

# THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

WASHINGTON, DC

**PROJECT:** Mount Vernon Campus, W Street Project

**SUBJECT:** W Street Gate Access

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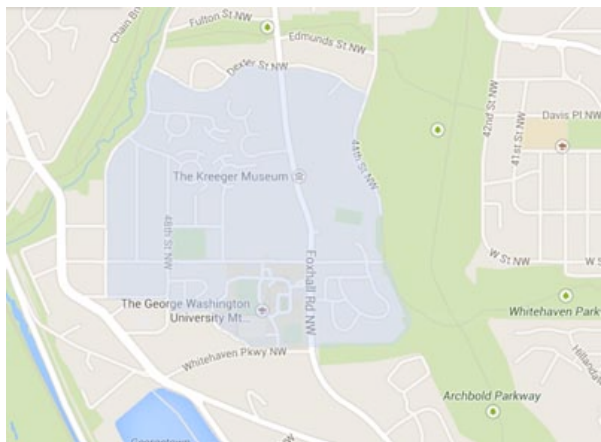
## **BACKGROUND:**

The Mount Vernon Campus entry improvements are a condition of the DC Zoning Order attached to the 2010 Mount Vernon Campus Plan. A community-based planning process was utilized during planning and consisted of numerous community meetings involving dozens of neighbors as well as professional planners, government officials, and members of the GW community. During this process, community members expressed that the W St entry gate should be permanently closed except for emergency or move-in move-out uses. The university accommodated this request through agreeing to close the existing W Street entrance and remove the W Street parking lot. This project is commencing to satisfy the Zoning Order requirement to permanently close the entry.

## **CONSTRUCTION:**

- Construction is expected to commence in Fall 2014 and complete by the end of the year
- Construction permits are currently being released by DC agencies
- The contractor will be mobilizing in the coming month
- Scope of the work includes demolition of the Gate House and parking lot and construction of a new landscape in that area. A grasspave system (driveable grass surface), vehicular gate for emergency access, and a pedestrian gate with GWorld swipe will be installed (access will be limited to students living on campus and community members who live in the designated residential area).

## **FINAL CONDITIONS:**



Once construction is completed, the vehicular gate will be in the closed position and will only operate during emergencies (such as to admit an ambulance or fire vehicle) or move in and move out. Access onto the campus will be via a pedestrian gate that will be operated with a GWorld swipe. The gate exit is not GWorld controlled and anyone may exit there, but persons will have to swipe to gain re-entry. Access thru the gate will be limited to students who live at MV, those who are in the W St neighborhood (blue area on map), and select operations staff. Faculty and staff will not have GWorld access.

The proposed residential area for GWorld access is indicated in blue on the map. It can generally be described as being bounded by 44th Street to the east, Dexter Street to the north, the campus and V St to the south, and 49<sup>th</sup> Street to the west. GWorld cards will be made available to community members at the Mount Vernon Campus in October 2014.

*GW policies require faculty, staff, students and visitors to the campus to park within the campus and parking on neighboring streets is not permitted at any time.*

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