

# What We Heard from You:

# Environmental Protection

*Protect, restore, and enhance the natural and man-made environment, prevent and reduce pollution, and conserve the values and functions of the District's natural resources.*

## Public Comment

- Support retention and expansion of the District's resources, including its tree canopy, native plant and wildlife communities, and natural and open spaces.
- Encourage low-impact development that retains as much stormwater as possible on-site, thereby protecting local waterways from pollution.
- Promote green buildings that incorporate recycled materials, renewable energy and water conservation systems, and minimal use of toxic or hazardous materials.
- Build a more sustainable, resilient food system accessible to all.
- Evaluate options to improve composting programs.
- Promote use of alternative energy and encourage alternative energy upgrades of homes (such as solar).

## Agency Input

- Address the impacts of climate change on the city, including tidal flooding, extreme heat, and heavier rainstorms.
- Balance the needs of a growing city with environmental protection and conservation.
- Integrate *Sustainable DC*, *Climate Ready DC*, *Clean Energy DC*, and other recent plans into new policies and actions.
- Make the connection between land use and sustainability.
- Reflect the improvements to the Anacostia River and adjacent waterfront.
- Strengthen the connection between human health and environmental justice.

## Priorities that Will Shape our City

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|------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Reduce Air Pollution               | Improve Waterways                      | Conserve & Restore Ecosystems | Expand Recycling & Composting |
| Adapt to & Mitigate Climate Change | Eliminate Environmental Health Hazards | Conserve Water & Energy       | Encourage Green Development   |