



FORT STANTON PARK SLOPE STABILIZATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION PROJECT – ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

October 2009

The purpose of the Fort Stanton Park Slope Stabilization and Environmental Restoration Project is to develop an environmental assessment (EA) that addresses the stabilization and restoration of a slope within Fort Stanton Park that has failed on multiple occasions. Located on National Park Service (NPS) property in southeast Washington, the project area is adjacent to the site of DC Water and Sewer Authority's (DC WASA) Fort Stanton Water Storage Reservoirs and is the site of a 30-inch water main which provides water service to one hundred thousand District residents. DC WASA proposes to perform the slope stabilization and restoration work as part of a broader project involving rehabilitation of one of two reservoirs. A transfer of management jurisdiction of part of the reservoir compound from NPS to DC WASA is also proposed in the EA. It is for one of the two existing reservoirs located on NPS property, having never been officially transferred from NPS.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, the National Park Service is preparing an EA to guide the implementation of the proposed action. The EA will also include a Phase I assessment of historic and archaeological resources in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

We are currently conducting scoping for this proposed action and invite you to provide comments or other feedback to assist in identifying the potential issues and/or concerns that should be addressed in the EA. The NPS will be accepting comments until December 4, 2009. Comments/feedback may be submitted by visiting the NPS's Planning, Environment, and Public Comment (PEPC) website at:



<http://parkplanning.nps.gov>
(Then choose *National Capital Parks-East* as the "park")

Or, comments may be submitted by writing to:

Superintendent
Attn: **Fort Stanton Park Slope Project**
National Capital Parks-East
1900 Anacostia Drive, SE
Washington, DC 20020



FORT STANTON SLOPE STABILIZATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION

This is a two phase project. The first phase involves the ongoing replacement of joint material inside of one of two buried concrete water storage reservoirs located within Ft. Stanton Park, on National Park Service (NPS) property in southeast Washington.

The second phase involves stabilizing a failed slope within the park that has failed on multiple occasions. DC WASA is in the process of developing an environmental assessment (EA) that addresses the stabilization and restoration of this slope.

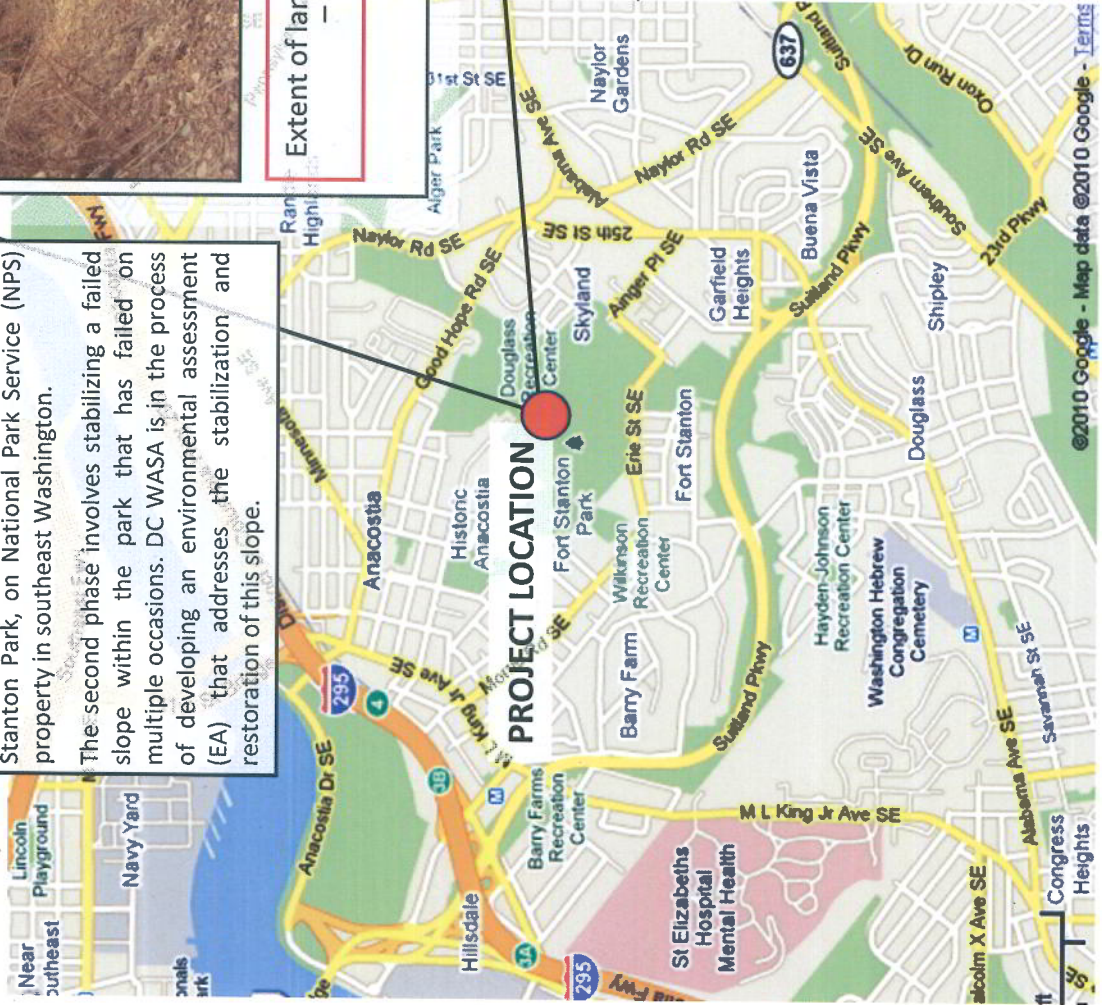


Extent of landslide and slope failure
— upslope view

Grading and temporary fill area adjacent to overflow drain



PROJECT LOCATION



The project area is adjacent to the site of DC WASA's Ft. Stanton Water Storage Reservoirs and is the site of a 30-inch water main which provides service to 100,000 District residents.

30" Steel Water Main
(installed 1944-46)

Limits of Construction
Disturbance

Existing Reservoir No. 1

Existing Reservoir No. 2

Limits of Archeological & Botanical Investigations

A transfer of management jurisdiction of part of the reservoir compound from NPS to DC WASA is also proposed in the EA, as one of the existing reservoirs was never officially transferred from NPS following its original construction.



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Dear Park Neighbors and Other Interested Persons:

The National Park Service (NPS) and the District of Columbia Water & Sewer Authority (DC WASA) are coordinating on the preparation of Environmental Assessment (EA) for work associated with two operating reservoirs located in Fort Stanton Park in Southeast Washington, DC. The EA will address the stabilization and restoration of a slope within Fort Stanton Park that has failed on multiple occasions. The site also has a 30-inch water main that provides water service to one hundred thousand District residents. DC WASA proposes to perform the work as part of a broader project involving rehabilitation of one of two reservoirs. A transfer of management jurisdiction of part of the reservoir compound from NPS to DC WASA is also proposed in the EA (one of the two existing reservoirs is located on NPS property, having never been officially transferred to DC WASA). Please refer to enclosed Information Sheet.

We are currently conducting scoping for this proposed action and invite you to provide comments or other feedback to assist in identifying the potential issues and/or concerns that should be addressed in the EA. The NPS will be accepting comments until December 4, 2009. Comments/feedback may be submitted by visiting the NPS's Planning, Environment, and Public Comment (PEPC) website at:

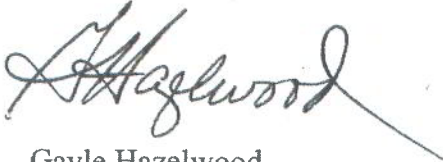
<http://Parkplanning.NPS.Gov/NACE>

Choose *National Capital Parks-East* as the "park" and follow the menu options. You may also submit comments or other feedback by writing to:

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1900 Anacostia Drive, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20020
Attn: Fort Stanton Reservoir EA

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Stephen Syphax in our Resource Management Division at (202) 690-5160.

Sincerely,

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Gayle Hazelwood,
Superintendent

Enclosure: Project Information Sheet



IN REPLY REFER TO:
NCPC File No. 7027

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Superintendent Gayle Hazelwood
National Capital Parks-East
1900 Anacostia Drive, SE
Washington, D.C. 20020
Attn: Fort Stanton Reservoir EA

Re: Environmental Assessment—Fort Stanton Park Slope Stabilization and
Environmental Restoration Project

Dear Superintendent Hazelwood:

The staff of the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments and feedback to assist in identifying the potential issues and/or concerns that should be addressed within a proposed Environmental Assessment (EA) for work associated with the two operating reservoirs located in Fort Stanton Park. We understand the Fort Stanton Park Slope Stabilization and Environmental Restoration Project is to stabilize and restore a slope adjacent to the reservoirs within Fort Stanton that failed in 2008 and improve piping and landscaping associated with the reservoirs. We also understand the proposed project includes the transfer of management jurisdiction from the National Park Service (NPS) to the District of Columbia Water & Sewer Authority (WASA) for a portion of the reservoir site, which will provide WASA with management jurisdiction over the complete reservoir site. NCPC staff reviewed the available information and does not have specific comments on the scoping of the EA.

NCPC staff notes that the Commission fulfills its statutory obligations through the review and approval of proposed federal and District projects and federal master plans. Subsequent actions that NPS or the District government may take in regard to the Fort Stanton Park Slope Stabilization and Environmental Restoration Project, including the transfer of management jurisdiction, may be subject to NCPC review pursuant to the National Capital Planning Act, at 40 U.S.C. § 8722. NCPC will review such actions in the context of their conformity with applicable provisions of the *Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital: Federal Elements* and with NCPC's other plans and policies.

The submittal of development proposals for review by the Commission must also include the appropriate environmental document prepared by a federal sponsoring agency pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, (NEPA) and Council on Environmental Quality Regulations. For further information I direct you to the Commission's Submission Guidelines and the Commission's Environmental and Historic Preservation Policies and Procedures (both available at <http://www.ncpc.gov>).

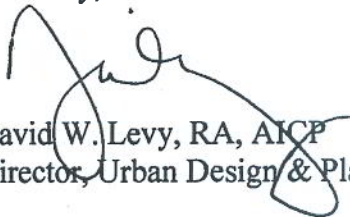
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Appendix A of the Commission's Environmental and Historic Preservation Policies and Procedures outlines issues to be considered in the preparation of an EA.

To facilitate NCPC review of the proposed project, including the transfer of jurisdiction, I encourage you and your District partners to schedule a consultation meeting with NCPC staff at your earliest convenience.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on the scoping of the EA. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Jeff Hinkle at (202) 482-7252 or jeff.hinkle@ncpc.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Levy", written over the typed name and title.

David W. Levy, RA, AICP
Director, Urban Design & Plan Review