

UNIFYING THE CITY AND THE CORE



AT THE HEART OF **EXTENDING THE LEGACY** IS A NEW DEFINITION OF THE MONUMENTAL CORE THAT INCLUDES NOT ONLY THE MALL AND THE TRADITIONAL CEREMONIAL SPACES, BUT ALSO NORTH AND SOUTH CAPITOL STREETS, THE ANACOSTIA RIVER AND ADJACENT AREAS. THE CAPITOL ONCE AGAIN BECOMES THE SYMBOLIC CENTER OF THE CITY, AS L'ENFANT INTENDED, WITH ITS POWER RADIATING OUTWARD IN ALL DIRECTIONS.

The key to organizing this expanded Core is redeveloping North and South Capitol streets as civic gateways and making East Capitol Street a major link between central Washington and communities across the Anacostia River.

Untangled from its maze of freeways and railroad tracks, South Capitol Street could serve as a new southern gateway to central Washington, at the scale of Pennsylvania Avenue, with a lively mix of shopping, housing and offices. If the Supreme Court decides to move, it should be located at the tip of South Capitol, on the river. Such a location would follow the Architect of the Capitol's suggestion that a special site for the Court be found within the Core that underscores the importance of three separate branches of government. A riverside location could attract visitors and provide a new focus for museums and other cultural activities. The redevelopment of the Southeast Federal Center and Washington Navy Yard, with a projected 15,000 new jobs, should reinforce this surge of economic activity.



South Capitol Street's new energy will eventually flow across the Anacostia River to Poplar Point on the southeast side of the river. In addition to museums and restaurants along the water's edge, this underused and now largely inaccessible tract of federal land could be developed with housing, parks, stores and offices. These activities would complement the historic scale of the nearby Old Anacostia neighborhood, which will be reconnected to its waterfront once the Anacostia Freeway is depressed.

In *Legacy*, North Capitol Street becomes a tree-lined boulevard of museums, hotels, residences and offices, with the Capitol as its dramatic focal point. Distinctive landscaping will enhance the character of the street and make it a memorable introduction to the nation's capital.

East Capitol Street will become the link between the traditional Monumental Core and the Anacostia River. While the existing Capitol Hill neighborhood of quiet streets and historic row houses will remain undisturbed, the Anacostia waterfront will be transformed into a new ecological precinct, with the river and parks as the centerpieces and environmental stewardship as the theme. The area will celebrate parks, islands and wetlands; an aquarium is proposed for Kingman Island. The RFK Stadium site, now mostly parking lots, will contain a major memorial, surrounded by new housing and commercial development. This proposal for the Anacostia waterfront would not only increase total park acreage in the District, but also make it more accessible to more people for more activities.

EAST CAPITOL STREET



RFK Stadium will be replaced by a memorial, an environmental center and housing and commercial development.

NORTH CAPITOL STREET



North Capitol Street will become a lively urban boulevard combining public and private development.

SOUTH CAPITOL STREET



South Capitol Street today — severed and isolated.



With the Southeast/Southwest Freeway removed, South Capitol Street can become a new gateway to the city.



Clockwise, from upper left: 8th Street arts and entertainment district • East Potomac Park • Memorial gateway at East Capitol Street • New South Capitol Street Bridge at Poplar Point