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NCPC to Accept SW Ecodistrict Plan

*Commission to Also Review Zoning for Old Post Office and
Hear Information Presentation on Climate Adaptation Planning for Washington, DC*

Washington, DC – At its monthly meeting on Thursday, January 10, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) will be asked to accept the *SW Ecodistrict Plan*. The plan proposes to transform a 15-block predominantly federal precinct located just south of the National Mall into a highly sustainable, walkable neighborhood that connects the National Mall and the southwest waterfront, and becomes a showcase of sustainable urban development and the site for new nationally significant museums, memorials, and events.

The *SW Ecodistrict Plan* is based on the idea that planning, implementing, and operating at a neighborhood (or district) scale results in increased environmental and economic benefits than planning building by building. The plan proposes a development scenario whereby projects can be prioritized and implemented over a 20 year period as they become economically viable and align with federal and local investment preferences.

The plan is the result of a comprehensive public planning process led by NCPC involving 17 federal and District agencies, along with input from private property owners and the public. The plan was coordinated with the DC Office of Planning's *Maryland Avenue, SW Small Area Plan*.

Also before the Commission is a zoning map and text amendment for the Old Post Office and Pavilion Annex located at 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. The Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia referred the map and text amendment which will establish zoning on the site (Square 323 Lot 800, and Parcels 1, 2, and 3 of Squares 349 and 350).

Before adjourning, the Commission will hear an information presentation. Staff will update the Commission on NCPC's climate adaptation-related work, followed by a presentation by Mr. Kim Toufectis and Dr. Cynthia Rosenzweig on NASA's work in the emerging field of climate adaptation planning.

This month's agenda also includes four consent calendar items (no presentations given):

- Authorization to release the draft policies in the Federal Visitors Element of the *Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital* for a 60 day public review and comment period (CP01E);
- Temporary renewal of preliminary and final site and building plans for a public telescope and observatory at the National Air and Space Museum, Washington, DC (6890);
- Approval of preliminary site and building plans for a Metrorail station and aerial alignment at Dulles International Airport as part of Phase 2 of the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project, Fairfax County, Virginia (7168);
- Approval of a modification to the General Development Plan for the Anacostia Stream Valley Park located in Hyattsville, Maryland (MP35).

In addition, the Executive Director approved six items under authorities delegated by the Commission. The final agenda (with order of presentations), staff recommendations, and project materials are available on [NCPC's website](http://www.ncpc.gov). The meeting will be streamed live at <http://www.ncpc.gov/live>.

The National Capital Planning Commission is the federal government's central planning agency in the District of Columbia and surrounding counties of Maryland and Virginia. The Commission provides overall guidance for federal land and buildings in the region. It also reviews the design of federal projects and memorials, oversees long-range planning for future development, and monitors capital investment by federal agencies.

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