

September 26, 2005

Dear Ms. Mainella:

Please do not allow construction on the Georgetown Waterfront Park at 34th St. until NPS does a full Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed Georgetown University boathouse and considers alternative locations for the facility, including the site at 34th St. and K St. now scheduled for redevelopment/"greening" in October. To begin construction at the downstream end of the "non-motorized boathouse zone" before resolving the controversial Georgetown University proposal at the upstream end of the zone (which NPS has extended into the C&O Canal NH Park without extending the zone downstream past 34th St.), would be inappropriate if not illegal.

There have been enough misstatements as to the status of the boathouse zone and the entire waterfront planning process as to call this entire procedure into question unless a new, thorough review is undertaken.

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