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Ms. Vanessa Burns, Director
Department of Public Works
Reeves Municipal Center
2000 14th St. NW
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Dear ^{Vanessa} ~~Ms. Burns~~:

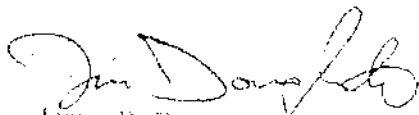
I write to express the Sierra Club's strong support for the proposal to close the Klinge Valley to motor vehicle traffic, and to develop it as a natural and recreational area. For more than five years the New Columbia Chapter's Executive Committee has been on record in support of this concept.

The New Columbia Chapter represents approximately 2,000 dues paying members who reside in the District of Columbia. While our membership is distributed throughout all of the City's wards, we are particularly well represented in the southern part of Ward 3, where the effects of restoring the Valley would be most direct.

Protecting the valley is consistent with the Chapter's long-standing efforts to protect Rock Creek Park, to enhance water quality in the Creek, and to promote the creation of green spaces in the city. For these reasons we also support the test closure of Beach Drive to commuter traffic.

We would be pleased to meet with your staff and take any other steps that might further this worthy proposal.

Yours,


James B. Dougherty

cc: Councilmember Patterson
Councilmember Graham
At-large Councilmembers
Mayor Williams

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