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Re: Scoping Comments for EIS - Georgetown University boathouse proposal, NPS project 15645

Dear Mr. Brandt,

This is to support the comments of the Defenders of Potomac Parklands on the important issues that need to be researched and evaluated in determining the scope of the Environmental Impact Statement that the National Park Service has agreed to prepare on NPS Project 15645, sometimes called the Boathouse Project.

In particular, I would include in the required map of the shoreline areas at issue, the "inholdings" in the shoreline areas of the Potomac and the Anacostia. These "inholdings" should be clearly authenticated, and not merely placed on the map without investigation.

As a visitor to the proposed site in Georgetown on a beautiful summer afternoon, I have a highly personal understanding of the treasure our city has in this unspoiled and intensely used and appreciated outdoor paradise.

We have already lost some valuable and immensely enjoyable Potomac shoreline access with the construction of the Kennedy Center. In retrospect, we could have reached it more easily downtown, and saved both the Potomac shoreline access and immense expenditures. Having joined many years ago in the successful citizen effort to prevent the construction of a multilane interstate along the shore, I have hope that wiser heads will prevail again.

I hope the Park Service will take this opportunity to review and document the unique value the river shorelines provide to our urban space, and move to protect it more energetically.

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