Save East Potomac Park

Public hearings on the golf course plan: November 19 and December 3

The administration wants to turn East Potomac Park into an elite golf course built for major tournaments. Neither hearing is a final approval, but both are a chance to put our objections on the official record and push each commission to reject or delay the plan.

Commission of Fine Arts

Thursday, November 19 · 9 a.m.

This group reviews what federal projects in DC look like. Talk about how the park looks and feels.

The ask: Reject this design.

What to say

- **It's built for pros, not for us.** A tournament course doesn't belong in a historic public park where people learn to play.
- **We'd lose what makes it beautiful.** Mature trees, cherry trees and wide-open views of the water would be cut down or closed off.
- **Keep the park a park.** Any design should keep the mini golf, the running and biking loop, and the picnic areas.
- **Name what you'd miss.** A favorite tree, a view, a spot by the water. Tell them.

How to take part

- **Write:** cfa.gov/submit-public-comment
- **Speak in person (3 min):** email cfastaff@cfa.gov by **4 p.m. Wed., Nov. 18**. 401 F St NW, Suite 312.

National Capital Planning Commission

Thursday, December 3 · 10 a.m.

This group signs off on projects on federal land in DC and decides whether they're right for the city.

The ask: Don't approve this plan.

What to say

- **This is our park.** It was set aside in 1897 for everyone. Turning it into a tournament golf course takes it away from the people who use it every day.
- **I'll lose something I love.** Your loop ride or run, a picnic spot, fishing by the water, mini golf with your kids, the cherry blossoms. Name it.
- **It will cost more, and fewer people will get in.** A course built for pros won't be the cheap, walk-up public course people learn on.
- **Nobody asked us.** This is being rushed through with almost no chance for the people who use the park to be heard.

How to take part

- **Deadline: noon, Wed., Dec. 2.** Sign up at ncpc.gov/participate/guidelines. Commenting and speaking are separate sign-ups.
- **Write:** email your comment as a PDF to info@ncpc.gov. **Speak:** 3 min on Zoom.

Use your own words

Say how you use the park today and what you would lose. Commissions skim past copy-and-paste comments. Personal ones stand out.

Need help? Office hours

Get help writing a comment or preparing testimony. **Mondays, Nov. 23 and Nov. 30, 6–8 p.m. ET**, on Zoom. Register at us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/vHR1MpczRKeEGEnjcmoC5w