

**GEORGETOWN WATERFRONT PARK**  
Wisconsin Avenue and 34<sup>th</sup> Streets, NW  
Washington, DC

**Delegated Action of the Executive Director**  
September 2, 2004

Pursuant to delegations of authority adopted by the Commission on October 3, 1996, I approve the preliminary site development plans to construct new sidewalks, bulkheads, paved promenade, asphalt bike path, site grading, and landscaping at the Georgetown Waterfront Park, as depicted on NCPC Map File No. 72.00(05.17)-41427.

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The National Park Service has submitted preliminary site development plans for new park landscaping and site development features, in conformance with the concept plan approved by the Commission in September 2003.

The preliminary plans include the design of all site grading, sidewalks, site electrical systems, renovation of the seawall bulkhead, bulkhead railings, paved promenade, new bioengineering of the river shoreline, asphalt bike path, and all plant materials and landscape irrigation. The proposed pedestrian shoreline overlook structures, pergola with seating area, the fountain area, and stepped bulkhead are not part of the current submittal, due to constructability and design issues, and will be submitted for later review, according to Park Service sources. Improved access and Americans with Disabilities Act compliance for all park walks is achieved in the preliminary design. Nevertheless, the Executive Director notes to the National Park Service that it is to provide complete information on all final material finishes in the final park design and that consideration occur to utilize concrete pavers to construct the connector paths in-lieu of the proposed asphalt paving. The project, which involves no built building areas, is consistent with the concept plan approved by the Commission and would have no adverse impact on land uses or environmental resources of the general site.

The D.C. State Historic Preservation Officer (DC SHPO) determined that plans for the Georgetown Waterfront Park would have no adverse effect on the National Register qualities of the Georgetown Historic District or the C&O Canal National Historical Park.

The National Park Service and the Commission arrived at a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) through the completion of an Environmental Assessment in June 1984. No issues or conditions evaluated by that document have been altered by the currently proposed plans.

The Coordinating Committee reviewed the concept design for the park at its meeting on August 18, 2004 and forwarded the proposal to the Commission with the statement that the project has been coordinated with the participating agencies.

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Executive Director