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To: Members of Friends of Georgetown Waterfront Park

Re: Status of Park Construction

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Dear Friends,

It is time to provide you with a long-delayed report on the status of the construction of the final phase of the Georgetown Waterfront Park. We have held off from publicly discussing the problem delaying completion of the Park until at least some of the elements of the solution to it were in place.

The contractors for the National Park Service incurred substantial cost overruns which were largely due to the undetected foundation and demolition debris associated with the former Capital Traction Company Powerhouse that was located at the foot of Wisconsin Avenue, and was demolished in 1968, long before the Park Service acquired the land. Additional costs were also incurred to redesign the pumps for the fountain because Pepco failed to define the infrastructure requirements necessary to power the fountain and other amenities in the Park prior to commencement of construction. The total cost of the change orders exceeded the original amount raised for construction by \$2.2 million.

Fortunately, Council Member Jack Evans came to the rescue, and was able to obtain, with Mayor Fenty's support, \$950,000, which has been matched by the National Park Service under its Centennial Initiative matching grant program. Work on the Park has been reactivated with this partial funding, but as you can see, we still need to raise \$150,000 from private sources that will be matched by the Park Service to complete the Park.

We have contacted Pepco to ask it to contribute to cover the cost overrun that it caused, but we have not received an affirmative response. We will continue to pursue that matter, and would appreciate help from the community in this effort. However, to avoid further construction delay we must turn to the past supporters of the Park, and ask for you, as well as others who have not given, to come forward to finish the job. We need to raise these funds by this fall so that the Park can be completed by next spring.

Please use the enclosed envelope to send your check payable to "Friends of Georgetown Waterfront Park." Friends of Georgetown Waterfront Park is a § 501(c)(3) charitable corporation, and your donation is deductible to the full extent of the law. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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