



## Delegated Action of the Executive Director

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<b>PROJECT</b> <b>Fort Totten Trail Improvements</b> Between Gallatin and Galloway Streets, NE Washington, DC	<b>NCPC FILE NUMBER</b> 7861
<b>SUBMITTED BY</b> United States Department of the Interior National Park Service	<b>NCPC MAP FILE NUMBER</b> 10.12(70.00)44769
	<b>ACTION TAKEN</b> Approve as requested
	<b>REVIEW AUTHORITY</b> Approval Per 40 U.S.C. § 8722(b)(1) and (d)

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The National Park Service (NPS), Rock Creek Park Administrative Unit has submitted a proposal for a permeable 10-foot wide trail to replace the existing 320 foot-long informal dirt trail from Galloway Street NE to Gallatin Street NE, Washington, DC for preliminary and final review. This project is located inside a portion of the Civil War Defenses of Washington park system that is adjacent to the Fort Totten Park. The NPS is proposing similar trail elements as those used in the Metropolitan Branch Trail in the Fort Totten area. The applicant provided reference documents for finished materials, lighting, light pole spacing, signage, lane lines and road markings for the proposed trail as part of the submittal.

There is currently an unofficial trail between Gallatin and Galloway Streets, NE in a rapidly growing community in Washington, DC. The construction of a new permanent trail will improve pedestrian access to the Fort Totten Metrorail Station and associated bus facilities from the North Michigan Park neighborhood in Northeast Washington, DC and address public safety concerns. To the extent possible, the new trail alignment will follow the existing unofficial (social) trail that has developed over time. Clearing may be required.

This particular segment of trail is used frequently and NPS is looking to formalize the trail with pavement, lighting and signage. The new trail will be 320 feet long with a 10-foot wide path made of asphalt and two-foot wide shoulders on each side made of an aggregate and topsoil mix. Six lights will illuminate the trail. Staff has reviewed this project and finds that it is consistent with policies contained within the Transportation, Parks and Open Space Elements of the Comprehensive Plan and would not adversely impact any other federal interest.

The Coordinating Committee reviewed the proposal at its June 20, 2018 meeting. The Committee forwarded the proposed preliminary and final design to the Commission with the statement that the proposal has been coordinated with all participating agencies with the exception of the District of Columbia State Historic Preservation Office (DC SHPO), who noted they had not reviewed the project. Subsequent to this meeting, staff found that the applicant had received a no adverse effect determination from the DC SHPO dated March 25, 2015. The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) noted that NPS should work to develop Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible ramps across both streets from the proposed trail. Staff has confirmed that NPS

that they will work with DDOT on these ramps. The participating agencies were: NCPC, the DC SHPO (via email); the DDOT (via email), the District Department of Energy and the Environment (via email), the National Park Service (via email); the General Services Administration and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority.



Figure 1 Proposed trail location

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Pursuant to delegations of authority adopted by the Commission on October 3, 1996 and per 40 U.S.C. § 8722(b)(1) and (d), I approve the preliminary and final site development plans for a proposed 320 foot-long trail east of the Fort Totten Metrorail Station between Galloway Street and Gallatin Street, NE to improve pedestrian access.

// Original Signed //	July 5, 2018
_____ Marcel Acosta Executive Director	_____ Date