

What We Heard from You: **Parks, Recreation, and Open Space**

Preserve and enhance parks and open spaces within the District of Columbia to meet active and passive recreational needs, improve environmental quality, enhance the identity and character of District neighborhoods, and provide visual beauty in all parts of the national capital.

Public Comment

- Protect, improve, and expand parks and open spaces.
- Coordinate with federal partners and, where possible, transfer jurisdiction of federal parks to the District.
- Safeguard parks as critical natural resources.
- Expand the District's network of trails.
- Support a network of river facilities that provide water access, recreational equipment, educational space and other amenities.

Agency Input

- Create District-wide parks and recreation facility design standards for outdoor facilities.
- Design parks and recreational facilities with infrastructure to serve multiple purposes, including flood risk reduction, urban heat island mitigation, and stormwater management.
- Recognize access to high-quality parks and open spaces and physical activity as key components to achieving personal wellness.
- Work with federal agencies to emphasize the role that federal lands play in meeting the recreational needs of District residents.
- Develop a park classification system with clear definitions of each classification based on a review of industry standards and best practices.
- Address the remaining gaps in the citywide waterfront trail network.

Priorities that Will Shape our City

Coordinate with Federal Agencies

Provide Facilities to Underserved Areas

Foster Community Health

Maintain & Improve Existing Facilities

Support Resilience

Seek Public-Private Partnerships