



## Information Presentation

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<b>PROJECT</b> <b>Second Amendment Cycle to the District's Comprehensive Plan</b> Washington, DC	<b>NCPC FILE NUMBER</b> CP19
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This spring, the DC Office of Planning launched an 18-month effort to complete the Second Amendment cycle of the *2006 Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital: District Elements*. By law, the Comprehensive Plan is a unified plan comprised of two components - the Federal and District Elements.

The Federal Elements are prepared by the National Capital Planning Commission and provide a policy framework for the federal government in managing its operations and activities in the National Capital Region. The 2016 Federal Elements were recently adopted by the Commission on February 4, 2016.

The District Elements are developed and managed by the DC Office of Planning. The District Elements are a 20-year general policy document that guides the future development of the District of Columbia and serve as the basis for determining how areas can be developed as related to design, density, and program within Washington, DC. The 2006 District Elements of the Comprehensive Plan contain 12 topic-specific citywide elements and 10 geographically-specific area elements with policies and action items, as well as two maps (the Future Land Use Map and Generalized Policy Map). Last amended in 2011, the District Elements are being amended again to ensure that the plan is responsive to the dynamic changes in population, demographics, and policy priorities.

The Comprehensive Plan Amendment Cycle is an open and transparent process that is being led by data and engagement. Extensive public engagement is a fundamental part of the amendment cycle and will guide the selection of amendments to move forward for approval. Interested parties are able to submit proposed amendments, including, but not limited to, residents, community groups, developers, and government agencies. As part of the planning process, the DC Office of Planning will develop an Evaluation Framework that will be available to the public. It will include a robust set of decision criteria to ensure that key issues and concerns from the public will inform the final selection of amendments for legislative review and approval.

A key outcome in the Second Amendment cycle of the 2006 District Elements is to codify recommendations and other content from recent District government plans and initiatives completed since the last set of amendments were submitted in 2010. In addition, the update will include a new Resilience Element, with policies and actions to advance the concept of resilience in Washington, DC as it impacts land use and community quality of life.

**PROJECT TIMELINE**

<b>Previous actions</b>	<b>April 5, 2007</b> – Approval of federal interest review pursuant to 40 U.S.C. § 8721(c) for the Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital: District Elements—Comprehensive Plan Amendments Act of 2006  <b>January 6, 2011</b> – Approval of federal interest review pursuant to 40 U.S.C. § 8721(c) for the Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital: District Elements—Comprehensive Plan Amendments Act of 2010
<b>Remaining actions</b> (anticipated)	<b>TBD</b> - Approval of federal interest review pursuant to 40 U.S.C. § 8721(c) for the Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital: District Elements—2nd Amendment Cycle to the District’s Comprehensive Plan