Door-to-Door Survey Begun on McMillan Sand Filtration Site Future

WASHINGTON - A broad-based coalition of community groups announces an impartial door-to-door survey of residents’ ideas on the future development of McMillan Sand Filtration Site, the 25-acre site along North Capitol Street in the District. Approved by the McMillan Advisory Group, Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners and others, the McMillan Survey’s 18 questions have been vetted to remove any predisposition toward a specific development proposal or scheme.

“This is a chance for all residents, from those who have been deeply involved to those who may not be aware of any of the McMillan discussions, to make their thoughts known,” said Mark Mueller, an Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner from Bloomingdale and organizer of the survey. “The McMillan Survey will allow up-to-date input from current residents to supplement previous data gathered over many years by various groups in various ways.”

John Salatti, a former Bloomingdale commissioner added: “For the first time in at least two decades, community sentiment will be gauged by organizers and participants who don’t have a direct financial interest in the results.”

The Survey will start with households closest to the McMillan site and gradually expand concentrically as time and resources permit. Questioners will be instructed and monitored to make sure they are impartial as they conduct the Survey.

The McMillan Sand Filtration Site, designated a DC Historic Landmark in 1991, is located between North Capitol Street and 1st Street, Michigan Avenue and Channing Street, NW, in the District.

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