

# "Canal Parc:" Too Much of a Good Thing

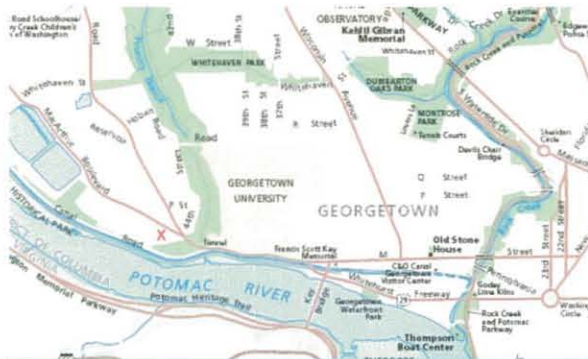
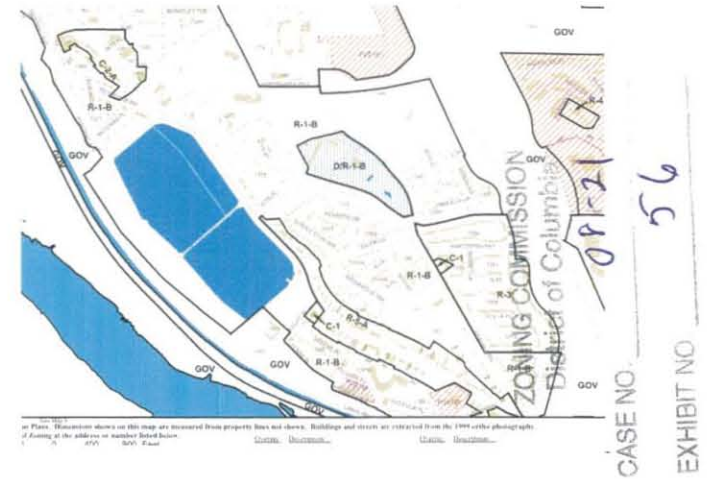
A Presentation to the  
District of Columbia Zoning Commission

February 12, 2009

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3D  
A.U., Foxhall, Palisades, Spring Valley, Wesley Heights



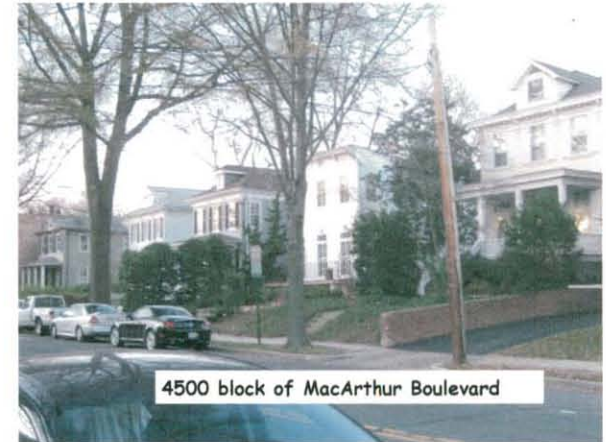
4460 MacArthur Boulevard, Northwest



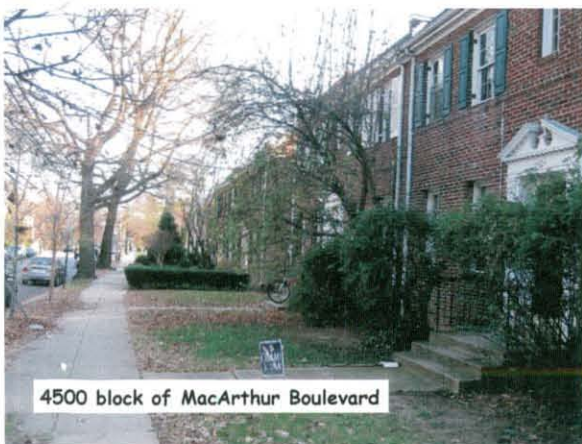
National Park Service's Map of Rock Creek Park



Riverside Hospital Site, 4460 MacArthur Boulevard



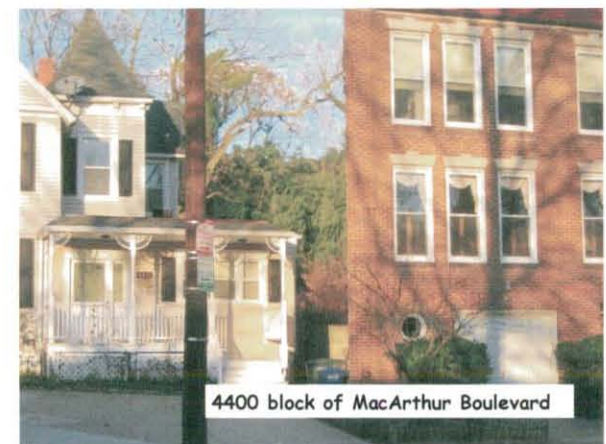
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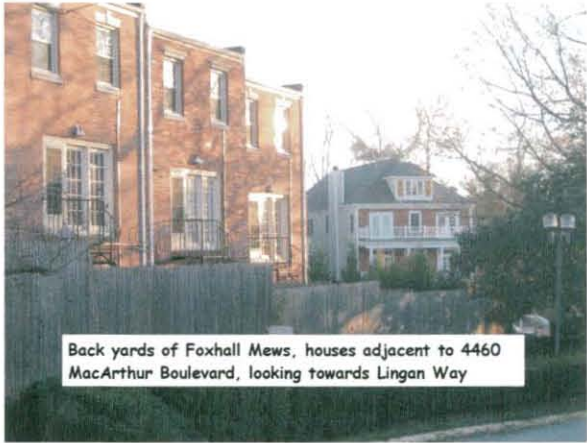
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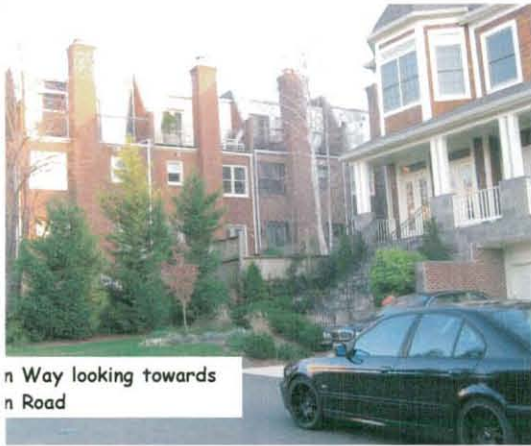
Back of Foxhall Mews,  
block of MacArthur  
Boulevard



Back yards of Foxhall Mews, houses adjacent to 4460  
MacArthur Boulevard, looking towards Lingan Way



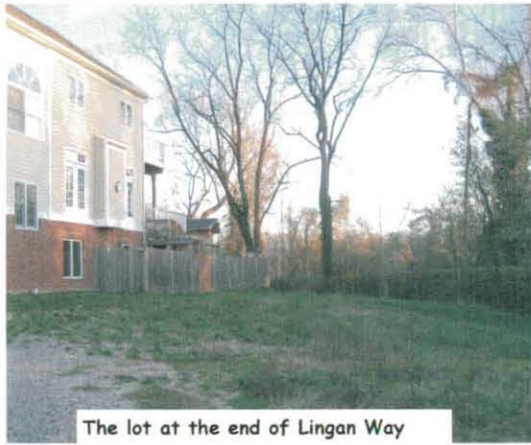
Lingan Road



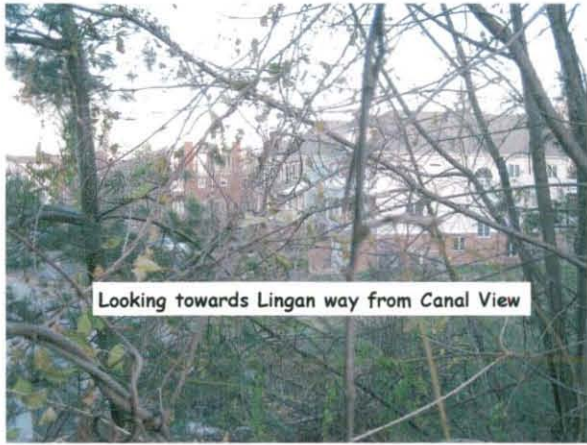
Lingan Way looking towards  
MacArthur Road



Lingan Road Meets Lingan Way

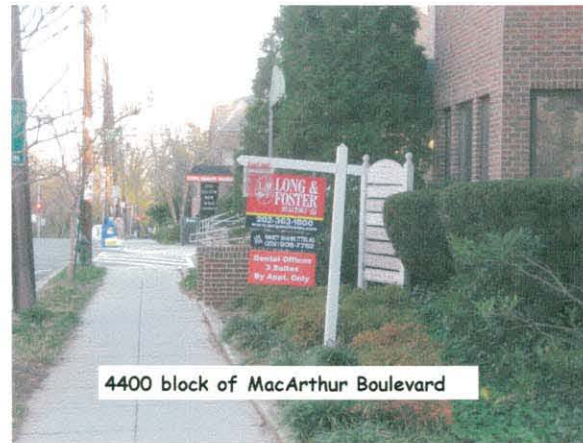
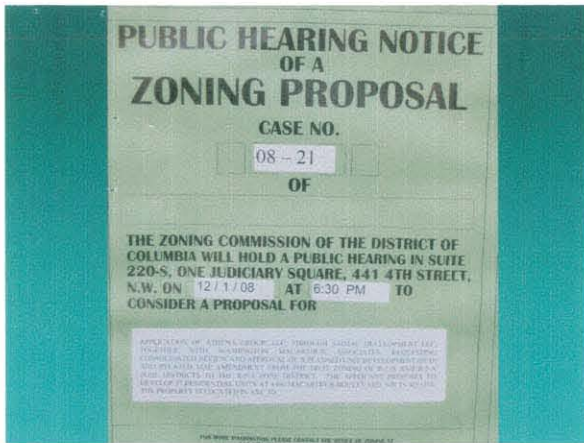


The lot at the end of Lingan Way



Looking towards Lingan way from Canal View



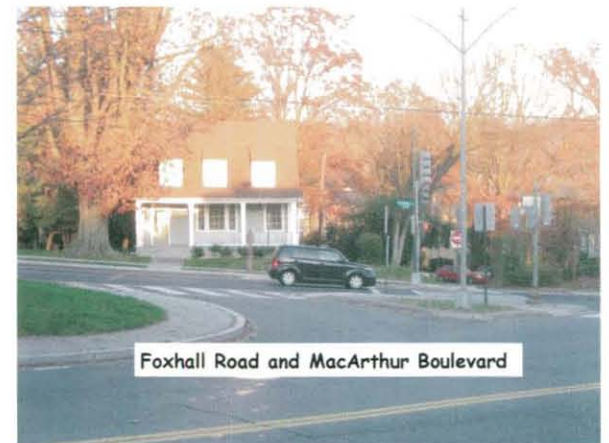




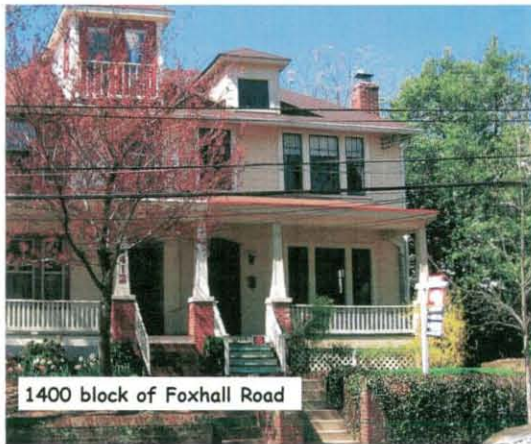
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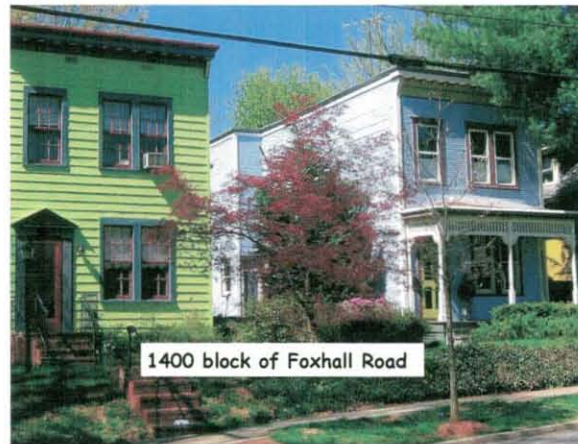
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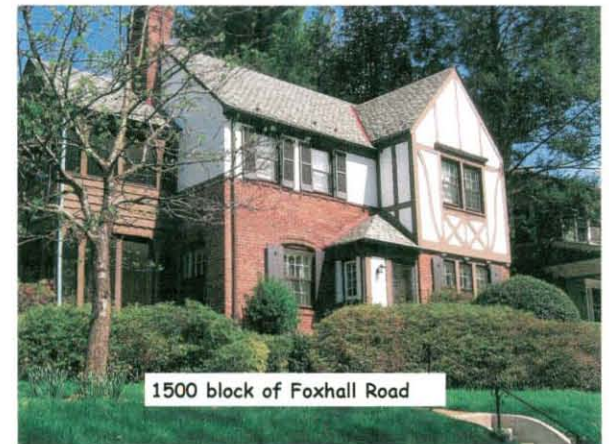
Foxhall Road and MacArthur Boulevard



1400 block of Foxhall Road



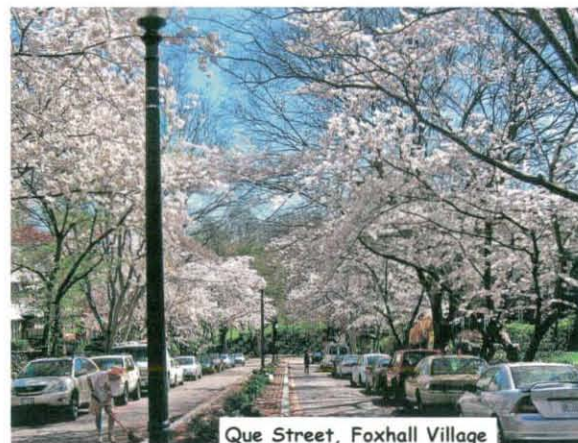
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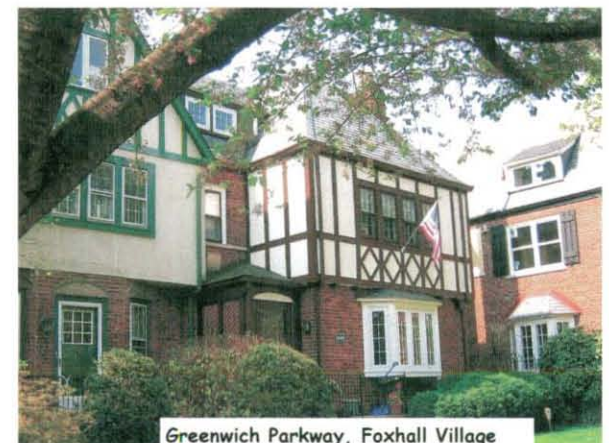
1500 block of Foxhall Road



Rose Lees Hardy School, Foxhall Road and Que Street



Que Street, Foxhall Village



Greenwich Parkway, Foxhall Village







Boyle House at 4452 MacArthur Boulevard—on the site of Riverside Hospital.

From Alice Fales Stewart's 2005 book, *Images of America: The Palisades of Washington, D. C.* [page 29]

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SUCH HOUSES WILL BE ILLUSTRATED IN FEBRUARY AND LATER ISSUES

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New York City

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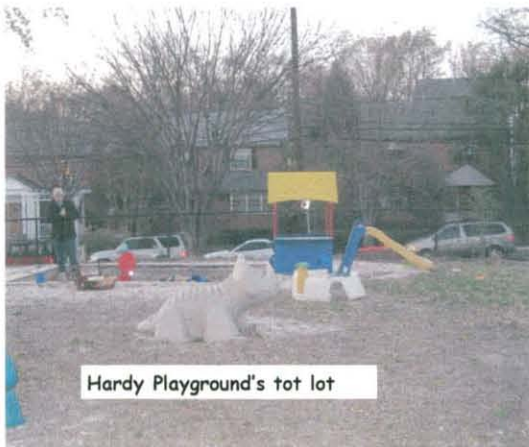
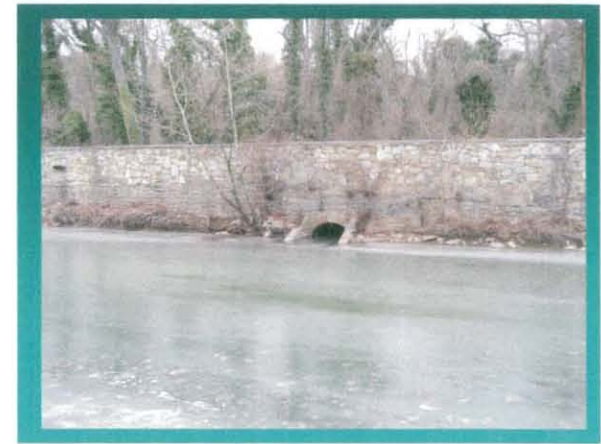
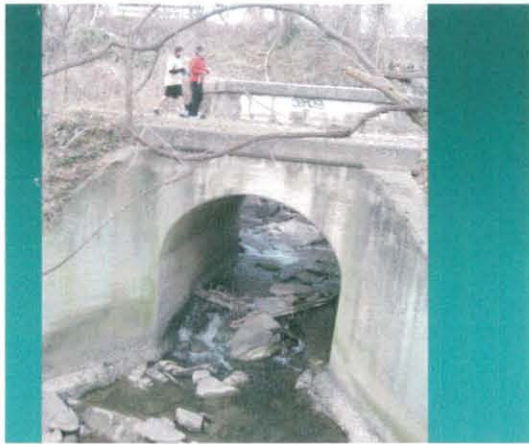
Raymond D. Ritchie  
Building Engineer

*Good Housekeeping*  
magazine, January 1937



The article mentions that in 1925 in the neighborhood "another firm" [Boss and Phelps] built a "more pretentious" group of (200) homes... that they named Foxhall Village.





Hardy Playground's tot lot



Hardy Field after soccer season



### STATE OF THE NATION'S RIVER 2008 POTOMAC STORMWATER RUNOFF

November 11, 2008: Pollution from a hardened landscape has become the Potomac region's fastest-growing water quality problem, threatening the health of the river from which 86 percent of residents get their drinking water.

Urban runoff from city pavement, roofs, and lawns is the issue.

*Washington Post*  
Editorial, "Stalled Chesapeake Cleanup"  
A look to the future on cleaning the bay. Tuesday, November 25, 2008, A14

**SHOW OF HANDS.** How many of you were shocked -- shocked! -- to learn that the Chesapeake Executive Council decided last week to ditch its 25-year-old goal of cleaning up the Chesapeake Bay in favor of short-term achievements?

ah, that's what we thought: none of you. The drive to cleanse one of the world's largest estuaries long has been swamped by overdevelopment and the lack of political will to make the hard decisions that would turn the dream of a pristine Chesapeake Bay into a reality.




*Bad Water and the Decline of Blue Crabs in the Chesapeake Bay*, a 2008 report of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation




Neighbors take in the view of Little Island from a public park that faces the back of the home.

Maryland lawmakers seek to toughen protection sensitive areas encroaching on the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

The new law allows the state to demand repairs to the environment or the removal of the structure despite a permit.

## Sidwell Friends School: Platinum Rating for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design

The Middle School Building was completed in September 2006 and was awarded a LEED Platinum rating in March 2007.

It is the first K-12 school in the United States to have a LEED Platinum rating and the first such building in the District of Columbia.



The new building uses 60% less energy because of efficiency and passive solar design featuring natural ventilation and shade to reduce air conditioning need and managing lights with occupancy sensors and photo-sensors.

"It's not maximum parking that's the goal, but optimum parking."

— A neighbor referring to the new entrance to the Palisades Recreation Center.

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## With Appreciation

To Malcolm Ross for his photographs of Foxhall Village and the environs