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OVERVIEW

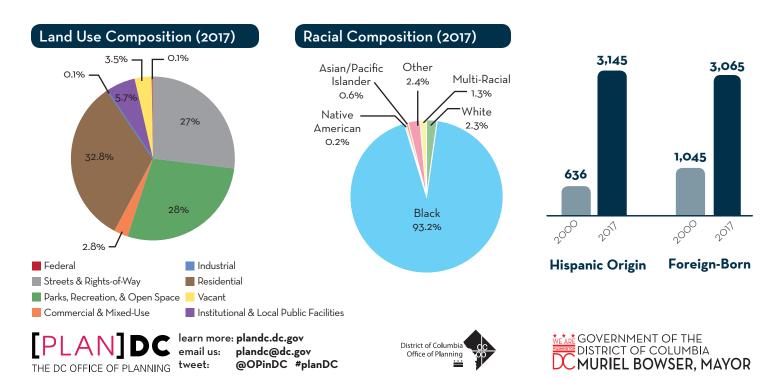


The opening narrative provides an overview of the 8.3 square miles that comprise the Far Northeast and Southeast Planning Area, including its main land use composition, major landmarks, institutions, open spaces, and commercial areas. Far Northeast and Southeast is known for its attractive neighborhoods and diverse mix of housing. The area has an excellent transportation network, including the Minnesota Avenue, Benning Road, and Deanwood Metrorail stations, Interstate I-295, and major avenues linking neighborhoods east of the Anacostia River to Central Washington. Far Northeast and Southeast is one of the greenest areas of the city and is home to several of the Fort Circle Parks. It has always had a strong sense of community pride and spirit.

Far Northeast and Southeast has experienced a moderate population increase and a change in characteristics. The African American population experienced a slight decline while the Hispanic population increased. Far Northeast and Southeast is projected to continue seeing steady population growth, estimated to reach approximately 112,611 residents in 2045, a 35 percent increase from 83,906 in 2017.

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- The area's context including its history, land use, demographics, housing characteristics, income and employment, and projections for growth.
- **FNS-1:** General Policies for Guiding Growth and Neighborhood Conservation as well as Conserving and Enhancing Community Resources.
- FNS-2: Eight Policy Focus Areas; Minnesota/Benning Business District, Deanwood, Capitol View/Capitol Gateway/Northeast Boundary, Benning Road Metro Station Area, Marshall Heights/Benning Ridge, Pennsylvania Avenue SE, Skyland, Kenilworth/Parkside.



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SUMMARY OF MAJOR POLICY THEMES

Guiding Growth and Neighborhood Conservation

- Preserve the character of the existing community.
- Support the revitalization of neighborhood commercial areas and corridors.
- Encourage and direct new mixed-use, mixed-income development in vacant lots, at Metro Stations, and along corridors.
- Ensure that housing remains affordable for current and future residents.
- Improve transit and manage traffic congestion.
- Improve the infrastructure and physical appearance of commercial corridors to attract new and retain existing businesses.

Conserving and Enhancing Community Resources

- Prioritize and protect flood prone properties along the Watts Branch.
- Improve safety, security and maintenance levels at all parks in the planning area.
- Improve river facilities which expand access for youth and adults to the Anacostia River for recreational purposes.

Managing Community Development and Neighborhood Serving Retail

- Guide economic and commercial development along major corridors for neighborhood serving uses.
- Utilize District and federal resources to support a variety of mixed-income housing opportunities east of the river.

Improving Connectivity and Pedestrian Safety

- Improve vehicular circulation and connectivity in neighborhoods such as Parkside, Kenilworth, River Terrace and Greenway.
- Reduce pedestrian and vehicular conflict in commercial areas such as Minnesota Avenue, Benning Road and Pennsylvania Avenue at the Sousa Bridge.





