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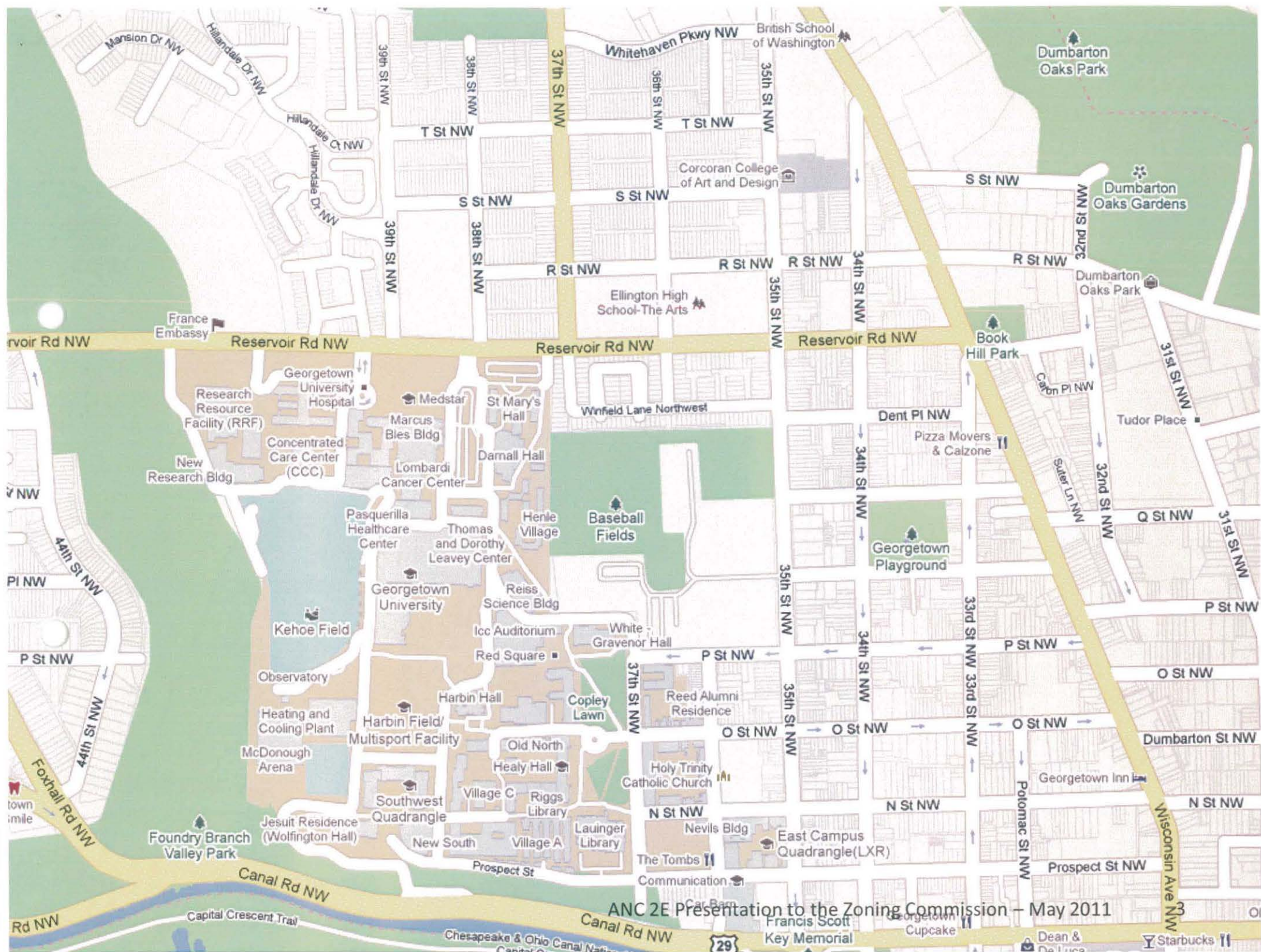
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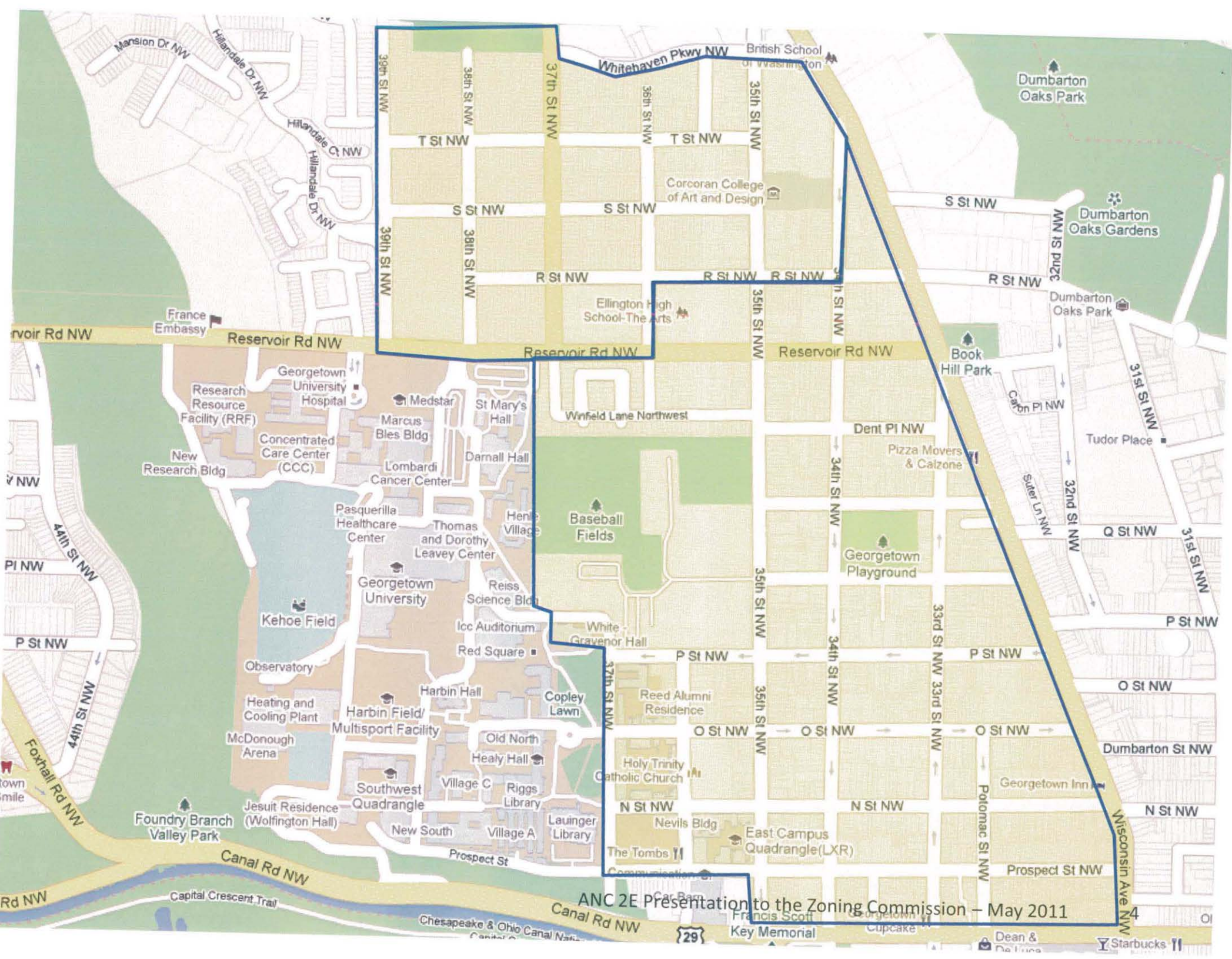
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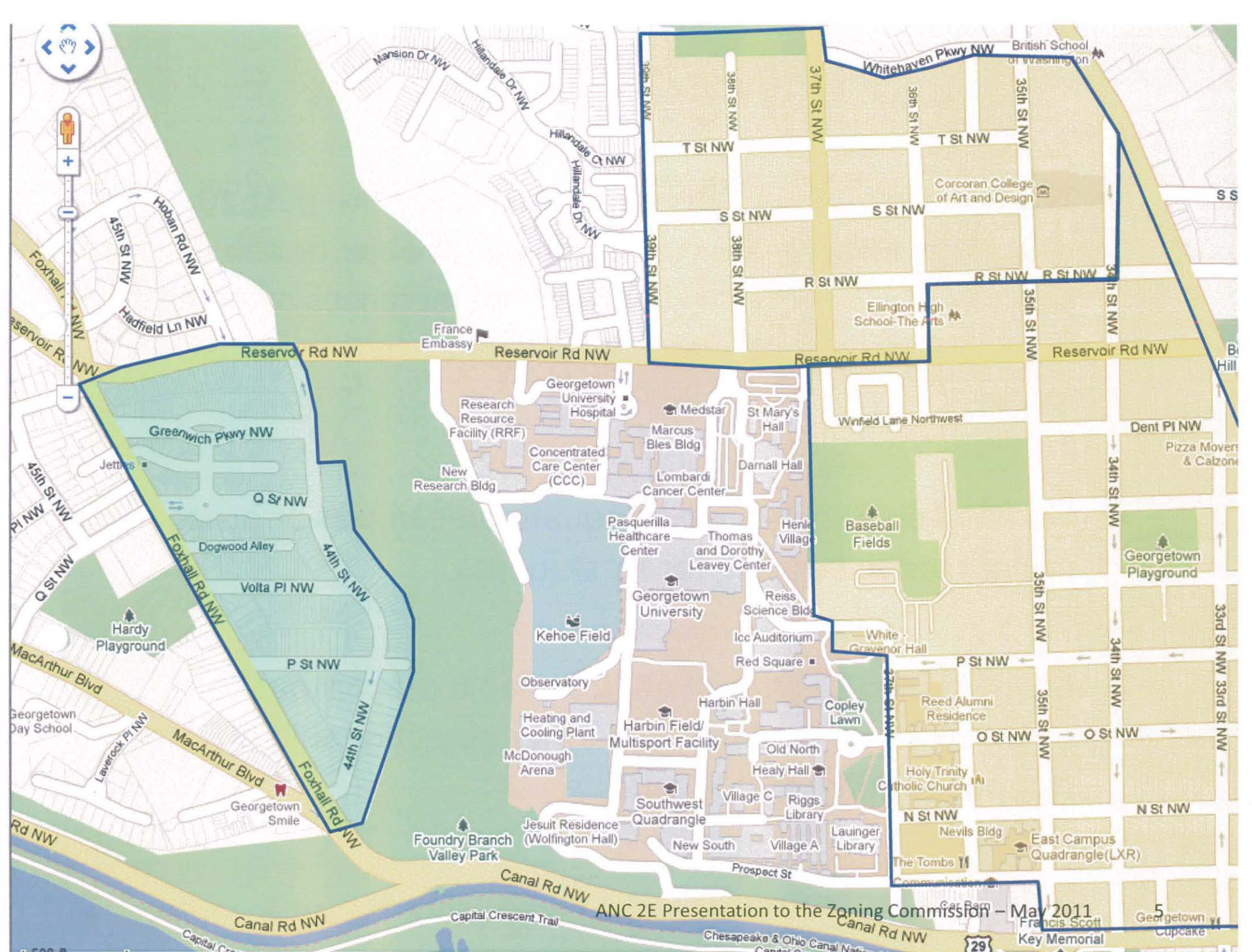
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(Please note ANC2E's new telephone number and email address)

**ANC 2E Special Public Meeting to consider the
Georgetown University Proposed Campus Plan
Thursday, January 20, 2011
at 6:30 p.m.**

**The meeting will take place at Duke Ellington
School of the Arts, 3500 R Street, N.W.**

Community members are invited to a public meeting of the ANC 2E Committee of the Whole to discuss and consider the proposed 2010-2020 Campus Plan filed by Georgetown University on December 30, 2010.

Members of the community in attendance, the Citizens Association of Georgetown, the Burleith Citizens Association, and Georgetown University officials will participate in a discussion with ANC commissioners about the proposed campus plan and its impacts on the community.

Community members are encouraged as well to comment on the plan by email to ANC 2E at anc2e@dc.gov. ANC 2E anticipates adopting a resolution relating to the proposed campus plan at its regular public meeting on January 31, 2011. Details of the proposed campus plan as described by GU are available at community.georgetown.edu/campusplan.html. CAG and BCA positions on the plan are available at cagtown.org and burleith.org.

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Undergraduate	6,166		7,379		
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Source: Information from Georgetown University. See Attachment 2.

Growth in GU Student Enrollment 2008-2010

Year	2008	2009	2010
Undergraduates	7,269	7,267	7,379
Graduate Students	5,591	6,283	6,654
Total	12,860	13,350	14,033

Source: Information from Georgetown University.

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Number of GU Students Living Off Campus In Zip Code 20007

Year	1999-2000	Range	
		2009-2010	2009-2010
Undergraduates			
Traditional	1041	1306	1306
Nontraditional	301	79	410
Total Undergraduates	1342	1385	1716
Graduate Students	1072	1132	1132
Total GU Students	2414	2517	2848

Source: Information from Georgetown University. See Attachment 5.

Percentage of GU Undergraduates Living On Campus In Fall 2010

"Traditional" undergraduate headcount		6652
Plus "non-traditional" undergraduates		
Undergraduate SCS	250	
2 nd degree BSN	160	
Non-degree	317	
		727
Total Undergraduates		7379
On-campus housing (beds)	5053	
Less unoccupied on-campus beds	-198	
Less off-campus GU townhouse beds	-111	
Total on-campus undergraduates		4744
Percentage of GU undergraduates housed on campus	64%	

Source: Information from Georgetown University. See Attachment 7.

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Major Impacts from Off-Campus Georgetown University Students

- ❖ **Loud, disruptive alcohol-driven noise** from parties in student group houses
- ❖ Larger and more **widely advertised parties** – from cell phones and social media
- ❖ Loud, disruptive **noise** from group houses **even when there is not a party**
- ❖ Loud, late-night alcohol-driven noise, **vandalism and disruptive behavior** from groups of students moving through the neighborhood

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- ❖ **Disruptive** night-time outdoor activities by students activities that are not illegal but are nonetheless highly objectionable under zoning standards
- ❖ **Deterioration** of transient student group houses
- ❖ **Constant trash** problems with student group houses
- ❖ An **adverse effect** on the value of nearby houses and the stability of the neighborhood
- ❖ Traffic and parking **congestion**

- ❖ GU's student-conduct rules are more lax off-campus than on-campus. The effect is to encourage off-campus partying.

GU's Student Conduct Rules

On-Campus Partying

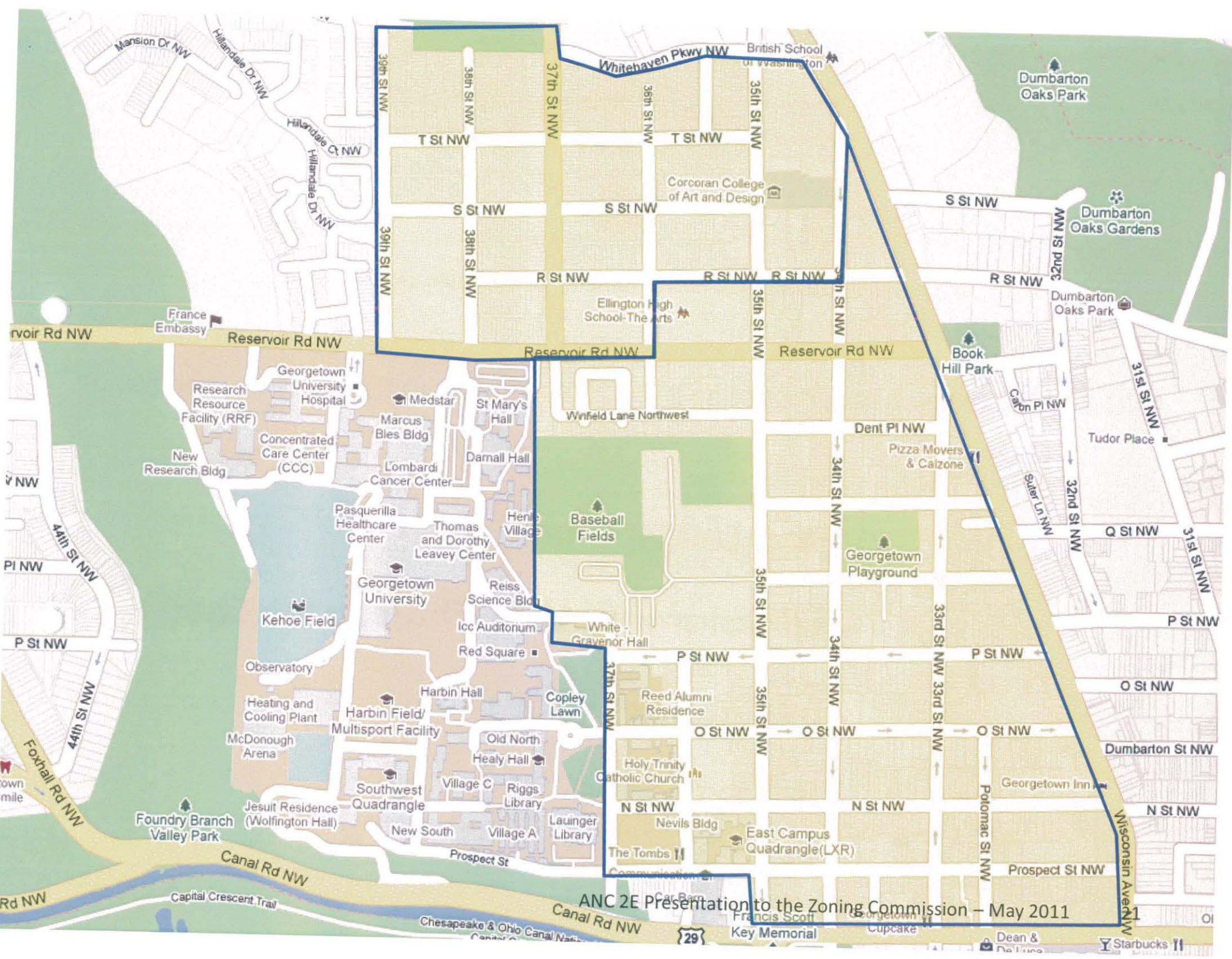
- No weekday parties after midnight
- No weekend parties after 2:00 a.m.
- Two “coherent” host requirement
- Capacity limitations
- No serving underage students
- No serving intoxicated students
- No parties to spill out of the premises
- Only one keg per party
- No glass beer bottles allowed
- No drinking games allowed
- Clean-up required by 8:00 a.m.
- Parties must be registered with GU

Partying in the Community

- No such limitation
- No such limitation
- No such requirement
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- No such prohibition
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Source: Information from Georgetown University. See Attachment 9.

- ❖ GU enrolls too many students for the size of its main campus — pushes them off-campus to live — enjoys all the benefits of the extra tuition — and puts all the burdens on the community.



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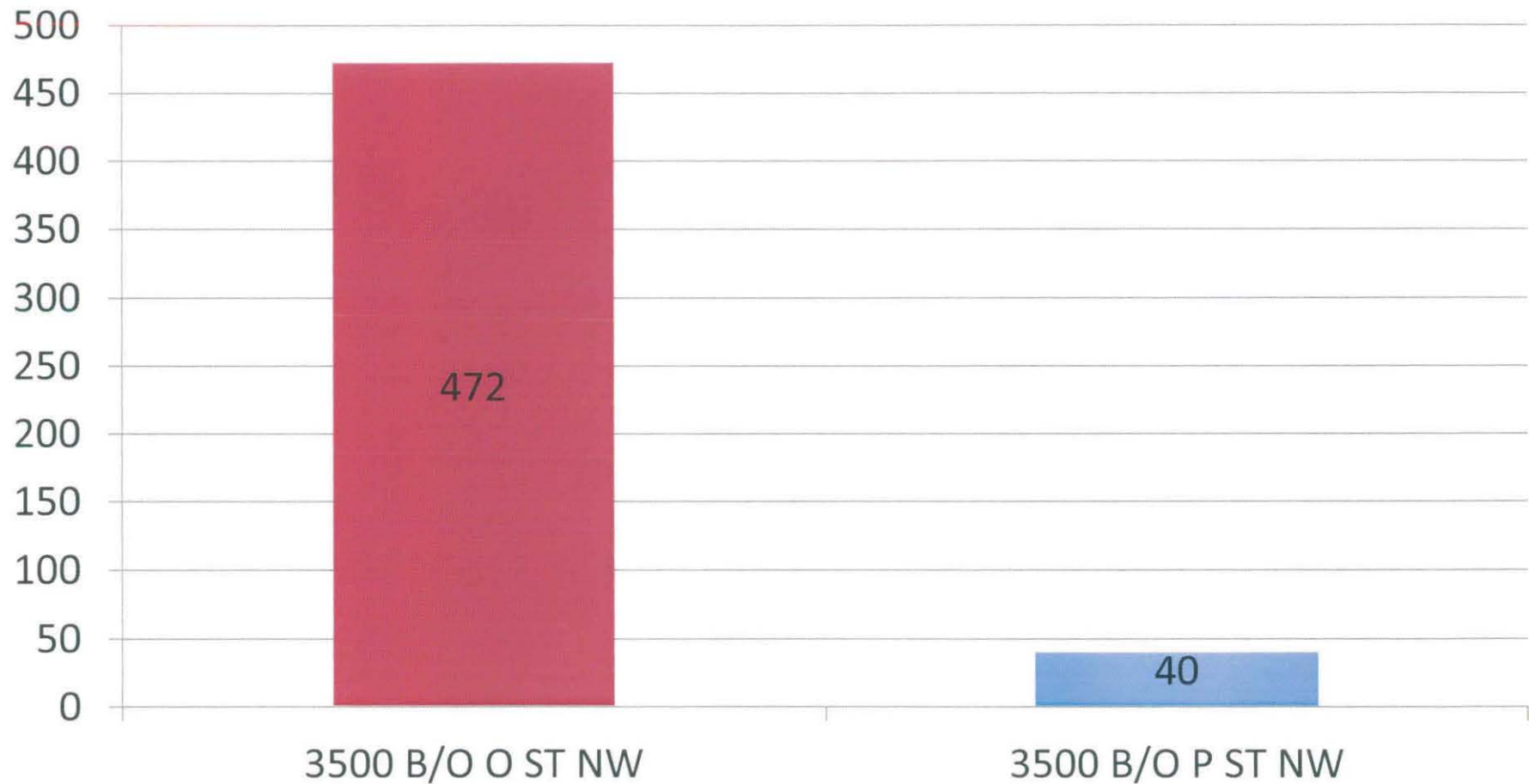
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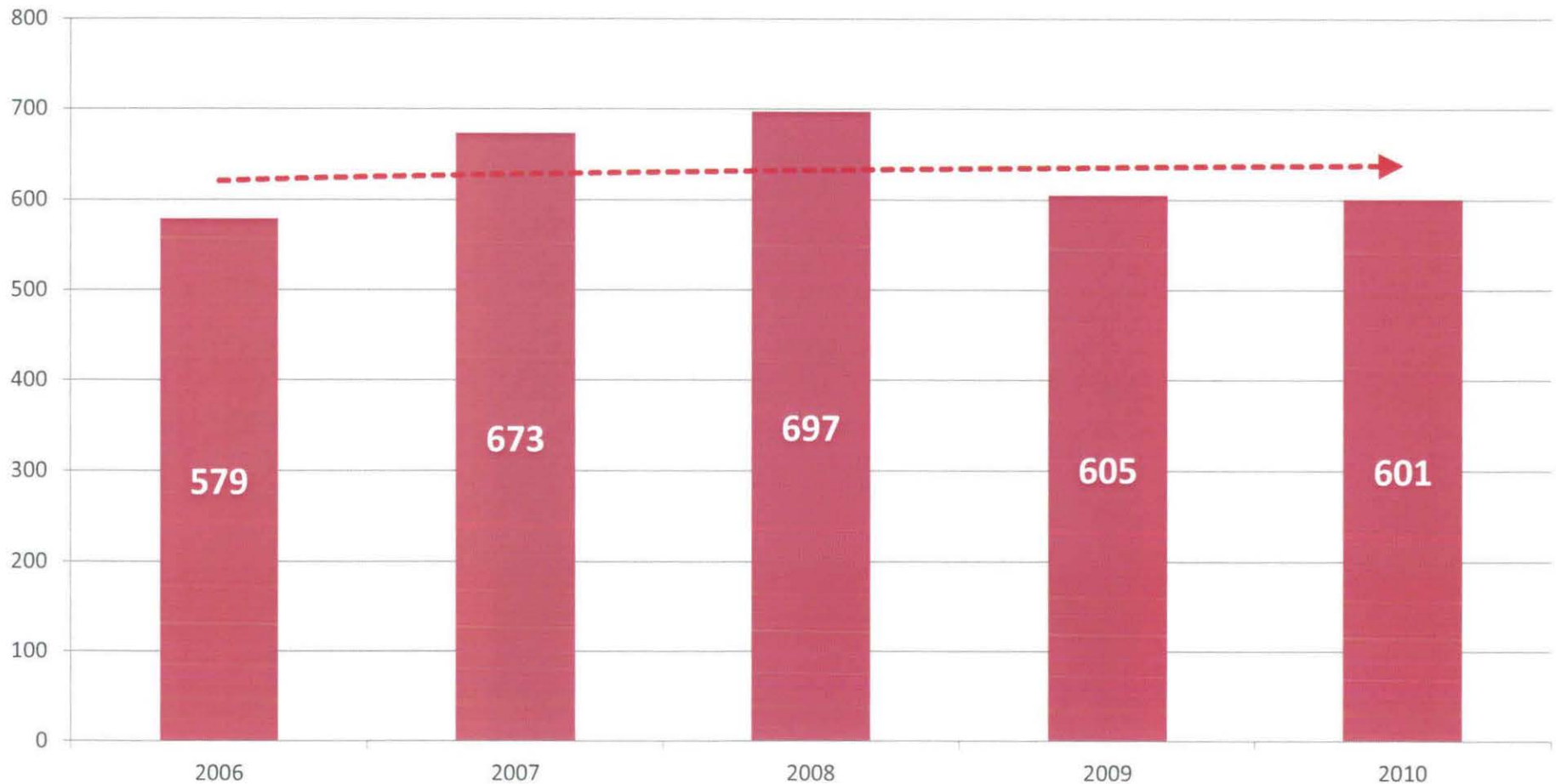
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High Concentration of Students vs. Low Concentration (2000 to 2010)



911 Calls from 2006 to 2010

For Blocks with Students = 3,155



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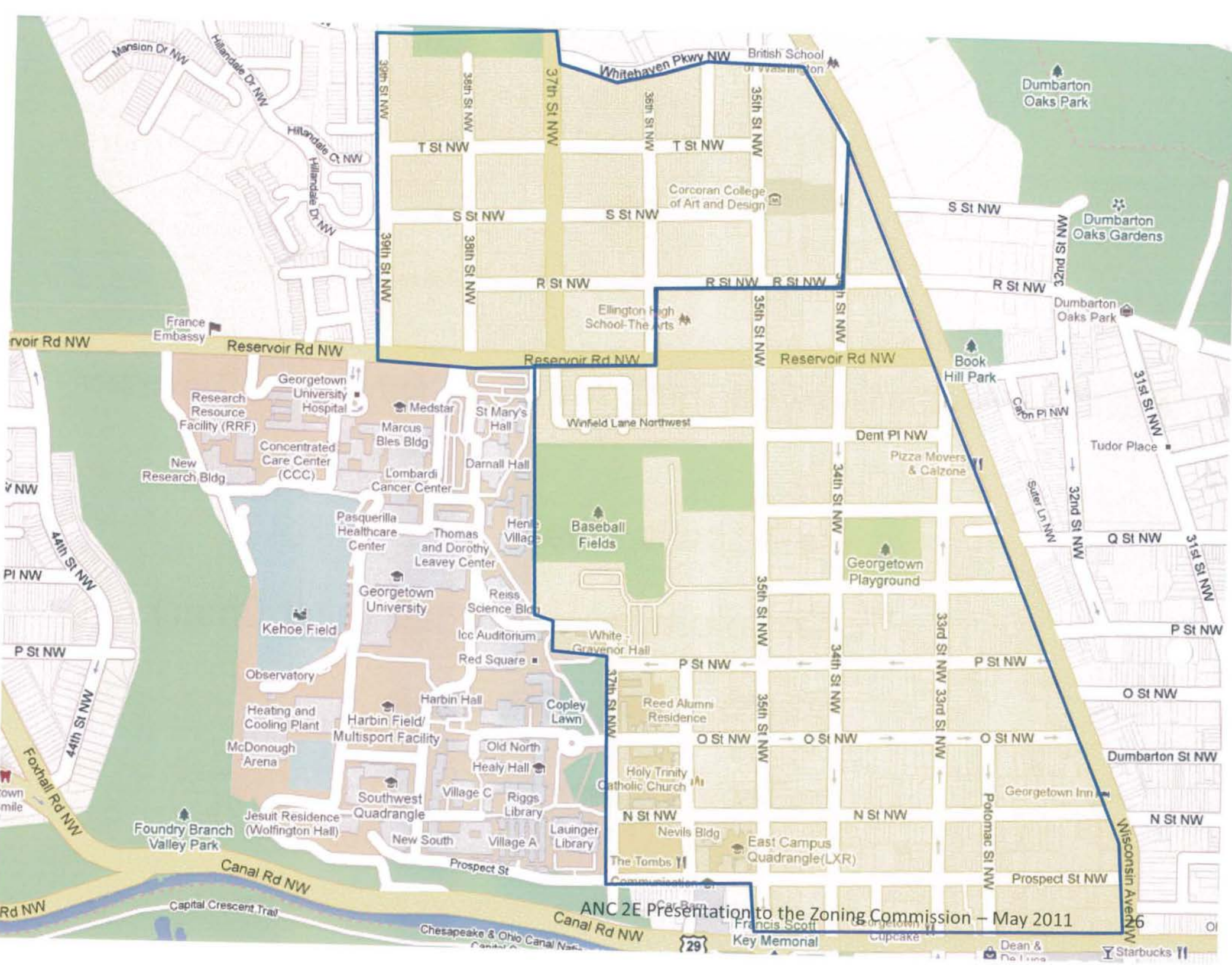
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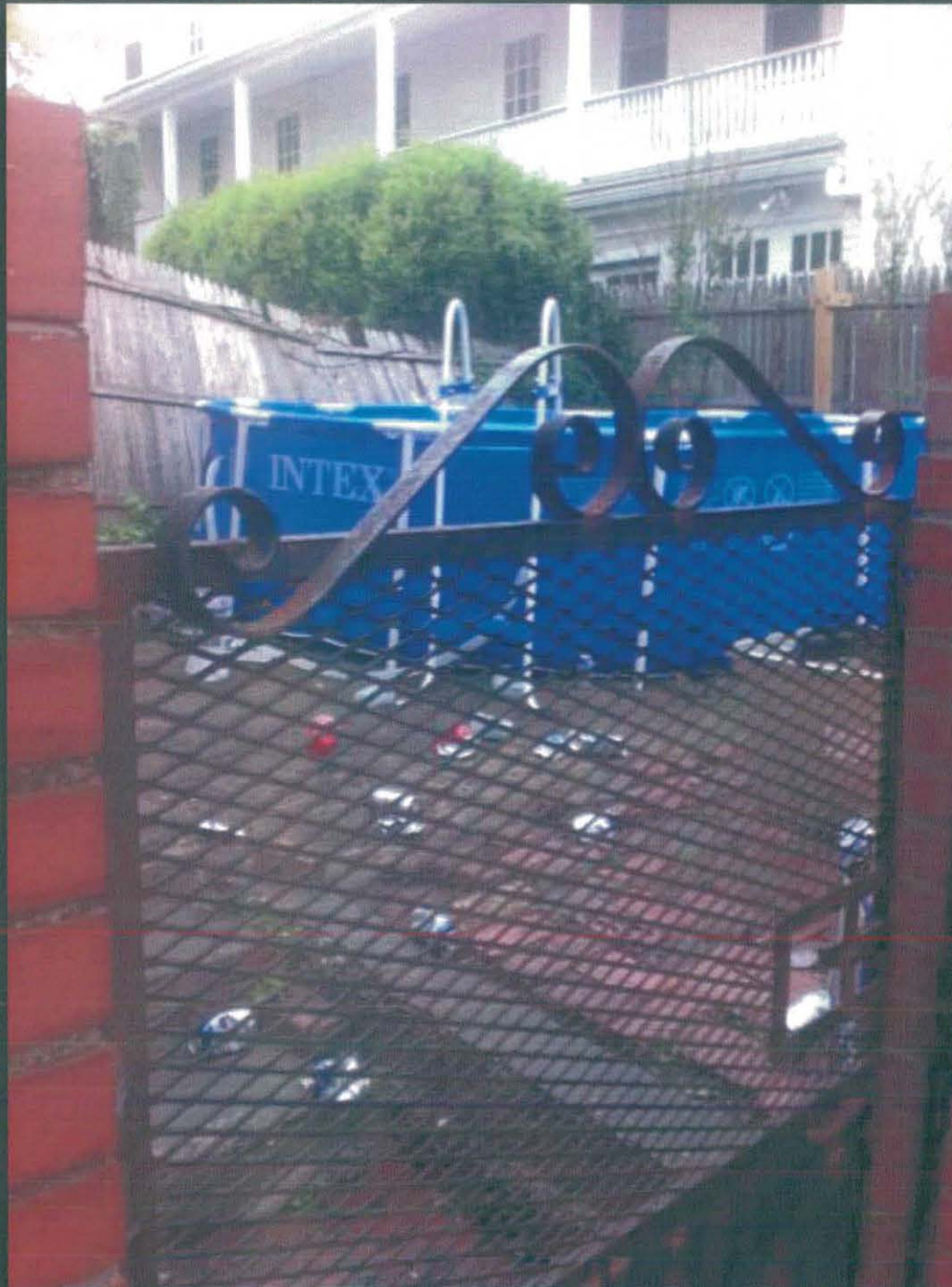
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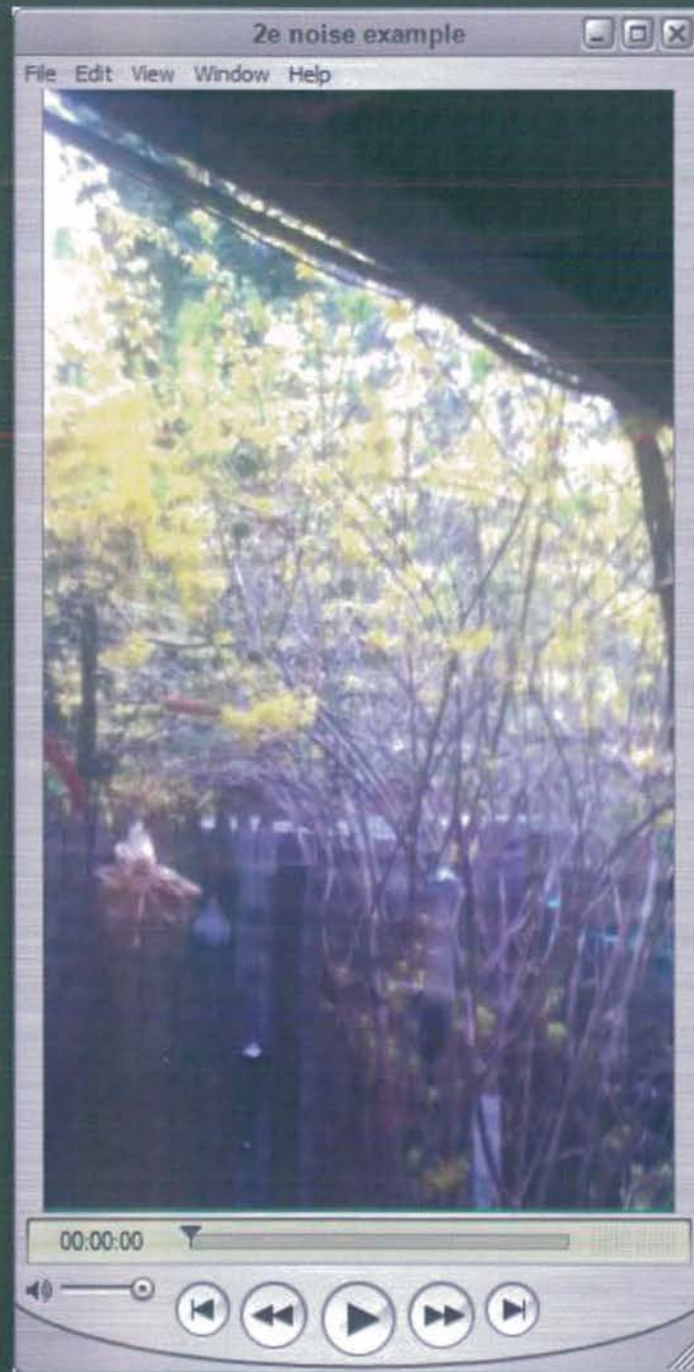
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35th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20007

Dr. Todd Olson
Vice President for Student Affairs
Georgetown University
Washington, D.C. 20007

February 4, 2011

Dear Dean Olson,

I am writing to request immediate intervention with a group of your students living off-campus at 34xx O Street, N.W. We have a situation that is spiraling out of control and students who are engaging in ever-more inconsiderate and destructive behavior.

My home is adjacent to 34xx and unfortunately only seven feet away from their small partial view of the property from mine, and obviously sound carries directly. The students have had of very loud parties in the past, including beer-chugging contests, but I refrained from complaining and tried asking them to keep the noise down instead. But in the last week their irresponsible behavior has intensified, as has their drunkenness.

On Friday, January 28 there was a very loud party in the house with about twenty young men and women outside on the patio consuming alcohol, yelling and screaming at one another for several hours. This morning I saw one young man urinating in the patio amidst the left over beer cans and cups that have happened before, but was too embarrassed for the young man to report it, although I was upset to talk to my neighbors. Shortly thereafter I heard loud yelling as drinking started up again with young men in the patio. The party dispersed, but incredibly, I saw *three* young men urinate in the corners of the patio and laughing about it hysterically. I was so taken aback that I rapped on a window and the three of them took off into the house.

Last night there was another party that spilled onto the patio. It went on till about midnight interspersed with repeated slamming of doors. This time a beer keg was out on the patio and all around 34xx with working adults and yet these young people are completely inconsiderate of these sophomoric antics on their neighbors.

Can you possibly wonder why Georgetown residents are against your campus plan?

The increased frequency of the partying, escalation in noise and disgraceful personal behavior of these students warrants your immediate attention. I would like to know what action you will take.

Sincerely,

[NAME REMOVED]

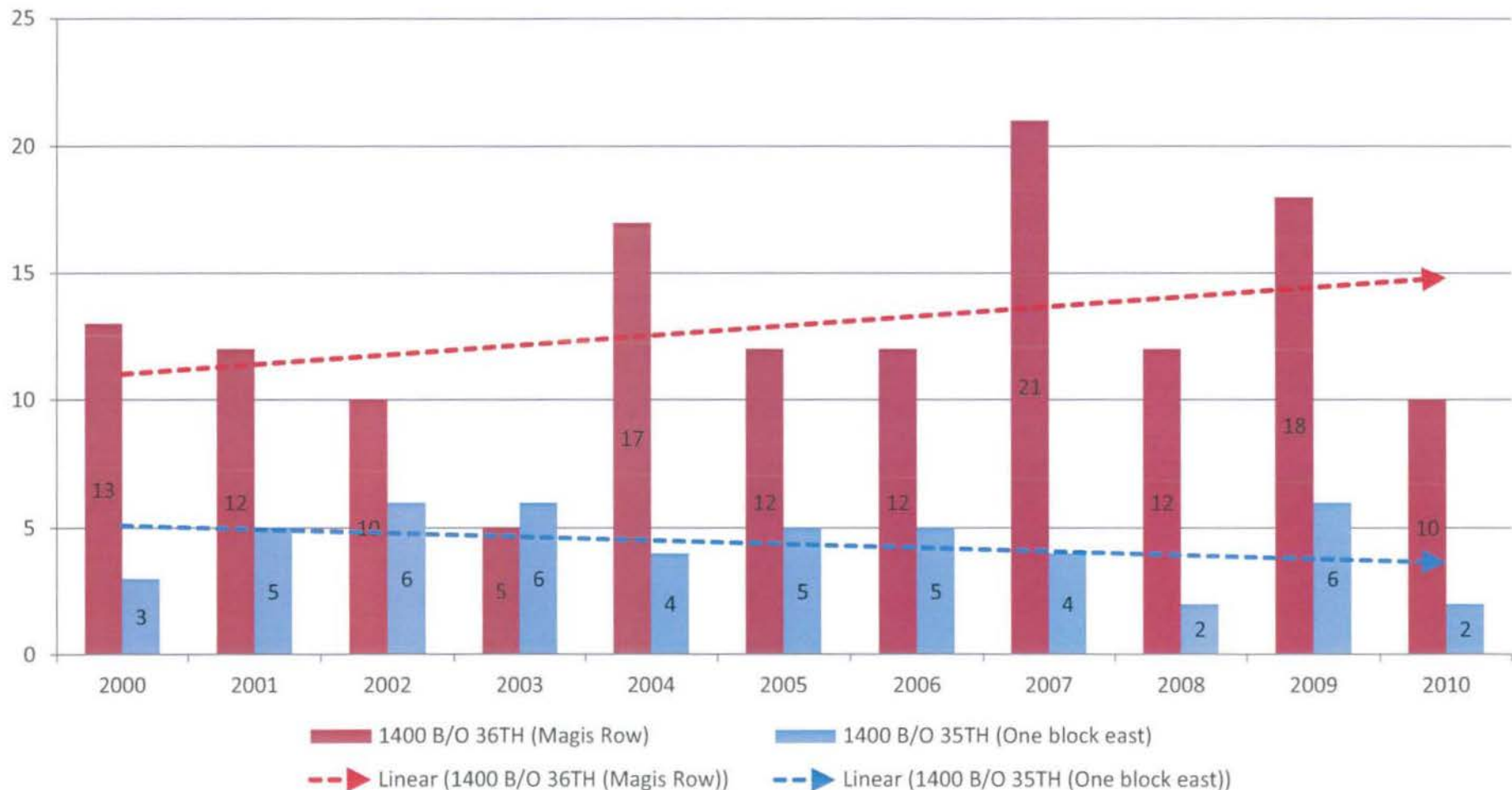
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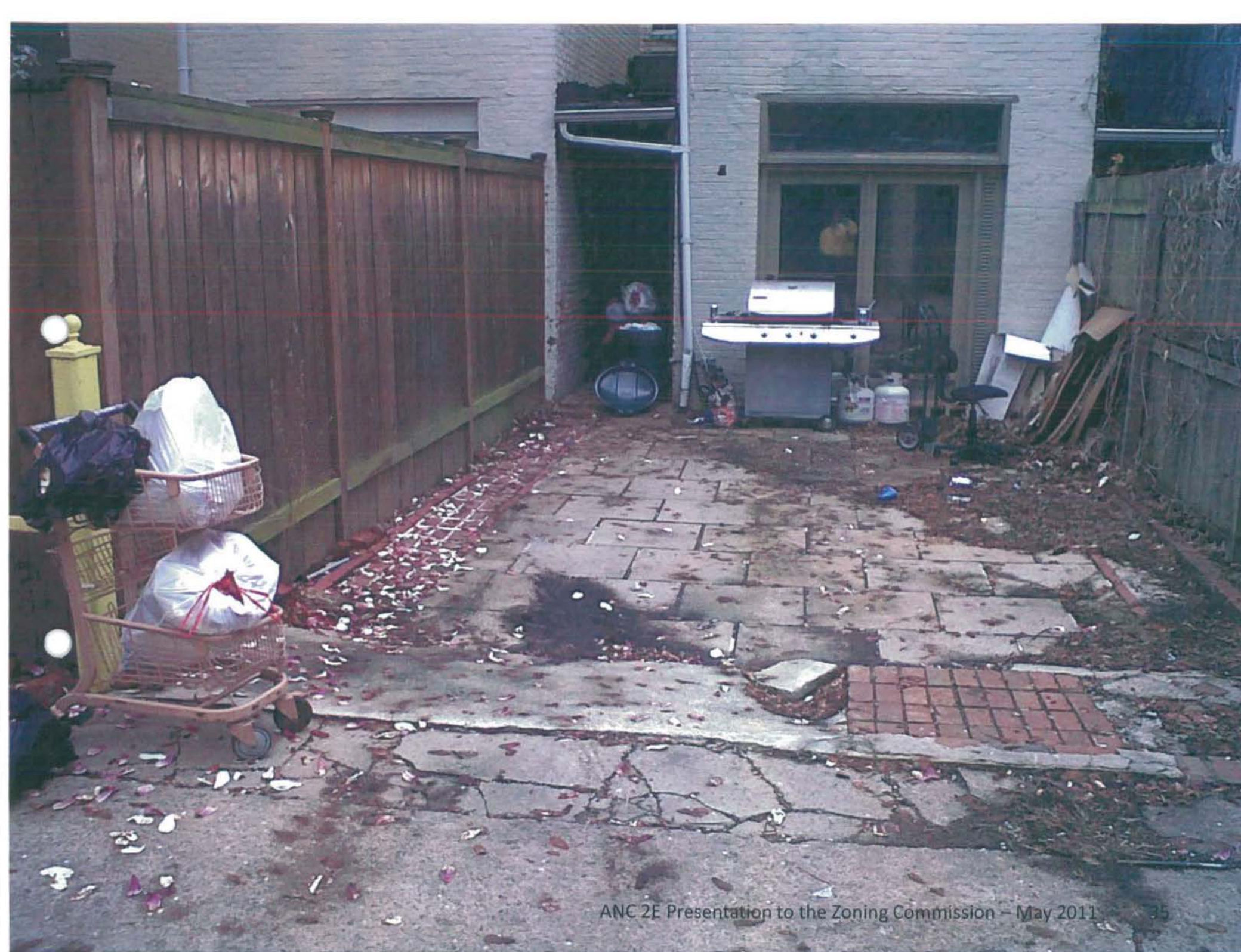
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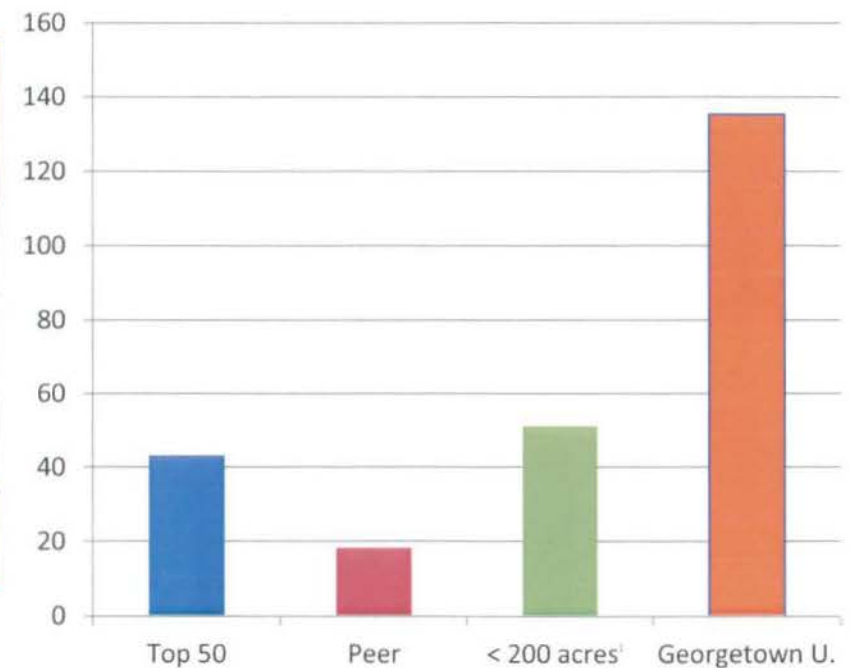






GU Campus Density (students per acre) Compared to top 50 U.S. News Listed Universities

Summary	# of Students	Acres	Students per Acre
Top 50	19,294	1,061	43
Peer	14,502	2,232	18
< 200 acres	8,866	155	51
Georgetown U.	14,033	104	135



Source: See Attachment 10.

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