

Plan Applicability

The SW Ecodistrict Plan serves as a flexible tool for federal, District, and private entities to inform future facility and infrastructure planning and development decisions. It is not a prescriptive master plan; rather, it identifies opportunities to coordinate development, public space, infrastructure, and transportation improvements. The strategies, guidelines, recommendations, illustrations, and diagrams as presented are intended to communicate planning and design principles to guide future development proposals and infrastructure projects that will advance the SW Ecodistrict goals.

The plan will guide future programming, planning, design, and development decisions for federally owned property under the jurisdiction of individual federal agencies, such as the General Services Administration or the National Park Service. Although not applicable to District-owned or privately-owned land; participation by the District and private property owners is vital to achieving the goals of the plan.

Individual projects that benefit one agency could be led by a single entity; however, other projects may exceed the scope of a single federal or local agency's mission and operational budget. Some initiatives will only be considered when the useful life of a facility or infrastructure system is close to its end, although they may warrant detailed feasibility studies to begin sooner. The near- and long-term project recommendations will require additional detailed planning, evaluation, and design to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act, the National Historic Preservation Act, and other requirements.

Projects can be pursued as funding becomes available either through public-private partnerships or congressional appropriations, particularly for those recommendations that have far-reaching public benefits. The plan identifies the potential partnerships necessary to carry the projects out, as well as the possible legislative tools and governance approaches that may help move the projects toward implementation.

NCPC will advise federal agencies, and encourage District and private property owners, to use the plan as a guide when programming, planning, and designing future development proposals in the SW Ecodistrict. In addition, NCPC will also use the Plan to:

- › Evaluate and comment on:
 - › (1) Development proposals that go beyond the routine maintenance of public buildings; and
 - › (2) Proposals for improvements to parks, public spaces, and public transportation systems.
- › Guide input on federal, local, and private planning studies and reports.
- › Inform future updates of NCPC's Strategic Plan that describes the Commission's mission, values, and vision, and conveys the agency's goals over a specified time period.
- › Develop or amend future NCPC planning studies and reports, including the Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital: Federal Elements and the Federal Capital Improvements Program.