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## Urban Design Element Wins 2016 Vision Award

NCPC's Annual Report and Lobby Display Win National Communications Awards

**Washington, DC** – At a ceremony on June 16, 2016 the Committee of 100 on the Federal City presented its 2016 Vision Award to the National Capital Planning Commission for the Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital's Urban Design Element and Technical Element.

The Committee of 100 noted that the element "promotes quality design and development and underscores the importance of maintaining the form and unique character of the nation's capital. Also, for its specific guidance on key elements of the L'Enfant Plan and McMillan Plans and the Height Act and creating a framework for identifying and protecting the city's viewsheds and vistas."

The Urban Design Element applies to federal development within the District of Columbia and the surrounding region and works in conjunction with the District of Columbia's Urban Design Element, as well as the urban design goals of localities throughout the region. The element will help federal agencies achieve high quality and integrated design for their buildings and surroundings. The Urban Design Element's policies went into effect on April 5, 2016.

On June 8 the National Association of Government Communicators presented NCPC with two Blue Pencil & Gold Screen Awards. NCPC's digital 2015 Year in Review received first place in the annual report category, and the lobby display/NCPC Field Notes received an excellence award in the display category.

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