

MCMILLAN PARK TESTIMONY
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My name is Mary Pat Rowan: I am a resident of Ward 5 and a landscape architect. I have no financial interest in the project before you, except as a taxpayer in the District of Columbia.

It is too early to make any zoning decision on this McMillan tract.

Due diligence has never been performed concerning the twenty-five acre McMillan site that was transferred to the District of Columbia in the 1980's.

- No comprehensive transportation study has ever been undertaken in the 20+ years I have been interested in McMillan.
- No alternatives to the VMP Plan have been seriously explored.
- No environmental impacts have been analyzed.
- No disinterested study of the preservation, repair and reuse of the underground vaults has even been attempted.
- No cost analysis of an alternative, all park use has been calculated.
- No effort has been put into studying adaptive reuse of the historic elements of the site.

There is no "Vision" in the Vision McMillan Partners Plan except the "Vision" of money for the partners.

It is time to take a fresh look at this nationally recognized historic landmark.