

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

DC PRESERVATION LEAGUE, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE
INTERIOR, *et al.*,

Defendants.

Case No. 1:26-cv-477

NOTICE OF FACTUAL DEVELOPMENTS
REGARDING WORK AT EAST POTOMAC

For the Court's awareness, news reports and witness observations indicate that Defendants have significantly accelerated construction-related activities in recent days on and adjacent to East Potomac Golf Course. As the attached declarations and news accounts cited herein describe, those activities include:

- cutting down more than 60 trees. Rick Maese, *Trees are coming down by the dozen as Trump's D.C. golf makeover nears*, Wash. Post (Aug. 28, 2026), <https://perma.cc/S7CQ-4KAP>;
- cutting down a cherry tree next to the Blue Course's 14th hole, Second Declaration of Dave Roberts ¶¶ 4-5;
- surveying activity, Andrew Leyden (@PenguinSix), X (Sept. 1, 2026, at 1:24 PM), <https://perma.cc/EP2C-ME7T>; and
- staging heavy equipment including an excavator and Bobcats adjacent to the golf course. Declaration of Kalli Krumpas ¶¶ 10, 12.

See also Emily Badger, *Trump's D.C. Makeover Projects are 'Only an Idea,' Until They're Much More*, N.Y. Times (Sep. 3, 2026, at 5:04 a.m.), <https://perma.cc/47WG-KMKW> (additional photos).

When Plaintiffs inquired about these activities, Defendants' counsel stated that this work constitutes "routine" maintenance and that "whether" "on-going maintenance and tree removal activities" "are consistent with a future redesign of the golf course remains to be seen as no decision has been reached and NPS is continuing to conduct the necessary compliance to reach a decision on any potential redesign."

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this Third day of September 2026.

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