



National Park Service
US Department of the Interior

National Capital Region
Office of
Communications
Washington, D.C. 20242

Department of the Interior
National Park Service
1100 Ohio Drive, SW.
Washington, D.C.
202•619•7400 phone
202•619•7302 fax

Office of Communications News Release

Release Date: March 10, 2008

For Immediate Release

Bill Line, Toni Braxton 202 619- 7400

Rock Creek Park to host a Public Meeting on Telecommunications Plan

Washington, D.C. - - The National Park Service (NPS) will hold a public meeting on March 27, 2008 seeking public comment on the Rock Creek Park Wireless Telecommunication Plan and Environmental Assessment.

The meeting will be held at the Rock Creek Park Nature Center, 5200 Glover Road, N.W., with an open house from 7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., an NPS briefing beginning at 7:30 p.m., with a public comment period starting at 8:00 p.m. The public comment period will allow attendees to provide comment in a public forum that will be transcribed by a court reporter. Attendees will also have the opportunity to provide written comment on forms provided at the meeting or on-line at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/rocr>.

A court- ordered Environmental Assessment (PA) prepared by the NPS in June 2003 analyzed the impacts of two wireless telecommunications facilities at Rock Creek Park's maintenance facility and the Tennis Center. The resulting Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) allowed the wireless telecommunications facilities to remain in Rock Creek Park with additional mitigation, or consideration, applied to protect park resources and values. These mitigation or consideration measures included a requirement to develop and adopt a wireless telecommunications plan to assist the park in making future decisions about potential wireless telecommunications facilities permit applications.

Rock Creek Park has developed a range of alternatives for the management of wireless telecommunications facilities within the park. The alternatives were developed using information collected during public scoping and internal scoping.

The Telecommunication Plan and Environmental Assessment are available online at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/rocr> or by email at Lindsay_gillham.@nps.gov, or phone, 303-969- 2085.

Written comments on the Telecommunications Plan may be submitted and must be post marked no later than May 13, 2008 to:

Superintendent, Rock Creek Park
RE: Wireless Telecommunication Facilities Plan/PA
3545 Williamsburg Lane, NW.
Washington, D.C. 20008

- NPS-