

THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

A Brief Overview

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What is it?

- The Comprehensive Plan (Comp Plan) is a high-level guiding document that sets a positive, long-term vision for the District, through the lens of its physical growth and change.
- It is divided into 25 elements (see back) and 2 maps, the Future Land Use Map and the Generalized Policy Map

Why is it important?

- The Comp Plan allows us to be intentional about how and where we change, and how we balance competing interests to promote a vibrant, equitable, and resilient city, not only for us, but for our children and grandchildren.
- The Comp Plan establishes a vision and broad goals to help inform decision-making and provide context for residents, officials, and stakeholders and can help guide and inform more fine-grained planning efforts.

Why amend now?

- The Comp Plan was written in 2006 and amended in 2011. Given how our city has changed in that time, it is important that we amend it now to reflect today's conditions, opportunities, and challenges – including housing, equity, resilience and public resources.
- COVID-19, its economic effects, and civil unrest highlight the need for the amendment to be adopted for the Comp Plan to appropriately guide the District through and beyond these events.

The Comp Plan also...

- Guides land use and impacts zoning and the District's budget.
- Incorporates over 40 various plans, including five Small Area Plans adopted since 2011.
- Provides high-level guidance for the District to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic and emerge stronger, healthier, more resilient, and more equitable than before.

Amendment Timeline

2016

- Spring: Coordination with District Agencies
- Summer: [PLAN]DC Kickoff Campaign
- Fall: Citywide Public Engagement

2017

- Spring: Open Call for Proposed Amendments
- Fall: Framework Element Development

2018

- Jan: Framework Element Introduced to Council
- Mar: Framework Element Council Hearing
- Summer/Fall: Analysis of Open Call Amendments

2019

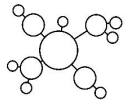
- May: DC Values Launch
- Jun: Values Public Engagement

- Oct: Council Approval of Framework
- Draft Plan Amendment Release & 80+ Day Public Review Period (ANC 120+ Days)
- Oct-Dec: Public Engagement
- 2020
- Mayor's Proposal submitted to Council
- Council Review & Approval

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Elements

Context Elements



Framework



Introduction



Implementation

Citywide Elements



Land Use



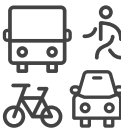
Economic Development



Housing



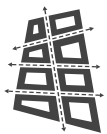
Environmental Protection



Transportation



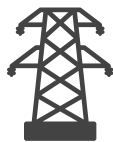
Community Services & Facilities



Urban Design



Historic Preservation



Infrastructure



Arts & Culture



Educational Facilities



Parks, Recreation, & Open Space

Area Elements

