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The Plan in Action

The *Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital: Federal Elements* (Comprehensive Plan) guides growth and development of federal activities in the National Capital Region (NCR). The Comprehensive Plan drives the National Capital Planning Commission's (NCPCC) mission and work program, and forms the basis for the decisions it makes on projects and plans it reviews. Implementing the policies outlined in the Federal Elements is an important feature of the Comprehensive Plan.

The Comprehensive Plan's Action Plan contains specific projects to advance the Commission's vision and set in motion the necessary steps to activate the plan's goals and policies. The projects advance the policies in the Comprehensive Plan; the objectives of the Commission's Strategic Plan and annual work program; and the recommendations from NCPCC's past planning initiatives such as the Legacy Plan. The Federal Capital Improvements Program plays a prominent role in the Action Plan as the Commission encourages federal agencies to use the Comprehensive Plan as a policy guide in preparing their capital improvement project's submissions.

The projects in the Action Plan include a reference to the relevant plan elements, provide a brief description, outline accompanying implementation strategies, identify action partners, and offer a timeframe. While the project itself may be long-term, the timeframe reflects the short- or long-term nature of the project's implementation strategies. Short-term strategies are usually achievable within five years. Long-range strategies may also be achievable within five years, but are typically of a scope that require five to twenty years or more. It is important to note that not all projects are currently funded. The Action Plan will be evaluated periodically to update projects as they progress and to add new projects as they are identified and developed to continue fulfill the Comprehensive Plan's vision and goals.

NCPCC is committed to implementing the vision and goals of the Comprehensive Plan in coordination with federal and non-federal regional stakeholders. In addition to partnering with other federal and non-federal government agencies and private organizations, the Commission advances Comprehensive Plan goals and policies through its regulatory responsibilities and day-to-day activities, such as:

- Reviewing development plans and proposals to ensure conformance with the highest planning and urban design standards, and for consistency with the symbolic role and function of the nation's capital.
- Developing specialized plans for the NCR.
- Recommending projects in the Federal Capital Improvements Program—a six-year program of public works projects for the federal government.
- Incorporating special initiatives in its annual performance plan.

The projects in the Action Plan are organized by themes, which are closely tied to the Comprehensive Plan's guiding principles.

Image of the National Capital Region

As the capital of the United States, Washington is a unique place with its own authentic character and identity. Since the city's founding, the image and experience of Washington has been carefully planned to reflect the preeminence of the nation's democratic institutions. The built and natural features contribute to the distinctive image of our nation's capital, including its iconic skyline, vistas, major streets, and public spaces, and the ridges and waters that frame the monumental core. The Commission's work on the Height Master Plan and the Urban Design Element reflect its commitment to preserve and enhance the form, character, and experience of the nation's capital. A number of projects were identified as part of the Comprehensive Plan's implementation strategy to contend with the issues affecting the region's image.

The Action Plan includes ideas to actively promote future memorial sites away from the National Mall; analyze and evaluate important viewsheds and vistas; prepare urban design strategies related to topography; prepare a public realm and design standards study; prepare study to assess massing and scale transition around the White House; and work with local jurisdictions to protect linear views. In addition, the Action Plan includes study to Pennsylvania Avenue between the White House and the U.S. Capitol—one of the most important settings of national significance in the country—and address issues related to transportation, security and open space, urban design, and land use management with other federal agencies and public stakeholders; and improve regional gateways and identify responsible implementation agencies to carry out components of the Anacostia Waterfront Initiative, to transform the waterfront into a new vibrant corridor befitting the nation's capital.



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Action Plan: Image of the National Capital Region

#	Relevant Plan Elements	Projects/ Programs	Description	Implementation Strategies	Action Partners	Time-frame
1	VISITORS & COMMEMORATION	Memorial and Museum Sites	For sites identified in the <i>Memorials and Museums Master Plan</i> that are not already in federal ownership, assess the appropriateness of various methods (e.g., purchase, agreement, easement, PUD) for assuring the future availability of these sites. For federally owned sites, determine if major action is needed to assure future availability (e.g., relocation of major roadways). Utilize information from the NPS/NCPC Small Parks Study to identify potential new memorial sites.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare a study of methods, preferred strategies, and priorities for memorials, in consultation with affected agencies and private parties. Use the study to identify strategies to enhance memorial and museums sites. Develop cooperative agreements to manage potential 2M sites. Create an interactive website. 	NCPC, NPS, USDOT, DDOT, and DCOP	Short-term
2	FEDERAL ENVIRONMENT FEDERAL WORKPLACE PARKS & OPEN SPACE	Anacostia Waterfront Initiative (AWI) Implementation	Develop public and private properties along the Anacostia River for park- and water-related uses, and develop nearby areas with federal and non-federal facilities as proposed in the AWI.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify specific AWI components requiring federal involvement; prioritize these items and identify responsible implementation agencies; and assist agencies in obtaining authorization and funding. 	NCPC, NPS, GSA, DOD/Navy, USACE, D.C. government, and other AWI partners	Long-term
3	URBAN DESIGN	Topographic Ridge and Urban Form Design Study	Prepare and study urban design strategies that distinguish between densities along the escarpment from downtown's greater building heights. Link information about topography with Comprehensive Plan land use and density maps. Within the western portion of the topographic bowl, prepare urban design strategies that relate building heights to the natural slope and rim areas of Arlington Ridge as viewed from the U.S. Capitol, the National Mall, and riverside outlooks.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In coordination with federal and local partners, study the future land use, allowable density, building height, and form, in conjunction with the topography along the escarpment. Prepare urban design strategies that relate building heights to the natural slope. 	NCPC and DCOP	Short-term
4	URBAN DESIGN	Vista and Viewshed Study	Create an inventory and analyze important scenic panoramic viewsheds from major federal sites throughout the city. Prepare urban design studies to assess the visual quality of the viewsheds that extend outward from the primary vistas along the western and southern axes of the National Mall. The east-west axis terminates on Arlington County, particularly Courthouse. The north-south axis terminates on Crystal City. Encourage local jurisdictions to prepare urban design strategies to protect the visual quality of viewsheds from the National Mall, in consideration of both built and natural elements, such as material, lighting, and building mass.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Document and analyze existing scenic panoramic viewsheds from federal sites. Develop measures to protect the viewshed's visual quality from future federal actions. Continue to work with local jurisdictions (Arlington County) to study the impacts of future development within the primary vistas on the character and setting of the monumental core and the National Capital Region. Develop future development strategies to retain the character of the primary vistas. Study the parameters of the vistas (defined outer edges). 	NCPC, NPS, GSA, DCOP, Arlington County CPD and other federal and local agencies	Short-term

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5	URBAN DESIGN	Public Realm and Design Standards for Street Sections Study	Study the potential for baseline design and/or planning criteria that reinforces the coherence and continuity of reservations that are identified as contributing elements of the L'Enfant Plan within the National Register. Collaborate with federal and local stakeholders to prepare an Urban Design and Public Realm Guide for special streets and federally owned parks, plazas, open spaces and areas around federal facilities in the monumental core and L'Enfant City. The guide will provide a framework to strengthen linkages and the character defining elements that frame or punctuate these public spaces to elevate human experience and enjoyment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Facilitate partnerships with federal and local agencies to implement urban design and security through comprehensive streetscape strategies, independent of funding.Continue to pursue partnerships and funding opportunities with federal agencies to implement perimeter security through comprehensive streetscape projects.Continue to work with federal agencies throughout design development in the project and plan review process.Develop street section standards.	NCPC, DCOP, NPS, and other federal and local agencies	Short-term
6	URBAN DESIGN	Improve Regional Gateways and Reinforce the Preeminence of the Monumental Core	Prepare urban design studies to assess land use transitions along North Capitol Street with respect to topography. Utilize the South Capitol Street Urban Design Study (2003) to identify opportunities to enhance the street. Prepare urban design studies that consider westward views along East Capitol Street at points east of RFK Stadium. Incorporate the RFK Stadium alternatives.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Study and analyze land use transition along North Capitol Street.Design and develop the stretch of South Capitol Street in Washington between the U.S. Capitol and the Anacostia River into an urban boulevard that can accommodate new federal office space and a mix of uses that further serve the operations of the federal government, the city, and the surrounding neighborhoods.Renew partnership with the District Government to advance the <i>South Capitol Street Corridor Plan</i>.Study and analyze land use transition along East Capitol Street.	NCPC, NPS, GSA, USDOT, DCOP, and DDOT	Short-term
7	URBAN DESIGN	Pennsylvania Avenue Initiative	Evaluate the <i>Pennsylvania Avenue Development Corporation Plan</i> , as well as current and projected economic, physical, and operational conditions to determine how to update the plan, including strategies for the physical, programmatic, operational and maintenance improvements that will address 21st century needs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Partner with GSA and NPS in coordination with other federal and District agencies with interests in the avenue.Study the near- and long-term needs of the avenue and surrounding neighborhoods, including Federal Triangle.Develop a vision for how the avenue can meet local and national needs in a 21st century capital city.Identify a governance framework.Develop strategies for the physical, programmatic, operational and maintenance improvements.Work with stakeholder groups in the planning, preservation, and development of the avenue.	NCPC, NPS, GSA, and other federal and local agencies	Long-term

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8	URBAN DESIGN	Massing/Scale Study	Prepare urban design studies to assess massing and scale transitions around the White House precinct. Prepare preeminent viewshed and view corridor future work and assess existing conditions and opportunities to reinforce the visual quality of several view corridors. While these view corridors are significant, each should be individually assessed. Study of scenic panoramic viewsheds from publicly accessible federal lands.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Study the impacts of future development on preeminent view corridors.• Develop strategies in coordination with federal and local agencies for the massing and scaling of new development along preeminent view corridors.	NCPC, GSA, and USSS	Short-term
9	URBAN DESIGN	Linear View Corridor Study	Encourage local jurisdictions to prepare and study urban design strategies to protect the visual quality of linear view corridors in consideration of both built and natural elements, such as material, lighting, and building mass. This should be done on the following streets and geographic areas: East Capitol Street; Pennsylvania Avenue, SE; New Jersey Avenue, NW; New Jersey Avenue, SE; and Maryland Avenue, NE.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Work with local jurisdictions to develop urban design strategies to protect the visual quality of linear view corridors.	NCPC and local jurisdictions	Short-term

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Operational Efficiency of the Federal Government

Enhancing the operational efficiency of the federal government is a primary concern of the Comprehensive Plan. Several projects identified in the Action Plan are designed to analyze the current conditions of federal activities and the future needs of federal employees, which are paramount to improving efficiency. Projects such as developing and maintaining a database of key federal indicators (including such information as federal demographics), analyzing federal procurement activities, and studying employee commuting patterns will provide a means to better monitor the federal presence and impact in the region.

As the major employer, occupier of buildings, and purchaser of goods and services within the region, the federal government is dependent on a strong and economically vibrant region to maintain and enhance its operational efficiency and productivity. Decisions on where federal activities locate foreign missions and visitor amenities—can result in significant efficiencies. Identifying locations in Washington and throughout the region to accommodate these activities is an important component of the Comprehensive Plan’s implementation strategy and one where federal and local collaboration to identify mutually desirable locations can benefit both federal and local interests. Projects in the Action Plan call for updating the NCPC project submission guidelines; analyzing the Central Employment Area boundaries; accommodating the federal government’s office space needs; identifying sites for foreign missions; and researching potential sites for new visitor centers/kiosks.



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Action Plan: Operational Efficiency of the Federal Government

#	Relevant Plan Elements	Projects/ Programs	Description	Implementation Strategies	Action Partners	Timeframe
10	FEDERAL WORKPLACE	Changing Federal Footprint	Study and assess the impact of the changing federal footprint in the NCR. Monitor and report on the changing footprint's impact on federal procurement, the economy, and its changing patterns across jurisdictions. Report on economic and demographic indicators related to the federal presence in the NCR. Other strategies such as GSA's research on hoteling, desk-sharing, and other regional real estate approaches will be analyzed. The study will evaluate case studies of recent consolidation efforts in the NCR.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Study and evaluate policies that reduce the federal footprint.• Evaluate case studies of recent consolidation efforts in the NCR to identify potential planning trends and implications.• Conduct a survey and compile data on federal agency demographics (e.g., types of jobs held by federal employees, spending patterns of federal agencies and employees, induced economic activity due to federal presence, and federal employee commuting patterns). Develop and publish a report of findings.• Monitor and publicly report on federal procurement and spending activities in the NCR.• Meet with regional stakeholders in federal procurement activities (federal agencies; regional, state, and local economic/business development organizations) and develop policy actions and strategies (federal and other).	NCPC, GSA, DCOP, federal agencies, regional Congressional representatives, OMB, SBA, BOT, MWCOC, and state/district and local economic/business development organizations	Short-term
11	FOREIGN MISSIONS & INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS	Foreign Missions Processes	<p>In 1987, the Foreign Missions & International Organizations Real Property Manual was prepared jointly by the U.S. Department of State, NCPC, and the District of Columbia government as a guide for foreign missions and others interested or involved in the chancery development process. This manual describes the step-by-step process and procedures for a foreign mission, and under certain circumstances an international organization, to acquire, locate, relocate, replace, expand, and improve embassies, chanceries, and office space in the District of Columbia. The process is based on the Foreign Missions Act and other federal and District of Columbia laws and regulations.</p> <p>The District of Columbia government recently updated the zoning regulations update to remove Diplomatic Overlays (as implemented by zoning text and map amendments) and changes to the location of chanceries. A new resource toolbox should be developed to reflect changes to the foreign missions process and new zoning regulations.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Develop a new resource toolbox in conjunction with the U.S. Department of State and the District of Columbia government.• Develop a process to assist foreign missions to find suitable locations.	DOS (lead), NCPC, DCOP, and DCOZ	Short-term

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12	FOREIGN MISSIONS & INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS	Revise District of Columbia Zoning Regulations and Identify Foreign Missions Center Sites.	Background information prepared for the Foreign Missions & International Organizations Element reinterpreted the Foreign Missions Act of 1982, which established the procedures and criteria governing the location of foreign missions in the District of Columbia. The criteria are codified through the zoning regulations of the District. Identify potential specific sites for the development of one or more new foreign missions centers. General development areas have already been identified in Comprehensive Plan policies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• In conjunction with the District of Columbia government, prepare zoning revisions for the future location of foreign missions in the District of Columbia. Zoning text revisions are requested to facilitate the siting and expansion of foreign missions in the District of Columbia. All zoning text and map revisions require adoption by the Zoning Commission.• Analyze specific sites, identify development scenarios and strategies, develop cost estimates, and identify funding sources, including partnerships with other public agencies and the possibility of public/private partnering. Draft legislation for a new Foreign Missions Center Act, as appropriate.	NCPC, DCOZ, DCOP, and DOS	Short-term
13	VISITORS & COMMEMORATION	Visitor Center Sites	Identify different alternatives to provide visitor's information including locations for new visitors centers, smaller information kiosks, and digital opportunities. Determine where centers can be located that can contribute to a more informative, interesting, educational, comfortable, and convenient visit, and determine if, outside the monumental core, these facilities can further educate the visitor about visitor activities that can be found throughout Washington and the region.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prepare a study to evaluate the operational/locational consideration of visitor information related to advances in technology.• Analyze specific sites; identify development scenarios and strategies; develop cost estimates; and identify funding sources, including partnerships with other public agencies and the possibility of public/private partnering.• Determine how both large, comprehensive visitor orientation centers and small kiosks can be developed to provide essential information to visitors.	NCPC (lead), NPS, SI, DCOP, and tour industry stakeholders	Short-term

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14	ALL ELEMENTS	Project Submission and Review Guidelines and Transportation Management Plan (TMP) Submission Guidelines.	<p>Re-engineer and streamline NCPC's project submission process to ensure that its review is consistently applied, is efficient, and is responsive to the needs of federal agencies.</p> <p>Develop new guidelines for TMP submissions by federal agencies to encourage alternative means of commuting to minimize impact of federal employees driving alone during periods of congestion.</p>	<p>Project Submission and Review Guidelines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and revise NEPA/106 submission guidelines. Review and revise current submission guidelines. Develop an electronic submissions form in support of E-gov. Review the federal leasing process with GSA and negotiate an appropriate and constructive role for NCPC. <p>TMP Submission Guidelines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review TMP submissions. Review Commission actions on TMPs. Interview NCPC Project Review staff and federal agency representatives. Draft specific content requirements. 	NCPC, GSA, and federal agencies	Short-term
15	TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL WORKPLACE	Central Employment Area (CEA) boundaries	Reexamine the CEA boundaries within Washington where existing federal facilities and high density development contribute to the employment population, economic diversification, and mixed-use nature of the core, and where higher-density mixed land uses are encouraged for economic development within an active planning initiative.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research past Commission and District Council decisions on CEA boundary updates. Identify a process for updating and changing the CEA boundary. Identify existing federal facilities within the core area. Research adopted land use plans and current planning initiatives in the core area and identify sites with existing and planned high-density development. Develop proposed boundaries in conjunction with the update of the District Elements of the Comprehensive Plan. Adopt and map new boundaries, and then update the Comprehensive Plan's Federal Elements with the new boundaries. 	NCPC, other federal agencies, DCOP, DCOZ, and local business organizations	Short-term

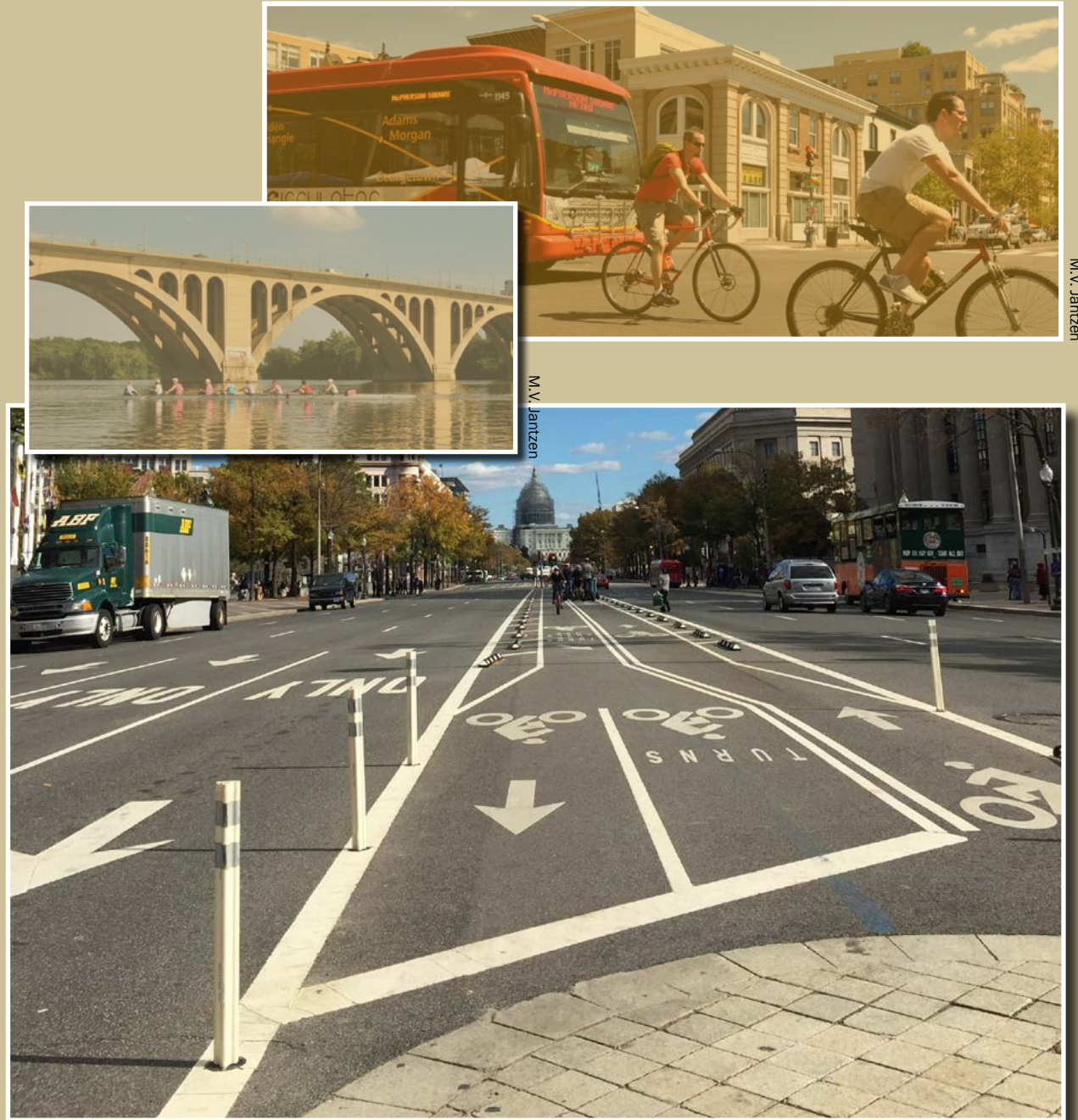
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Transportation Mobility and Accessibility

Closely linked to federal operational efficiency is the mobility of the federal workforce. Improving mobility and accessibility provides advantages to federal workers, to the federal government in general, and to all who reside in or visit the region. Mobility doesn't only translate into putting more cars on already overflowing roads.

The Commission is committed to working with regional entities toward reducing the transportation gridlock that threatens commuters and travelers to and through the region daily. Promoting alternative modes of transportation and innovative transportation management programs are key components of the Comprehensive Plan.

The Action Plan reflects the importance placed on developing a number of multi-pronged solutions to one of the most pressing issues in the NCR. Improved biking access to and around federal facilities are reflected in projects calling for construction of bicycle paths and lanes. The plan promotes studying the viability of water taxis to move residents and visitors and the accommodation of tour buses to facilitate visitor needs. One Action Plan project will study new trends in office mobility and evaluate the designated employee count in the existing parking ratios.



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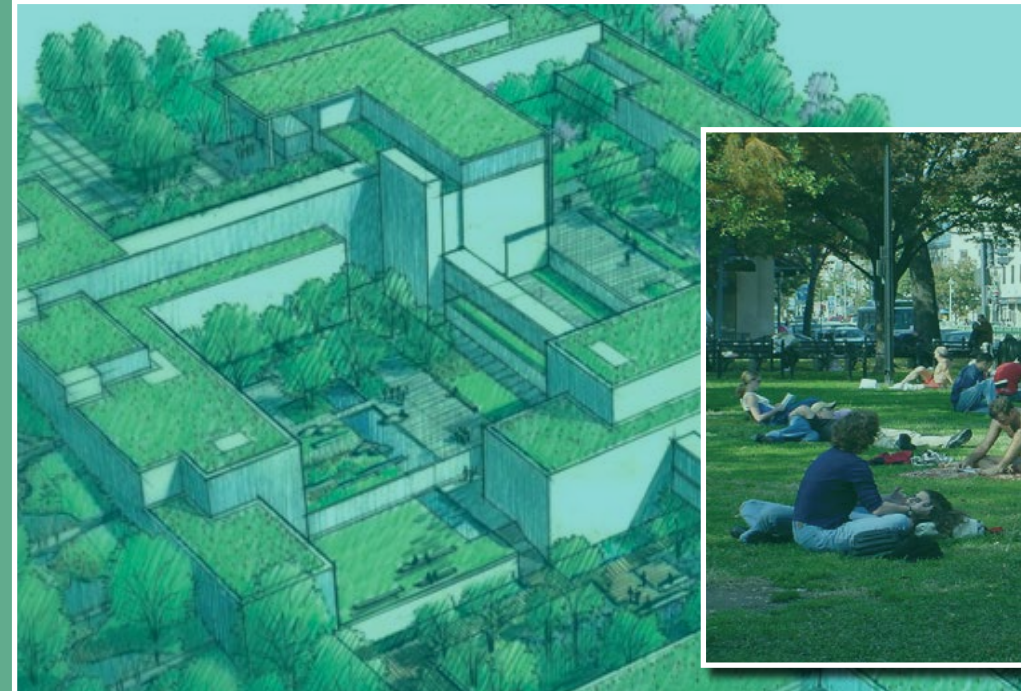
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16	TRANSPORTATION VISITORS & COMMEMORATION	Tour Bus and Commuter Bus Operations and Parking Management	Partner with federal and local agencies to address tour bus and commuter bus parking and loading operations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Improve tour and commuter bus operations management, parking infrastructure, and information systems. Note: DDOT and the Union Station Redevelopment Corporation are planning to expand tour bus parking in the near future.• Provide a foundation for the evaluation of future policies.	DDOT (lead), NCPC, Downtown BID, DC Council, NPS, and WMATA	Short-term
17	FEDERAL WORKPLACE TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL ENVIRONMENT	Bicycle Paths/ Lanes on Federal Installations	Support bicycle commuting by constructing bicycle travel lanes connecting the various buildings on federal installations and connecting to nearby off-installation bicycle paths, lanes, and trails, as well as nearby Metrorail stations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Study bicycle trail connections in master plans.• Work with and support local jurisdictions' efforts to build regional and local bicycle infrastructure that serves and provides access to federal properties.	NCPC, NIH, NPS, MCPD, MNCPPC, WABA, and local jurisdictions	Short-term
18	TRANSPORTATION VISITORS & COMMEMORATION	Water Taxi Study	Plan for future water taxi service.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Develop a comprehensive picture of Washington's waterfront improvements.• Partner with stakeholders to develop water taxi use for federal workers and visitors.	NCPC, DDOT, DCOP, DOD, and NPS	Short-term
19	FEDERAL WORKPLACE TRANSPORTATION	Parking Study	The parking ratio goals outlined in the Transportation Element were developed using a ratio of the number of employees for each employee parking space. The current trends are that the number of employees to a building are increasing due to office mobility, major federal consolidation efforts, and reduction in the overall space allocated to individuals and agencies. NCPC, in coordination with other federal agencies, will develop a parking study that will evaluate the designation of employee count for the parking ratios, and new trends in office mobility.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Study new trends in office mobility and develop case studies with large consolidation efforts.• Reevaluate the existing methodology used to designate employee counts in the parking ratios.• Participate in a study that models parking ratio goals for federal installations in the region.• Consider parking for housing on federal facilities.	NCPC and federal agencies	Short-term

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Stewardship of Natural Resources

The region's beauty is exemplified not only in the stone, marble, and granite found in its manmade structures, but also in the natural beauty evident in its open spaces and parks, forests, waterways, topography, and views and vistas. The federal government has been a vigilant steward in the preservation and enhancement of these natural resources. There are also a number of other public and private groups dedicated to preserving and enhancing natural resources in the region. NCPC will play a pivotal role in establishing a unified strategy for addressing natural resource issues in the region by providing leadership, coordination, and technical ability, as well as partnering with others.

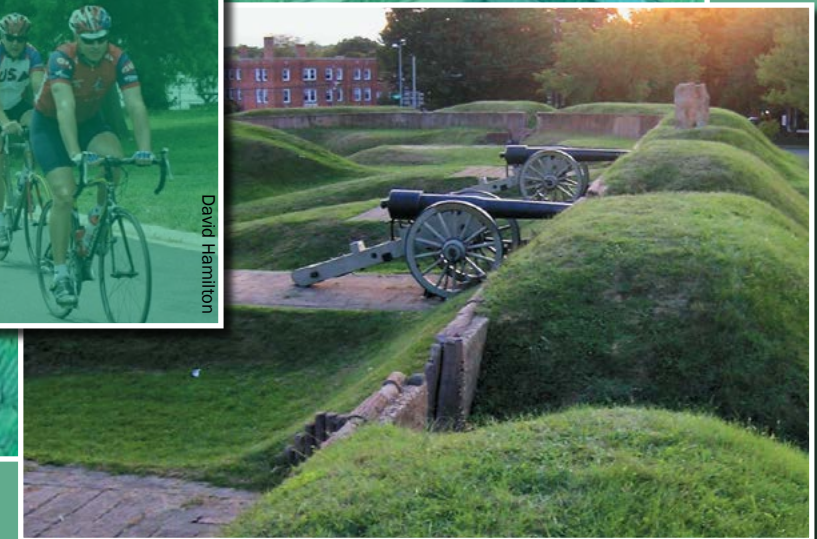
A first step in ensuring that these resources are protected, maintained, and enhanced is analyzing the current inventory of parks and open spaces and ascertain the deficiencies and gaps. By conducting a survey of existing parks and open spaces and analyzing their condition, the Commission and its partners can assess what will be required to protect and maintain the current inventory, determine where new parks and open spaces are needed to accommodate future generations, and develop innovative solutions to effectively manage and maintain these resources throughout the region. In addition, partnering with multi-agency groups addressing flooding, climate change, and ecosystem services will allow federal and community agencies to work together on climate preparedness and resilience, based on informed planning and decision-making.



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20	ENVIRONMENT	Floodplain Standard	The science, understanding, and application of information about projected flooding conditions resulting from climate change are constantly evolving. NCPC will stay informed with future revisions to the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard. In addition, in coordination with other federal agencies, NCPC will review best available climate/flooding data for the NCR and strive for agreement with other federal agencies on a single set of data to be used by all agencies in the climate-informed scientific approach.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Develop a NCR standard for floodplains.• Work with federal agencies to establish a uniform set of data to be used with the climate informed scientific approach in the NCR.• Participate in a multi-agency group to annually review best available climate data in the region.	NCPC and federal agencies	Short-term
21	ENVIRONMENT	Ecosystem Services	Participate in and encourage regional and/or federal efforts to incorporate ecosystem services in federal planning and decision-making. This will enhance our ability to recognize and leverage the benefits of natural systems, protect against natural hazards, and support social and economic development.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Research future opportunities to incorporate ecosystem services in the NCR to inform future planning and decision-making processes.• Develop policies to promote the consideration of ecosystem services—where appropriate and practicable—in planning, investments, and regulatory contexts.• Work with CEQ and other federal agencies to develop guidance on implementing environmental systems in the decision-making process.	NCPC, CEQ, and federal agencies	Long-term

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22	ENVIRONMENT PARKS & OPEN SPACE	Parks and Open Space Assessment and Management	<p>Establish and maintain a central database for collecting and analyzing data about parks and open spaces. Establish partnerships to enhance and manage regional parks and open space resources.</p> <p>Enhance the Civil War Defenses of Washington system in accordance with the current NPS General Management Plan, which proposes several alternatives. This system was proposed in the McMillan Plan as a connected ring of parks and parkways incorporating Civil War fort sites; and was later refined and partially implemented. Current proposals include adding trails and emphasizing several key fort locations.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• In conjunction with other stakeholders, coordinate regional parks and open space data collection and analyses. Develop strategies to protect, develop, enhance and manage parks and open space resources to meet all user needs.• Create federal/local and public/private partnerships to protect, develop, enhance, and manage parks and open space.• Work with stakeholders to develop a methodology for defining and assessing parks and open spaces.• Develop an inventory of federal, state, local, and other parks and open space, considering both in the NCR and preparing more detailed work within Washington. Maintain the inventory as a detailed GIS database.• Produce two reports assessing needs and opportunities for parks and open space. One report will be prepared at the regional level, and the other report will be developed for the area within the historic boundaries of the District of Columbia. Include analyses of future needs for both federal and local interests, and identify strategies to coordinate and optimize federal and local resources.• Sponsor a Green Infrastructure Symposium.• Prepare a property acquisition, transfer, and management analysis.• Work with NPS on action items identified in its General Management Plan, focusing on small parks.	NCPC, NPS, DOD, USDA, GSA, DDOT, DCOP, other federal agencies, and local jurisdictions	Short-term

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AWI	Anacostia Waterfront Initiative
BID	Business Improvement District
BOT	Washington Board of Trade
CEQ	Council on Environmental Quality
CPHD	Arlington County community Planning, Housing, and Development
DCCouncil	Council of the District of Columbia
DCOP	DC Office of Planning
DCOZ	DC Office of Zoning
DDOT	DC Department of Transportation
DOD	U.S. Department of Defense
DOS	U.S. Department of State
GSA	U.S. General Services Administration
MCPD	Montgomery County Planning Department
MNCPPC	Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission
MWCOG	Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments
NCPC	National Capital Planning Commission
NIH	National Institutes of Health
NPS	National Park Service
OMB	Office of Management and Budget
SBA	Small Business Association
SI	Smithsonian Institution
USACE	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
USDA	U.S. Department of Agriculture
USDOT	U.S. Department of Transportation
USSS	U.S. Secret Service
WABA	Washington Area Bicyclist Association
WMATA	Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority