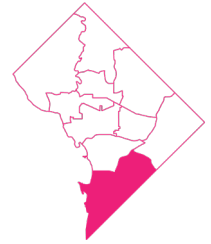


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## OVERVIEW

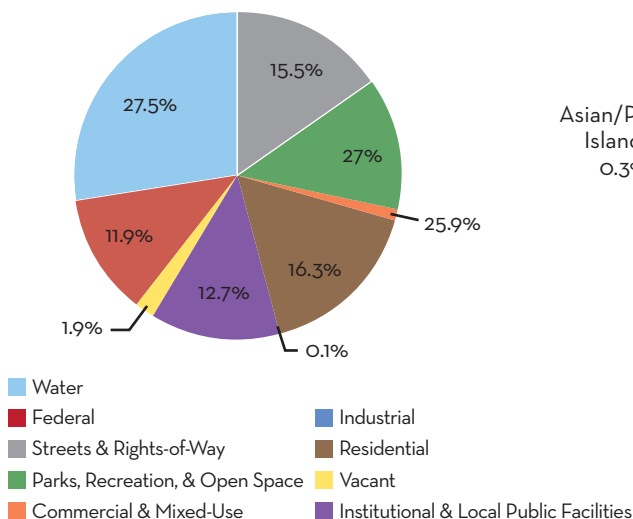
The opening narrative provides an overview of the 10.1 square miles that comprise Far Southeast and Southwest, including its main land use composition, major landmarks, institutions, open spaces, and commercial areas. Far Southeast/Southwest is a community of surprising contrasts. It includes the 19th century row houses of Historic Anacostia as well as brand new communities like Henson Ridge and Wheeler Creek. Its housing ranges from single family homes in neighborhoods like Congress Heights, to garden apartments in neighborhoods like Washington Highlands and Fort Stanton.

Anacostia and the surrounding Far Southeast/Southwest neighborhoods have stayed strong through difficult times. Many middle-class residents left the area in the 1970's, 80's and 90's, affecting the stability of the area's neighborhoods. Between 1990 and 2000 population in this Planning Area declined by nine percent and the poverty rate increased from 28 percent to 38 percent. While population decline has reversed course since 2000 and is projected to continue to grow over the next 20 years, poverty levels are still the highest in the District at 39.0 percent.

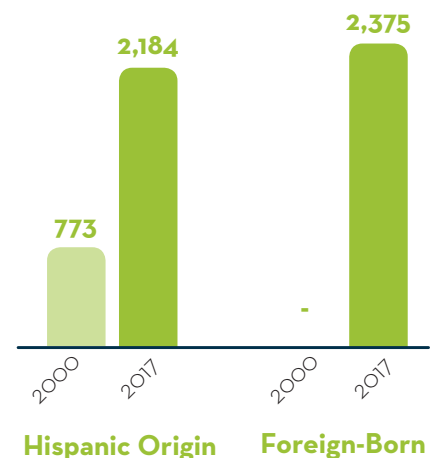
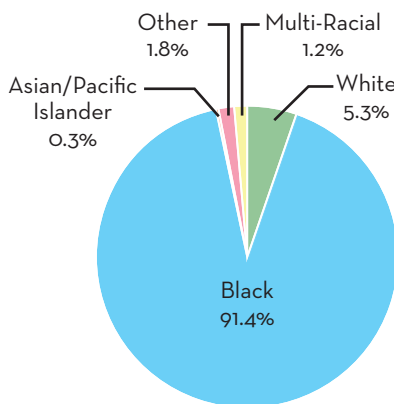
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- Planning and Development Priorities highlighting key messages from community workshops.
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- **FSS-2:** Seven Policy Focus Areas; Historic Anacostia, St. Elizabeths East Campus, Barry Farm/Hillsdale/Fort Stanton, Congress Heights Metro Station, Congress Heights Commercial District, Bellevue/Washington Highlands, and DC Village.

### Land Use Composition (2017)

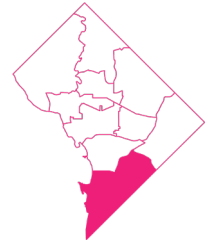


### Racial Composition (2017)



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## SUMMARY OF MAJOR POLICY THEMES

### Enhancing Retail Services

- Encourage and incentivize more shopping options (particularly grocery stores).
- Attract additional supermarkets, a variety of food retail, sit-down family-style restaurants, full service gas stations, and general merchandise stores.

### Supporting and Expanding Community Resources

- Sustain and support existing health care facilities in Far Southeast/Southwest. Develop additional health care and social service facilities to respond to the urgent unmet need for primary care, pre- and post-natal care, child care, youth development, family counseling, nutrition education, and drug and alcohol treatment centers.
- Provide more recreational facilities and activities for youth.

### Encouraging Equitable Growth

- Address stakeholder concerns about displacement due to new development.
- Provide ample affordable housing units within newly constructed residential units.
- Research and apply effective anti-displacement measures that affect vulnerable populations within the District of Columbia.