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Alexcy Romero, Superintendent
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RE: Theodore Roosevelt Island CLR/EA

Mr. Romero,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Cultural Landscape Report and Environmental Assessment (CLR/EA) for Theodore Roosevelt Island. On behalf of the Rosslyn BID, I want to thank the National Park Service for their continued efforts to preserve and maintain the Island's natural and historical elements for generations to come. We recognize we are in a unique location with the only direct access to the Island coming through Rosslyn, and we look forward to the implementation of these recommendations.

We support the recommendations to enhance circulation, and agree with the preferred improvements to the trail network and the proposed viewpoint/wayfinding addition. Repairing water features, including at the main plaza will further rejuvenate this memorial to the 26th President of the United States. The rehabilitation of Bridge 31 and installation of soft water landings for non-motorized watercraft are additional elements that will increase accessibility, and we support their implementation.

The BID strongly encourages further consideration of the Arlington Boathouse in conjunction with these improvements. There is a real opportunity to combine improvements to visitor facilities, including a new comfort station, and greater visitor information provisions. Locating these on the mainland, rather than on the Island, can preserve the experience of nature while providing accessible facilities for all. Additionally, the Boathouse can provide another access point to the Potomac River, and offer additional recreation space for all to use.

We are happy to continue these discussions past the comment period, and thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

Mary-Claire Burick
President
Rosslyn Business Improvement District