

Sewage Spills in Georgetown Section of C&O Canal NHP

A break in the Upper Potomac Interceptor sewer line that occurred on April 30, 2014, caused an estimated five million gallons of sewage to spill through the Georgetown portion of the C&O Canal National Historical Park and into the Potomac River. The mishap resulted in closure for more than a week of the part of the Capital Crescent Trail (CCT) that runs through the C&O Canal NHP from Water Street to Fletcher's Cove. Part of the affected area was included in the National Park Service's recent Georgetown waterfront boathouse zone [feasibility study](#).

The DC Water authority's May 1 news release described the situation at that time:

https://www.dcwater.com/site_archive/news/press_release651.cfm

Following a period of heavy rain, DC Water on May 16 announced that sewage spill had again caused closure of the same section of the CCT:

https://www.dcwater.com/news/listings/press_release653.cfm

The closed section of the CCT was open again as of 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 17, as reported by the Coalition for the Capital Crescent Trail.