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AMENDING THE DC COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

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

Citywide Community Workshop #2
October 22, 2016
Welcome!
Washington, DC is growing & changing everyday

Comprehensive Plan: a citywide guidebook to plan for an Inclusive DC

- focus—DC’s present & future
- shapes where we live, work, shop & play
- informs District government investments
- provides a framework for development

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
Meeting Purpose

• Present an overview of the District’s Comprehensive Plan & the amendment process

• Provide information on growth & 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

• Presentation on Comprehensive Plan & Amendment Cycle (9:40am-10:10am)
• Open House (10:10am-11:10am)
• Final Thoughts from the Public (11:10am-11:30am)
• Next Steps & Closing (11:30am)
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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Community Engagement Process

Outreach

Engagement

Input
Engagement

• 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?

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What is the Comp Plan?
And why does it matter?
We start with a 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

http://planning.dc.gov/page/comprehensive-plan
H-1.1 Expanding Housing Supply

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.

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.

Policy H-1.1.2: Private Sector Support

Provide suitable regulations and 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.

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.
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*
Far Southeast/Southwest Area Element

Neighborhoods

- Woodland
- Hillsdale
- Barry Farm
- Anacostia
- Fort Stanton
- Douglass
- Shipley
- Congress Heights
- Washington Highlands
- Bellevue
Ward 8 Planning Initiatives

- **CHASE ACTION AGENDA** (2014)
- **BELLEVUE SMALL AREA PLAN** (2010)
- **ST ELIZABETHS EAST MASTER PLAN** (2012)
- **ST ELIZABETHS EAST FRAMEWORK PLAN** (2008)
- **ANACOSTIA TRANSIT AREA PLAN** (2006)
- **BARRY FARM/WADE ROAD PLAN** (2006)

**HISTORIC DISTRICTS**

- **ANACOSTIA HISTORIC DISTRICT**

**OTHER**

- **WARD 8 COMMUNITY SUMMITS** (2011-2012)
- **WARD 8 BUDGET CHALLENGE/FORWARD 8** (2014)
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
**Land Use Designations**

Identifies use & density:

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

*Not a zoning 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

- Generalized Policy Map
- Future Land Use Map
- Mid-City Area Element
- Economic Development
- Land Use
- Transportation
- Urban Design

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Why amend the Comprehensive Plan?
Why amend the Comp Plan?

- New Comp Plan adopted 2006
- 1st Comp Plan Amendment Cycle completed 2011
- 2nd Amendment Cycle launched 2016

- 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

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
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

- An Historic City
- Confluence of 2 Rivers
- A Growing City
- Regional Economic Center
- Nation’s Capital
- Regional Infrastructure
DC’s Resilience Challenges:

Shocks & Stresses

- Growing population
- Aging infrastructure
- Social & economic inequities
- Economic downturns
- Climate change
- Natural disasters
- Terrorism
- Crime & violence
Resilience: Flooding in DC

Federal Triangle, 2006

Bloomingdale, 2012
DC is already 10-15° hotter than surrounding rural areas.

Average summer temperatures are expected to increase up to 10° by the 2080s.

Extremely hot days will become more frequent.

Heat waves will be hotter, longer, & more frequent.
**Vulnerable Populations**

*Climate Ready DC*

**Vulnerability & Risk Assessment**

**Wards 7 and 8**: largest number of residents with a higher vulnerability to climate change impacts especially an increase in extreme heat – *due to economic and demographic factors* (e.g. income, age, obesity, asthma, etc.)

*District Dept of Energy & Environment*
What we will produce?

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

Central Washington Area Element
Transportation Element
Infrastructure Element
Economic Development Element

Mid-City Area Element
Infrastructure Element
Economic Development Element
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.
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.
How will the Amendment Process work?

Fall 2016:
- Project kickoff: public engagement; community meetings
- OP develops draft resilience content
- OP & agencies begin drafting amendments

Early 2017:
- OP launches Open Call for Proposed Amendments & releases Evaluation Framework
  - OP & other agencies propose amendments
  - Residents, ANCs, property owners & others propose amendments

Spring 2017:
- OP leads evaluation of proposed amendments—using Evaluation Framework criteria
How will the Amendment Process work? (con’t)

Spring-Summer 2017:
- OP prepares Draft Amendment Report—all proposed amendments with OP’s evaluation & recommendation re: Comp Plan suitability

Summer 2017:
- OP releases Draft Amendment Report for public comment & holds public meetings to get feedback

Fall 2017:
- OP reviews public comments; prepares final amendment legislation & Final Amendment Report

Early to mid 2018:
- OP submits Comp Plan amendment legislation to DC Council
  - DC Council holds public hearings
  - DC Council & federal approvals
What amendments will OP develop?

• Updating **Framework Element** *(narrative & data about DC; growth forecasts)*

• Incorporating policies & other key content from recently completed Small Area Plans, Vision Frameworks & other OP plans

• Writing **Resilience Element** and amendments to integrate resilience into existing Elements—with other agencies

• Drafting amendments based on **technical analysis & public input** at Community Meetings
## Integrating Recently Completed Plans: Examples

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Comp Plan Amendment Timeline

**Project Kickoff**
- Spring 2016 to Late 2016
  - Project launch
  - Public kickoff meetings (Fall)
  - Drafting of Resilience content
  - Data & other analysis
  - Synthesis of OP & other agency plans

**Formal Amendment Process**
- Early to Late 2017
  - Evaluation Framework
  - Open Call for Amendments
  - Amendment Evaluation
  - Draft Amendment Report & public comment meetings
  - Final amendment package development

**Local & Federal Approvals**
- Early to Mid 2018
  - Submission to DC Council for review & approval
  - Public hearings
  - NCPC & Congressional reviews & approvals
  - Amendments become effective
We want to hear from you!
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
Open House

Talk to staff & write down your ideas & insights

Stations:
Area Elements
Citywide Elements
Growth & Development
Resilience
Ask a Director
Ask a Planner
Your Role During Open House

1. Visit multiple stations
   - Review Boards—lots of information
   - Additional handouts available at Area Elements station

2. Write down your insights & ideas in your own words
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Final Thoughts from the Public

What is your top thought about DC’s future?

Each responder has 30 seconds

Share a new thought or build on thoughts shared by others

You can also:

Answer this question on your worksheet

Email PlanDC@dc.gov

Tweet us @OPinDC #PlanDC #DCCompPlan
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