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Dear Mr. Keys,

It has come to attention of the Cleveland Park Historical Society that the DPW has received long-awaited budgeting approval to begin repairing the deteriorated storm sewer infrastructure of the Klinge Valley. We are writing to let you know that the Cleveland Park Historical Society, with 635 dues paying members, wholeheartedly supports the DPW's March, 1995 decision, reached after extensive review and dialogue with our community, to permanently close this antiquated road, remove the hard top surface, and rebuild the area as a recreational zone.

The Klinge Valley and the neighboring property is in our Historical District. It includes greenspace and recently designated wetlands (US Corps of Engineers)

As a long time resident of Macomb Street, I remember the screeching sounds as commuters from Maryland looking to short cut the slow stretch where Rock Creek Parkway crosses Calvert Street raced up the roadway and almost failing to make the 90 degree turn in the middle of the upgrade. They then sped up the roadway that touches the borders of three schools with current enrollment of over 1500 students (Marat School, Washington International School, and the John Eaton Elementary School). Traffic problems and school safety are a part of CPHS's interests.

Thank you for your consideration of our concerns.

Sincerely,

Sheldon Holen
President