

Welcome!

Agenda

- 6:00 - 6:30: Open House
- 6:30 - 6:45: Brief Presentation
- 7:00 - 8:00: Open House continues





F Non-Motorized Boathouse Zone
FEASIBILITY STUDY
ALONG THE GEORGETOWN WATERFRONT

Public Information Meeting
Tuesday, December 13, 2011
Washington Harbour
Washington, DC



About the Feasibility Study

The feasibility study will inform future decision-making processes on how to use land along the Georgetown waterfront to enhance access to the Potomac River for many user groups through non-motorized boating.



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Questions include:

- How might such a zone be implemented?
- What facilities can be accommodated and what size and shape would they be?
- What are the specific ways the NPS can enhance access to the river for user groups, and complement the riverside experiences provided by the Georgetown Waterfront Park and the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park?



Background

- There is a history of non-motorized boating on this part of the river; several existing facilities in the zone today.
- Studies identifying increased interest in non-motorized boating date back to 1980.
- 1987 plan for waterfront park designates a non-motorized boathouse zone.
- Process to look at potential boathouse for Georgetown University in mid-2000s included an environmental assessment and an incomplete environmental impact statement (not published).
- Georgetown Waterfront Park opens 2008-2011.



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Considerations

Several site constraints and other considerations will be taken into account in the study:

- Physical and site considerations (e.g., building setbacks, height limitations).
- How different user groups use the river and interact with each other, and how that affects facility siting.
- Location of flatwater canoe and rowing race courses on the river.



Additional Considerations

- Facility programming requirements.
- Existing DC Water plans and facilities in the area.
- Maintaining access to the sites for emergency vehicles and boat trailers.
- Maintaining visitor access and experience along the Capital Crescent Trail and the canal towpath.
- Economic considerations of visitor use and construction of facilities.



Next Steps

EARLY 2012

- Interviews with principal stakeholders to discuss programming, how they currently use or interact with the land in the zone, and identify opportunities and concerns.
- Interactive workshop with broader range of stakeholders to identify possible scenarios and options.

SPRING/SUMMER 2012

- Develop the Feasibility Study.

LATE SUMMER/EARLY FALL 2012

- Public Meeting to discuss results of study.



Questions?



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