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THE DC OFFICE OF PLANNING

Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital: District Elements

Second Amendment Cycle

Citywide Community Workshop #3

October 25, 2016

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

- Help **familiarize you with DC's Comprehensive Plan**
- **Obtain your input** to help OP figure out how best to amend the Comp Plan in light of key changes that have occurred in DC
- **Talk with OP staff** about your community's interests & concerns and how that can be reflected in the Comp Plan
- Talk about **how DC can become more resilient** to daily stresses & major shocks

Agenda

- **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**

Outreach

- Metrobus & rail ads
- Flyers
- Brochures
- ANCs
- Emails & calls to groups, organizations & individuals
- Print ads
- Attendance at events
- Website: PlanDC.dc.gov
- Social media: [@OPinDC](https://twitter.com/OPinDC)
[#PlanDC](https://twitter.com/PlanDC) [#DCCompPlan](https://twitter.com/DCCompPlan)

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**
- Additional engagement through early **2017**

What will happen with your comments after tonight?

- Take photos of comment boards & **transcribe** all written comments
- **Compile** public comments from **each meeting** & post **online**
- Do in-depth **analysis** of comments from all PlanDC community meetings
- Release **Community Outreach & Engagement Summary Report** identifying key themes & other takeaways from Fall 2016 public input

How will your input be used?

1. To determine **possible amendments** based on ideas raised through community input
2. To develop “**evaluation criteria**” to inform an Evaluation Framework for proposed amendments
3. To **share feedback** with partner agencies that falls outside of the scope of the Comp Plan
4. To **help shape** OP’s future engagement activities



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

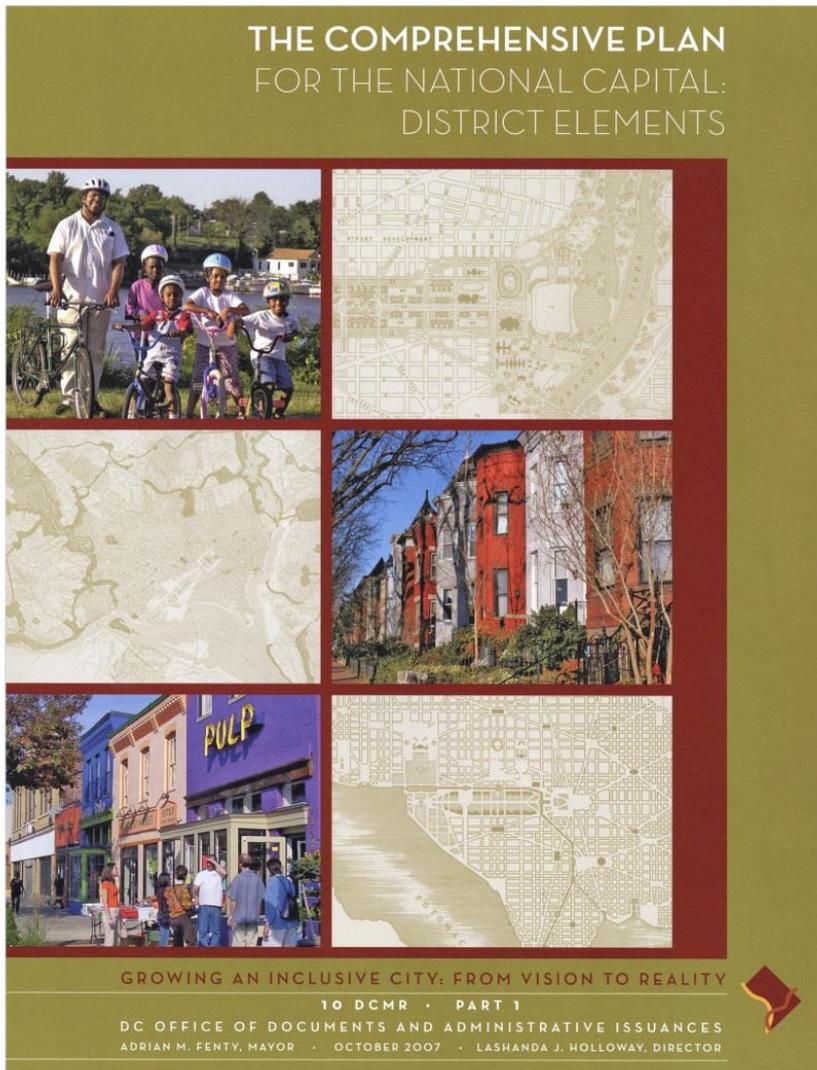
The Vision: Planning an Inclusive City

“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}

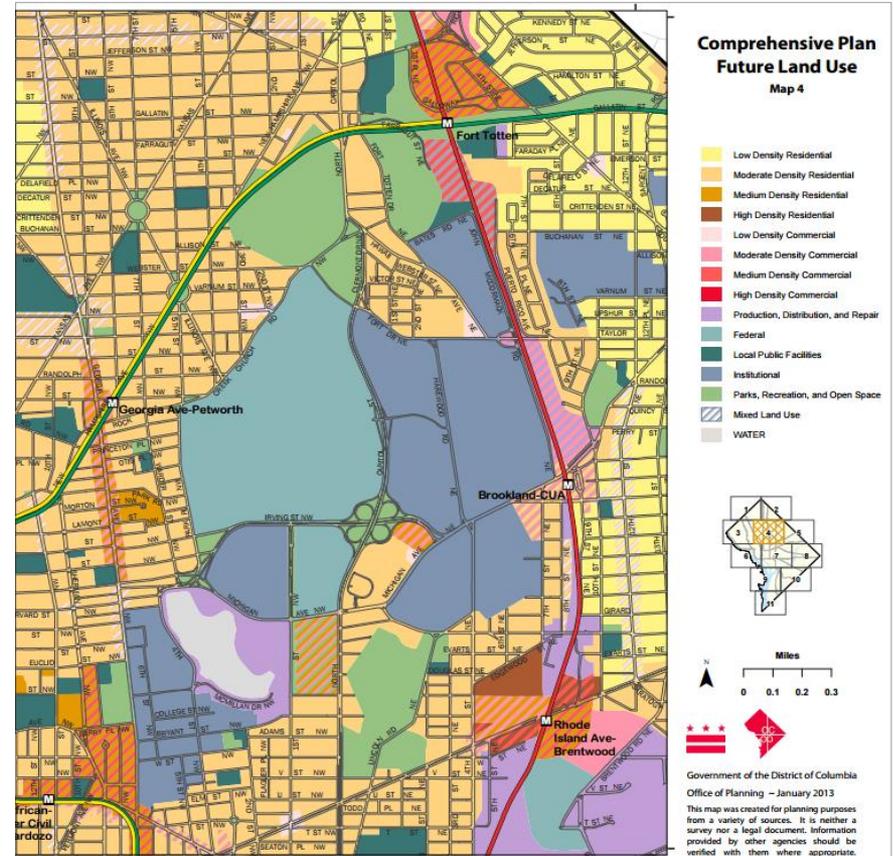
Policy H-1.1.2: Promote Incentives

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

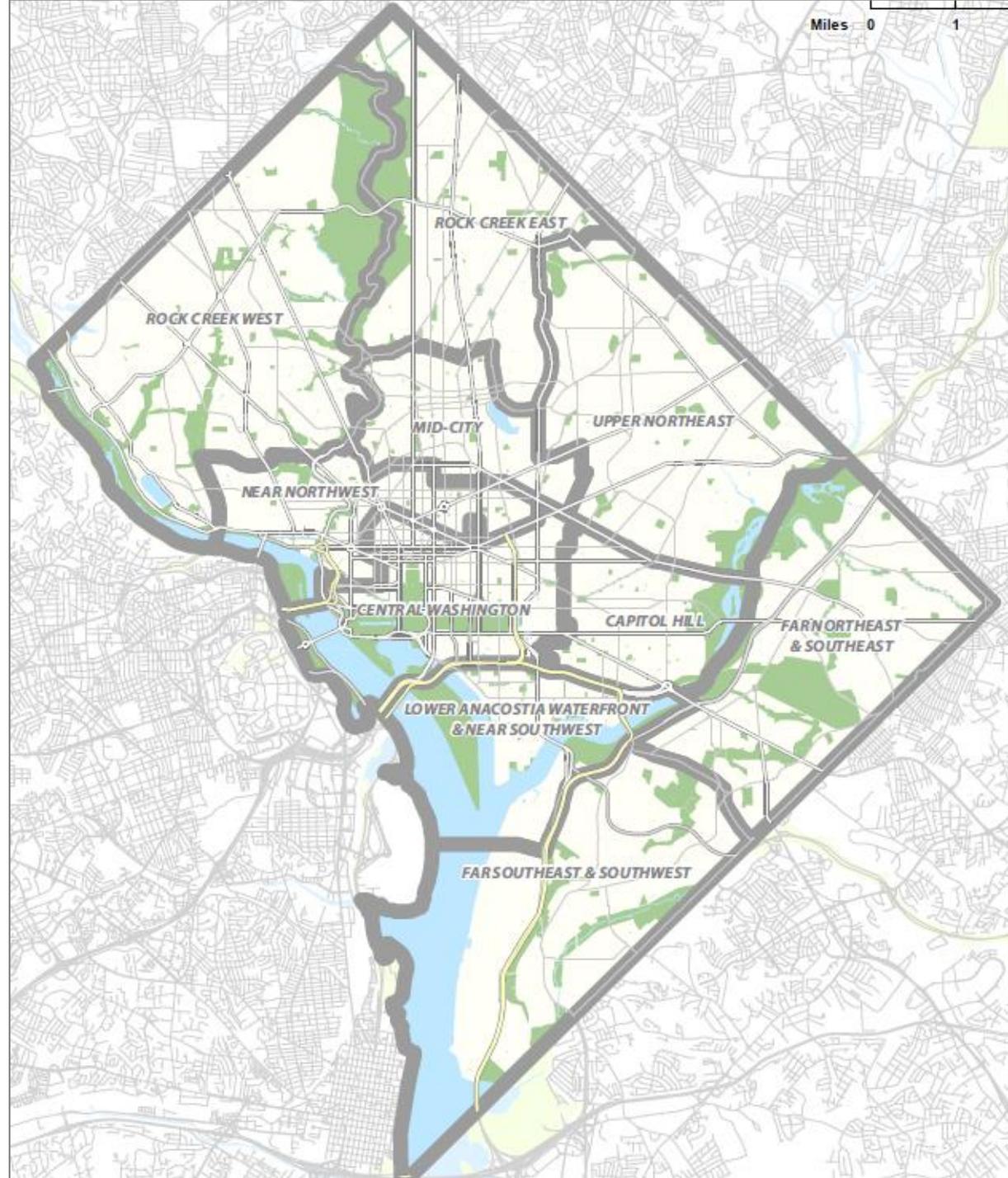
Near Northwest

Rock Creek East

Rock Creek West

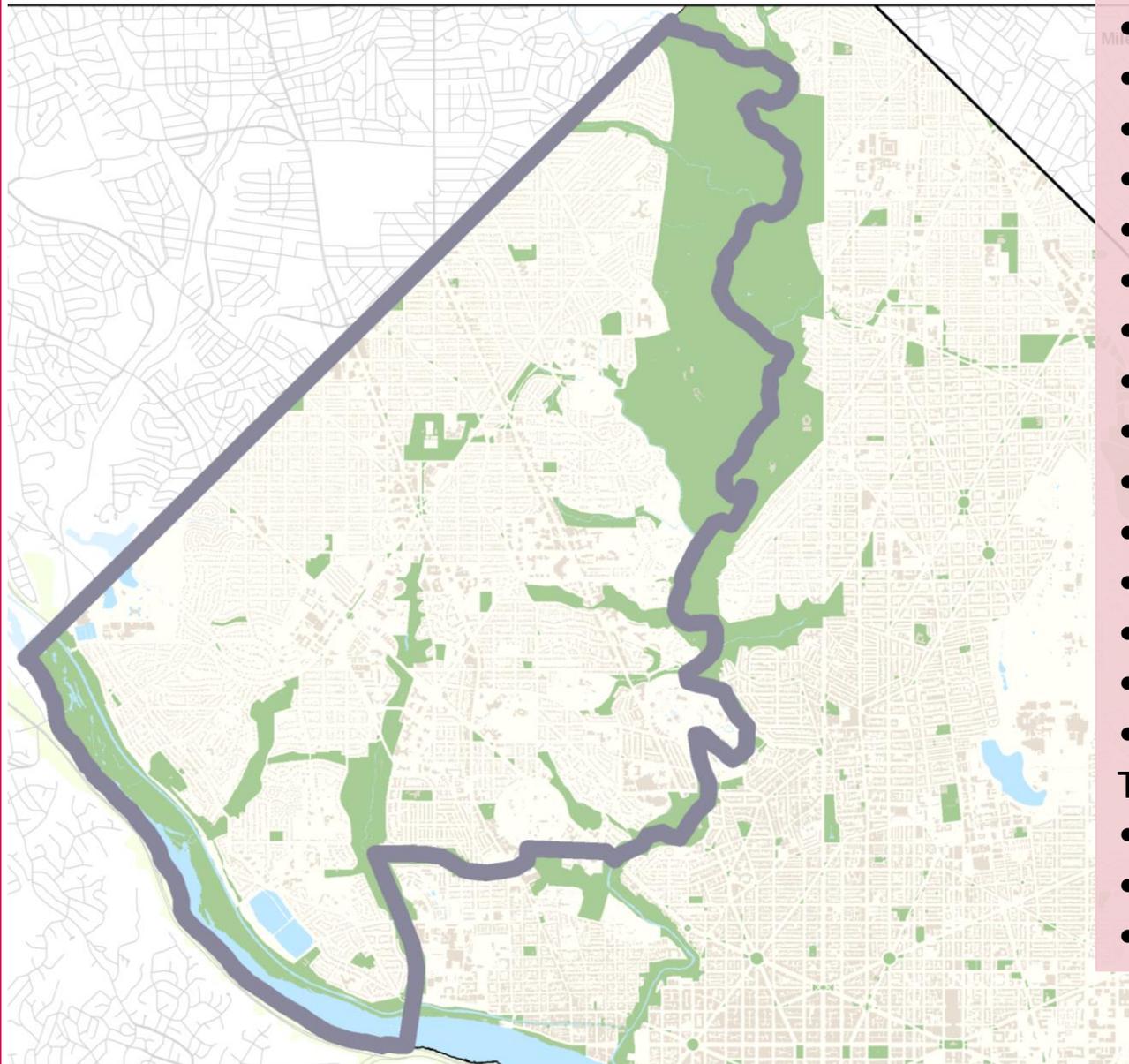
Upper Northeast

*Comp Plan does not use
Ward boundaries*



Rock Creek West Area Element

Neighborhoods



- Barnaby Woods
- Chevy Chase
- Friendship Heights
- Tenleytown
- American University Park
- Van Ness
- Forest Hills
- Cleveland Park
- McLean Gardens
- Spring Valley
- Cathedral Heights
- Palisades
- Wesley Heights
- Woodley Park
- Mass. Ave Heights
- Woodland-Normanstone Terrace
- Glover Park
- Foxhall Crescents
- Foxhall Village

Citywide Elements

Land Use

Economic
Development

Housing

Environmental
Protection

Transportation

Community
Services &
Facilities

Urban Design

Historic
Preservation

Infrastructure

Parks,
Recreation &
Open Space

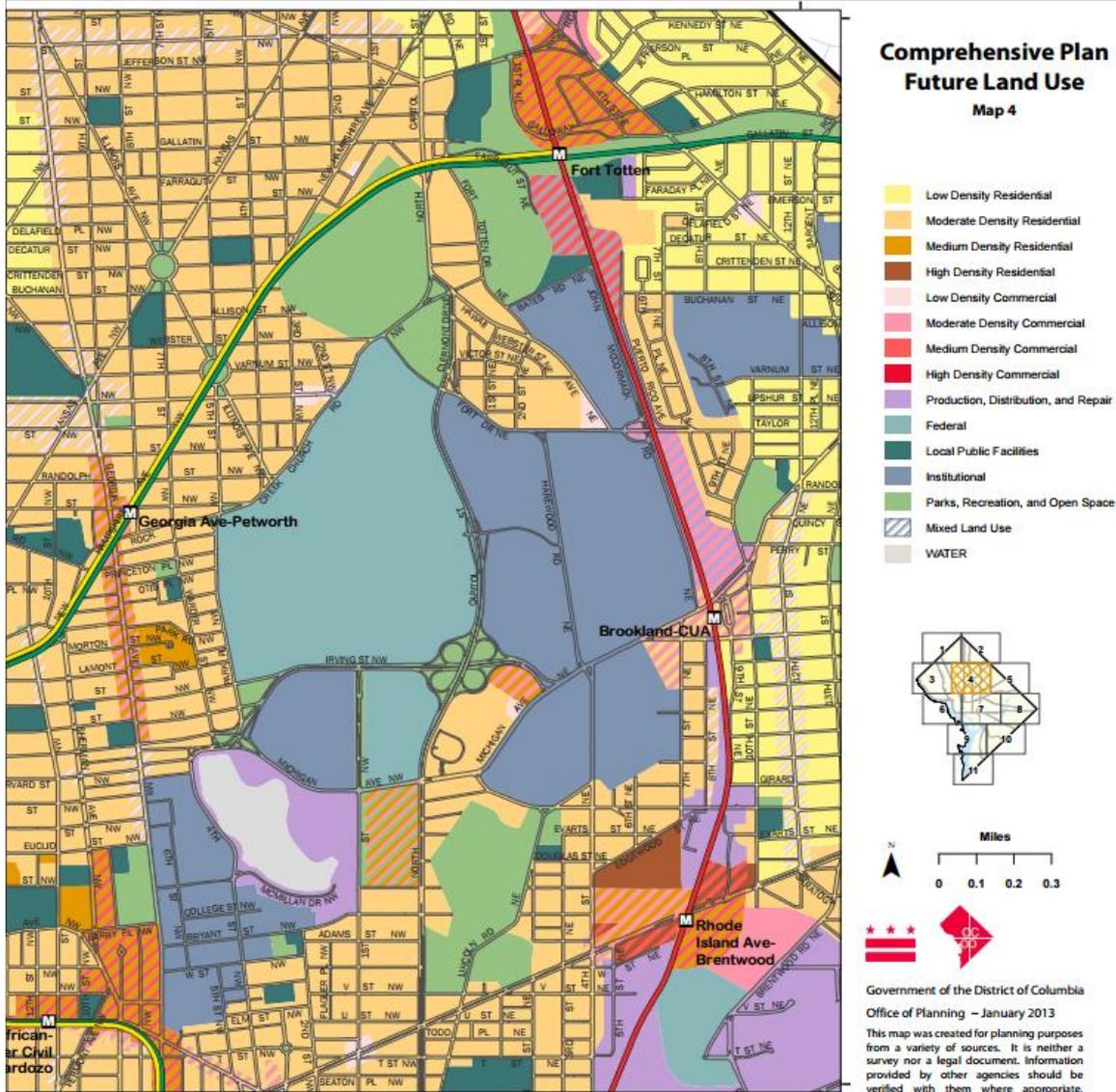
Educational
Facilities

Arts & Culture

Future Land Use Map

Land Use Designations

Comprehensive Plan
Future Land Use
Map 4

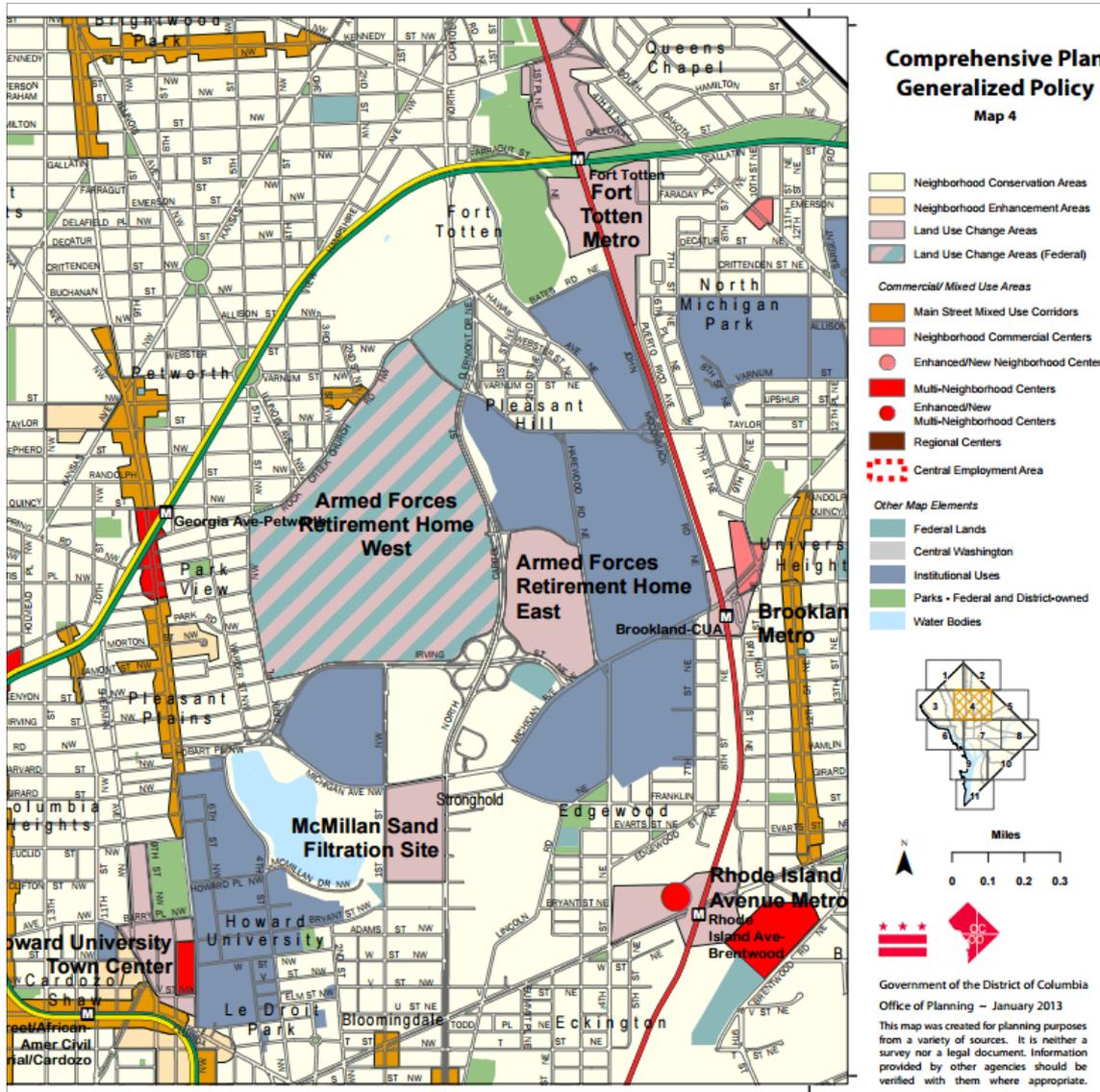


Identifies use & density:

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

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

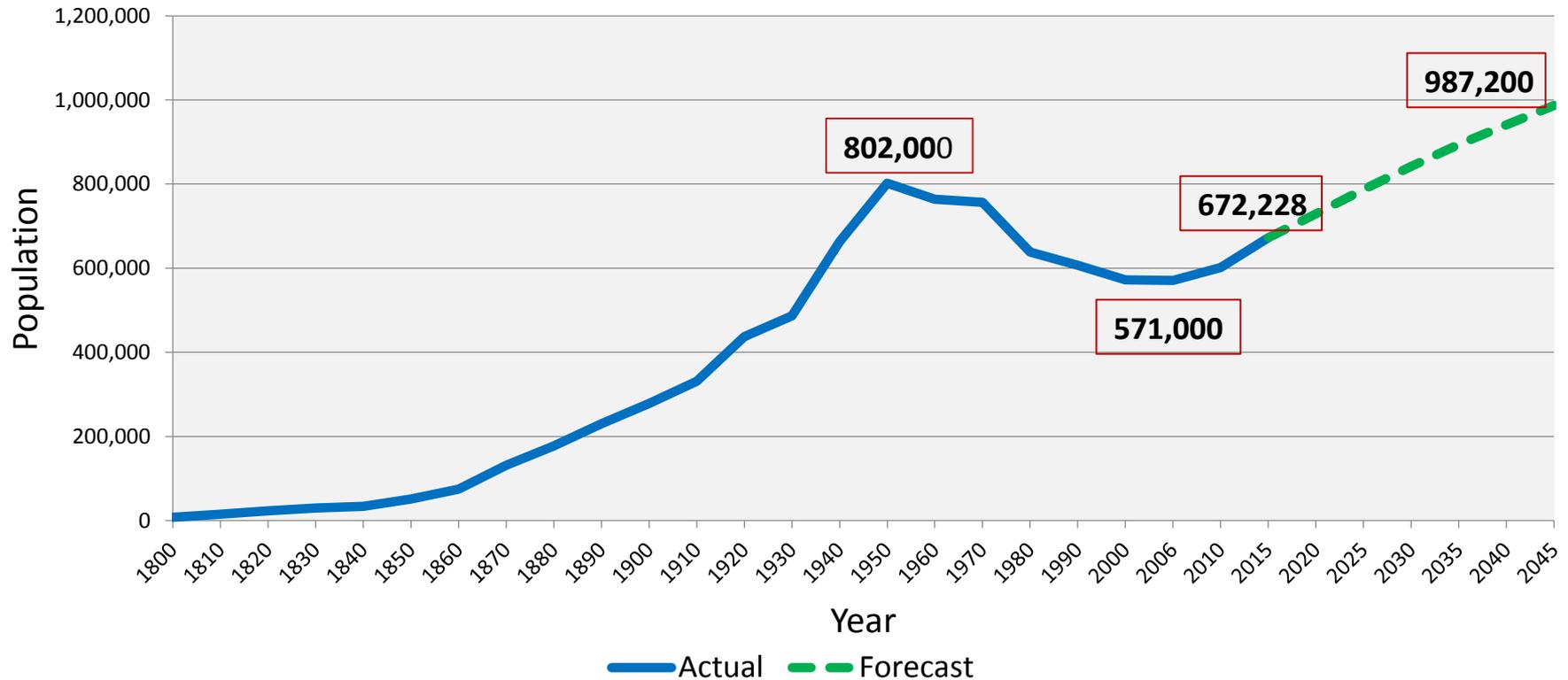


Photo credit: CurbedDC

Why amend the Comprehensive Plan?

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

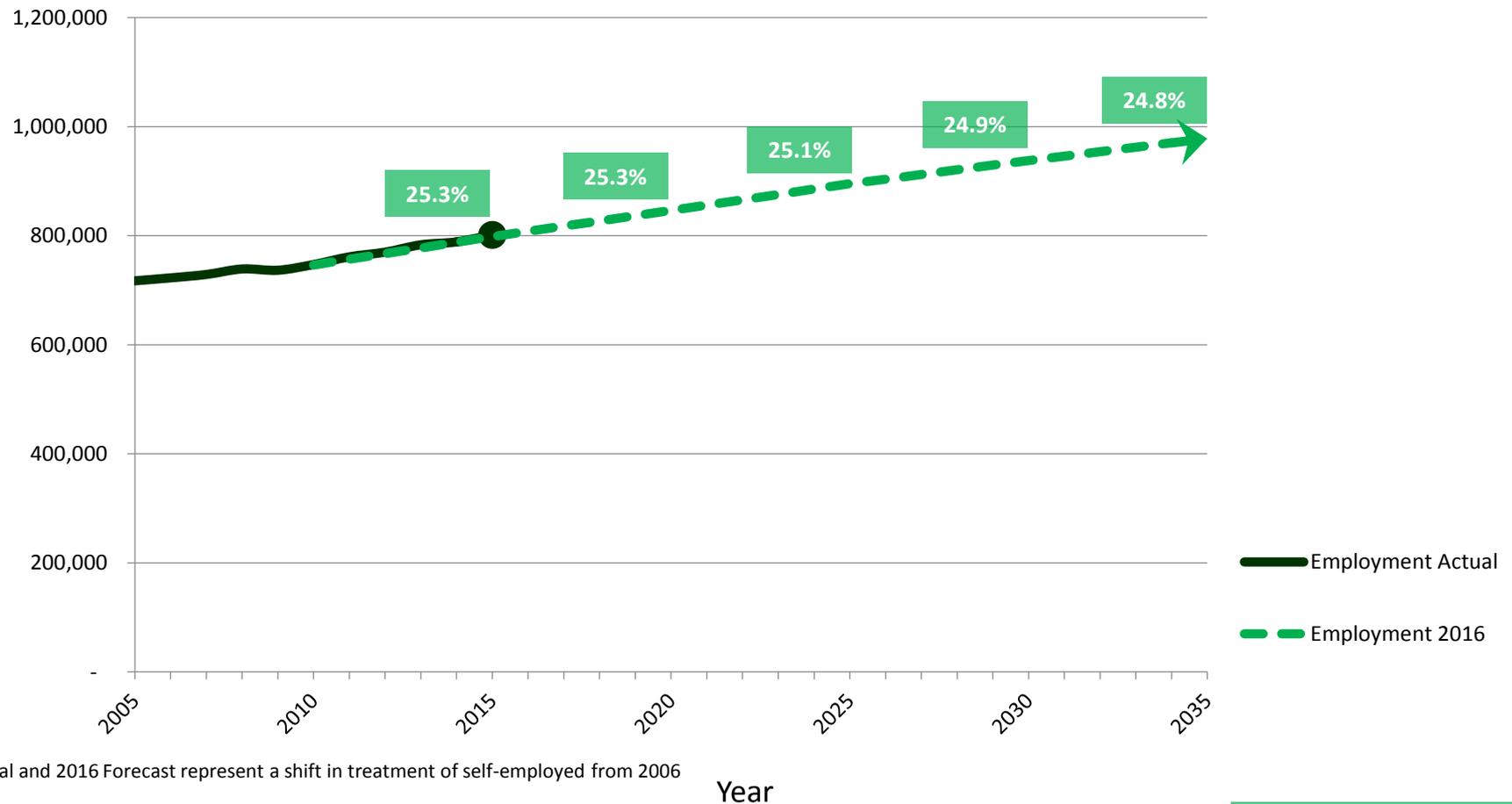
How many of you are native Washingtonians?

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

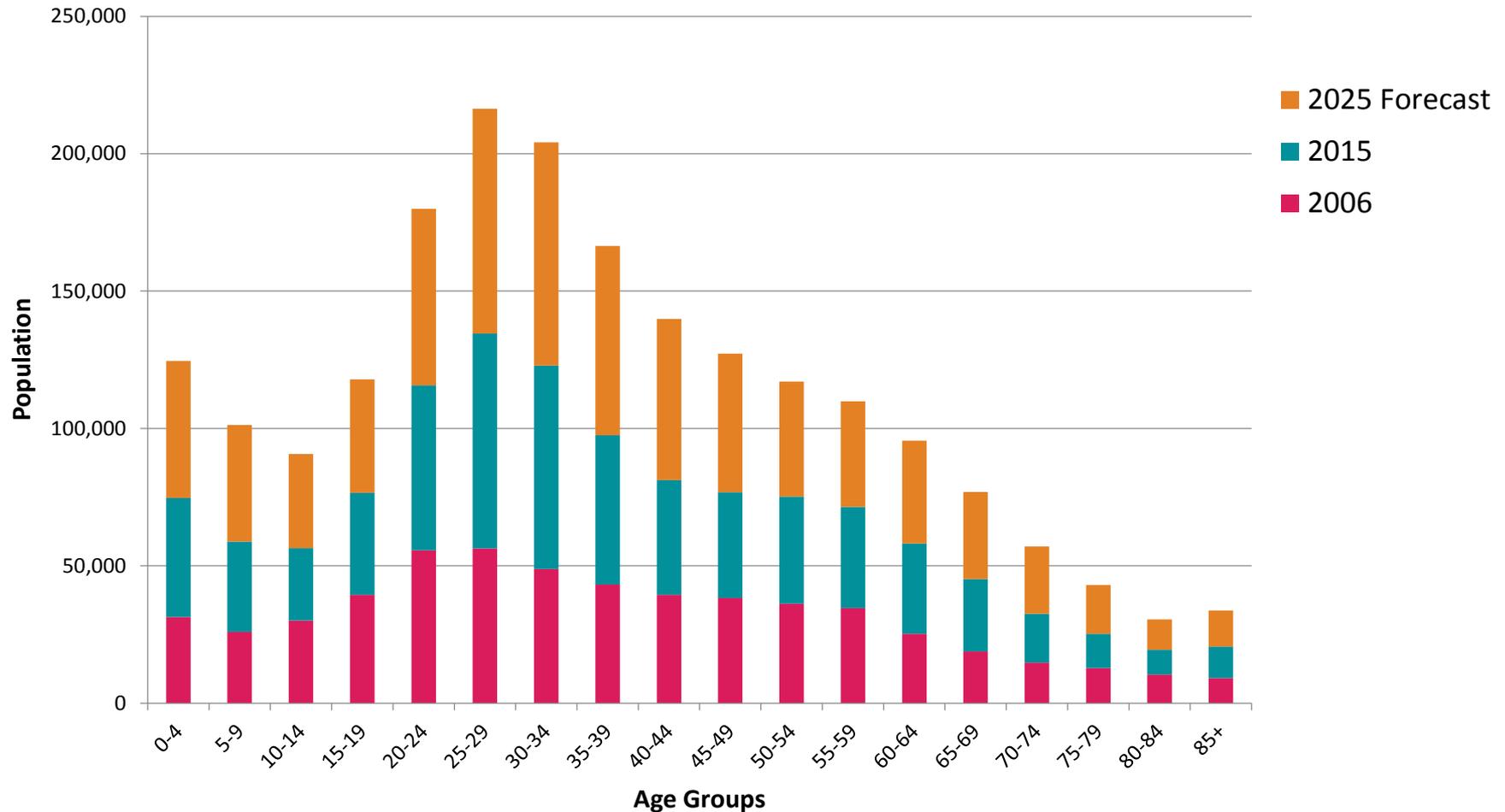


Note: Actual and 2016 Forecast represent a shift in treatment of self-employed from 2006

Percent of Regional Job Total

DC's Age Forecast (2025 Population)

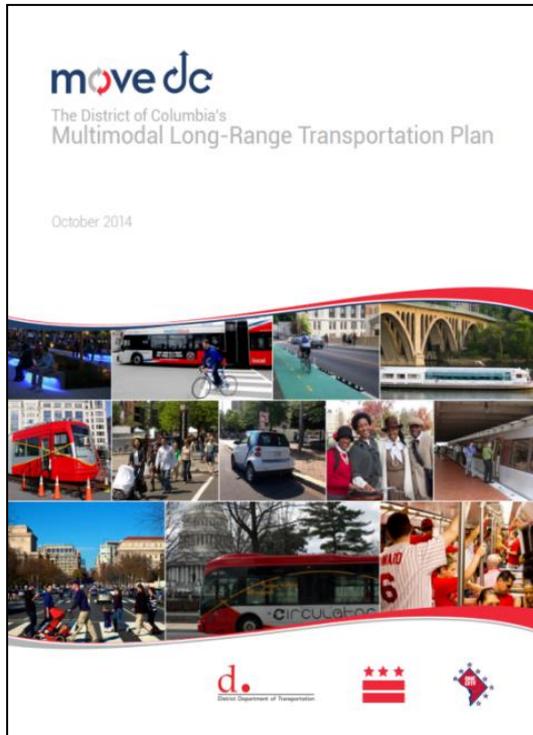
DC's youth population is growing
Millennials are staying & having children
Age 65 & older age group is growing



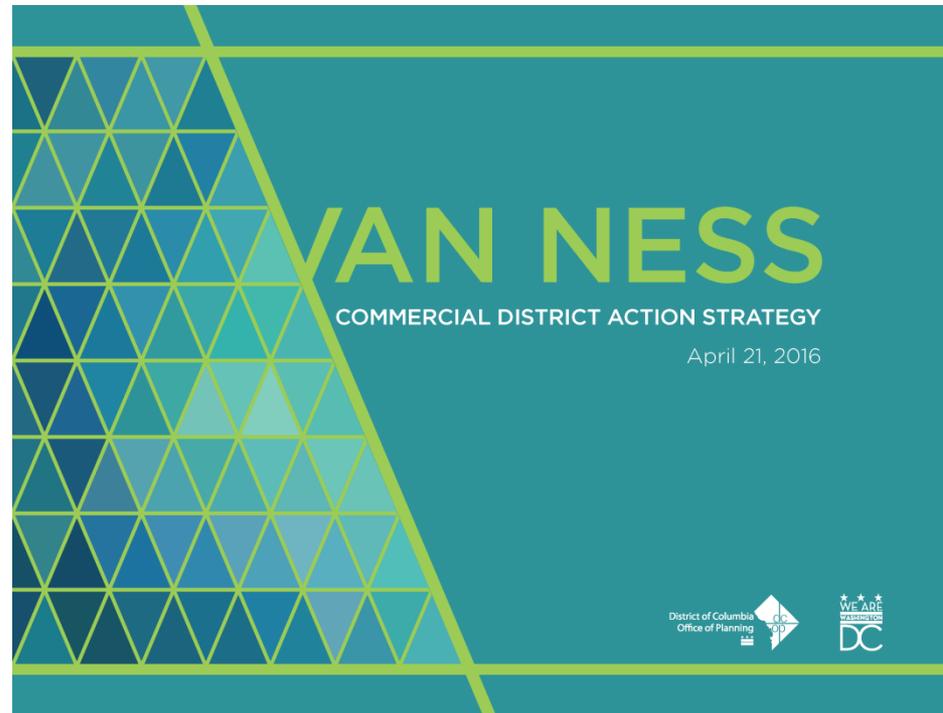
Comp Plan support for youth, families & older residents--*examples*

- **Policy EDU-1.5.1: Retention of Public Schools.** Retain public school buildings in public ownership to the maximum extent feasible.
- **Policy H-1.3.1: Housing for Families.** Provide a larger number of housing units for families with children by encouraging new and retaining existing single family homes, duplexes, row houses, and three- and four-bedroom apartments.
- **Policy H-4.2.2: Housing Choice for Seniors.** Provide a wide variety of affordable housing choices for the District's seniors, taking into account the income range and health-care needs of this population.

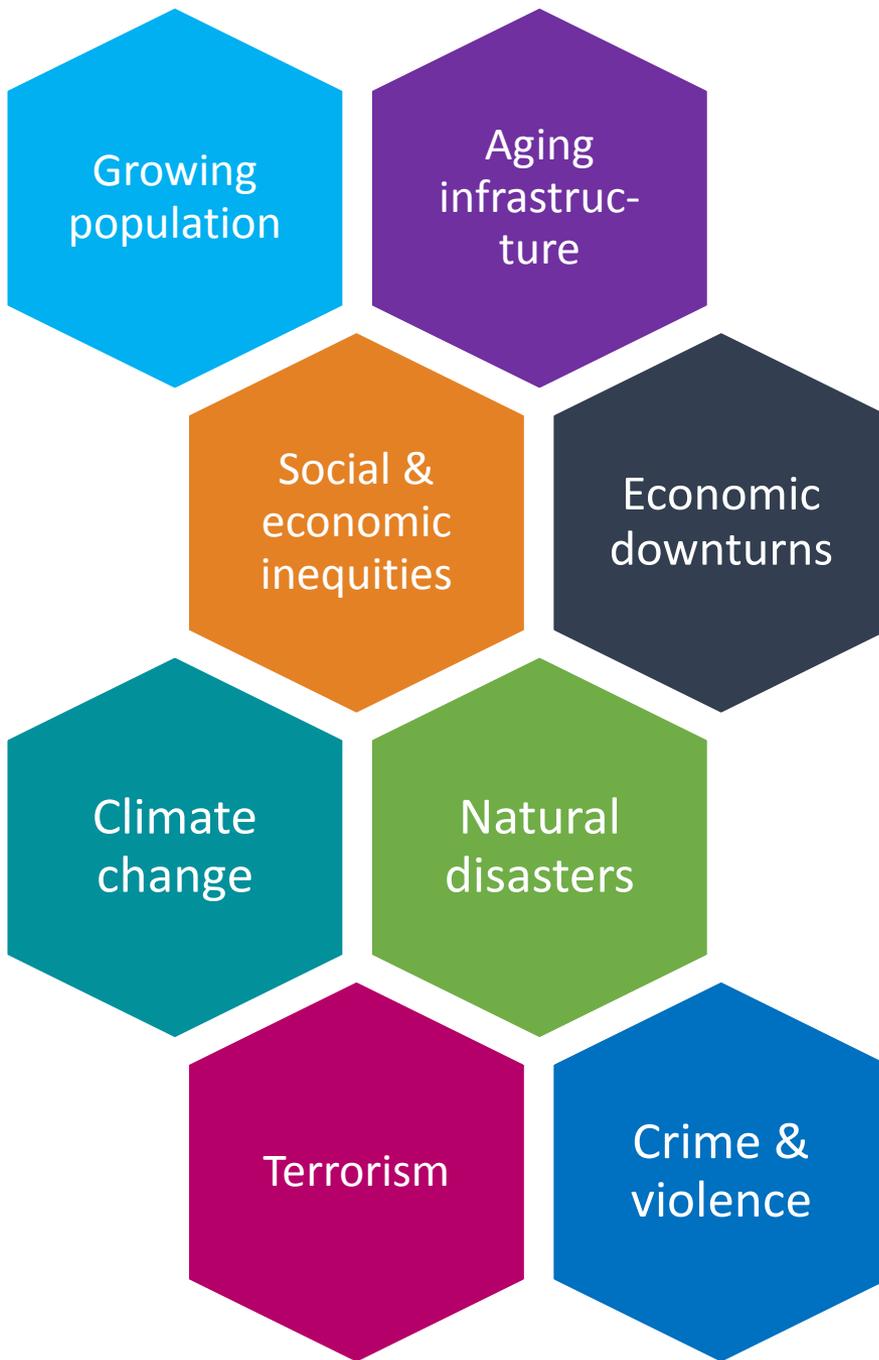
Integrating Recent Plans into Comp Plan



Transportation
Element & new
Resilience Element



Rock Creek West
Area Element

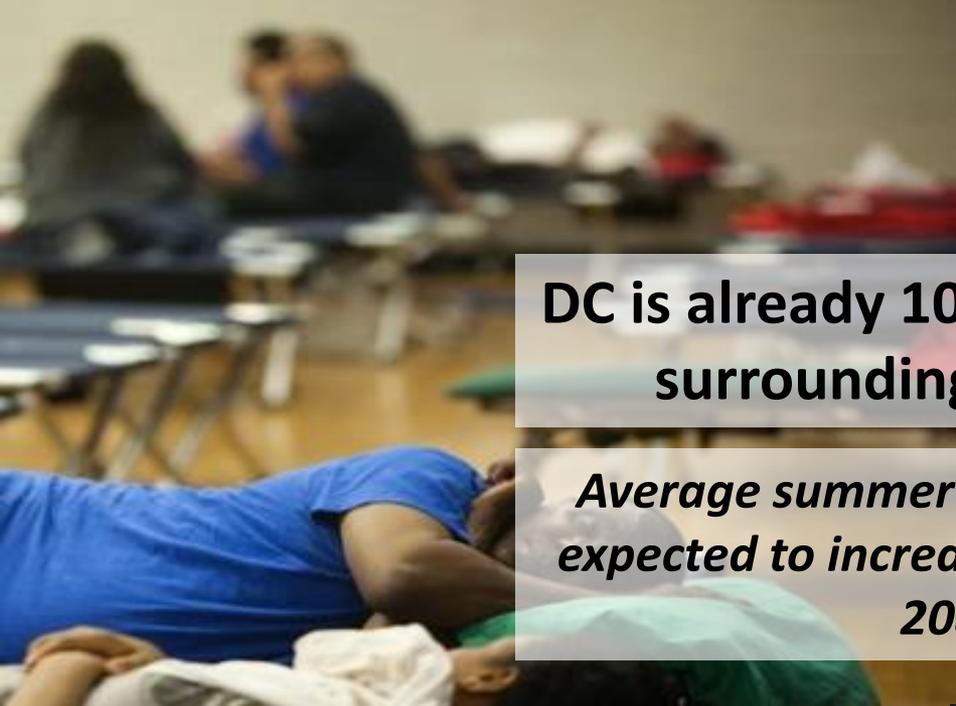


Resilience: A New Comp Plan Framework

DC's Shocks & Stresses

What we will produce?

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



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





Flooding in Cleveland Park

Comp Plan policies supporting resilience could be integrated into:

- **Rock Creek West Area Element**
- **Transportation Element**
- **Infrastructure Element**

Photo: WTOP

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. District agencies & the public can propose amendments

- Open Call for Amendments launching in early 2017.

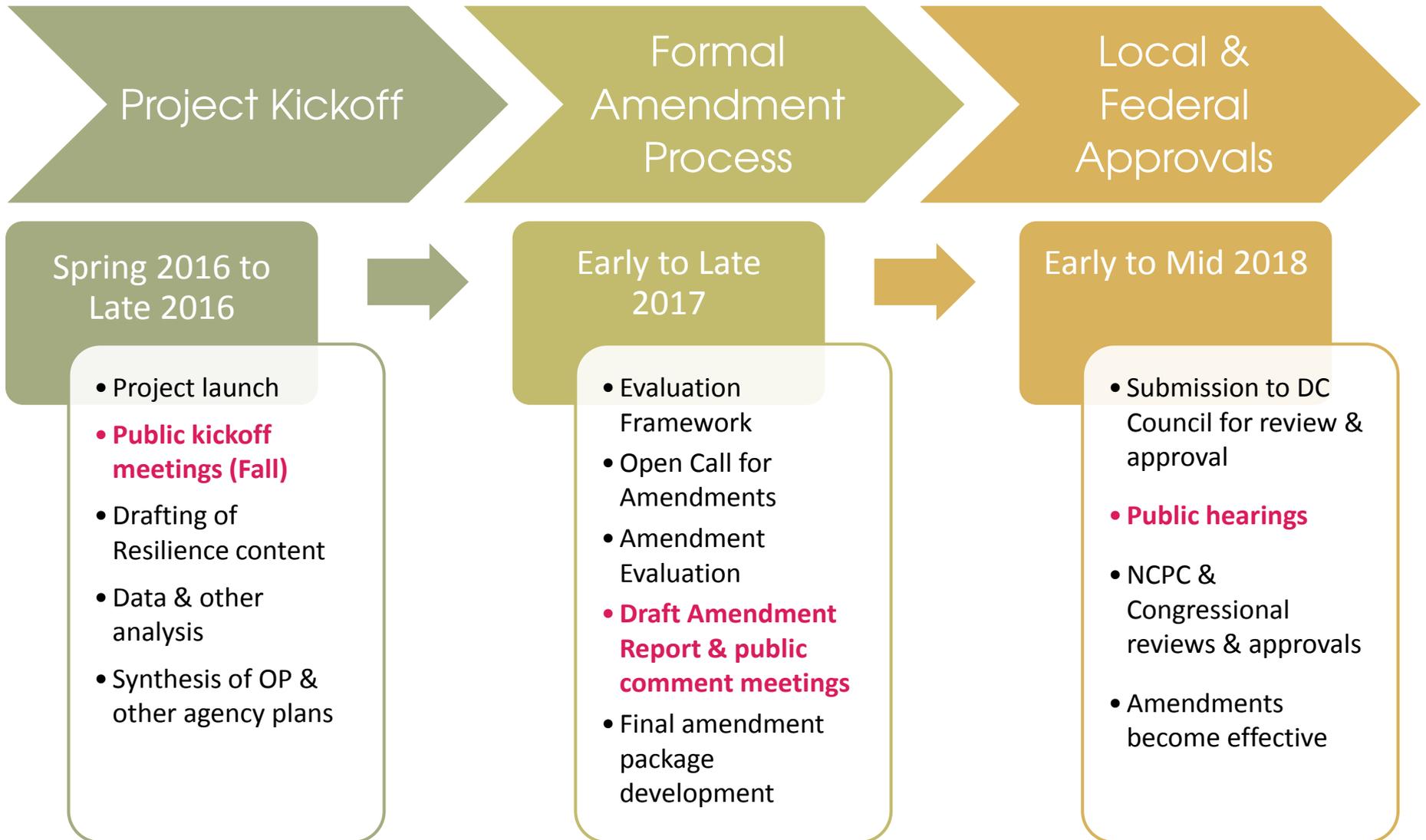
Evaluation Framework

Criteria for evaluating all proposed amendments for inclusion in Comp Plan amendment legislation

Criteria will be informed by:

- Comp Plan's **Vision**
- Comp Plan's 36 **Guiding Principles** under Core Themes
- **Public input** from PlanDC public engagement activities

Comp Plan Amendment Timeline



**We want to hear from
you!**

Purpose of Open House

Provide additional information—Area Element data, Comprehensive Plan content, resilience & growth and development in DC

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

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

Talk to OP staff—share your ideas & ask your questions

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*

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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](https://twitter.com/OPinDC) [#PlanDC](https://twitter.com/PlanDC) [#DCCompPlan](https://twitter.com/DCCompPlan)

Next Steps & Closing--*How will your input be used?*

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A community outreach & engagement summary report will be prepared & shared at PlanDC.dc.gov



THANK YOU!

YOU

**LIVE
WORK
PLAY
MOVE
MAKE**

DC

◆
**AMENDING THE DC
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

◆
**GET INVOLVED
ATTEND A MEETING**

OCT 19

OCT 22

OCT 25

OCT 27

NOV 1

NOV 3

NOV 14

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A MEETING NEAR YOU**

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