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### **Proceed with the Klingle Valley Trail recommendations as soon as possible**

Resolved, that ANC1D endorses the recommendations of the Klingle Valley Trail Final Environmental Assessment, and advises the District Government to proceed with this project as soon as possible.

**Why:** For almost 20 years, the section of Klingle Road connecting the Woodley Park neighborhood with Rock Creek Park has been closed to all use, vehicular and pedestrian. The Environmental Assessment recommends the conversion of this onetime automobile road to a multi-use trail facility, opening the area to public access for bicycle travel and pedestrian enjoyment of this parkland.

Close by Mount Pleasant, this recreational facility would be readily accessible to Mount Pleasant residents, for bicycle and pedestrian use.

For bicyclists, this will provide traffic-free access to neighborhoods west of Rock Creek Park, access which is currently possible only via roads dominated by automobile traffic. Connecting residential neighborhoods west of the Park to the Rock Creek Park bicycle path, this will be a valuable additional link in the District's modest bicycle network (50 miles of bike lanes, 1200 miles of automobile roads).

For pedestrians, this valley will provide quiet, automobile-free enjoyment of an exceptionally beautiful section of Rock Creek Park. The existing pedestrian facilities in the Park are unpaved paths worn through the woods, or narrow pavement shared with bicyclists and plagued with automobile noise. The Klingle Valley path will be wide, paved, and free of automobile noise.

The restoration of the creek, and control of flood waters, is a pressing environmental necessity, needed to prevent further erosion and deterioration of this natural stream.

Reversion of the roadway to automobile use has been ruled out by the Klingle Road Sustainable Development Amendment Act of 2008, which nullified the Klingle Road Restoration Act of 2003, after five years of unsuccessful attempts to implement the latter.

*Passed by 5 to 0 vote, with one abstention, at the legally noticed, public meeting of ANC1D on February 15, 2011, with a quorum present. Voting "yes": Commissioners McKay, Scott, Romero, Wilson-Phelan, Terrel. Abstaining: Commissioner Edwards.*