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CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF *EXTENDING THE LEGACY* STATEMENT BY NCPC CHAIRMAN JOHN V. COGBILL, III

“10 years ago the National Capital Planning Commission released *Extending the Legacy: Planning America’s Capital for the 21st Century*. The plan, which has since emerged as an important blueprint for the nation’s capital, was the culmination of years of hard work and collaboration with many federal agencies, District authorities, and local citizens.

Today, NCPC pays tribute to *Extending the Legacy* with the release of its 2007 annual report appropriately titled, *A Course for Change: Legacy Vision Takes Shape in the Nation’s Capital*.

The agency’s 2007 report reflects on the many ways Legacy is becoming a reality. South Capitol Street is well on its way to emerging as the grand urban boulevard envisioned in Legacy. The Circulator—first proposed in Legacy—has improved mobility and increased public transit choices in the downtown area. The RFK Stadium Site Redevelopment Study and the Rail Realignment Study are showing how federal planning can help focus and guide redevelopment in the capital city. And on the National Mall, the *Memorials and Museums Master Plan*, our follow-up to Legacy, helps protect the Mall’s open spaces by guiding new memorials to appealing sites throughout the city. We look forward in 2008 to the release of the *National Capital Framework Plan*, which is NCPC’s next step toward implementing Legacy’s vision of reconnecting Washington’s neighborhoods with the downtown area and its rivers.

All around us, we can see Legacy’s influence. This is a testament not only to the persuasiveness of its vision, but also to the effectiveness of the partnerships that have been forged among all of those who have a stake in planning the nation’s capital. As NCPC works to shepherd more components of Legacy toward implementation, we look forward to additional public involvement and closer cooperation with our District and federal partners.

A decade ago, the long meetings, the animated discussions, and the endless hours with sketch pads in hand resulted in a beautiful, insightful plan. We look forward to continuing to guide the long-term growth of Washington, DC in the years to come.”

Note: NCPC’s 2007 Annual Report can be found online at <http://www.ncpc.gov/publication/>