



GSA National Capital Region

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Dear Interested Party:

Thank you for your comment regarding the National Foreign Affairs Training Center (NFATC). The current NFATC master plan and Environmental Assessment (EA) evaluated, in concert with certain mission-critical upgrades, the closure of the existing jogging/bike trail area located on a small portion of the Campus' perimeter. It is important to note that closure of this existing trail area that traverses the Campus represents a non-significant environmental impact. Arlington County has an established walking network of sidewalks and trails adjacent to the NFATC campus. These include public sidewalks and the Alcova Heights Park's dirt path cut through.

The subject of your comment is a separate new trail segment, in a different location, that has been suggested by various stakeholders. As this suggestion is outside the scope of the current NFATC project, the aforementioned master plan and EA documents do not address associated planning or environmental impacts.

Development of a new trail segment, if pursued, would be an Arlington County-led initiative, not a Federal Government project. Any Federal decisions regarding a new jogging/bike path segment and/or land exchange that may require additional National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) evaluation by the Federal Government would be undertaken in coordination with the county's project planning. Through this process, the public would have a chance to review and comment on any action that might be proposed by the U.S. General Services Administration and NFATC to support any such Arlington County project.

Thank you for your interest in this property.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mary D. Gibert".

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