

Comment by David Winer of Bethesda, Maryland, submitted on March 30, 2012:

You can avoid the wrath of huge numbers of concerned citizens by considering no private boathouses in the C&O Canal National Historical Park.

The old Dempsey site would be an excellent location for a boathouse.

There is room for boathouses below 34th Street in the Georgetown Riverfront Park. This large park was created without input from citizens outside Georgetown so is fair for conversion to other recreational use (without seriously impinging on the quality of the park).

Recognize that the small parcel of land upriver, owned by Georgetown University, has very little value. The C&O Canal NHP has no need for it. It is patently unsuitable for use as a boathouse for many reasons. Thus it must not be considered a bargaining chip in locating a boathouse for the University.

Input from all citizens concerned with the non-motorized boathouse zone must be solicited and heeded. Fortunately this now appears to be the case, in contrast with the previous inept, one sided handling of these issues by NPS managers.