

# COMMISSION ACTION

NCPC File No. 6885



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WEST POTOMAC PARK  
**LEVEE SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS**

17<sup>th</sup> Street NW and Constitution Avenue NW  
Washington, DC

Submitted by National Park Service

January 8, 2009

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*Commission Action Requested by Applicant*

Approval of comments on the concept design, pursuant to 40 U.S.C. § 8722(b)(1) and (d).

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*Commission Action*

The Commission:

**Comments favorably** on the concept design for improvements to the Potomac Park levee near the intersection of 17<sup>th</sup> Street and Constitution Avenue NW, as shown on NCPC Map File No. 1.42(03.40)42661

**Recommends** that in the further development of the design, the applicant:

- develop a landscape plan that respects the intent of the 1976 Skidmore, Owings & Merrill plan for Constitution Gardens and the 2003 Olin Partnership plan for the Washington Monument grounds, and that minimizes encroachment on the World War II Memorial.
- strive to minimize, to the extent possible, the visual intrusion of masonry walls on the 17<sup>th</sup> Street view corridor by modulating the relationship of walls to earthen berm.

**Commends** the NPS for its extensive coordination and cooperation with District and federal agencies and with the public.

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Secretary to the National Capital Planning Commission