



Commission Action

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PROJECT Rock Creek Park Trail Access and Safety Improvements Rock Creek and Potomac Parkway Washington, DC	NCPC FILE NUMBER 7998
SUBMITTED BY United States Department of the Interior National Park Service	NCPC MAP FILE NUMBER 23.00(38.00)44894
REVIEW AUTHORITY Approval per 40 U.S.C. § 8722(b)(1) and (d)	APPLICANT'S REQUEST Approval of preliminary and final site development plans
	ACTION TAKEN Approved preliminary and final site development plans with comments

The Commission:

Approves the preliminary and final site development plans for access and safety improvements to Rock Creek Park Trail.

Notes that the applicant has submitted all information requested in review of the concept design including a narrative that describes the tree replacement strategy and additional information regarding the extent and location of any proposed wayfinding signage.

Notes that 13 trees will be removed as a result of the project, all of which are either in poor condition or directly impacted by the project construction. Guidance in the cultural landscape report for the site limit the number of trees that can be planted, so the project will still result in a net loss of tree canopy, though all trees will be replaced with two-inch to two-and-a-half-inch caliper trees at a one-to-one ratio.

Notes that the applicant has selected a trail alignment that allows for clear sight lines through the new tunnel at the Theodore Roosevelt Bridge, which is consistent with the Commission request in review of the concept design.

Notes that the applicant has selected a rectangular entry to the tunnel at the Theodore Roosevelt Bridge rather than the arched option that was supported by the Commission in review of the concept design. The details of the rectangular entry have been refined, including a chamfered opening with aligned joints that is consistent with the architectural details of the existing bridge arches.

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