

THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION Office of the Chairman, Montgomery County Planning Board

MEMORANDUM

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Subject:

Staff Comments on Mandatory Referral No. 02003-WSSC-1; Rock

Creek Relief Sewer from Parklawn Cemetery Entrance to Mahan Road; Rock Creek Stream Valley Park (SVP), Units 4, 5 and 6, and

including Winding Creek Local Park

Master Plan: 1992 North Bethesda-Garrett Park Master Plan; 1994 Aspen Hill

Master Plan; and 1989 Kensington-Wheaton Master Plan

The proposed project is located in three master plan areas: the 1992 North Bethesda-Garrett Park Master Plan; the 1994 Aspen Hill Master Plan; and the 1989 Master Plan for the Communities of Kensington and Wheaton. The 1992 North Bethesda-Garrett Park and the 1994 Aspen Hill Master Plans directly endorse the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) facility improvements in the Rock Creek basin. Based on WSSC's Rock Creek Transmission Relief Facility Plan, the Aspen Hill Plan (1994) notes that the "Rock Creek trunk sewer will require about 10,000 feet of relief sewer between the storage facility and Veirs Mill Road." Each Plan comments that WSSC was preparing a facility plan to address the adequacy of the existing water distribution system to serve the area beyond the year 2000.

In 1999, WSSC drafted the *Rock Creek Wastewater Facility Plan*. This facility plan determined the need to provide relief to the sewer mains serving the Rock Creek basin. The Master Plans support any major improvements to the sewerage system in the basin area. The Aspen Hill Plan precisely acknowledges that:

"as the sewerage system ages, it is apparent that major improvements during the plan's life will increasingly be required. It is essential that long-range interagency planning occur to assure coordination of major infrastructure improvements to minimize overall public and private costs".

Based on the guidance in the relevant master plans, Community-Based Planning staff support the Rock Creek Relief Sewer project (Mandatory Referral No. 02003-WSSC-1).

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ROCK CREEK RELIEF SEWER



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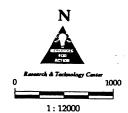
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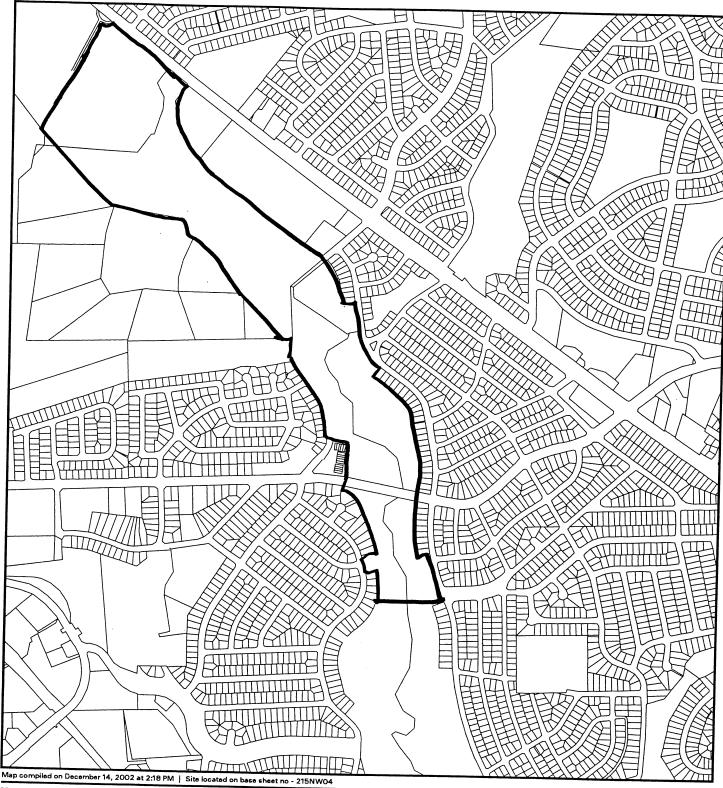
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