



Brookland Neighborhood Civic Association

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Joseph Rigby, President and Chief Executive Officer
David Velazquez, Executive Vice President, Power Delivery
Pepco Holdings
701 Ninth Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20068

RE: Pepco Substation #133; 3100 block, 12th Street, N.E., Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Rigby and Mr. Valezquez:

I am writing on behalf of the Brookland Neighborhood Civic Association (BNCA) to express our support for a community-based "green wall" proposal for the Pepco Substation located on 12th Street, N.E. in the heart of the Brookland neighborhood.

BNCA is an all-volunteer community association. Part of our mission is to sponsor and participate in activities designed to improve the quality of life in Brookland. Neighborhood beautification is a key priority of the organization.

At a BNCA meeting last fall, our members received a presentation on a proposal developed by Brookland residents Shani Hernandez and Astrid Joehnk to enhance the appearance of the Pepco Substation façade along the 3100 block of 12th Street. A number of potential "green wall" landscaping and planting options were described. Following the presentation, our members voted unanimously to support the proposal. 12th Street is Brookland's "Main Street". We feel this project would benefit the community by improving the appearance of a central 12th Street block, decreasing stormwater runoff that would otherwise occur, and reducing traffic noise pollution.

We hope that Pepco will support this proposal. This project could be a model partnership and would boost Pepco's reputation as a civically-engaged, responsible leader in our community.

Respectfully yours,

Caroline Petti, President