

## Bob Fisher

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**From:** Bob Sickley [bsickley@appalachiantrail.org]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 06, 2008 8:45 AM  
**To:** Karen Lutz; Bob Fisher  
**Cc:** Donald\_Owen@nps.gov; Rick Canter  
**Subject:** RE: about the Weverton parking lot project

Karen,

I have that info.

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**From:** Karen Lutz  
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**To:** Bob Fisher  
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**Subject:** RE: about the Weverton parking lot project

Bob  
I regret that I was not at the recent Maryland Appalachian Trail Committee but I am delighted to learn that you have been so successful in advancing this important Weverton A.T./commuter parking lot project. Do you have an idea of when we might expect this to go to construction? Will SHA manage the project? Thanks for all of your good work!

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Don: Yes, the SHA strongly believes the design we have prepared in accordance with the desires and consent of the Appalachian Trail Committee, State Park Service, Natural Resource Police, and others is a major improvement to the site. Every request made by the various members at the meetings have been provided in the design, very obviously resulting in a project originally estimated to cost of \$187,000.00 to result in a final design construction estimate of \$490,090.00. Thank you,

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Subject: about the Weverton parking lot project

Hi, Bobby -

I'm sorry I wasn't able to make the meeting on time last night. I was looking forward to your presentation. Rick seemed to think that everything with respect to the Weverton Parking Lot was coming along well. My only concern, which I mentioned to Rick and which he said would be worth passing on to you, is that you make sure that the final design truly reflects the concerns raised by the committee over the last eight months. The biggest worry for all of us, I think, is that we want to make sure this parking lot really looks like "the gateway to the Appalachian National Scenic Trail in Maryland."

This concept of the parking lot as "the gateway to the Appalachian National Scenic Trail in Maryland" goes back to the genesis of the idea for improving the lot: because of the spectacular views from and easy access to Weverton Cliffs, we usually take dignitaries from Congress, the Washington Office, other national park units, other national trails organizations, environmental organizations, state and local agencies, and even other countries up to Weverton to give them a feel for what the Appalachian Trail is all about, and for years we've parked right there at the Weverton Parking Lot. It's critical that the final design reflect this purpose - otherwise, we'll have just replaced one inadequate situation with something that doesn't do what we need it to do, either.

Anyway, I just wanted to emphasize how important it is to us that the Weverton Parking Lot really has a "park-like" feel to it. I know that you and your design team have been pretty sensitive to this concern, but I'd appreciate it if you could keep it in mind as you head through the final design stages

Don

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Hello Bob,

It was great to see you again last night, hope you finally made it home by Wednesday.

In your honor, I used as much of the Bob Fisher 270 southbound lane as I could on my way towards Gaithersburg last night ;-).

Don Owen of the National Park Service (copied) arrived at the meeting after you had left. Not in attendance during your presentation, I told him about the minor layout changes (more lighting, different flora for the social issues). I also discussed the timeline for construction. He was bowled over about the total cost of the project (and how you managed to get that funding approved).

Don may have some questions on his own, so I am facilitating here.

Thanks again, we are grateful for your continued hard work on this project.

Rick Canter  
co-chairman, Maryland Appalachian Trail Management Committee

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