



10th Street, SW can become a lively urban corridor punctuated by a nationally significant cultural institution at the overlook, linking the Smithsonian Castle on the National Mall with the waterfront.

The Monumental Core Framework Plan re-imagines federal precincts near the National Mall as exciting destinations connected to each other, the waterfront, and downtown. The plan's bold proposals aim to infuse the civic qualities of the Mall and the vibrancy of the city throughout the monumental core, transforming how visitors, workers, and residents experience Washington, DC.

The Framework Plan offers specific guidance on providing exciting settings for public and private development while reserving space in the heart of the nation's capital for memorials, museums, and public buildings. It will help preserve the Mall's treasured open space and contribute to a more livable city. The plan also proposes ways to overcome barriers and encourage compact, mixed-use development. The local street grid will be restored and Washington's reputation as a walkable, transit-oriented, sustainable city will be enhanced.

The Framework Plan transforms how visitors, workers, and residents experience downtown Washington, DC.

Nearly six million square feet of new space for museums, cultural attractions, federal offices, and private mixed-use development are identified. The plan marks four potential major museum sites in addition to numerous locations for memorials, while reclaiming up to 120 acres for public gathering, recreation, and parkland.

An action agenda outlines important organizational and funding tools. The plan also includes a series of next steps to guide efforts that will move the vision towards reality. Large and small initiatives are noted and many of the more modest elements can be achieved in the near term. The most ambitious improvements will take a number of years to finalize, fund, and construct. Some of the largest redevelopment projects will occur only when infrastructure elements have reached the end of their useful life and must be replaced. Progress on smaller, immediate projects can proceed in ways that support the long-term goals.

While the Framework Plan was developed to address federal planning needs, it also identifies opportunities for significant local and private improvements. These opportunities include private development of the air rights above decked-over highways and rail lines. Ground floor retail can service visitors while supporting residential uses and federal workers. Through the many public-private opportunities identified in the plan, Washington can become an even greater capital city.



Potomac Park can be a new destination for national celebration with expanded opportunities for recreation.

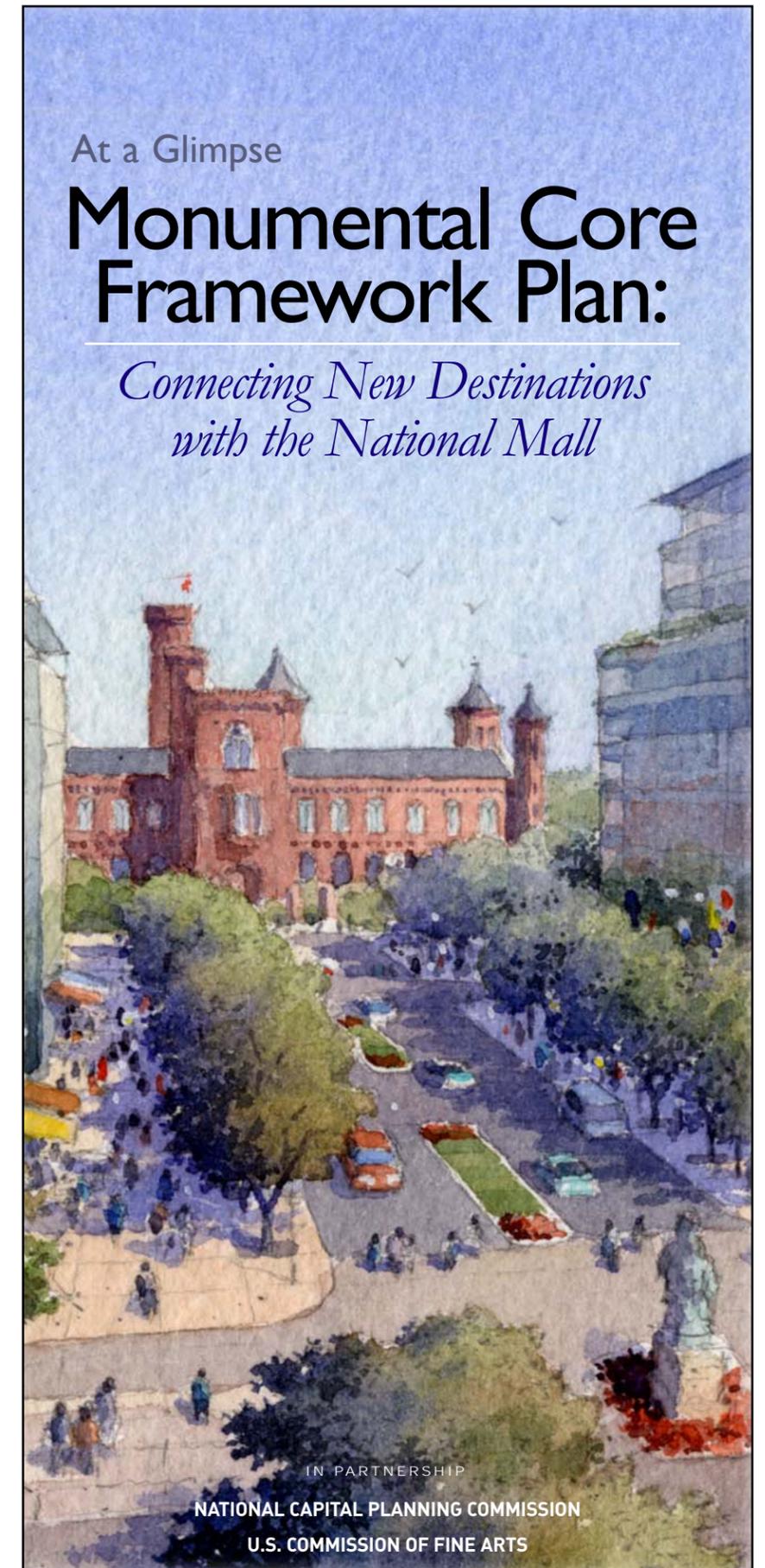


THE NATIONAL CAPITAL PLANNING COMMISSION is the federal government's central planning agency in the District of Columbia and surrounding counties in Maryland and Virginia. The Commission provides overall planning guidance for federal land and buildings in the region. It also reviews the design of federal construction projects, oversees long-range planning for future development, and monitors capital investment by federal agencies.

Please visit:
www.nccpc.gov/initiatives/framework-plan
 for more information about the Monumental Core Framework Plan and the National Capital Planning Commission.

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*Connecting New Destinations
 with the National Mall*

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Extending the Commemorative Landscape

The **Northwest Rectangle** can become an accessible, walkable cultural destination and workplace.

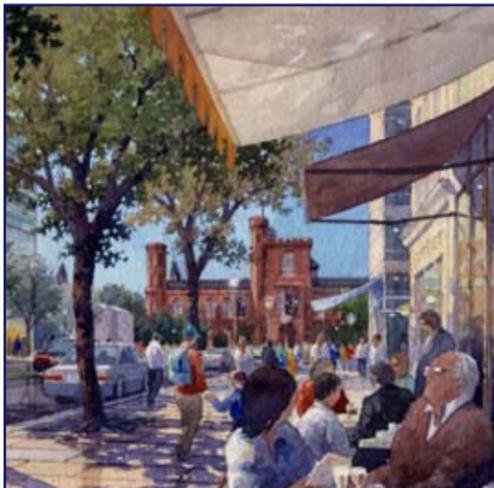
- Link the Kennedy Center Complex with the Lincoln Memorial to establish a ceremonial boulevard and create an enhanced waterfront esplanade that will extend the symbolic qualities of the National Mall.
- Connect the Kennedy Center with the White House and Presidents Park to utilize the E Street corridor as a commemorative, linear park with places for cultural enrichment and leisure activities. The street grid would be restored by placing infill development over the Potomac Freeway and E Street Expressway.



Linking Downtown with the National Mall

Pennsylvania Avenue and the Federal Triangle offer a unique opportunity to integrate diverse aspects of Washington life by featuring a mix of activities and engaging public spaces. Efforts to strengthen the area's appeal to visitors and workers will also reclaim the avenue's role as a preeminent ceremonial boulevard.

- Forge a new destination on Pennsylvania Avenue by concentrating a mix of office, culture, and hospitality uses between 9th and 12th Streets, NW.
- Enhance the public realm by creating a welcoming, interconnected system of lively, beautiful streets. Introduce sustainable public spaces and improve the pedestrian experience to add symbolic importance to Pennsylvania Avenue and the Federal Triangle.



Connecting the National Mall with the Waterfront

The **Southwest Rectangle** can be reborn as a lively and sustainable urban center connecting the city's downtown core with the National Mall and the Potomac waterfront.

- Redefine 10th Street, SW as an inviting, lively, mixed-use corridor connecting the National Mall to a premier cultural destination near the waterfront using state-of-the-art sustainable redevelopment practices.
- Restore Maryland Avenue as a grand urban boulevard and reclaim Reservation 113 to link the U.S. Capitol to the Jefferson Memorial while improving mobility and environmental quality.
- Repair the urban fabric to restore the street grid, deck over highways, and redevelop superblocks to improve the public realm by integrating open space, increasing development density, and improving the mix of uses.



Enhancing the Waterfront Experience

Potomac Park is reimaged as a prestigious location extending from the National Mall. A setting of extraordinary beauty will offer sweeping waterfront vistas, shorelines that showcase environmental stewardship, and opportunities for a variety of active uses or peaceful solitude.

- Develop Potomac Harbor along the Washington Channel with improved recreational facilities, visitor services, and an expanded marina.
- Connect Potomac Park to the city by providing improved pedestrian, bicycle, boat, car, Metro, and water taxi access.
- Reprogram Potomac Park for sustainable recreation by offering a range of activities and naturalized areas connected to a continuous waterfront trail. Retain and modify the existing golf course.
- Create a festival ground at the Jefferson Memorial to relieve pressure on the National Mall and allow for a range of events and uses.

