



**Fort Dupont Park
National Capital Parks - East
Washington DC**

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We welcome you to tonight's public scoping meeting for the proposed Fort Dupont Environmental Assessment (EA).

We invite you to:

- Sign In
- View the Displays
- Listen to our Presentation
- Ask Questions
- Provide Comments



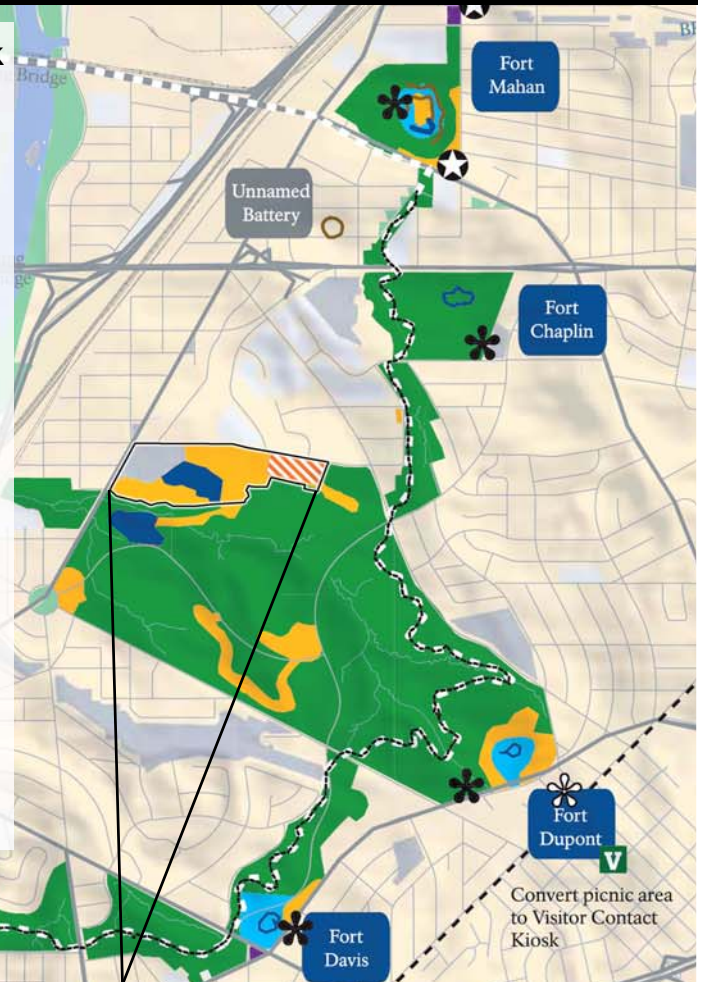
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Authorized by Congress in 1912, Fort Dupont Park is one of the Fort Circle Parks, a corridor of parks created when several former Civil War fortifications that circled the city were linked. The lands that make up Fort Dupont Park were acquired in part by donation as part of the comprehensive development of parkland for the nation's capital and fulfill the mandate to preserve the forests and natural scenery in and about Washington, D.C. and to prevent pollution of the Anacostia and Potomac Rivers as stated in authorizing legislation.

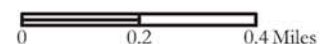
Fort Dupont is roughly 376-acres and contains a variety of recreational facilities and some of the most impressive forest and natural areas in the City. Recreational facilities include ball fields, tennis and basketball courts, picnicking areas, ice skating, and hiking and biking trails.



The proposed transfer of jurisdiction includes a roughly 15-acre tract of land that incorporates the Special Use Zone and portions of the Natural and Recreation Zones identified in the **Final Management Plan Fort Circle Parks, Washington, D.C.** of 2004.



Management Zones





Proposed Action

The National Park Service (NPS) and District of Columbia Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development are preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed transfer of jurisdiction of approximately 15 acres of NPS property, situated on the north side of Fort Dupont Park along Ely Place in Southeast Washington, D.C., to the DC government for recreational purposes.



The proposed recreational uses could include the addition of a new youth baseball academy and the expansion of the Fort Dupont Ice Rink. No NPS facilities or operations will be displaced as a result of this action.

The alternatives analyzed in this EA will explore new configurations of the new and existing recreational facilities and land uses on the site.



Project Purpose and Need

PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSED ACTION

The purpose of the action is to respond to the proposed transfer jurisdiction of NPS property to the District of Columbia for the improvement and expansion of sports related recreational facilities within Fort Dupont Park.

NEED FOR THE PROPOSED ACTION

The need for the proposed transfer of jurisdiction of NPS property to the District of Columbia is to facilitate the improvement and expansion of sports related recreational facilities located within Fort Dupont Park.



THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires all federal agencies to consider and document the potential impacts of management actions on the human environment. The National Park Service applies NEPA in the planning process to evaluate alternative courses of action and impacts so decisions are made in accord with the conservation and preservation mandate of the NPS Organic Act of 1916.

An Environmental Assessment (EA) is a NEPA document that is prepared to assist in planning and decision-making and to determine if an action has the potential for significant impact.

Public scoping meetings are held to inform the public of the Park's proposed actions, solicit public input, and identify issues and concerns. All public input received will be considered during the environmental assessment.



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OPPORTUNITIES TO COMMENT

WRITTEN COMMENTS:

Comment sheets are available at the sign-in table and may be turned in to any project personnel at tonight's meeting.

COMMENT SHEETS and/or ADDITIONAL COMMENTS MAY BE SENT TO:

**Superintendent
National Capital Parks - East
Fort Dupont Transfer of Jurisdiction EA
1900 Anacostia Dr. SE
Washington, DC 20020**

COMMENTS MAY BE SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY BY FOLLOWING THE LINKS AT:

<http://parkplanning.nps.gov/NACE>

PLEASE NOTE: *In order for your comments to be considered as part of the **scoping phase** of this project, all comments must be received prior to **June 6, 2008.***

Additional opportunities to provide comment on this project will occur during the public release of the Environmental Assessment later this summer.