

COMMISSION ACTION

NCPC File No. 7214



NATIONAL ZOOLOGICAL PARK NORTH ROAD RETAINING WALL

3001 Connecticut Avenue, NW
Washington, DC

Submitted by the Smithsonian Institution

March 3, 2011

Commission Action Requested

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

Commission Action

The Commission:

Comments as follows on the proposed North Road retaining wall at the National Zoological Park in Washington, DC, as shown on NCPC Map File No. 2.00(38.00)43262:

Recommends that in the continued development of the project the Smithsonian Institution:

- Evaluate ways to replace the tree canopy lost due to the construction;
- Evaluate opportunities to screen views of the retaining wall from Rock Creek Park; and
- Continue consultation with the National Park Service to ensure preservation of the natural quality of Rock Creek Park.

Requests that for the next submission the Smithsonian Institution submit:

- Detailed landscape plans; and
- Massing views of the proposed retaining wall from Beach Drive, points along Adams Mill Road, and the Rock Creek Trail.

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Secretary to the National Capital Planning Commission