

Coalition to Repair Klingle Road

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Klingle Road Report Card -- Coalition Finds DC Government Out of Touch with DC Residents

Category	Grade
Transportation: Closing Klingle Road plugs a vital access route across northwest DC and leaves citizens with fewer alternative routes. This does not promote reliable transportation. The road is an important piece of our transportation infrastructure that should be restored and maintained, not demolished and lost forever.	F
Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness: Eliminating this important link obstructs access between area hospitals, emergency facilities, homes, and schools which is harmful to public safety and diminishes our emergency preparedness.	F
Economic Development: Reducing cross-town access between commercial corridors and residential neighborhoods is detrimental to economic development.	F
Historic Preservation: Closing Klingle Road to vehicles is contrary to the original dedication and historic use of this public right of way.	F
Environment: Outside of the Klingle valley, local environmental impacts in nearby residential neighborhoods include increased air pollution, traffic and congestion. In the valley, placing a gravel road next to the Klingle tributary will impact the hydrologic and chemical balance in the stream, with the potential over the long term of increased amounts of sedimentary pollution entering the stream. The environmental assets in the Klingle valley need to be developed, maintained, and managed--not ignored.	F
Fairness: Closing Klingle Road does not fairly address the needs and concerns of large numbers of DC residents.	F
Community Empowerment: The community's voice, expressed through ANCs, community groups, and civic organizations, needs to be heard. The Klingle Road feasibility study ignored the citizens of Ward 4. The solution should be inclusive, not exclusive.	F
Vision for the City: Converting a scenic parkway into a gravel utility road is a solution that lacks vision for this great city. Allowing the road to be demolished through neglect is fiscally irresponsible and sets a dangerous precedent for the future handling of public facilities and property.	F

Restoring Klingle Road to its historic status as a scenic parkway will promote reliable transportation, public safety, emergency preparedness, and economic development. It will preserve a historic part of our city, and provide access to some of its beauty. Best management practices can protect and enhance the stream and the surrounding watershed parklands. Restoring the roadway provides a fair solution that empowers District citizens.

It is a solution that works for everyone, with vision and hope for the future of DC.