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Capital Crescent Trail Detour due to Repairs to Upper Potomac Interceptor at Foundry Branch

Washington, DC - The District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority (DC Water) is working on the Upper Potomac Interceptor (UPI) adjacent to the Capital Crescent Trail (CCT) to prepare it for re-activation. Work so far has included the installation of a liner and repairs to manholes. In August 2017, DC Water will start to work on the diverter box located at the Foundry Branch Tunnel. In order to perform this work, users of the CCT will be detoured onto a parallel trail around the construction area. This detour involves wooden ramps and sharp turns. The ramps will be coated to increase traction but may be slippery when wet. All cyclists are asked to slow down and use caution when traveling in this area. The detour will be in effect the week of July 31 and is expected to last 6-8 weeks. **A subsequent note corrected this to be 16 weeks.**

Additionally, construction involves the use of heavy equipment and vehicles that travel on the CCT. Closures of the CCT will be minimized but will occur from time to time to allow movement of equipment. CCT users are also encouraged to use the C&O Canal Towpath to avoid this area.

The work is necessary to bring the UPI back into service and help prevent sewage spills during heavy rain events. Construction should be completed in September 2017.

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ABOUT THE C&O Canal: The Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park preserves and interprets the historical, natural and recreational resources of the C&O Canal. Over 5,000,000 visitors a year enjoy the opportunities for recreation and understanding that the Park has to offer. For more information, visit the Park's website at www.nps.gov/choh.

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