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TOWN OF CHEVY CHASE BACKS  
COLUMBIA COUNTRY CLUB AGAINST TRAIL

The Town of Chevy Chase has once again put obstruction of the Purple Line ahead of protecting the Capital Crescent Trail.

The future Purple Line and Capital Crescent Trail will use a 100-foot-wide publicly owned right of way that passes between the two sections of Columbia Country Club's golf course. The current interim trail in that area is penned in between fences 16 feet apart. The country club uses the remainder of the right of way rent-free.

For details, see here:

<http://www.finishthetrail.com/2008/07/tear-down-that-fence.html>

The Action Committee for Transit calls for moving back the fences and giving trail users access to the entire public right of way.

Notwithstanding its rhetoric about protecting the trail, the town this weekend declined to sign a joint letter on the subject with ACT. See this dialogue:

<http://www.freestatepolitics.us/showComment.do?commentId=2088>

This is the third anti-trail position that the Town of Chevy Chase has taken this year in its efforts to stop the Purple Line. In January, it launched a campaign to run diesel buses along the Silver Spring portion of the trail. Just last week, it opposed building a master-planned section of the Capital Crescent Trail along Bethesda and Willow Avenues in downtown Bethesda. For details, see here:

<http://www.innerpurpleline.org/townofChevyChase.htm>

"Purple Line opponents are not trail advocates," commented ACT president Ben Ross. "The truth is distorted when this self-serving characterization is repeated as fact. The media ought to be more careful in their reporting."

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