyder, or private entities, such as Georgetown University, are not in the public interest. Indeed they represent a stealing of the public's assets.

I am not only the Conservation Chair of the CCA but also a member of the Citizens Advisory Committee for a watershed development plan in Fairfax County, Virginia. While not an expert in these matters I appreciate the impact of development in the watershed. There are glaring errors and omissions in the existing Georgetown University Boathouse Environmental Assessment (EA) that should be properly addressed in a full Environmental Impact Statement.

We are aware of and endorse the Potomac Conservancy's response to the EA and trust that you will seriously consider the substantial issues raised in their comments.