

What We Heard from You: Urban Design

Enhance the beauty and livability of the city by protecting its historic design legacy, reinforcing the identity of its neighborhoods, harmoniously integrating new construction with existing buildings and the natural environment, and improving the vitality, appearance, and security of streets and public spaces.

Public Comment

- Develop, launch, and support a citywide excellence in DC Urban Design program/initiative.
- Incorporate stand-alone public restrooms into planning for streets and sidewalks.
- Better integrate areas between metro stops by building more inviting public spaces, and allow for more retail, amenities, etc.
- Limit LED street lighting to a level that provides for safety and visibility.
- Promote temporary street closures, festivals, and events in streets to connect people with their streets and re-imagine our public spaces that today are all about cars.

Agency Input

- Encourage free publicly-accessible restrooms in areas with large numbers of pedestrians.
- Incorporate natural elements into the design of waterfront buildings.
- Require a high standard of design for all waterfront projects with an emphasis on natural shorelines.
- Capture opportunities for advanced energy system projects and developments that bring greater sustainability and resiliency.
- Encourage benches or alternative places to rest comfortably, shade, and access to potable water when designing public space, including the public right of way.
- Incorporate waterfront design guidance from the Buzzard Point Vision Framework Plan.
- Incorporate guidance on designing streets for all modes of transportation from Move DC.
- Incorporate waterfront design guidance from Climate Ready DC.

Priorities that Will Shape our City

Create Opportunities for Play	Design Streets for People	Improve Infill & Large-scale Development	Enhance Parks & Open Spaces
Encourage Livable Neighborhoods	Enhance Public Life	Invest Equitably in Public Space	Create Neighborhood Landmarks