

**Government of the District of Columbia
ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3-D**

P.O. Box 40486
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May 21, 2013

Mr. Peter May
National Park Service
1100 Ohio Drive, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20242

**RE: ANC3D support of the Low Density Scenario by NPS presented in the feasibility study to
implement a non-motorized boathouse zone along the Georgetown waterfront**

Dear Mr. May:

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3D reaffirms its support for protecting the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park from private development—this time in reference to the non-motorized boathouse feasibility study that the National Park Service commenced. The boundaries of our ANC include the Capital Crescent Trail; the C&O Canal; the tow path; and the Potomac River almost up to Key Bridge. We have for years actively opposed any activity which would compromise the integrity or ecology of this treasured national Park.

Our Advisory Neighborhood Commission has gone on record with regard to ensuring the public trust of this Federal parkland. We urge the National Park Service to preserve the wooded area—the tidal floodplain just upstream of the Washington Canoe Club—land that belongs to everyone. We favor open accessibility to the property and its stewardship by the National Park Service.

At its properly-noticed public meeting on May 1, 2013, held at the American University, School of International Service, Room 333, Washington, DC 20016, with a quorum present at all times, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 3D voted 6-0-1 to support the position of the Defenders of the Potomac River Parkland (“Defenders”) and to support the “Low Density Scenario” that does not involve intrusive development harmful to the C&O Canal National Historical Park. Three of our Commissioners Districts include the affected areas, as described above, and we have great confidence and respect for the hard work and analysis of the Defenders.

Along with enjoying the C&O National Historical Park for its opportunities for running, hiking, birding, bicycling, and boating—with Fletcher’s Boat House a neighborhood amenity—our community participates in removing invasive species, conducting bird censuses, and monitoring runoff and floods. We care about this park.

The green space of the C&O National Historical Park is precious to our community. We value its character and quality, recognizing the restorative effect of nature—peace and quiet and woods

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and water. The historic achievement of Justice Douglas, decades ago, in preventing the conversion of the land in the nation's capital to a highway is a legacy that we seek to ensure.

We support and appreciate the conservation mission of the National Park Service, which we believe will be enhanced with the Low Density option.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Penny Pagano".

Penny Pagano
Chair, ANC3D