

The Defenders of the Potomac River Parkland (DPRP) would like your help in protecting the Potomac River Waterfront!
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Georgetown University wants to build a 40,000 ft² structure on the bank of the Potomac River approximately 300 yards upstream of Key Bridge on National Park land. The structure is 300' long, almost 60' high and 60' wide. It will block the view of the Key Bridge from the C&O canal and will put vehicle traffic on the Capital Crescent Trail for 400 yards.

Did you know?

- That the Potomac River Valley has been listed as one of the top 10 challenged scenic landscapes?
- That Wetlands can be built on?
- That wildlife habitat is irrelevant?
- That historic views and scenic areas can be taken out of the public trust and given away forever?
- That Georgetown University is expanding it's grip on Georgetown?

In the early 1970s concerned citizens stopped the construction of the "Three Sisters Bridge". Now, like then, citizens interested in preserving and protecting the Potomac River Valley are rallying to stop what could be the first construction in Washington on the Potomac River north of Georgetown in decades.

On May 19th the DC Zoning Commission will consider whether to zone the parkland property to accommodate development. Currently the land is unzoned, and **should remain unzoned, with no new construction.** You can see the Zoning documents at: <http://www.dcoz.dcgov.org/services/zoning/schedule/2003/05.shtm>

What can you do? Join the Sierra Club, Audubon Society, C&O Canal Association and a growing list of organizations.

Send a letter to the zoning commission. According to a Sierra Club representative it is possible to stop the rezoning. Please consider writing a short note (signed) expressing your concern or describing how the proposed boathouse (Case No. 02-30) will affect you as a neighbor, biker, boater, or nature lover. Ask that the land remain unzoned. Below are some possible points to help you craft your letter. The signed letters need to be received by May 12th.

- Tell DC that you oppose the loss of public parkland,
- Describe project impact on wildlife you may have seen,
- Tell why parkland in the city is important to you,
- Discuss the impact of boathouse as viewed from river, C&O canal or Capital Crescent Trail or neighborhood.

Address letters to:

Carol Mitten, Chair, DC Zoning commission
441 4th St., NW, Suite 210
Washington, DC 20001

Secondly, attend the Zoning Commission hearing on May 19. This may be the last chance to stop this project. If you wish to speak, notice must be filed with the Zoning Commission by May 5th. The meeting will be held at 6:30pm, May 19th.

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