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The George Washington Memorial Parkway Announces an Extension of Public Scoping Comment Period for Arlington County and Vicinity Non-Motorized Boathouse Facility Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to September 30, 2012

McLean VA – George Washington Memorial Parkway (GWMP), a unit of the National Park Service (NPS), is seeking public input on preliminary alternatives to be considered in the Arlington County and Vicinity Non-Motorized Boathouse Facility EIS process. GWMP announces a 30-day extension to the comment period for public scoping to solicit additional public comment.

<u>The public comment period will be open until September 30, 2012</u> to solicit public comments on the proposed boathouse facility and preliminary alternatives. Written comments can be submitted electronically on the NPS Planning, Environment and Public Comment (PEPC) website at:

<u>http://parkplanning.nps.gov/arlingtonboathouse</u>. (The NPS preferred method of receiving comments.)

The EIS will assess the impacts of the proposed siting and construction of a public facility for non-motorized boats on the Virginia shoreline of the Potomac River in the vicinity of Arlington County. The boathouse facility and its amenities would enhance public waterfront access for non-motorized recreational activities.

More detail about the project, including a scoping newsletter, July 2012 public meeting materials, and a feasibility study from 2002, is available on the PEPC website at: http://parkplanning.nps.gov/arlingtonboathouse.

This EIS is being prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, (NEPA) and the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (NHPA), and other applicable laws, regulations and policies.

Written comments may also be mailed to: Superintendent, George Washington Memorial Parkway, Turkey Run Park, McLean, VA 22101. Attn: Arlington County and Vicinity Non-Motorized Boathouse Facility.

Mailed comments must be postmarked by **September 30, 2012** to receive consideration.

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment – including your personal identifying information – may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask the NPS in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, the NPS cannot guarantee it will be able to do so.