

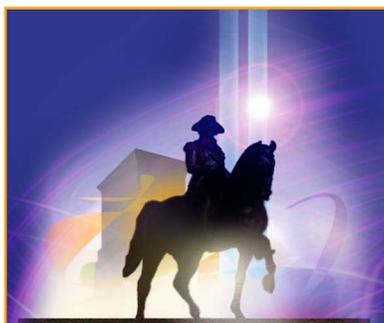
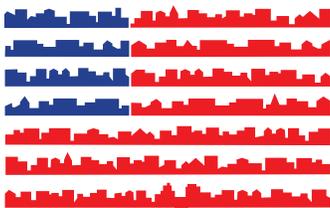


National Geospatial Intelligence Agency (1)



Southern Maryland Courthouse (2)

### The Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital



## Report of the Executive Director

During the past month the Executive Director took the following actions under the Commission's delegated authority.

1. Approved preliminary and final site development plans for a recreation facility at the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency, Fort Belvoir North Area, Fairfax County, Virginia. (7728)
2. Approved preliminary and final site and building plans for an expansion of the Southern Maryland Courthouse lobby, 6500 Cherrywood Lane, Greenbelt, Maryland. (7741)
3. Approved comments to the Council of the District of Columbia regarding the closing of a public alley in Squares 5154 and 5155, between 4606 and 4690 Sheriff Road, NE. (7740)

### PLANNING UPDATES

#### Comprehensive Plan

On December 7, 2015 the 60-day public comment period for the updated *Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital Federal Elements* ended. NCPC received comments from eleven agencies and six individuals. Staff plans to bring the full plan (minus the Parks & Open Space Element) to the Commission for final adoption in February 2016. The Parks & Open Space Element will be updated in FY 2016-2017 after the completion of the Small Parks Management Study by NCPC and the National Park Service.

#### Memorials of the Future Design Competition

The National Park Service, NCPC, and Van Alen Institute recently engaged in discussions concerning overall competition goals and objectives, schedule, design content, and guiding principles for participants and jury evaluation. The competition announcement for participants is tentatively scheduled for release in February 2015. The competition will explore what a 21st century memorial in Washington, DC could look like.

#### Monumental Core Climate Adaptation Working Group

On December 10, NCPC hosted the Monumental Core Climate Adaptation Working Group's 11th meeting. The group received an update on the District of Columbia's *Climate Adaptation Plan*, as well as an information presentation on revised implementing guidelines for Executive Order 13690. The Monumental Core Climate Adaptation Working Group is an interagency effort that focuses on understanding climate risks and how to mitigate them in the monumental core.



## **PUBLIC OUTREACH AND PLANNING ASSISTANCE**

### **NCPC Assists HUD's Urban Development National Disaster Resilience Competition**

Office of Public Engagement Director **Julia Koster** served as a reviewer for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's National Disaster Resilience Competition. The competition will award \$1 billion in Community Block Development Grant Disaster Recovery Program funds to disaster-impacted communities proposing forward-looking, innovative, and comprehensive strategies.

### **National Building Museum's Spotlight Design**

On December 3 Community Planner **Meghan Spigle** provided opening remarks at the National Building Museum's Spotlight on Design panel discussion. Part of an ongoing series sponsored by the AIA, the session highlighted the work of Oehme van Sweden, a Washington, DC-based landscape architecture firm. The firm, which introduced a wilder landscape aesthetic known as the New American Garden, creates projects that feature self-sustaining, meadow-like landscapes containing swaths of vigorous native plantings. Notable Washington, DC projects include the German-American Friendship Garden, the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial, Pershing Park, and the WWII Memorial. Their work is currently featured in a National Building Museum exhibition on display until May 1, 2016.



James van Sweden

German-American Friendship Garden

### **Staff Engages with Chinese Delegations**

On December 7 NCPC hosted a 21-person delegation from Hebei province in China. Senior Urban Planner **Jason Beske** and Urban Planner **Dereh Bush** presented to the group. The US-China Business & Culture Exchange Center organized the visit. On Friday, December 19 Urban Planner **Sarah Ridgely** met with a 15-person group from the Jinan Municipal Urban Landscaping Bureau. Triway International Group organized this visit.




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## **PERSONNEL**

NCPC welcomes **Grace Kim** as IT Security Specialist and **Cana Williams** as Management/Program Analyst in the Office of Administration.