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**RE: Parkway Environmental Assessment dated May 2005/
Impact upon Rose Park**

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Dear Ms. Coleman:

Thank you for your response to the July 29, 2005 letter from Friends of Rose Park.

We are pleased to receive your assurance that none of the adverse effects, noted with concern in our letter, will occur as a result of your work. Your answers to our questions regarding the access ramp at P Street, the cuts in the rock, the light posts, and the car traffic are all clear.

In particular, we are pleased that you agree with our position that bicycle traffic should not be routed through the park, but will be routed on city streets. This is of serious concern to the neighborhood and the users of Rose Park.

Our only lingering concern is the continued reference to the Rose Park foot-path as a "Trail". As we explained in our letter, the path is not suited to be used as a trail. It is too narrow, in poor condition, and in dangerously close proximity to pedestrians and children.


We re-iterate our suggestion that the foot-path be refurbished before the work on the Parkway commences. It is bound to be used more frequently by displaced joggers and walkers from the Parkway Trail. We hope that you will give this issue further consideration, and decide favorably to our suggestion.

Please know that we do understand that the Rock Creek and Potomac Parkway project is separate from the larger planning of trails by DDOT and NPS throughout Rock Creek Park. We are in communication with Chris Holben at DDOT on a regular basis, to lend our support and input to that project as well.

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In conclusion, I would like to restate our appreciation to you and your office for undertaking this work. The rehabilitation of the trail along the Parkway will be a great benefit to the community.

We look forward to continuing to work with you to successfully realize these improvements.

Sincerely,

David Salwen
President, Friends of Rose Park

cc: The Honorable Jack Evans, D.C. City Council
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