

# Citywide Elements

## Land Use Element

### Purpose

Establishes the basic policies guiding the physical form of the city, and provides direction on a range of development, conservation, and land use compatibility issues.

### Goal

Ensure the efficient use of land resources to meet long-term neighborhood, citywide, and regional needs; to help foster other District goals; to protect the health, safety, and welfare of District residents, institutions, and businesses; to sustain, restore, or improve the character and stability of neighborhoods in all parts of the city; and to effectively balance the competing demands for land to support the many activities that take place within District boundaries.



## Urban Design Element

### Purpose

Addresses the District's physical design and visual qualities and describes the ways in which different aspects of the city's landscape – especially its buildings, streets, and open spaces – work together to define impressions of Washington and its neighborhoods.

### Goal

Enhance the beauty and livability of the city by protecting its historic design legacy, reinforcing the identity of its neighborhoods, harmoniously integrating new construction with existing buildings and the natural environment, and improving the vitality, appearance, and security of streets and public spaces.



## Economic Development Element

### Purpose

Addresses the future of the District's economy and the creation of economic opportunity for current and future District residents. It includes strategies to sustain Washington's major industries, diversify our economy, accommodate job growth, maintain small businesses and neighborhood commercial districts, and increase access to employment for residents.

### Goal

Strengthen the District's economy by sustaining its core industries, attracting new and diverse industries, accommodating future job growth, fostering the success of small businesses, revitalizing neighborhood commercial centers, improving resident job skills, and helping a greater number of District residents find and keep jobs in the Washington regional economy.



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## Transportation Element

### Purpose

Provides policies and actions to maintain and improve the District's transportation system and enhance the travel choices of current and future residents, visitors and workers.

### Goal

Create a safe, sustainable, efficient multi-modal transportation system that meets the access and mobility needs of District residents, the regional workforce, and visitors; supports local and regional economic prosperity; and enhances the quality of life for District residents.



## Infrastructure Element

### Purpose

Provides policies and actions on the District's water, sanitary sewer, stormwater, solid waste management, energy, and telecommunication systems.

### Goal

Provide high-quality, efficiently managed and maintained, and properly funded infrastructure to serve existing development, as well as future change and growth.



## Community Services and Facilities Element

### Purpose

Provides policies and actions on health care facilities, child care and senior care facilities, libraries, police stations, fire stations, and other municipal facilities such as maintenance yards.

### Goal

Provide high-quality, accessible, efficiently managed, and properly funded community facilities to support the efficient delivery of municipal services, protect public health and safety, and enhance the well-being of current and future District residents.



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## Housing Element

### Purpose

Describes the importance of housing to neighborhood quality in the District of Columbia and the importance of providing housing opportunities for all segments of our population.

### Goal

Develop and maintain a safe, decent, and affordable supply of housing for all current and future residents of the District of Columbia.



## Educational Facilities Element

### Purpose

Addresses the location, planning, use and design of the District's educational facilities and campuses and includes policies and actions related to primary, secondary, and higher educational facilities.

### Goal

Transform the educational environment in the District of Columbia, providing facilities that inspire excellence in learning, create a safe and healthy environment for students, and help each individual achieve his or her fullest potential.



## Historic Preservation Element

### Purpose

Guides the protection, revitalization and preservation of the city's valuable historic assets and defines the District's role in promoting awareness of Washington history, identifying and preserving historic resources, and ensuring compatible design in historic neighborhoods.

### Goal

Preserve and enhance the unique cultural heritage, beauty, and identity of the District of Columbia by respecting the historic physical form of the city and the enduring value of its historic structures and places, recognizing their importance to the citizens of the District and the nation, and sharing mutual responsibilities for their protection and stewardship.



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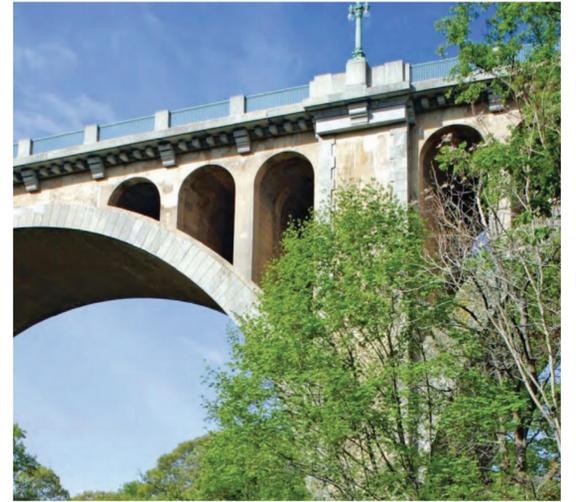
## Environmental Protection Element

### Purpose

Addresses the protection, restoration, and management of the District's land, air, water, energy, and biologic resources.

### Goal

Protect, restore, and enhance the natural and man-made environment in the District of Columbia, taking steps to improve environmental quality, prevent and reduce pollution, and conserve the values and functions of the District's natural resources and ecosystems.



## Parks, Recreation and Open Space Element

### Purpose

Addresses the future of parks, recreation, and open space in the District of Columbia and recognizes the important role parks play in recreation, aesthetics, neighborhood character, and environmental quality.

### Goal

Preserve and enhance parks and open spaces within the District of Columbia to meet active and passive recreational needs, improve environmental quality, enhance the identity and character of District neighborhoods, and provide visual beauty in all parts of the national capital.



## Arts and Culture Element

### Purpose

Provides policies and actions dedicated to the preservation and promotion of the arts in the District of Columbia and focuses on strengthening the role of the arts in shaping the physical form of our city.

### Goal

Support and encourage arts and cultural venues, programs and learning experiences in the District of Columbia that inspire a vibrant cultural life for all segments of the population. Enhance the city's diverse artistic and cultural traditions through decisions affecting the physical environment.

