



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4A  
Government of the District of Columbia

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**RESOLUTION #4A-06-05-24-03**  
**CONCERNS REGARDING ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF RENOVATIONS**  
**AT ROCK CREEK PARK GOLF COURSE**  
**Introduced by Commissioner Zack Bolton, SMD 4A07**  
**Adopted June 5, 2024**

WHEREAS, there exists a proposed plan for the rehabilitation of Rock Creek Park Golf Course, and

WHEREAS, this plan has elicited concerns regarding its potential environmental impacts, public engagement, and sustainability, and

WHEREAS, it is imperative to address these concerns in a manner that promotes collaboration and community involvement, and

WHEREAS, the National Park Service (NPS) is a federal entity not under DC regulations and is not required to give an ANC resolution great weight as are DC agencies, and is not guided by DC regulations but by their mission as defined by Congress and by federal law.

WHEREAS, the extensive work done thus far by NPS and National Links Trust (NLT) in cataloging public comments and responding to them and in risk mitigation has been acknowledged, NPS's expertise in park management and in the management of diverse environments is also acknowledged, and

WHEREAS, the tremendous involvement of the community, the expertise of many commenters, and their interest both in providing recreational activity and in preserving the ecological health of the Park is gratefully acknowledged,

Therefore, be it resolved:

1. ANC 4A recommends reopening the planning process to encourage meaningful public engagement and exploration of alternative course layouts aimed at minimizing environmental impacts.
2. ANC 4A recommends the development of a detailed plan to minimize tree removal, prioritize tree retention, and ensure compliance with tree removal and replacement policies of the District of Columbia and the Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital Federal Environment Element, with transparent reporting on tree replacement efforts.
3. ANC 4A recommends in order to ensure sustainability that a comprehensive plan for long-term monitoring and maintenance accompany restoration activities, including tree planting, invasive species removal, and meadow restoration be made public.

4. ANC 4A recommends reconsidering the addition of artificial lighting for the driving range and limiting lighting for the clubhouse to essential safety requirements, to preserve the area's natural character and wildlife habitat.
5. ANC 4A recommends conducting a hydrogeologic assessment to evaluate the potential impact of groundwater use on the site's hydrology and sensitive species, such as the Hay's Spring amphipod. Additionally, detailed information on chemical treatments and their potential impact on water quality should be shared.
6. ANC 4A recommends the monitoring of the NLT plan to ensure that demographic groups that have been traditionally excluded from the sport of golf are included.
7. ANC 4A encourages the National Park Service and National Links Trust to maintain open and transparent communication with the community, addressing concerns in a timely manner and fostering collaboration throughout the planning and implementation process.

This resolution is put forth by Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4A with the intention of promoting a more thoughtful and inclusive planning process that prioritizes environmental conservation and community well-being for District of Columbia residents.

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED*, that, upon considering the foregoing at the meeting, a majority of the duly named Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4A, with a quorum present, by a vote of **5** ayes to **1** nay, and **0** abstentions, voted to approve this resolution.

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED*, that Commissioner Bolton, is hereby authorized to serve as the Commission's representative in all matters relating to this resolution, with Commissioner Patterson serving as alternate.

Respectfully submitted,



**Candace Tiana Nelson, Chair, ANC 4A**

CC:

Janeese Lewis-George  
Commissioner Paula Edwards  
Commissioner Joan Hoyte  
Commissioner Chris Hara  
Commissioner Patience Singleton  
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