



FMW Renovation Update

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Along which secret aqueduct,
oh water, are you coming to me,
water of a new life
that I have never drunk?

— Antonio Machado

Monday

A week of suspense, waiting for word from DC Water.

The DC Water permit is the last hold on the site engineering plan we submitted for permitting a year ago, and the reviewer told us we shouldn't count on it getting reviewed this month. Tick, tick, tick.

Tuesday

A DDOT computer writes to tell us that we now have permission to cut down our own tree — the large hackberry behind Quaker House Living Room that

unfortunately is in the way of our new corridor. We run over to DDOT and pay the \$3,266 fee.

We confirm the details on the new security system.

Wednesday

We have our biweekly Owners-Architects-Contractor Meeting in the Terrace Room.

Not much to report except concern about the permit delay, which, among other things, causes the contractor to pay the project team for waiting around and creates similar scheduling headaches for the subcontractors.

Thursday

We reach out to the DC Water Director of Permit Operations, who cautions us that we should not of course expect special treatment, but then kindly promises to take a look at our plans with the reviewer and get back to us.

We remind the DOEE reviewers to officially lift the hold on our plans and they do.

We get a call from a DC Water staff member to tell us that they had reviewed our school construction project on Minnesota Avenue. We get that sorted out and learn that the Director and reviewer had indeed looked at our plans and found nothing of consequence to object to. They said we can expect to receive approval and pay for the permit next week. The sun comes out and shines brightly.

Friday

The architects issue the [final construction plans](#) — a major milestone. We start to review them.

We resume talks with Sandy Spring Bank about payment procedures.

Looking Ahead

We are talking to Monarc Construction about setting a date for the formal Notice to Proceed and thinking that next week is now a possibility.