



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B

September 16, 2015

Department of Energy & Environment (DOEE)
1200 First Street NE,
Washington, DC 20002
ddoe@dc.gov

RE: Resolution to DOEE requesting to reconsider the TNR program for feral cats in the District

Dear Director Wells,

At its regular meeting on September 9, 2015, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (“ANC 2B” or “Commission”) considered the above-referenced matter. With 6 of 8 Commissioners in attendance, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission approved the following resolution by a vote of (5-0-1):

WHEREAS the District Department of Energy and the Environment has released a draft of the proposed “Wildlife Action Plan”.

WHEREAS the plan recommends revisiting the successful Trap, Neuter, and Release (TNR) program for feral and alley cats across the District and instead sending them to already-overcrowded animal shelters, suggesting that feral cats are an invasive species that inhabit National Parks and damage bird, reptile, and mammal populations.

WHEREAS the Washington Humane Society has expressed opposition to this proposal because when the cats arrive at the crowded shelters they would most likely be unadoptable and euthanized, and WHS continues to support the TNR program, having performed TNR on over 8,000 feral cats in DC at no cost to taxpayers.

WHEREAS the District’s TNR program has been considered a model for the rest of the nation by advocate Alley Cat Allies.

WHEREAS feral cats help control the rodent and insect populations in many alleyways in Dupont, and are often cared for by neighbors and residents in Dupont, and concerns remain that this action would have a negative affect on neighborhood pest control.

THEREFORE ANC 2B asks that the DOEE reconsider ending the TNR program for feral cats in the District and remove this proposal from the Wildlife Action Plan.

Commissioners Nicole Mann (nicole.mann@anc.dc.gov) and Noah Smith (noah.smith@anc.dc.gov) are the Commission's representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Noah Smith". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "N" and "S".

Noah Smith
Chairman