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The Honorable Carol J. Mitten
Chair, District of Columbia Zoning Commission
441 Fourth Street, N. W., Suite 210 South
Washington, D. C. 20001

Dear Ms. Mitten:

Please include me among people striving to protect green space in the Nation's capital, particularly National Park Service property on the Potomac River. I am opposed to any loss of Federal parkland in our city – in specific, land upstream from the Washington Canoe Club, where Georgetown University proposes to build a 300-foot-long boathouse.

Not only would the structure be the length of a football field, it would be 40 feet high – in a word, massive.

The parkland is a wetland and the beginning of the Capital Crescent Trail. The plan is to put cars on the first part of the trail and parking at the boathouse. Because the area is a floodplain, the river will absorb pollutants on a daily basis, and especially during floods.

I support limited and planned waterfront development east of Key Bridge, an area that is no longer pristine. I understand that this is a proposal that you are now considering. I endorse it.

Natural areas contribute to our quality of life through keeping water and air clean, and by providing psychological restoration. As Henry Thoreau said, "We need the tonic of wildness." Save the parkland.

Sincerely,

Ann Haas

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