

## PUBLIC SPACE AND CULTURAL FACILITIES

To establish the SW Ecodistrict as a livable community and new national cultural destination, the plan seeks to establish an interconnected system of diverse public places that connect the National Mall and the waterfront and strengthen the civic realm by improving the setting for new public spaces and cultural destinations.

## OBJECTIVES

- › Dedicate the most important sites for museums, memorials, or other civic institutions of national importance.
- › Restore L'Enfant Plan squares, streets, and avenues to reclaim the street grid and open space network.
- › Establish an interconnected open space network of multi-purpose spaces.
- › Create distinctive settings for parks, plazas, and civic sites.
- › Enhance visual and symbolic linkages and programmatic relationships among public buildings and spaces.

## DESIGN STRATEGIES

- › Use the city's physical framework of major axial views, street grid, prominent termini, reservations, and scenic overlooks to site cultural facilities.
- › Use reciprocal views along corridors to create focal points that establish symbolic connections to extend the civic character of the National Mall into the Study Area.
- › Design buildings and landscape elements to define public spaces, frame vistas, establish pedestrian orientation and encourage ordered movement through the Study Area.
- › Enhance avenues, streets, and public spaces with fountains, public art, landscape features, and other pedestrian amenities.
- › Improve street tree canopy to strengthen axial views and extend the park-like character of the National Mall into the Study Area.
- › Design parks and plazas to be accessible, safe, inviting, and flexible for year-round recreation and activity.
- › Orient building entrances and plazas to create usable and engaging places for pedestrians.
- › Harden the structural and architectural features of buildings to limit perimeter security in the public space or building yards; minimize perimeter security and make it indistinguishable from the landscape.



The SW Ecodistrict will have an interconnected open space network