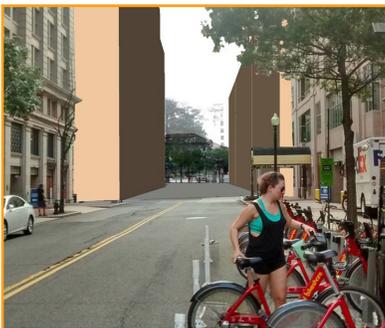




Waterfront Metrorail Station (1)



U.S. Department of State (2)



Squares 378 and 379



Memorials for the Future at the Kennedy Center

## Report of the Executive Director

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

1. Approved comments to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority regarding preliminary and final site development plans for flood hardening at the Waterfront and Farragut North Metrorail Stations. (7820)
2. Approved preliminary and final site and building plans for phase 2 of the roof terrace renovation at the U. S. Department of State Harry S Truman Building, 2201 C Street, NW. (7263)
3. Approved preliminary and final building plans for upgrades and renovation improvements at Building 305, 204 Lee Drive, Fort Myer, Arlington, VA. (7821)
4. Approved preliminary and final building plans for the Capital Solar Challenge–Package 3: installation of rooftop photovoltaic solar arrays on the Bureau of Engraving and Printing Building, Harry S Truman Building, and the Main Treasury Building. (7823)
5. Approved a report to the Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia regarding design review for The Yards Parcel L2 - Forest City SEFC, LLC, 3rd and Tingey Street, SE. (ZC 16-16)

### PLANNING UPDATES

#### FBI Headquarters Site Consolidation and Exchange–Squares 378 and 379

Throughout September, staff coordinated with federal and local agency stakeholders to finalize draft Square Guidelines for Squares 378 and 379. NCPCC also hosted public meetings on September 7 and 9 to provide an update and solicit feedback on the guidelines' objectives, the Pennsylvania Avenue build-to-line, and height analysis. This same material was presented at the Penn Quarter Neighborhood Association meeting on September 13 for input and comment. Staff also gave an information presentation on the Pennsylvania Avenue build-to-line and height analysis to the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts on September 15. After preliminary review by the Commission at the October 6 meeting, staff will accept public comments through October, and anticipates final review of the guidelines at the Commission's December 1 meeting. Meeting materials and resources are available online at: [www.ncpc.gov/project/fbisq/](http://www.ncpc.gov/project/fbisq/)

#### Memorials for the Future Ideas Competition

On September 8 the National Park Service, National Capital Planning Commission, and Van Alen Institute announced Climate Chronograph as the winner of the Memorials for the Future ideas competition. Staff worked with Van Alen Institute to develop a final report, *Not Set in Stone: Memorials for the Future*, which summarized findings, ideas, and issues addressed during the competition. The report, as well as additional information about the competition winner and the honorable mentions, may be found at <https://future.ncpc.gov/>. A free public exhibition showcasing the winner and finalists' design concepts opened the evening of September 8 in the Kennedy Center's Hall of Nations and runs through October 20, 2016.

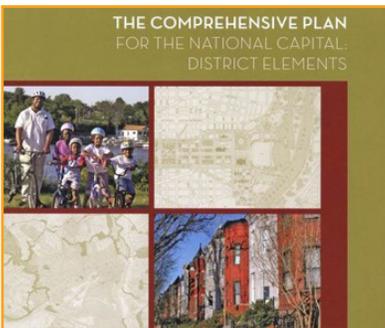


### **DC Flood Summit**

NCPC joined more than 150 mostly regional experts to discuss flooding in the nation’s capital on September 8 at Gallaudet University. The 2016 Flood Summit, the first of its kind held in Washington, was organized by the DC Silver Jackets, an interagency team that leverages resources to identify and implement comprehensive, resilient, and sustainable solutions to reduce flood risks around Washington. Office of Public Engagement Director **Julia Koster** and Urban Planner **Nicholas Bonard** presented at the day-long conference.

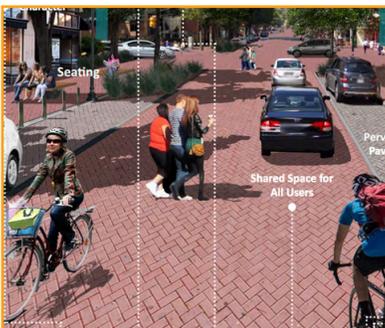
### **DC Flood Risk Forum on Capitol Hill**

On September 13, Congresswoman **Eleanor Holmes Norton** (D-DC) and the University of Maryland Center for Disaster Resilience (CDR) hosted a Capitol Hill discussion on the risks flooding poses to Washington and national security interests. Along with presentations from Congresswoman Norton and **Sandra Knight**, University of Maryland Center for Disaster Resilience, the flood forum featured a five-member panel discussion, moderated by CDR’s **Gerry Galloway**, Glenn L. Martin Institute Professor of Engineering. This year’s panelists were Urban Planner **Nicholas Bonard**; **Amy Guise**, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; **Phetmano Phannavong**, DC Department of Energy and Environment; **Rick Sacibit**, Federal Emergency Management Agency; and **Tanya Spano**, Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments.



### **DC Comprehensive Plan**

Staff continues to collaborate with the District of Columbia Office of Planning (DCOP) on the Comprehensive Plan’s District Elements. Staff participated in the DC Comprehensive Plan Data Roundtable on September 28 and provided feedback to help to inform the DCOP data narrative for the public launch of the plan’s amendment process this fall. The process is expected to take 18 months, with NCPC’s review anticipated in mid-2018.

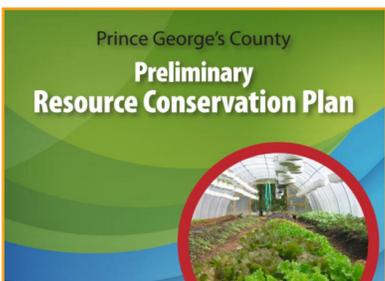


## **Regional Planning**

Staff is reviewing and developing comments on several plans in the National Capital Region.

### **Bethesda Downtown Plan**

The plan will provide an opportunity for a “fresh look” at Downtown Bethesda, providing the community, property owners, and business owners an opportunity to refine the vision for a successful Downtown Bethesda, including revisiting the current plan’s recommendations. The plan addresses land use and density; urban design and character; open space; mobility; and environmental quality. Work will be organized around three themes: social, economic, and environmental sustainability.



### **Prince George’s Countywide Resource Conservation Functional Master Plan**

This plan will combine the related elements of Prince Georges County’s green infrastructure planning, rural character, and agricultural conservation into one functional master plan. This will help streamline the process, meet state requirements for planning elements, and more efficiently update existing plans and maps. The Resource Conservation Plan was prepared in response to recommendations in Prince George’s 2035 Approved General Plan (Plan 2035). A joint public hearing on the Preliminary Resource Conservation Plan was held on September 27.



## PUBLIC OUTREACH AND PLANNING ASSISTANCE

### NCPC Visits Ottawa

Commissioner **Beth White**, the executive director, and Office of Public Engagement Director **Julia Koster** visited our counterparts at the National Capital Commission (NCC) in Ottawa September 19-21, and were updated on several NCC initiatives, including LeBreton Flats and *The Plan for Canada's Capital*; received tours of waterfront projects and Illumination Plan sites; and engaged in discussions on topics including diplomatic missions, commemoration, communications/social media, and legacy planning. The executive director presented *Capital Building: A View from Washington* to the NCC's first Urbanism Lab of the season. Commissioner White and Director Koster presented on *Plans, Parks, and Partnerships* to a group of NCC staff and select external partners.



### Fort Myer-Henderson Hall Transportation Accessibility Planning Brown Bag

On September 14, 2016, **Jonathan Bollhoefer**, Arlington Transportation Planners Business Development Manager for Joint Base Myer Henderson Hall, and **Wendy Duren** of Transportation Partners, presented findings on implementing transportation plans at Fort Myer-Henderson Hall. These included the importance of outreach to analyse civilian and military personnel needs, as well as necessary partnerships needed to coordinate between security and accessibility.

### The AIDS Quilt

A panel of the Nobel Prize-nominated AIDS Memorial Quilt—a 54.5 ton, handmade tapestry which stands as a memorial to more than 96,000 individuals lost to AIDS—will be on view at NCPC's offices through October 7, 2016. The last display of the entire AIDS Memorial Quilt was in October of 1996 when it covered the National Mall. 1,000 of the newest panels were displayed on The Ellipse in June of 2004. The Quilt was begun in 1976 and remains the largest community commemoration project in the world. NCPC thanks The NAMES Project Foundation and its Executive Director **Julie Rhoad** for allowing us the opportunity to share a part of this powerful memorial.



### National China Garden

The United States National Arboretum and the Agricultural Research Service of the United States Department of Agriculture, in partnership with the National China Garden Foundation, propose the construction of the National China Garden, a classical Chinese garden on the grounds of the United States National Arboretum. The Agricultural Research Service is serving as the lead federal agency for the proposed action, working in cooperation with NCPC, and prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment to analyze the proposed project's environmental impacts. The Draft EA is available to the public for review and comment by October 28, 2016.



### Open Gov Plan

NCPC updated its Open Government Plan that establishes goals and various initiatives that makes the agency more open and effective in its core work. The plan is posted online at [www.ncpc.gov/open](http://www.ncpc.gov/open). NCPC will accept public comments through October 27, 2016 through this webpage.

### Transatlantic Dialogue

On September 22, Office of Public Engagement Director **Julia Koster** participated on the advisory committee selecting fellows for the German Marshall Fund Urban and Regional Policy Program. This fellowship program promotes transatlantic dialogue between cities and regions.

### International Delegation Visits

On September 21 Urban Design and Plan Review Director **Diane Sullivan** and Senior Urban Planner **Mathew Flis** presented an overview of the agency's planning, preservation, and urban design work to a nine-member delegation of urban planners from Afghanistan. The visit was organized through the U.S. Department of State's Cultural Exchange Program, which connects cultural representatives with government leaders to exchange methods of designating and protecting cultural heritage sites and promoting peace through mutual regard for shared cultural heritage treasures.

On September 20 Planning and Research Division Director **Mike Sherman** met with a six-member delegation from Singapore, including **Grace Fu**, Minister of Culture, Community and Youth. He provided a briefing on federal government memorial planning and development. The ministry is currently working on a project to develop a memorial to commemorate the values and nation-building legacy of their founding father Prime Minister **Lee Kuan Yew** and his team, who led Singapore from independence to become a modern, global city. The delegation had great interest in NCPC's work related to commemoration.

On September 22, 2016, Urban Planner **Nicholas Bonard** presented to officials from Guangxi Province, China, where he discussed topics of interest including resiliency planning and flood protection in the National Capital Region, as well as the 17th Street levee.



Jennifer Hirsch



Sarah Ridgely

## PERSONNEL

### Two Staffers Promoted to Senior Urban Planners

Congratulations to **Jennifer Hirsch** (Policy and Research Division) and **Sarah Ridgely** (Physical Planning Division) who were promoted to Senior Urban Planners. Jennifer has been at NCPC for five years, previously serving as the Federal Preservation Officer in the Urban Design and Plan Review Division. Sarah, who has worked with NCPC for more than six years, was previously an urban planner in the Physical Planning Division.

### In Memorium

Former Commissioner **Herbert Ames** died on Wednesday, September 21, 2016, after an extended illness. Mr. Ames, an at-large Presidential Appointee nominated by President **George W. Bush**, served on the Commission from March 2005 to January 1, 2011. NCPC remembers Commissioner Ames' many contributions and extends its condolences to his family.



Herbert Ames