APPENDIX K: SECTION 106 MOA

Georgetown University Boathouse Environmental Assessment

AGREMENT

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the National Park Service proposes to enter an agreement which may lead to the transfer of property located within the boundaries of the C&O Canal National Historical Park (C&O Canal) to Georgetown University (the University), for use as a site for a non-motorized recreational boathouse, in exchange for which the National Park Service shall receive an undeveloped parcel of property which is owned by the University and located within an undeveloped area of the C&O Canal; and

WHEREAS, the National Park Service's acquisition of this undeveloped property, which is located in a pristine area of the Potomac Palisades, furthers National Park Service goals; and

WHEREAS, longstanding National Park Service studies identify the property proposed to be transferred to the University in this exchange as a potential site for a non-motorized recreational boathouse; and

WHEREAS, the National Park Service intends that the proposed property to be transferred to the University only be developed with a non-motorized recreational boathouse of a certain style and size and a specific landscape design; and

WHEREAS, the proposed property to be transferred to the University is located on the Georgetown Waterfront and identified as Element 14 of the Georgetown Waterfront Master Plan, and is adjacent to property contained on the National Register of Historic Places; and

WHEREAS, the D.C. State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (the Council) have approved the Georgetown Waterfront Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the National Park Service has consulted with the District of Columbia SHPO and the Council pursuant to the regulations (36 C.F.R. Part 800 (1996)), implementing Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. § 470f (1994)) concerning this undertaking which is the agreement and the possible exchange of real property; and

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia Historic Preservation Review Board determined at its October 26, 1995, meeting that the proposed land exchange may have a potential for an adverse effect on historic properties; and

WHEREAS, the National Park Service seeks to avoid any potential adverse effects on any historic properties which could result from this undertaking,

NOW THEREFORE, to address the potential effect on historic properties by this undertaking which is the agreement and proposed land exchange, the National Park Service, the District of Columbia SHPO, and the Council enter this Memorandum of Agreement, agreeing, in accordance with 36 C.F.R. § 800.6(a)(1)(i) (1996), that the undertaking be with the following stipulations:

STIPULATIONS

- 1. The above-described agreement between the National Park Service and the University which may result in a land exchange shall contain the following provisions concerning the parcel that the University would receive:
- Design requirements that the appearance of any facility on this site, be generally consistent with that of either "Boathouse Row" on the Schuylkill River, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, or those of Northeastern University (excluding size as this facility will be larger); that the facility's footprint or aggregate footprints are not more than 15,000 square feet for a building rising no more than 40 feet above grade.
- b. That approval by the Commission of Fine Arts, the National Capital Planning
 Commission, District of Columbia Zoning Commission, the District of Columbia Historic Preservation
 Review Board, and other authorities (the Authorities), if within the jurisdiction of such Authorities, of
 a zoning classification to permit such use of the site for non-motorized boating and ancillary
 recreational uses and of the design of the boathouse facilities to be constructed will be necessary in
 order to allow the University to make such use of this site, and that the University must obtain such
 zoning and other approvals as may be required for this specific development and use of the site.
- c. That prior to submitting the designs to the Authorities for approval, the University shall obtain the approval of the National Park Service of such design.

- d. That the National Park Service and the University shall work cooperatively, reasonably, and in good faith to adopt both a boathouse design and landscaping scheme agreeable to both.
- 2. The deed for the property transferred to the University shall contain similar restrictions and conditions pertaining to the use of the site.
- The agreement and the deeds shall be recorded in the lands records for the District of Columbia.
- 4. That disputes arising pursuant to this Memorandum of Agreement shall be resolved as follows:
- a. Should any party to this Memorandum of Agreement object within thirty (30) days after receipt, to documents relating to the undertaking which is the agreement between the National Park Service and possible exchange of real property, which are provided for review pursuant to this Memorandum of Agreement, or to the manner in which this Memorandum of Agreement is being implemented, the National Park Service shall consult with the objecting party to resolve the objection. If the National Park Service determines that the objection cannot be resolved, the National Park Service shall forward all pertinent documentation to the Council. Within thirty (30) days after receipt of this documentation, the Council shall either:
- (1) provide recommendations to the National Park Service, which the National Park Service shall take into account in reaching a final decision regarding the dispute; or

(2) notify the National Park Service that it will comment pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 800.6(b)(1996). Any Council comment provided in this context, in reference to the subject of the dispute, will be taken into account by the National Park Service in accord with 36 C.F.R. § 800.6(c)(2)(1996);

Any Council recommendation or comment will be understood to pertain only to the subject of the dispute; the National Park Service's responsibility to carryout all actions under this Memorandum of Agreement that are not the subject of the dispute shall remain unchanged.

EFFECT OF THIS AGREEMENT

Execution of this Memorandum of Agreement evidences that the National Park Service has afforded the Council an opportunity to comment on the undertaking which is the agreement and the proposed land exchange between the National Park Service and the University, such land exchange possibly leading to the University developing the property it receives for a non-motorized recreational boathouse, and on this land exchange's effects on historic properties, and that the National Park Service has taken into account the effects of the undertaking on historic properties.

This Memorandum of Agreement is effective on the date of the last signature affixed here:

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