

## **A Public Road (Cont'd)**

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I grew up off Eastern Avenue in Mount Rainier, and until moving to Arlington two years ago, I used Klinge Road quite often to drive to Northwest Washington. It was a convenient way to travel in a city with too few east-west options.

The ecological and class-warfare arguments of those who wish to keep it closed are as predictable as they are risible [letters, April 17]. Reopening Klinge will not spell doom for the already less-than-pristine Rock Creek and Potomac, and the primary users of Klinge are not rich matrons rushing their pampered offspring to morning classes at Maret but ordinary citizens just trying to get across town.

The result of this dispute is also predictable: Klinge Road -- like Queens Chapel Road in University Park, Md., after completion of the Green Line to College Park -- will remain closed because of the efforts of a vocal and privileged minority to turn a public road into its private playground.

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