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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

National Capital Region

Rock Creek Park

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Mr. David Salwen, President
Friends of Rose Park, Inc.
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Dear Mr. Salwen:

We appreciate your contacting us to express your concerns about the path in Rose Park.

Our position on the management of the Rose Park path has not changed. We intend to continue to manage it in the manner that is has been for the past 10 years. We agreed several years ago that the path should remain in its current location and at its current width. We also agree that the path should be renovated. Through an agreement between the National Park Service and the D.C. Department of Transportation (DDOT), both agencies have contributed funding to rehabilitate not only the Rose Park path, but other segments of Rock Creek Park's trail system.

While there are guidelines (ASHTO) that recommend a width of 10 feet for multi-use trails, it is not a requirement. In fact, because of space limitations, many portions of Rock Creek Park's trails do not exceed 8 feet or less.

The Rose Park path has always been a multi-use facility, and it not the intention of the National Park Service to begin to exclude bikers, not to mention the unenforceability of such a policy. Since the path will not be widened, it is important for all users to understand that they must share the pathway, as they do with all other areas of Rock Creek Park's trail system.

We, too, look forward to a refurbished path that all users can enjoy. If you have questions, please contact me at 202-895-6004.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Adrienne A. Coleman', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Adrienne A. Coleman
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