



COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20001

February 1, 2001

The Honorable Anthony Williams
Mayor, District of Columbia
One Judiciary Square
441 4th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

Dear Mayor Williams:

I understand that your Division is evaluating alternative ways of dealing with Klingle Road, which was partially washed out in a storm approximately ten years ago. Among the options before you are (1) reconstructing and repaving the road and (2) converting the right-of-way into a hiker-biker trail or other non-vehicular, park-like area.

Based on the information I've seen, I believe that a non-automotive option would make the most sense. Rock Creek Park's bicycle trail system would benefit from extension to the southwest, thus providing residents of the Burleith and Glover Park neighborhood better access to the majority of the Park that lies to the north. Rock Creek itself would undoubtedly benefit from having one of its major tributaries, Klingle Creek, pavement free.

As a vehicular street, Klingle serves largely to divert traffic from arterials Beach Drive and Porter Street into a residential neighborhood. In general, this is not the best way to manage the City's growing traffic problems. I applaud your efforts in dealing with this issue and look forward to the final decision.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jack Evans". The signature is stylized and written in cursive.

Jack Evans
Councilmember, Ward 2

cc: The Honorable Kathy Patterson, Councilmember, Ward 3
Leslie Hotaling, Director, Department of Public Works
Dan Tangherlini, Director, Division of Transportation, DPW