

The U.S. Navy Memorial is a popular destination that draws residents and visitors to the revitalized Penn Quarter neighborhood. Nearby offices, stores, residences, and Metro make it a lively urban experience. It's a wonderful example of how museums and memorials can draw people to other areas of the city.

Public Participation

Public input will be essential to the success of the plan. Key federal and city stakeholders will be invited to participate, and NCPC and CFA will collaborate closely with the city.

Public outreach will extend to local and national interest groups and citizens. The process will provide ample opportunity for input from all constituencies.

Please check www.ncpc.gov/planning.html for public meeting information.

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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.

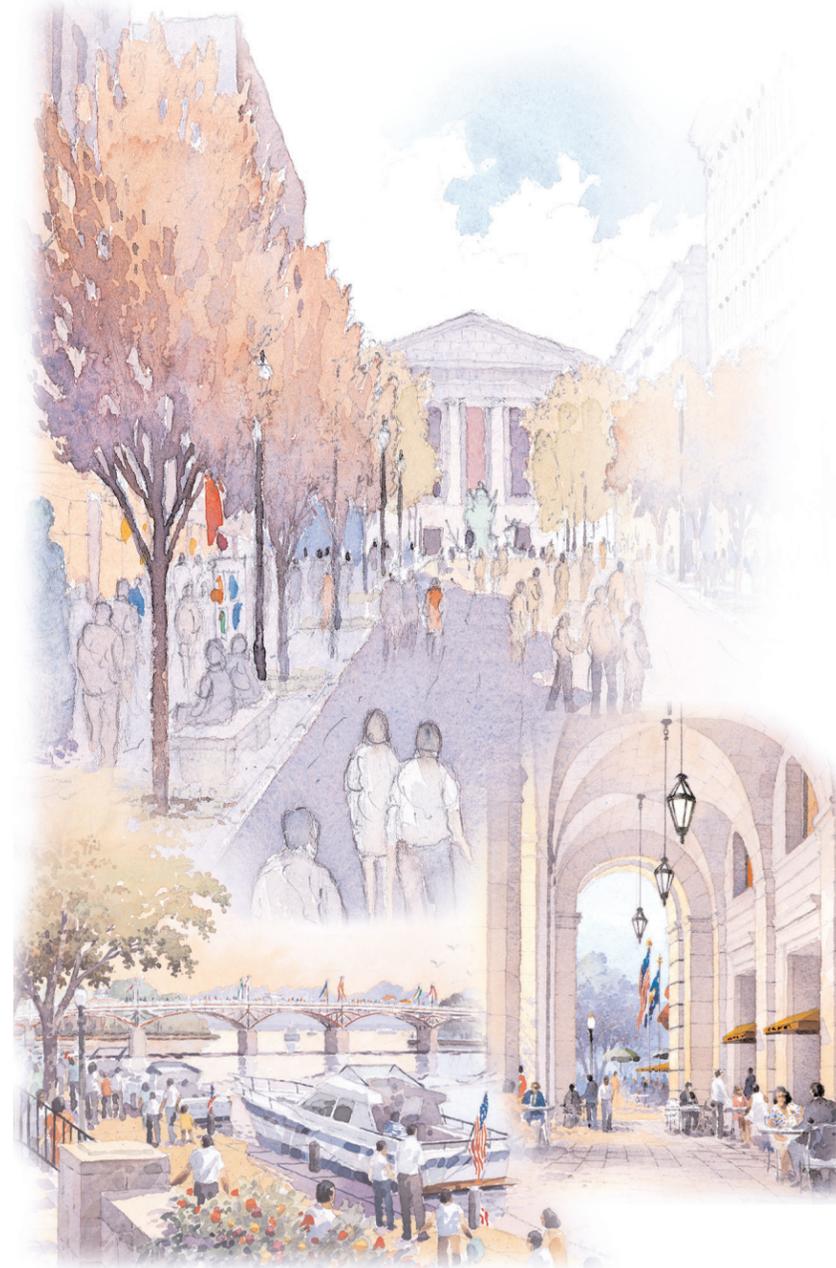
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To relieve pressure on the National Mall, the National Capital Planning Commission and the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts are launching the National Capital Framework Plan, an initiative to enhance the areas surrounding the National Mall.

By creating new destinations and improving connections to and from nearby areas, the Framework Plan will help provide accessible, inviting and attractive places for public commemoration, participation, and celebration beyond the National Mall.

The Framework Plan builds on the foundation laid by Pierre L'Enfant in 1791 when he mapped out a capital city with vast open spaces, grand circles, and broad avenues linking important federal buildings and symbols. It recognizes the modern urban character of Washington and the need to reinvigorate existing federal office precincts. The plan proposes developing underutilized parcels and infusing a mix of public, commercial, and cultural activities to support economic vitality and urban sustainability.

This initiative will address federal lands in the Northwest Rectangle, Federal Triangle, Southwest Federal Center, Banneker Overlook, the RFK stadium site, South Capitol Street, and East Potomac Park.

The National Capital Framework Plan will provide ways to seamlessly extend desirable qualities of the National Mall to surrounding areas; re-establish vistas of national importance; create important new places for cultural and commemorative attractions; and improve access and connections to popular places around the city.

Commemorative Works Act

In 2003, Congress amended the Commemorative Works Act, recognizing the National Mall as a completed work of civic art and imposing a Reserve, or no-build zone, in its central cross axis.

National Capital Framework Plan

Destinations and Connections Beyond the National Mall



LEGEND

- Study Area
- Proposed Sites for Memorials and Museums
- Corridor Improvements
- Primary Connections
- National Park Service
- Architect of the Capitol

A Need for Action

Today's National Mall accommodates a growing demand for recreation, tourism, commemoration, and public events. Regrettably, there is no more room, as Congress recognized when it amended the Commemorative Works Act of 2003 to declare the National Mall a "Reserve." Many of the nearby streets suffer from inadequate streetscapes, unsightly security barriers, and a lack of visitor and pedestrian amenities. They appear isolated, inaccessible, neglected and discourage sponsors from giving these areas serious consideration for new museums and memorials.

The Time Is Now

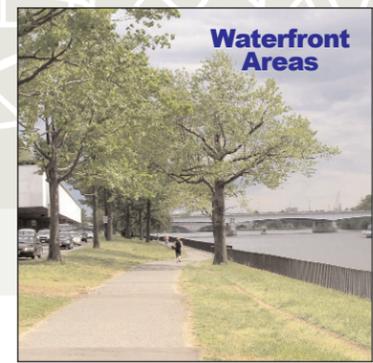
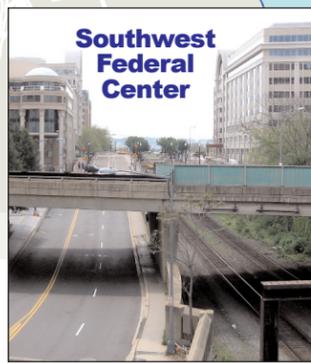
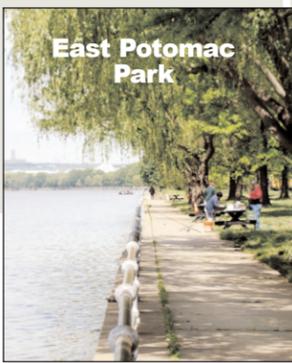
NCPC and CFA are committed to preserving and enhancing the capital's grand open space, especially its most treasured ground, the National Mall.

We must act now to preserve the National Mall by creating new places that add to city life. NCPC and CFA are working with the public and key stakeholders, such as the General Services Administration, the National Park Service, and the District of Columbia government, to help relieve demands on the National Mall by revitalizing federal precincts and encouraging national attractions to locate in these areas of the city.

Our work will include earmarking buildings and sites that could house new museums, memorials, offices, residences, and visitor centers and identifying spaces for public events and recreation.

We will explore opportunities for restoring historic L'Enfant streets and promote high-quality pedestrian-friendly streetscapes. The Framework Plan also will provide ways to strengthen connections to future parks and national attractions in places such as the RFK Stadium site, the Southwest and Anacostia waterfronts, South Capitol Street, and the Kennedy Center.

The Framework Plan, to be completed in summer 2008, will help preserve and protect the National Mall from overuse and over building. It will provide a roadmap for improving the sites and surrounding worker and visitor amenities. Without compromising the historic boundaries of the National Mall, the adjacent areas can be improved to provide a seamless extension of the Mall's qualities, with convenient access and tourist accommodations.



In 2001 NCPC, in collaboration with CFA and the National Capital Memorial Advisory Commission, released the *Memorials and Museums Master Plan*. The plan identifies more than 100 prominent sites for commemorative works throughout the city. It ensures that future generations of Americans will have an abundant supply of preeminent sites for memorials and museums while preserving the beauty and openness of Washington's monumental core. The master plan builds on NCPC's long-term vision for the capital, *Extending the Legacy: Planning America's Capital for the 21st Century*.