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## Rock Creek Park News Release

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## National Park Service to Hold Public Meeting about Proposed Pedestrian Access Improvements in Fort Totten Area

Washington – The National Park Service (NPS) will hold a public meeting to discuss proposed improvements to pedestrian access from the North Michigan Park neighborhood to the Fort Totten Metrorail Station. The open house format meeting will take place at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 2. Public comments will be accepted during the meeting.

WHAT: Public meeting

WHEN: Monday, Feb. 2, 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

**WHERE:** Lamond-Riggs Neighborhood Library, Meeting Room 1, 5401 S. Dakota Ave. NE Approximately one half mile from the Fort Totten Metrorail station

## About the Project

The Fort Totten-North Michigan Park Pedestrian Access Improvements Project and Environmental Assessment evaluates four alternatives as well as their potential impacts to the natural and historic setting of Fort Totten. The NPS has identified "Alternative 3: Direct Trail" as the preferred alternative.

This alternative calls for constructing a paved multi-use trail through the project area, which is part of the Civil War Defenses of Washington and is managed by Rock Creek Park. The design for the trail, which would connect Gallatin and Galloway Streets, NE, would account for existing topography to allow for sufficient sight lines and proper grade for universal accessibility. Existing unofficial social trails would be closed and restored with native vegetation. This alternative includes the option to incorporate lighting into the trail design.

## How to Comment

Comments may be submitted <u>online</u>, the NPS preferred method, or by postal mail to:

Rock Creek Park Attn: Fort Totten-North Michigan Park Pedestrian Access Improvements EA 3545 Williamsburg Lane, NW Washington, D.C. 20008

Comments must be entered online or postmarked by Feb. 19, 2015 to receive consideration. Please be aware that the entire comment submitted – including personal identifying information such as address, phone number, e-mail address – may be made publicly available. Requests to withhold such personal identifying information from public release will be considered, but there is no guarantee that they will be withheld.

The EA is available <u>online</u>. Printed copies are available for public review at Rock Creek Park Headquarters (3545 Williamsburg Lane, NW, Washington, D.C. 20008) and at the Rock Creek Park Nature Center (5200 Glover Road, NW, Washington, D.C. 20015).

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