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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

National Capital Parks-East 1900 Anacostia Drive, S.E. Washington, D.C. 20020

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Dear Park Neighbors, Visitors, and other Stakeholders:

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, the National Park Service (NPS) has prepared the enclosed Stabilization of Scarp at 2nd & Newcomb Streets Environmental Assessment (EA) that addresses an eroding section of forested slope within the Fort Circle Parks' Shepherd Parkway along Newcomb Street in southeast Washington, D.C. The EA assesses the impacts of the alternative approaches to this stabilization project.

We are announcing the availability of this EA for public review and comment and invite your feedback. We will be accepting comments until September 4, 2009. The NPS will use the comments it receives to help determine the approach and method of stabilization selected for the project.

Written comments may be mailed directly to me--Attention: Newcomb Street EA-- at this office, or you may submit your comments online at the NPS's Planning, Environment, and Public Comment (PEPC) website at:

> http://parkplanning.nps.gov/ (Then select National Capital Parks-East as "The Park")

Please feel free to contact Stephen Syphax of my staff at (202) 690-5160 if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

Gayle Hazelwood, Superintendent

Enclosure