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Planters for the Portal



A small grove of pygmy date palms sprouted in front of the East Portal over the past weekend. Workers placed 13 decorative planters, with palms and flowers, in front of the building to protect the walkway – and the Portal, itself – from intrusion by vehicles. The 800- to 1,000-pound planters had been in storage since One Gateway Plaza was built, but had not been previously used, according to Steve Noonan, chief engineer for Catellus Development Corp., the property manager for the complex. In coming months, Catellus plans a series of repairs and restorations to the Plaza, including refinishing metal surfaces and installing new pavers in the oval roadway. (3/9/04)



Catellus Chief Engineer Steve Noonan checks the flowers in one of the planters at the East Portal. The pygmy date palm will grow to about 10 feet in height.

