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DC Office of Zoning
441 4th Street, N.W. #200
Washington, D.C. 20001

Subject: Fort Greble Recreation Center project

Dear DC Zoning Commission:

The National Park Service (NPS) is writing to you in support of the proposed Fort Greble Recreation Center improvements project. This project is being supported by the D.C. Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) as well as the District Department of Capital Construction.

The project includes the demolition of the existing recreation center, construction of a new urban nature center, and site upgrades. The site is located at the intersection of Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, S.W. and Elmira Street, S.W. in Washington, D.C. It is an approximately 2,800 square foot, non-sprinklered building. The center's scope of work is focused on providing a new net-zero building with high energy efficient systems with an office, multipurpose rooms, a tech lounge and restrooms. Site upgrades include a new community garden, new demonstration garden, the relocation of covered picnic area, and upgrading site lighting. The primary use will be educational activities for community children.

The land in question was transferred from the Federal Government to the District in 1973, but was never zoned. In order for the construction of the new recreation center, the property must be zoned. The National Park Service supports the zoning of the site to RA-1. The only access to the site is off Elmira Street, and this access includes crossing a small piece of NPS property to get to the alley and construction site. This access will remain open, as it has since 1973, for DPR access to the site.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please feel free to contact my office at 202-690-5127.

Sincerely,

Tara D. Morrison
Superintendent