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Save the Date: Georgetown Heritage and National Park Service invite the public to view and comment on updated design concepts for the Georgetown Canal Plan

WASHINGTON — Georgetown Heritage and the National Park Service (NPS) invite you to a public workshop to give feedback on updated concepts for the Georgetown Canal Plan. The meeting will be held on Thursday, April 4 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Canal Overlook room at Georgetown Park.

In 2017, the NPS and Georgetown Heritage, with support from the D.C. Office of Planning and the Georgetown Business Improvement District (BID), initiated an Environmental Assessment (EA) and public planning effort to develop a comprehensive plan to revitalize and reactivate the one-mile section of the C&O Canal in Georgetown.

Since the last public meeting, Georgetown Heritage and the NPS developed an interpretation and education plan for the Georgetown section of the C&O Canal, which, in addition to prior public comments, has greatly informed revised concepts.

Workshop attendees will have the opportunity to review design boards, share feedback and ask questions. People will also have the opportunity to provide comments after the meeting through the NPS public planning and comment website or by mail.

Meeting Location: The Canal Overlook room is located on the far west side of Georgetown Park (3276 M St NW), next to Dean & DeLuca. If you require special accommodations during the meeting, please contact Maggie Downing by March 28th at mdowing@georgetownheritage.org.

How to Comment: Public comments will be accepted April 4 through May 11 via the NPS’s Planning, Environmental and Public Comments (PEPC) website at http://parkplanning.nps.gov/GeorgetownCanalPlan or by mail to:

Superintendent
C&O Canal National Historical Park Headquarters Office
Attention: Georgetown Canal Plan
1850 Dual Highway, Suite 100
Hagerstown, MD 21740.

For more information about Georgetown Heritage and the NPS’s shared vision to restore, revitalize and reimagine the first mile of the Canal, visit www.georgetownheritage.org.
About the Georgetown Canal Plan
The National Park Service and Georgetown Heritage are partners in restoring, reimagining and revitalizing a one-mile section of Chesapeake and Ohio Canal (C&O Canal) National Historical Park, which begins with a comprehensive plan. The Georgetown Canal Plan, which is expected to be completed in early 2020, will be developed in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), ensuring the park’s natural and cultural resources are carefully considered and protected.

Funding for the Georgetown Canal Plan comes from the District of Columbia Executive Office of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development, the Georgetown Business Improvement District, and private philanthropy. A combination of public and private sources will fund the implementation of the plan. Visit www.georgetownheritage.org/master-plan/ for more information on the C&O Canal enhancement in Georgetown.

About C&O Canal National Historical Park: Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park, one of America’s 418 national parks, preserves and interprets the park’s history and natural resources while inspiring adventure and outdoor recreation. Each year nearly 5 million people enjoy the opportunities for fun and learning that the 184.5-mile-long park has to offer. Visitors to the park support more than 1,300 jobs and contribute more than $126 million to local economies. Learn more at www.nps.gov/choh or follow the C&O Canal on Facebook @chesapeakeandohiocanal and Twitter @COcanalNPS.

About Georgetown Heritage: Georgetown Heritage is the new nonprofit partner of the C&O Canal NHP in Georgetown, and was created by community leaders to partner with the National Park Service to restore, revitalize and reimagine the first mile of the C&O Canal NHP and other National Park assets in Georgetown. Learn more at www.georgetownheritage.org.