

Capitol Hill

Element Summary: 15-CH



OVERVIEW

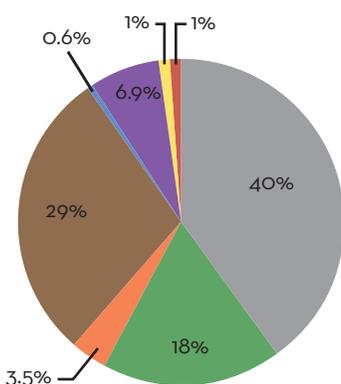
The opening narrative provides an overview of the 3.1 square miles that comprise Capitol Hill including major landmarks, historic characteristics and unique neighborhoods. The Capitol Hill Area Element is comprised of some of the City's most historic and vibrant neighborhoods including Barracks Row, historic Capitol Hill and Kingman Park, the H Street NE corridor, and growing riverfront Hill East neighborhood. The Capitol Hill Planning Area is wholly contained within Ward 6 and is one of the geographically smaller Area Elements and has a largely residential character, with commercial concentrated along key corridors such as H Street NE and 8th Street SE. Since the 2011 Comprehensive Plan update, this Area Element has generally managed growth and historic assets as set forth by previous policies and actions.

The Capitol Hill Area, much like most of the District, experienced a significant population increase between 2000 and 2017. The planning area added 11,729 new residents in this time frame for a total of 60,313 residents. Much of this growth is due to a significant increase of infill new construction of multi-family buildings throughout the area.

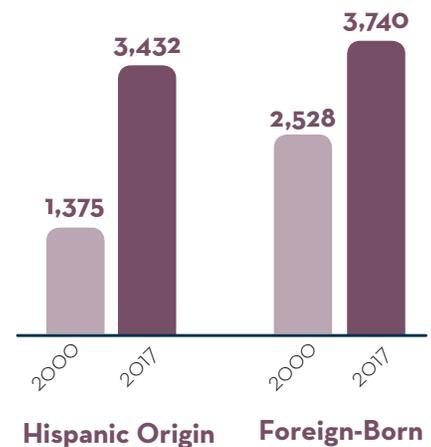
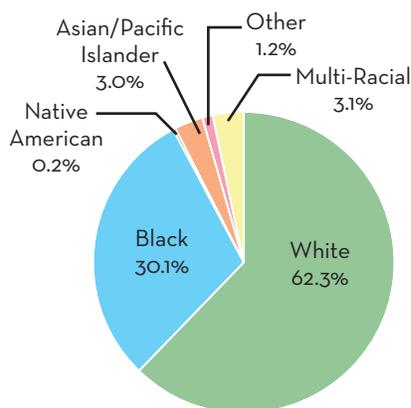
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- The areas context including its history, land use, demographics, housing characteristics, income and employment and projections for growth
- **CH-1:** General Policies for Guiding Growth and Neighborhood Conservation.
- **CH-2:** Five policy focus areas including H Street/Benning Road, Pennsylvania Avenue Corridor, US Capitol Perimeter, Reservation 13/RFK Stadium Complex and Southeast Boulevard which is a new focus area.

Land Use Composition (2017)

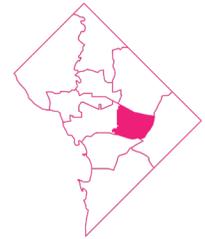


Racial Composition (2017)



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SUMMARY OF MAJOR POLICY THEMES

Managing Growth and Impacts to Historic Areas

- Direct commercial growth along key corridors, improve design compatibility of new construction within historic districts, and encourage new housing, including affordable housing and housing for a range of household sizes (e.g. families, seniors, etc.).

Improving Connections to the Anacostia Waterfront, Parks and Trails

- Provide for well-designed public spaces along the waterfront, minimize surface parking, and create multi-use trails and access points through Reservation 13 to the Anacostia River.
- Ensure that parks, trails and greenspaces are designed to accommodate the greatest number of users regardless of age or ability.

Creating New Policy Focus Area for Southeast Boulevard

- Elevate the key recommendations from the Southeast Boulevard Planning Study to transform the Southeast Freeway into an attractive boulevard with improved pedestrian and cycling connections.
- Create additional connections and access points between the neighborhood to the north with the Anacostia River to the south. Future planning should address possible new opportunity sites that could be created from a redesigned roadway.