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# Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital: District Elements Second Amendment Cycle

**Citywide Community Workshops**

*October 19, 2016*



**Welcome!**

# Washington, DC is growing & changing everyday

**We planned for the change**

**We are always striving to be an inclusive city**

**Comprehensive Plan:** a citywide **guidebook to plan for an inclusive DC**

- focuses on **today & the city's future**
- shapes the **places we live, work, shop and play**
- Informs **District government investments** in your neighborhoods
- provides a **framework for all development** in the city

DC Office of Planning launched second amendment cycle for Comp Plan

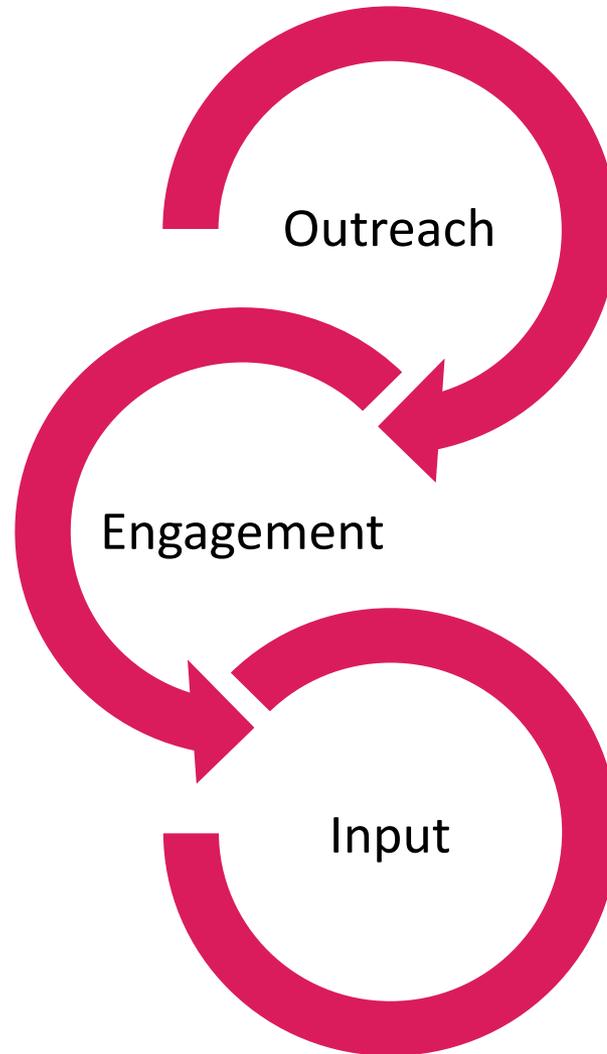
**We Need Your Help**

# What do we want to accomplish?

Make sure Comprehensive Plan:

- is **responsive** to the **city's current & future needs**
- helps to **improve the quality of life for everyone in DC**

# Community Engagement Process



# Engagement



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- 2 ANC Workshops: **Sept. 29 & Oct. 1**
- **7 [Plan]DC Public Meetings: Oct. 19-Nov. 14**
- Survey (online and paper)
- Key Stakeholder Interviews & Meetings
- Topic-specific Focus Groups: **Fall 2016**
- Office Hours for proposed Comp Plan Amendments: **Early 2017**

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# How will your input be used?

1. To determine **possible amendments** based on community input
2. To **share feedback** with partner agencies
3. To develop “**evaluation criteria**” for proposed amendments

*A community outreach & engagement summary report will be prepared & shared at [PlanDC.dc.gov](http://PlanDC.dc.gov)*

# Meeting Purpose

- Present an overview of the District's Comprehensive Plan & the amendment process
- Provide information on growth and demographic trends in the District of Columbia
- Hear your insights & feedback on issues & recent changes in your neighborhood & the District
- Talk about how DC can become more resilient
- Discuss the community engagement process for the Comprehensive Plan Amendment Cycle

# Agenda

*Following Welcome:*

- **Presentation on Comprehensive Plan & Amendment Cycle** *(6:40pm-7:10pm)*
- **Open House** *(7:10pm-8:10pm)*
- **Final Thoughts from the Public** *(8:10pm-8:30pm)*
- **Next Steps & Closing** *(8:30pm)*

# We want to hear from you!

## Where:

- Open House session
- Final Thoughts from the Public

## How:

1. Visit the Open House stations
2. Please write down your insights & ideas in your own words
3. Share during Final Thoughts from the Public
4. Turn in your Worksheets before you leave

*Complete worksheets*  *Receive a PlanDC tote bag!*

# What if I have questions?

- Refer to presentation—may answer them
- Check out boards for more information
- Ask questions to staff during Open House

*Final Thoughts from the Public will be for comments,  
not Q & A*

***Still have questions?***  **Write it on your worksheet**



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**What is the  
Comp Plan?  
And why does it  
matter?**

We start with a **Vision**

# Planning an Inclusive City <sup>100</sup>

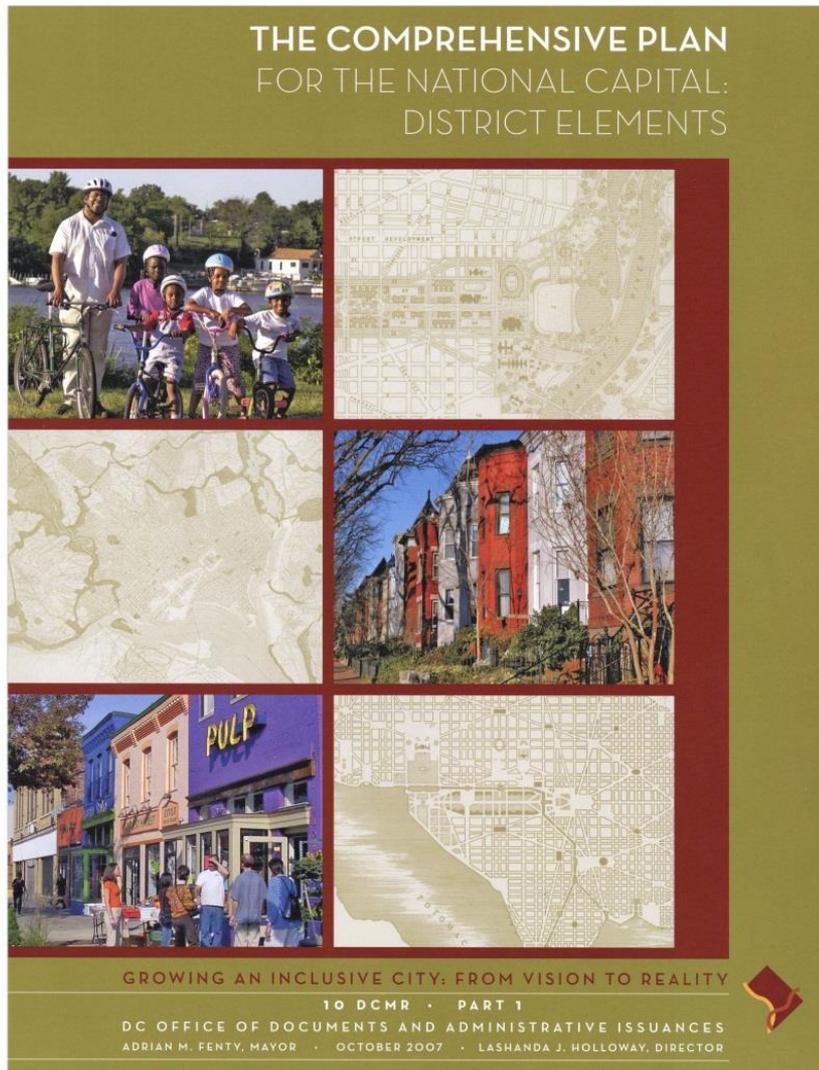
# The Vision: Planning an Inclusive City

“Growing inclusively means that individuals and families are not confined to particular economic and geographic boundaries but are able to make important choices – choices about where they live, how and where they earn a living, how they get around the city, and where their children go to school. Growing inclusively also means that every resident can make these choices – regardless of whether they have lived here for generations or moved here last week, and regardless of their race, income, or age.”

- A VISION FOR GROWING AN INCLUSIVE CITY, 2004

*From 2006 Comprehensive Plan—District Elements, Introduction, page 1-1*

# The Comprehensive Plan: District Elements



**20-year vision for  
District's  
future planning &  
development**

adopted as **legislation**  
in **2006**

first amended in **2011**

# The Comprehensive Plan—policy direction in:

## H-1.1 Expanding Housing Supply 502

Expanding the housing supply is a key part of the District's vision to create successful neighborhoods. Along with improved transportation and shopping, better neighborhood schools and parks, preservation of historic resources, and improved design and identity, the production of housing is essential to the future of our neighborhoods. It is also a key to improving the city's fiscal health. The District will work to facilitate housing construction and rehabilitation through its planning, building, and housing programs, recognizing and responding to the needs of all segments of the community. The first step toward meeting this goal is to ensure that an adequate supply of appropriately zoned land is available to meet expected housing needs. 501.1

### *Policy H-1.1.1: Private Sector Support*

Encourage the private sector to provide new housing to meet the needs of present and future District residents at

locations consistent with District land use policies and objectives. 501.2

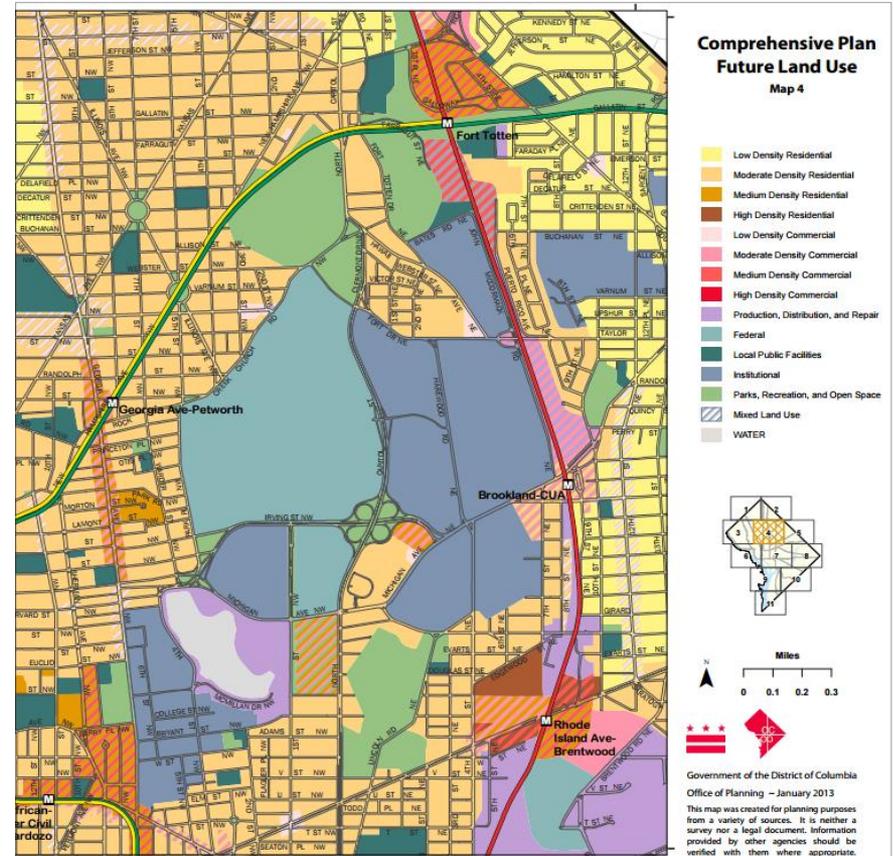
### *Policy H-1.1.2: Promote Incentives*

Provide suitable regulatory, tax, and financing incentives to meet housing production goals. These incentives should continue to include zoning regulations that permit greater building area for commercial projects that include housing than for commercial projects that do not include housing. 501.3

### *Policy H-1.1.3: Balanced Growth*

Strongly encourage the development of new housing on surplus, vacant and underutilized land in all parts of the city. Ensure that a sufficient supply of land is planned and zoned to enable the city to meet its long-term housing needs, including the need for low- and moderate-density single family homes as well as the need for higher-density housing. 501.4

Text



Maps

# Who Uses the Comp Plan?

- ANCs & DC Residents
- OP's Neighborhood Planning, Citywide Planning, Development Review & Divisions
- District Agencies
- Developers

# Themes of 2006 Comprehensive Plan

1. Managing Growth & Change
2. Creating Successful Neighborhoods
3. Increasing Access to Jobs & Education
4. Connecting the City
5. Building Green & Healthy Communities

# Area Elements

Capitol Hill

Central Washington

Far Northeast & Southeast

Far Southeast/Southwest

Lower Anacostia

Waterfront/Near

Southwest

**Mid-City**

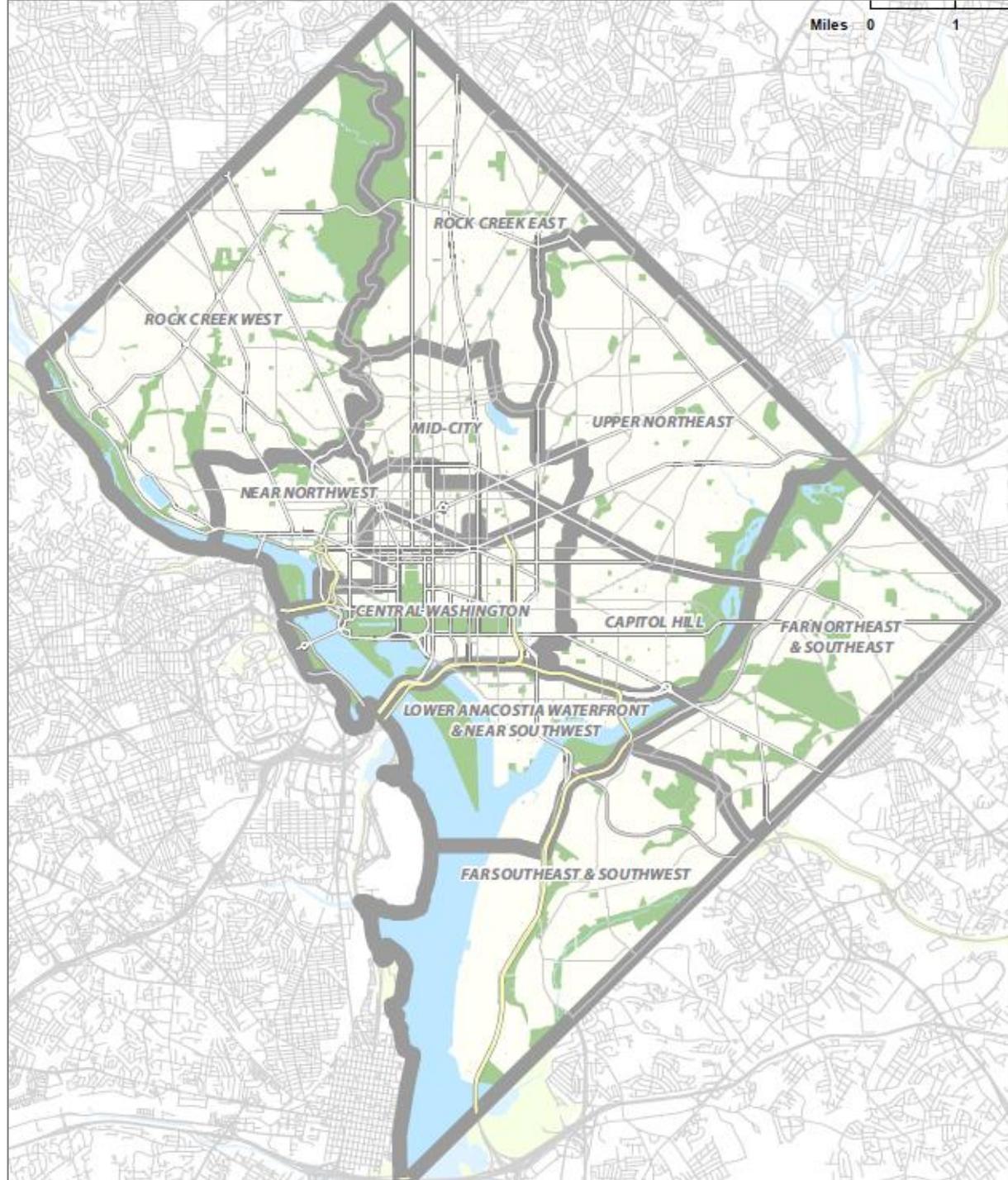
Near Northwest

**Rock Creek East**

Rock Creek West

Upper Northeast

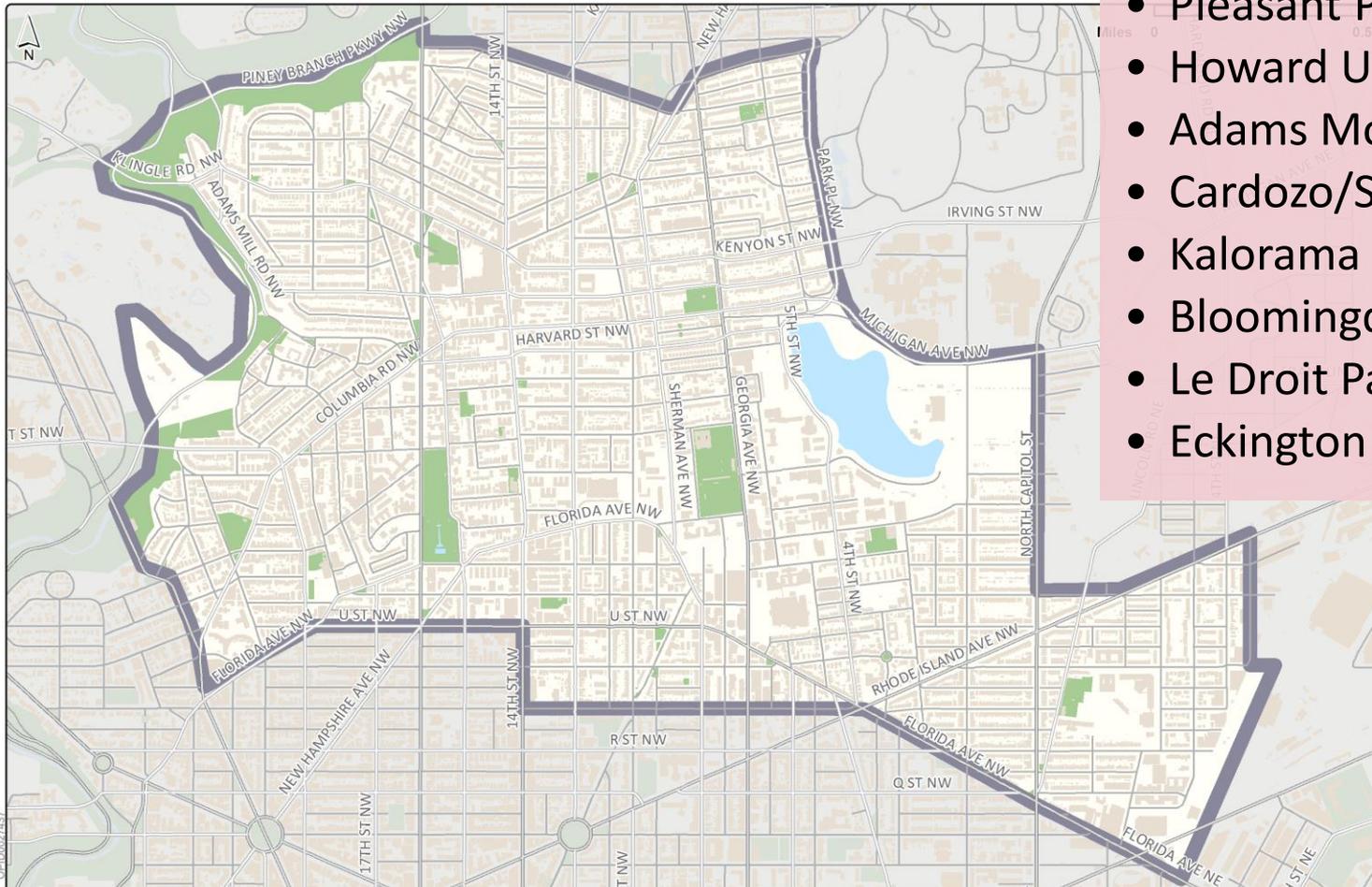
*Comp Plan does not use  
Ward boundaries*



# Mid-City Area Element

## Neighborhoods

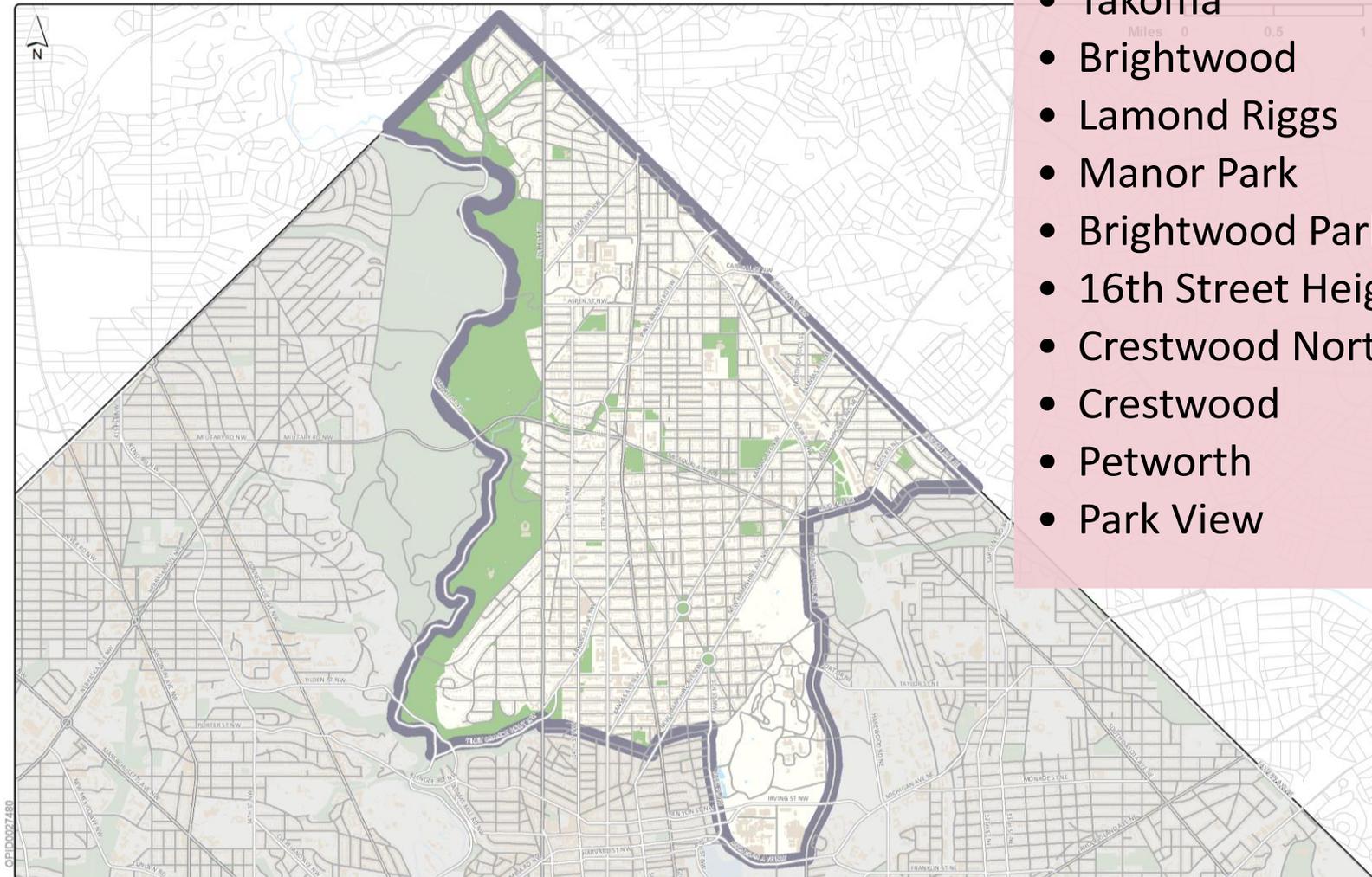
- Mount Pleasant
- Columbia Heights
- Lanier Heights
- Pleasant Plains
- Howard University
- Adams Morgan
- Cardozo/Shaw
- Kalorama Heights
- Bloomingdale
- Le Droit Park
- Eckington



# Rock Creek East Area Element

## Neighborhoods

- Shepherd Park
- Takoma
- Brightwood
- Lamond Riggs
- Manor Park
- Brightwood Park
- 16th Street Heights
- Crestwood North
- Crestwood
- Petworth
- Park View



# Citywide Elements

Land Use

Economic  
Development

Housing

Environmental  
Protection

Transportation

Community  
Services &  
Facilities

Urban Design

Historic  
Preservation

Infrastructure

Parks,  
Recreation &  
Open Space

Educational  
Facilities

Arts & Culture

# Future Land Use Map

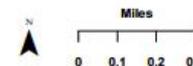
## Land Use Designations

*Identifies use & density:*

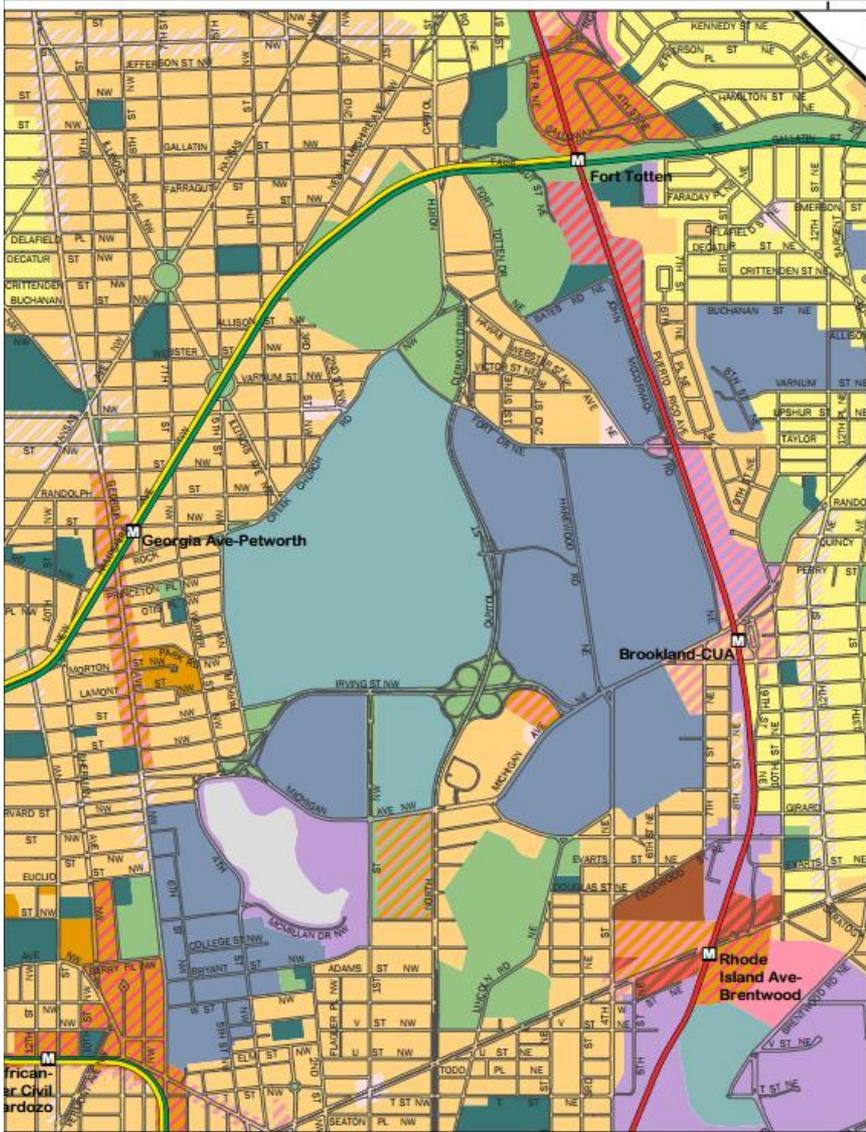
- 4 Residential Categories
- 4 Commercial Categories
- 4 Public & Institutional Categories
- Multiple Mixed Use Categories

**Comprehensive Plan  
Future Land Use  
Map 4**

- Low Density Residential
- Moderate Density Residential
- Medium Density Residential
- High Density Residential
- Low Density Commercial
- Moderate Density Commercial
- Medium Density Commercial
- High Density Commercial
- Production, Distribution, and Repair
- Federal
- Local Public Facilities
- Institutional
- Parks, Recreation, and Open Space
- Mixed Land Use
- WATER

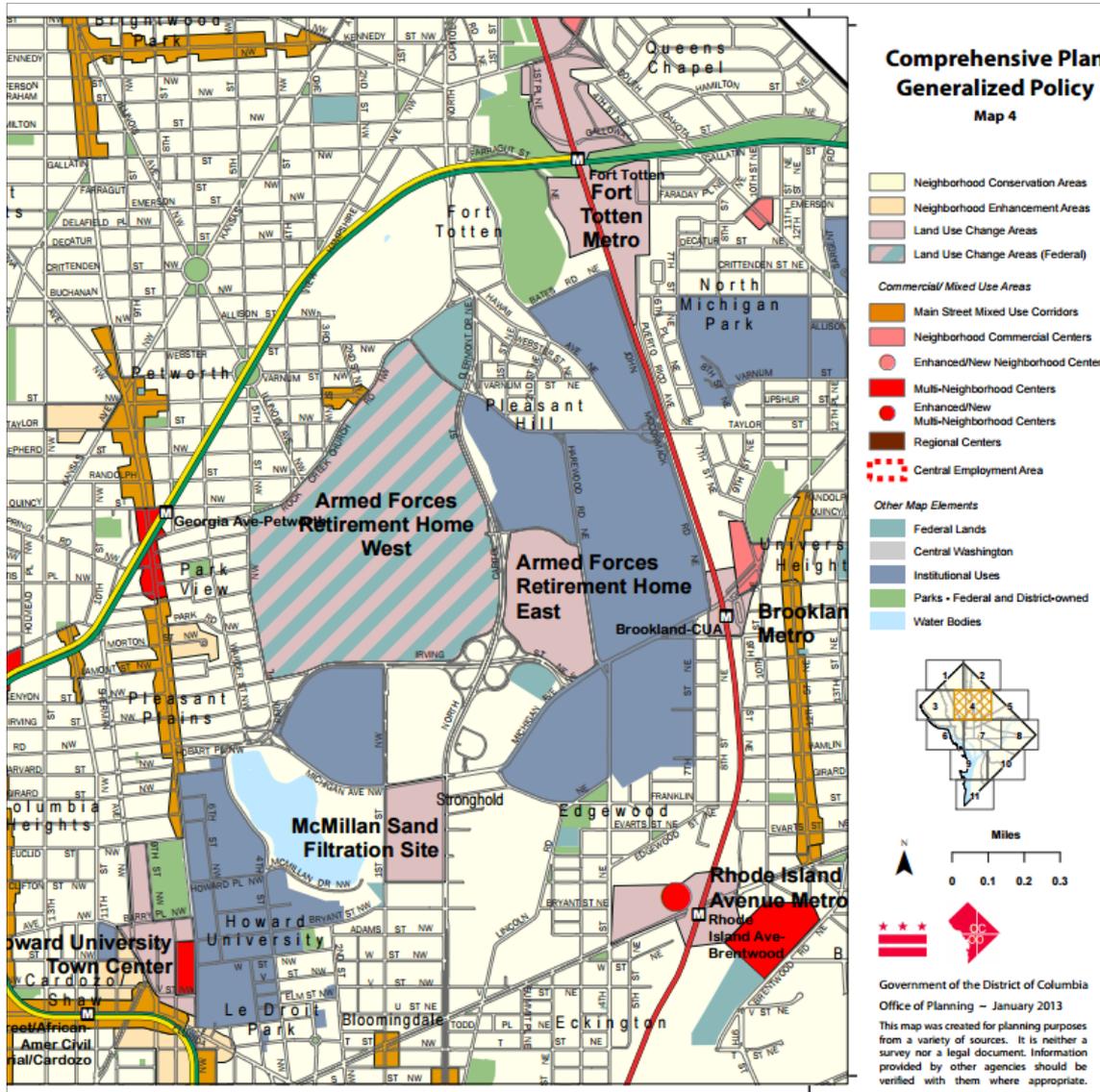


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Office of Planning – January 2013  
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**Not a zoning map**

# Generalized Policy Map



- Categorizes how different parts of the District may change between 2005 and 2025
- Highlights areas where more detailed policies are necessary

# Integration of Comp Plan Elements & Maps

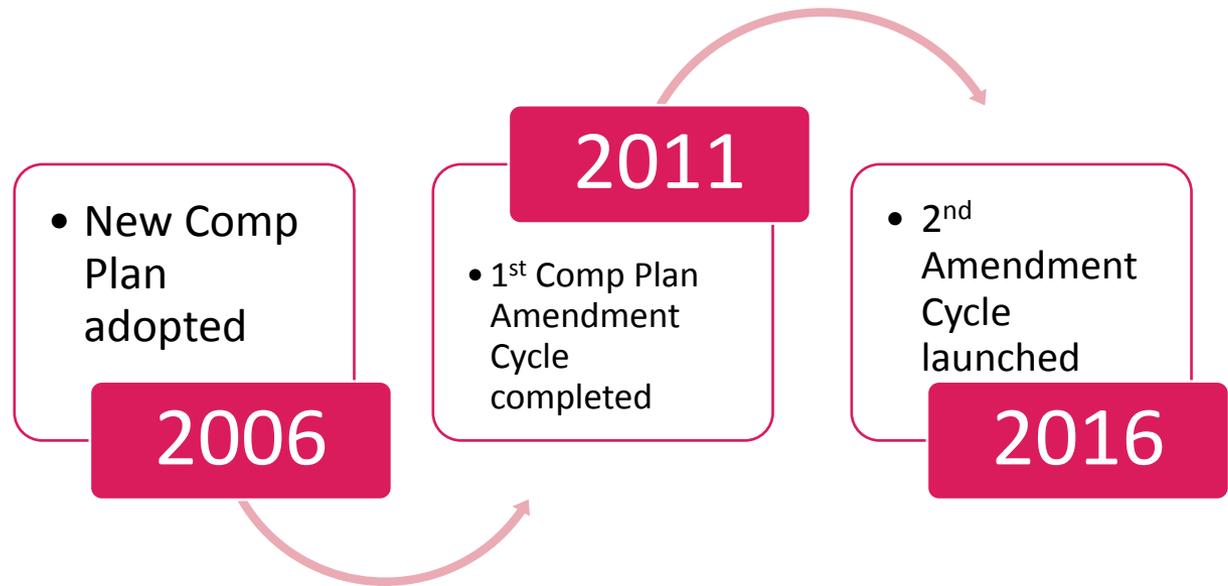
## Columbia Heights



Photo credit: CurbedDC

# Why amend the Comprehensive Plan?

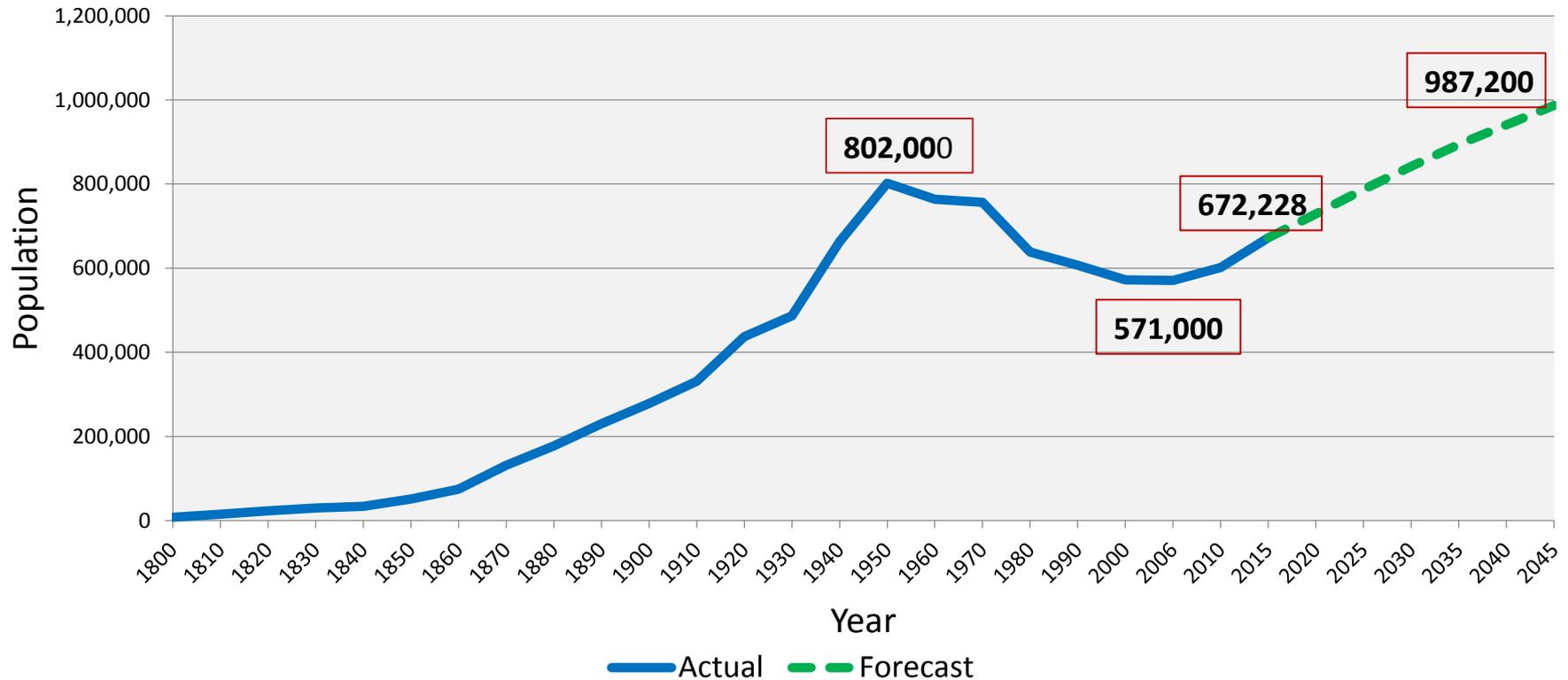
# Why amend the Comp Plan?



- ❖ To address accelerated population growth & forecasted growth; demographic, economic & other changes
- ❖ To integrate recently completed OP & other District agency plans
- ❖ To integrate emerging issues into the Comp Plan

# DC's population continues to grow

We're projected to have 800,000 residents within 15 years & almost a million by 2045



Source: U.S. Census Bureau Censuses 1800-2010 and Population Estimates 2006 and 2015, and OP Population Forecast 2020-2045

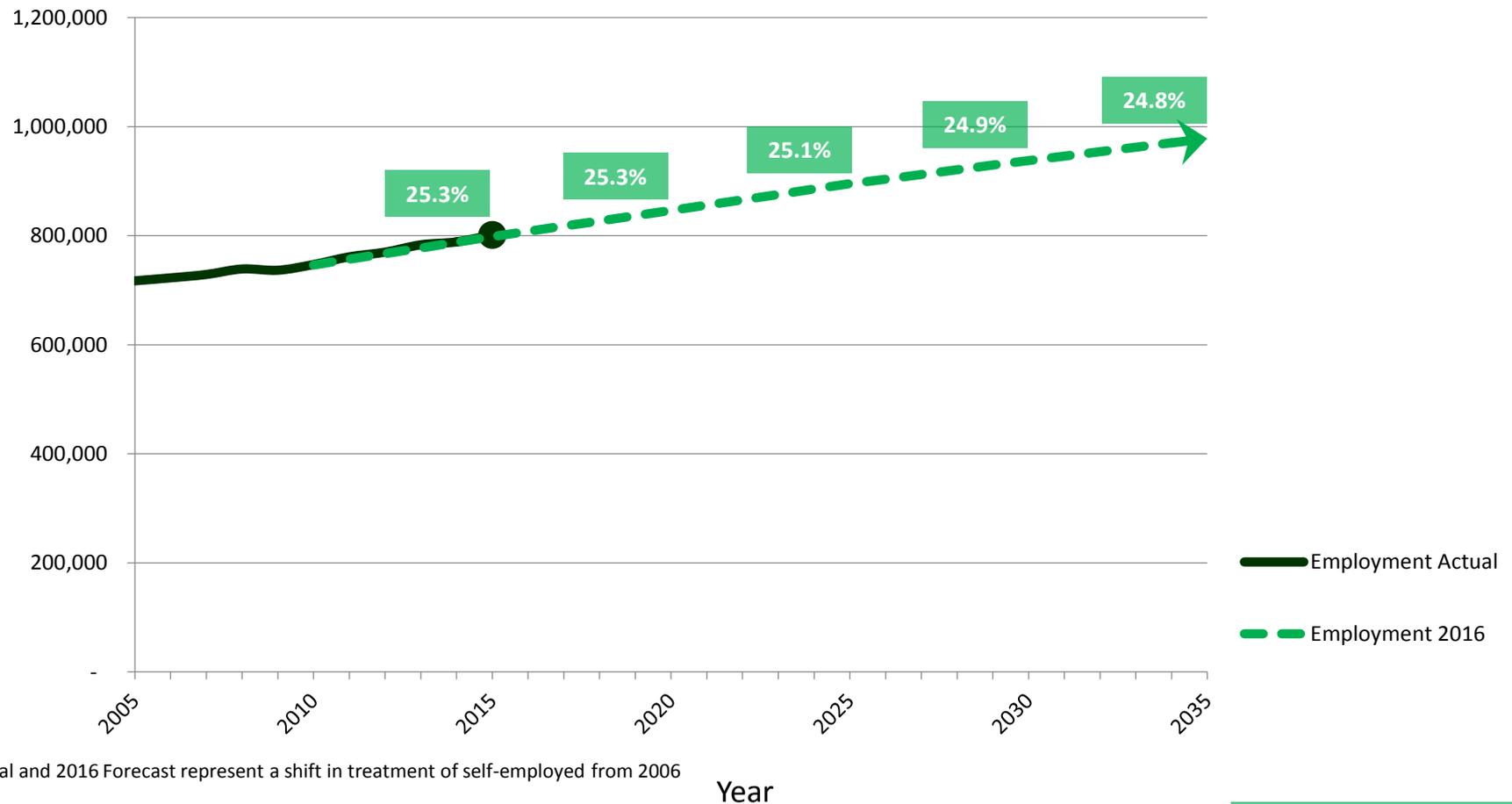
*How many of you are native Washingtonians?*

*How many of you moved to DC after 2006?*

*How many have new native Washingtonians in your family?*

# More jobs are coming in the future

DC will continue to create & attract new jobs within the next 20 years

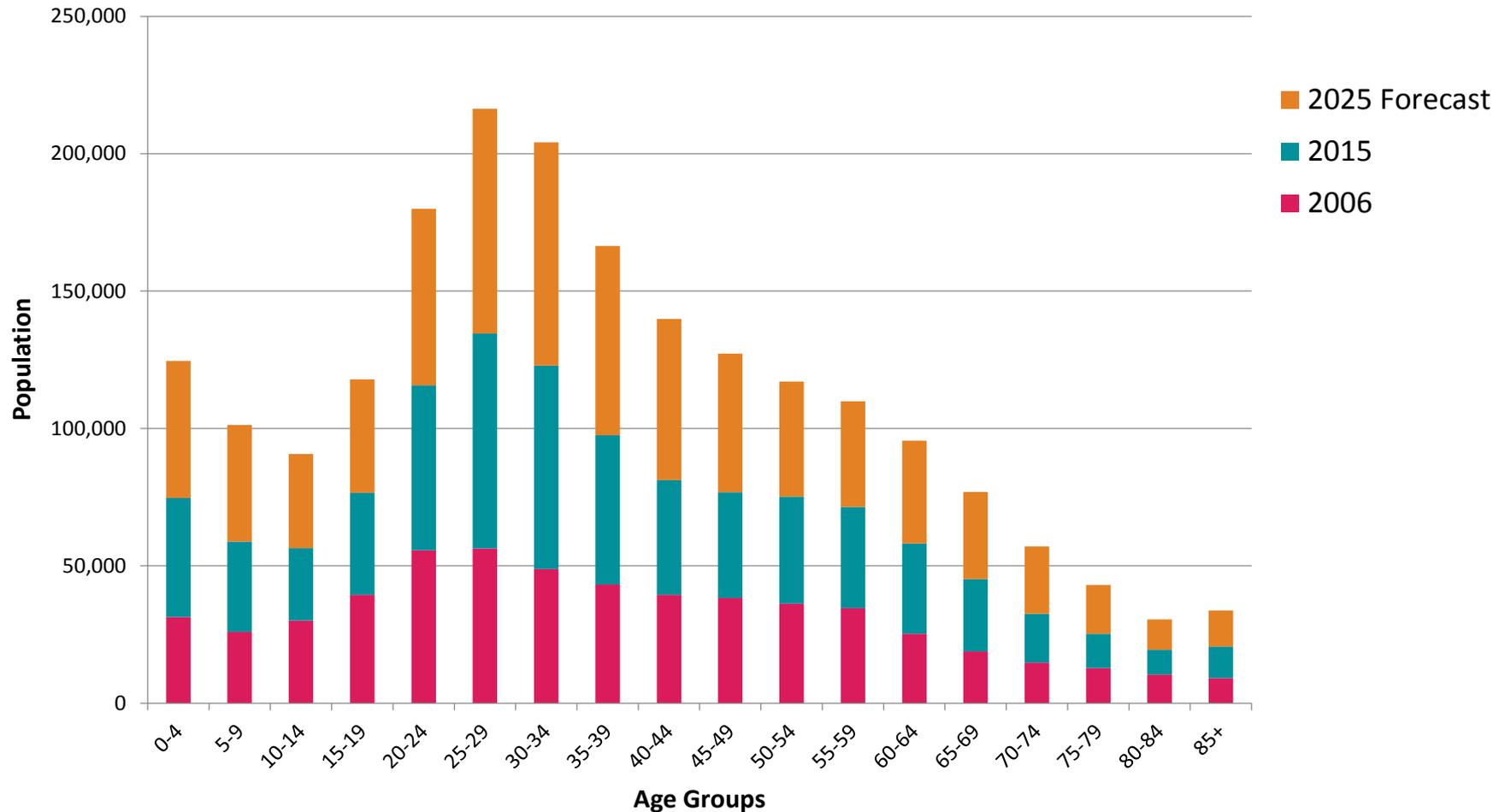


Note: Actual and 2016 Forecast represent a shift in treatment of self-employed from 2006

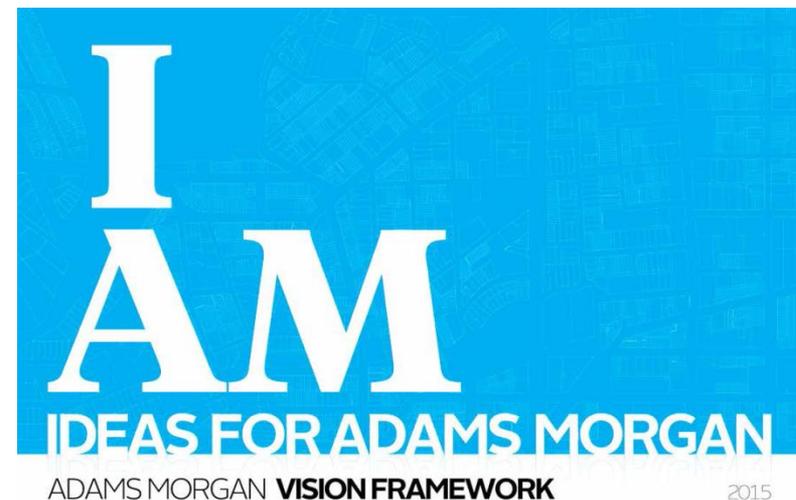
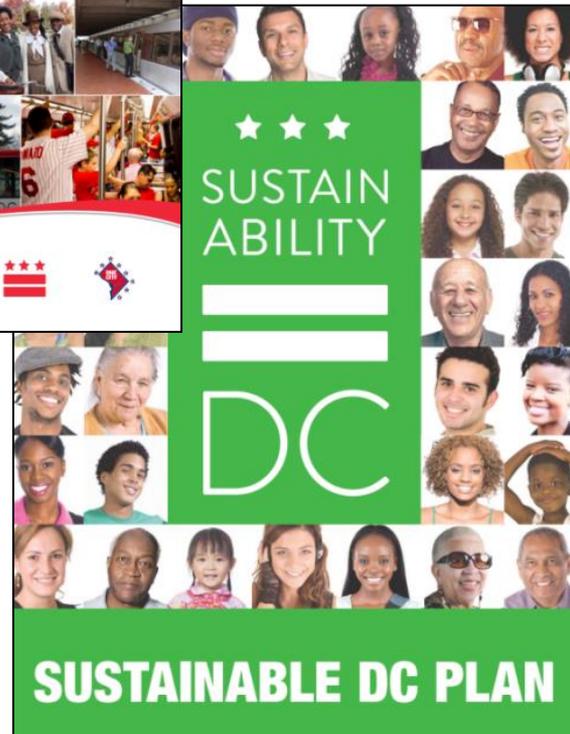
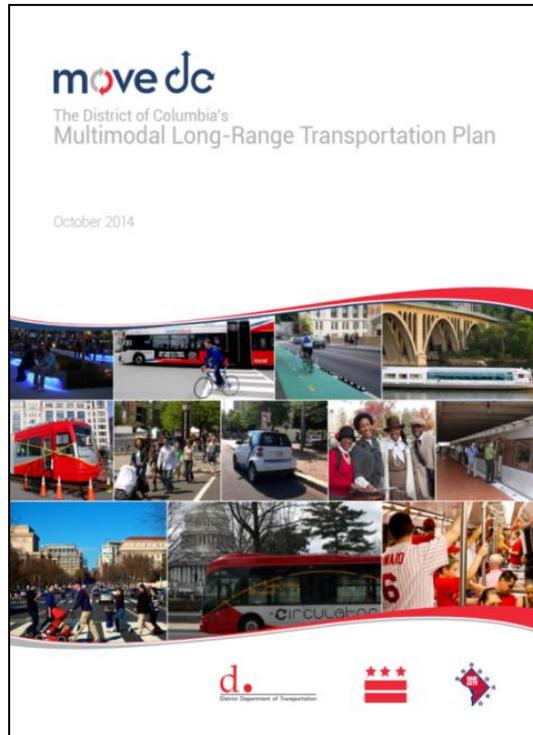
Percent of Regional Job Total

# DC's Age Forecast (2025 Population)

DC's youth population is growing  
Millennials are staying & having children  
Age 65 & older age group is growing



# Integrating Recent Plans & Emerging Issues



# Resilience: A New Comp Plan Framework



# Draft Definition— Resilience for the District

*Resilience for the District of Columbia is the capacity of individuals, neighborhoods, institutions, businesses, and systems to thrive in an inclusive manner amidst challenging conditions and to prepare and plan for, absorb, recover from, and more successfully adapt to adverse events.*

**What will we produce?**

**New Resilience Element & amendments to integrate resilience** into existing Citywide & Area Elements

**How will the Comp  
Plan be amended?**

# What Will The Comp Plan Amendment Include?

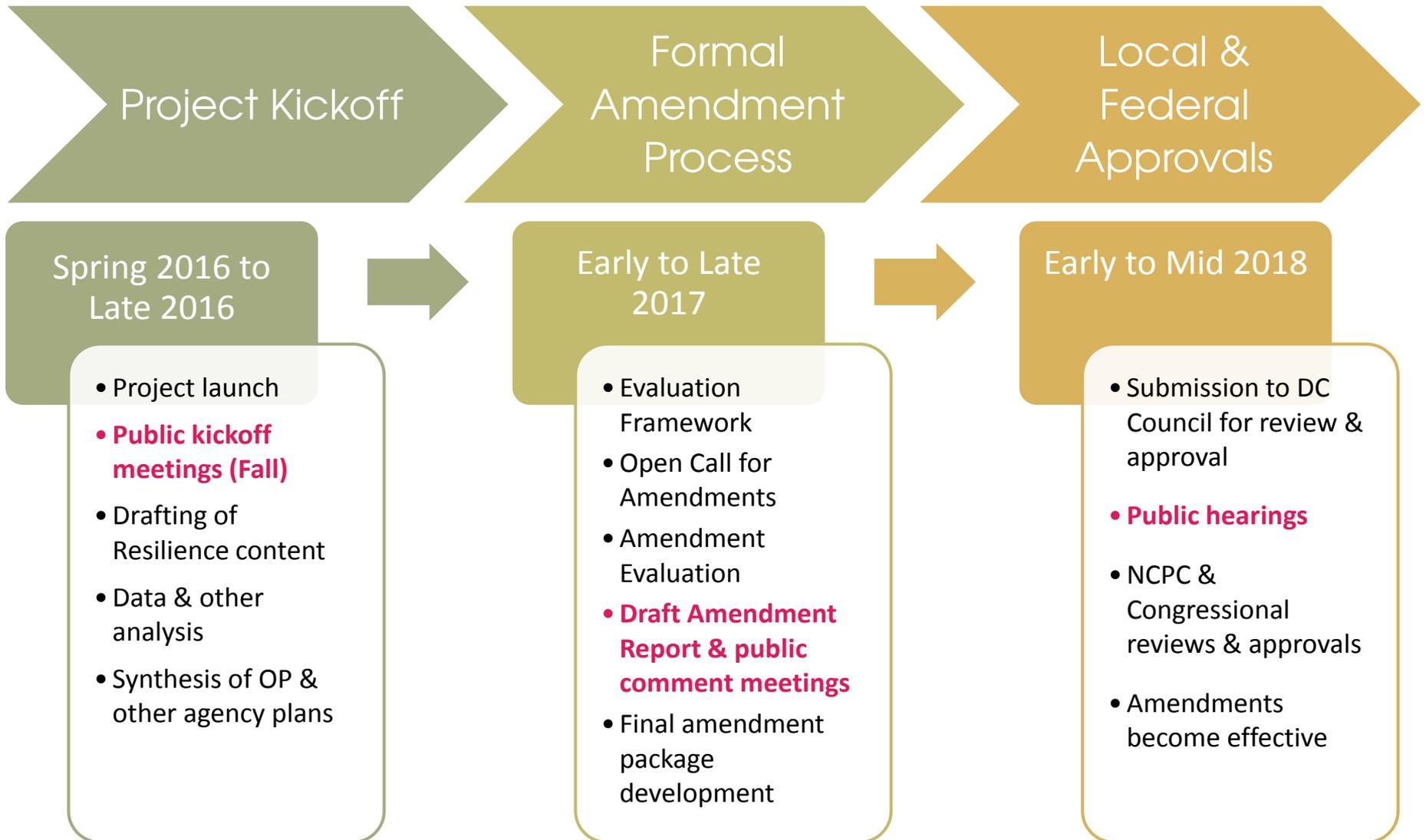
## 1. We are not creating a new Plan.

- Final Product: **Legislation** to DC Council amending existing Comp Plan

## 2. Anyone can submit an amendment.

- **OP is not drafting all of the amendments.** *Amendments will come from OP & other District agencies, residents and other stakeholders.*
- Open Call for Amendments launching in early 2017; OP providing technical assistance
- All proposed amendments will be screened based on Evaluation Framework criteria.

# Comp Plan Amendment Timeline



**We want to hear from  
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# Open House

## 8 stations:

- Area Elements
- 4 Citywide Elements stations
- Growth & Development
- Resilience
- Ask a Director

*Every station has a **Comment Board**  
to capture **your ideas & insights***

# Purpose of Open House

**Provide additional information**—Area Elements, Citywide Elements & growth & development in DC & resilience

**Capture your comments & insights in your own words** on questions related to:

- your area/neighborhood
- topics in the Comp Plan
- Resilience

**Answer your questions or capture questions** for post-meeting follow up

# Your Role During Open House

## 1. Visit multiple stations

- Review Boards—lots of information
- Handouts available at some stations

## 2. Write down your insights & ideas in your own words

- Fill out Post-It notes & place on Comment Boards
- Complete your worksheets

*Staff are available at each station to listen & answer questions*



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# Final Thoughts from the Public

**What is your top thought about DC's future?**

*Each responder has 30 seconds*

**You can also:**

Answer this question on your worksheet

Email **PlanDC@dc.gov**

Tweet us **@OPinDC #PlanDC #DCCompPlan**



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