

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
OFFICE OF PLANNING



Office of the Director

Dear Neighborhood Partner:

During the past year, you participated in the development of a Strategic Neighborhood Action Plan (SNAP) for your neighborhood cluster. Your hard work and input led to specific strategies and action steps to improve and maintain your neighborhood.

Your neighborhood priorities are now shaping the FY03 Budget process. In the first phase of the budget process, District agencies have reviewed your priorities and determined commitments to many of those priorities. These commitments have been included in Mayor Williams' proposed FY2003 budget. The next step is the review and refinement of the proposed FY2003 budget by the Council of the District of Columbia.

The enclosed **Citizen Budget Worksheet** and **FY 2003 Commitments to Priorities** highlights key commitments to your SNAP, as well as the Persistent Problem Areas that have been identified through the Neighborhood Services Initiative. We are providing you this information so that you can use it track how your priorities are faring throughout the budget process and to share with your neighbors.

Beginning the end of March and throughout April, the Executive Office of the Mayor Community Outreach will conduct outreach to neighborhoods across the city regarding their neighborhood priorities and the budget process. District agency officials will attend some of these meetings to discuss the proposed FY2003 budget and to hear from you. I will also attend some of these meetings, as some of the information that defined this year's proposed budget came directly from the SNAP. To learn when and where these meetings will be held, please call (202) 442-8150.

We commend you, your neighbors and stakeholders for the extraordinary level of involvement throughout the planning process. We look forward to working with you in implementing your SNAP and effecting livable, vibrant neighborhoods.

Sincerely,

Vicent Valdes
Neighborhood Planning Coordinator, Ward 1

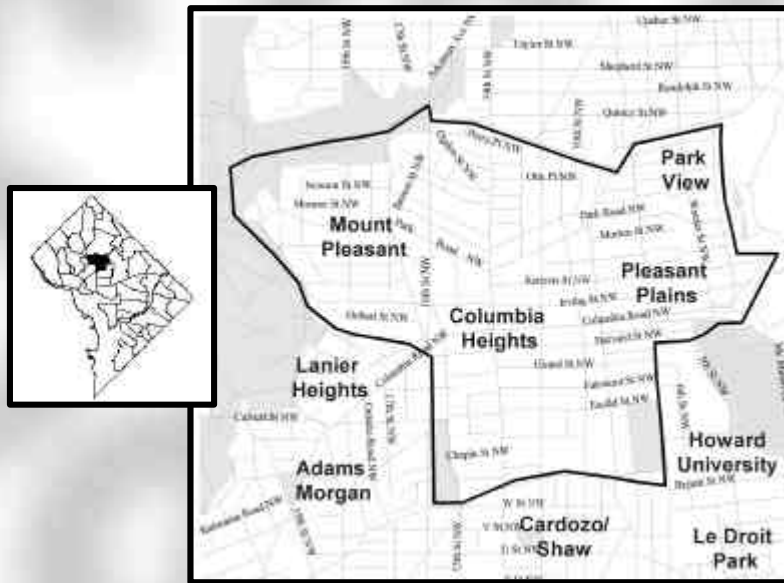
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Citizen's Guide

To Mayor Anthony A. Williams' Proposed FY 2003 Budget

Submitted to the Council of the District of Columbia
March 18, 2002

District Agency Commitments to Neighborhood Priorities
Identified Through Neighborhood Initiatives



Cluster 2

Columbia Heights, Mount Pleasant, Pleasant Plains, Park View



Government of the District of Columbia, Anthony A. Williams, Mayor



I. Introduction:

Welcome to your ***Citizen's Guide to Mayor Anthony A. Williams' Fiscal Year 2003 Proposed Budget*** for Neighborhood Cluster 2. This document was prepared for residents, businesses, non-profits, and others, who are interested in learning how neighborhood issues and priorities helped define the proposed FY 2003 budget. In this document, you will find specific commitments District agencies have made from priorities identified through the Neighborhood Planning and Neighborhood Services Initiatives, which are now in the City-Wide Strategic Plan. The city-wide priorities were articulated during the Citizen Summit II and at the neighborhood level through Neighborhood Planning and Neighborhood Service activities.

Linking neighborhood priorities to the District budget was one of the primary goals Mayor Williams' established when he developed the Neighborhood *Action* Initiative. Neighborhood *Action* is designed to give voice to our shared vision for the city and to empower citizens to improve their communities. Neighborhood *Action* coordinates the resources of government, businesses, faith-based organizations, community organizations and residents to shape the future of our city and neighborhoods.

Neighborhood *Action* plays a critical role in the District's strategic management cycle. The two-year cycle enables residents to influence the budget and hold government accountable to public priorities.

How did Neighborhood Priorities Become Linked to the Proposed FY 2003 Budget?

This administration developed a two-step process, which took approximately two years to complete:

Step 1: Mayor Williams' created two neighborhood initiatives under the umbrella of Neighborhood *Action* – Neighborhood Planning and Neighborhood Services.

Neighborhood Planning's first task was to work with every neighborhood in the city to develop draft Strategic Neighborhood Action Plans (SNAP). Planning was based on neighborhood clusters – two to three adjacent neighborhoods grouped together for planning purposes. There are a total of 39 neighborhood clusters in the District. With the help of a Neighborhood Planner from the Office of Planning, each neighborhood cluster went through a process to develop their own SNAP. The goal of this planning was to identify the elements (such as recreational opportunities or economic development) that contribute to a successful, healthy neighborhood and then identify which elements each cluster needed work to strengthen. The SNAPs were crafted through a community-driven process, where residents that participated almost completely defined its content.

Neighborhood Services strives to find permanent cures - not just quick fixes – for persistent problems in every Ward across the District. To this end, the NSI, in partnership with residents and 13 District agencies, has identified Persistent Problem Areas (PPAs) in the community. Whenever the Metropolitan Police Department has an active Police Servicing Area Plan (PSA Plan) or a Capital Community Plan, a PPA workplan was developed. These areas have recurring problems that need the cooperation and coordination of many government agencies to ensure that they become clean, safe and healthy neighborhoods. Through a Core Team approach, 13

government agency representatives come together weekly in each Ward to develop and implement Work Plans in an effort to mobilize, reclaim, revitalize and sustain abatement of the problems in PPAs.

As a result of citizen input and the Neighborhood Action initiative, the government has received direction on how to improve the quality of life in neighborhoods across the city – neighborhood by neighborhood.

Step 2: The administration focused on how District government addresses those issues, which would require changes in policy, a reallocation of staffing resources, and funding. District agencies (and even some non-District agencies) reviewed the neighborhood priorities as they developed their proposed FY 2003 budget. Beginning in October of 2001, over 40 agencies reviewed, recommended actions and developed responses to address neighborhood priorities. They participated in this process four times in an attempt to hone their commitments.

Although resources are limited, agencies used neighborhood priorities as one of the inputs to help define what they should do next year, how they should be doing it, and where they should begin. While not all priority actions can be implemented in this budget cycle, District agencies worked to address as many as possible.

This document provides a line by line detailed list of commitments District agencies have made to your neighborhood – even with the existing financial budget pressures the District faces.

Why Do I Have this Document Now?

This is a very crucial time. Finalizing the District's annual budget is a two-step process. In step one, Mayor Williams presented his proposed budget to the Council of the District of Columbia on March 18th. In step two, the Council will hold a series of hearings with agency directors to review, revise, and ultimately approve the budget. This document allows you to track changes in the budget between the two steps before the budget becomes final.

To inform you of what commitments will be implemented, two sets of documents will be released this Summer:

Agency Commitment Highlights: Enclosed with this document is a one-page summary that highlights some of the key commitments to your neighborhood. This one-pager will be updated and posted on the District website at www.dc.gov. Please look for the update in Summer 2002.

Final Strategic Neighborhood Action Plan (SNAP): Pending the outcome of our work with the Council, the Office of Planning will work with agencies to review and possibly revise their commitments. The Office of Planning will then finalize and distribute the SNAP. The release of this final SNAP will also be Summer 2002.

We look forward to updating you on the progress of our commitments to your priorities.

II. Neighborhood Priorities:

The work of the Neighborhood Service Coordinators and the Neighborhood Planners over the past two years, helped surface priorities specific to each neighborhood cluster. The following section is a description of the processes used to identify these priorities.

Process for Identifying Persistent Problem Areas

Neighborhood Services, in partnership with ANCs, community associations and citizens prioritized Persistent Problem Areas (PPAs) using the following criteria: Level of community concern; synergy with police initiatives and other government initiatives; proximity to schools or senior facilities; and the level of health or safety concern.

During the community-driven assessment process, a number of PPAs were identified in each Ward. To ensure that Neighborhood Services addressed the most immediate needs in each Ward, the community helped prioritize the PPAs. Presently there are 51 active PPAs across the city. In these PPAs, work plans have been developed to solve the root cause of problems identified in these areas.

In this cluster, there are 6 PPAs. The location of these PPAs and the goals of each are as follows:

Location:

Goals at Each Location:

500-700 Blocks of Hobart Place	Reduce open air drug activity, increase resident participation, and improve infrastructure and housing compliance.
1400 Block of Girard Street, N.W.	Repair and habilitate park, reduce violent crime and drugs activity.
Park Road & Hiatt Place, N.W.	Provide a clean and safe environment for school students and community residents, improve community/police relations and reduce drug dealing.
Park Morton	Regulate improper businesses, improve conditions at Public Housing area, and repair infrastructure.
Clifton St. and University Place	Accelerate productive use of housing on the block, abate nuisance properties, clean, repair and find productive use for Justice Park and reduce drugs & prostitution.
Parkwood and Perry, NW	Keep alley and area clean, abate structural, cleanliness and drug issues at 1423 Parkwood, and monitor liquor establishments and reduce flow of drug activity.

A number of actions on the following pages focus on addressing these service delivery challenges.

Process for Developing your SNAP

Developing your Strategic Neighborhood Action Plan (SNAP) was a citizen-driven process that involved two Phase: Visioning & Establishing Neighborhood Essential Ingredients and Action Planning and Validation. In Phase I, between January and June of 2001, a Visioning and Essential Ingredients Workshop was held in each Neighborhood Cluster. Citizens participated in interactive exercises to establish a Cluster Vision Statement that best described the aspirations and values of its citizens. The Vision Statements in this Cluster focused on promoting a community that benefited from economic development while safeguarding its diversity. The Visions included building a neighborhood that offers all of its residents housing opportunities. One resident of Cluster 2 was quoted as saying, “My vision for the community is one that can benefit from the positive effects of economic development without losing its ethnic and socioeconomic diversity. Our neighborhoods should have an adequate stock of housing to meet the needs of low and moderate income residents.”

Also at this workshop, citizens were asked to create a list of Essential Ingredients for their Cluster. Essential Ingredients are characteristics vital to making a neighborhood a place where people and families can live and thrive. Your Cluster identified and ranked 10 essential ingredients as vital for a livable community:

1. Affordable Housing
2. Public Safety
3. Beautification, Recreation, Parks and Open Space, and Cleanliness
4. Youth
5. Education
6. Economic Development
7. Resident Involvement, Empowerment, and Diversity
8. Government Services
9. Improved Infrastructure
10. Health Care

Citizens worked with their Neighborhood Planner to prioritize the top 4 essential ingredients that were critical to begin addressing in fiscal years 2002-03. Citizens in your Neighborhood Cluster identified four priority ingredients:

1. Affordable Housing
2. Economic Development
3. Beautification, Recreation, Parks and Open Space, and Cleanliness
4. Resident Involvement, Empowerment, and Diversity

In Phase II, over the summer of 2001, a number of Action Planning Work sessions were conducted in your Cluster to identify specific actions, or recommendations, for addressing these priorities. In these sessions, detailed objectives, locations, and recommended actions for government, citizens, nonprofits and others were developed.

Below is a snapshot of Cluster 2 priority issues. In the Mayor's Budget Commitments section of this document, you will be able to see how agencies have responded to these issues.

Summary of Priorities:

Affordable Housing: Residents shared that maintaining affordable housing in the Cluster was important to preserving the diversity that gives the community much of its character. Providing information on tenant's rights, improving affordable homeownership opportunities, and increasing code enforcement were some of the suggestions to ensure that affordable housing remains available in the Cluster. Residents stressed the importance of a comprehensive approach to promoting and protecting affordable housing, not only in the Cluster but throughout the District of Columbia.

Economic Development: Attracting neighborhood-oriented economic development is a major component to improving the quality of life for residents in Cluster 2. Mount Pleasant Street, 14th Street, and Georgia Avenue are all traditional, major commercial corridors in the Cluster, and it was noted that they should be the focus of revitalization efforts. At the same time, residents shared that local businesses should be provided with technical and financial assistance to improve their competitiveness. They also noted that new jobs resulting from development should be linked to local youth and other residents.

Parks, Open Space, Beautification, Recreation and Cleanliness: Providing improved recreation opportunities for adults and youth was one of the main priorities for many residents. Open space preservation, especially in the face of new development, was identified as critical for helping to foster a sense of neighborhood. Maintaining existing parks, beautifying neighborhoods and improving the overall cleanliness of the Cluster were integrally tied to this priority as well.

Community Involvement, Empowerment, and Diversity: Residents emphasized the importance of increased community involvement in the District's public processes. They recommended establishing formal mechanisms and channels that promote community input, especially for groups in the District that have not previously had the opportunity to participate. Specifically, residents recommended new and innovative forms of community outreach as well as training and funding for existing community organizations. Residents in the Cluster also recommended that the District improve the channels of communication between city agencies.

A number of the actions on the following pages came directly from this SNAP process.

III. Mayor's Budget Commitments

This section on the following pages includes agency commitments for your Cluster. Note that even actions that start or have started in FY 2002, they may have budget implications in FY 2003. The information is organized to include the action (which came from SNAP planning or PPA work), the responsible or implementing District agency, and the agency commitment to the action.

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Cluster Priority: AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Objective: Ensure that the District's Housing Legislation addresses the housing needs of all District residents and does not encourage displacement.

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Establish a clear and specific definition of "affordable" housing in keeping with economic conditions in the District.	District-wide	DMPED	The federal Department of Housing and Urban Development establishes several definitions of affordable housing, which the District's Department of Housing and Community Development and the District's Housing Authority are required by law to use in determining program eligibility. The Housing Bill establishes eligibility levels for several new housing programs (including the Housing Production Trust Fund, tax credits, and mixed-income tax abatements) that are in keeping with economic conditions in the District.	801
		DHCD	DHCD has worked with DMPED and Council to develop standards for affordable housing in the Housing Act of 2002 that will meet a broad range of needs within the District. The legislation provides set asides for lower-income households in the HPTF. (DHCD)	801
Lower the definition of "low" income from 60% of area medium income to 30% of area medium income, and lower the definition of "moderate" income from 80% of area medium income to 50% of area medium income. All provisions in proposed legislation with income limits above 50% of area medium income should be lowered to 50% of area medium income.	District-wide	DMPED	The Housing Act of 2002 includes many tools and resources that address a range of housing needs. Some programs are aimed at extremely low-income families, while others are aimed at moderate-income families and even market rate housing. Simply lowering all income levels would not provide a balanced approach to housing development in the District. However, the final version of the Act was amended to target the Housing Production Trust Fund to extremely low-income, and low-income families.	802

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Encourage the development of housing for Section 8 voucher holders to eliminate the shortage of available units and of owners willing to accept vouchers.	14th Street from Euclid St. to Park Road (Adjacent residential streets)	DMPED	The Council passed the Housing Act of 2002 on 1/8/02 and the Mayor will sign the Act into law. The final bill dedicated 40% of the Housing Production Trust Fund to families earning less than 30% of AMI and 40% to families earning between 30% and 50% of AMI. The Housing Production Trust Fund will be used to subsidize the development of housing with rents aimed at below 30% of AMI. Forty percent of the Housing Trust Fund must be spent on families earning less than 30% of AMI. The Omnibus Housing Bill also requires owners to consider vouchers as income when calculating income eligibility.	803
		DHCD	DHCD provides funding for rental housing development and is committed to expanding the supply of units that are affordable to voucher holders. DHCD will be receptive to applications for development assistance. (DHCD)	803

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Create monetary incentives for landlords of existing Section 8 properties to bolster use of vouchers.	14th Street from Euclid St. to Park Road (Adjacent residential streets)	DHCD	The Housing Act of 2002 includes tax incentives for preservation of affordable federally subsidized units. In addition, many tenants in buildings that are opting out of programs will receive vouchers to allow them to remain in place. (DHCD)	804
Require Section 8 expiration notice.	District-wide	DMPED	The Omnibus Housing Bill requires owners of expiring federal contracts to notify residents and the District of their intent to continue providing affordable housing.	805
		DHCD	The Housing Act of 2002 contains a provision for the timely notice of expiring Section 8 contracts and other federal subsidies. (DHCD)	805

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Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Implement strict, timely code enforcement and meaningful penalties.	14th Street and adjacent residential streets	DCRA	DCRA plans to undertake an assessment of its code enforcement process which includes an assessment of existing fines to determine where fines will be increased. Assessment will be completed Q3 of FY 2002.	20
Hire more housing inspectors and establish more severe penalties. Make sure that fines are enforced and collected. Ensure that there are enough inspectors who speak a second language such as Spanish, Vietnamese, etc.	Ward-wide	DCRA	DCRA has hired 39 Neighborhood Stabilization Officers (NSO). There will be one NSO for each Cluster in the city who will be responsible for inspection activities at the neighborhood level. The NSO assigned to Cluster 2 is Rene Marquez. Please call (202) 442-4373. DCRA plans to undertake an assessment of its code enforcement process which includes an assessment of existing fines to determine where fines will be increased.	21
Establish a temporary housing "safety net" for tenants who are forced to vacate "out-of-compliance" properties.	Ward-wide	EMA	Establish a temporary housing "safety net" for tenants who are forced to vacate "out-of-compliance" properties, to include security for and storage of tenants personal belongings.	22
		OCC	OCC will work with client agency on legal advice and implementation issues. OCC will provide legal services support within client agency's time frame. OCC cannot assign timeframe until lead agency assigns time frame. OCC estimates Q3FY02 as latest possible date for completion.	22

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Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Conduct an immediate study to define the extent of loss of Section 8 housing in the District.	Ward-wide	DMPED	The Fannie Mae Foundation has contracted with the Urban Institute to analyze the District's housing market, including the expiration of Section 8 financed buildings. Based on this analysis, the Administration will work with residents to develop a comprehensive housing strategy.	24
		DCHA	DMPED is overseeing a study being conducted by the Urban Institute.	24
		DHCD	DHCD has a list of all Section 8 projects in the city and the date of the contract expirations. We will conduct additional analysis to determine when each assistance contract in the city's inventory will expire. We then will coordinate with DMPED's Office, DCHA and non-profit stakeholders to develop an intervention strategy to preserve section 8 housing in each neighborhood. Contact Cheryl Fox at 202-442-7200.	24
Establish a temporary housing situation for tenants who are forced to vacate "out-of-compliance" properties.	Hobart Place, Park Morton#1, Park Morton #2, Park & Hiatt, Parkwood & Perry Street, Girard Street & Playground, 3500 - 3600 block of 13th Street	DHCD	\$900,000 has been allocated for assistance in code-enforcement situations. The lead agency is Emergency Management Agency. DHCD provides relocation for projects for which it provides federal funds. (DHCD)	786

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Implement strict, timely code enforcement and meaningful penalties.	14th Street from Euclid St. to Park Road (Adjacent residential streets) and Mount Pleasant	DCRA	DCRA plans to undertake an assessment of its code enforcement process which includes an assessment of existing fines to determine where fines will be increased.	806
Improve process for the District to take over and repair properties of negligent landlords who are not maintaining properties or paying taxes.	Ward-wide	DMPED	The District set aside \$700,000 for the 5-513 fund to assist tenants in such situations. In addition, the DCHA made Section 8 housing vouchers available to tenants forced out of the District's "Hot Properties".	807
		DHCD	The District is promulgating the "Abatement and Condemnation of Nuisance Properties Omnibus Amendment" Act to allow the city to take abandoned properties after adequate notice to owners. Properties will be converted into new housing. (DHCD)	807
		DCRA	The District is promulgating the "Abatement and Condemnation of Nuisance Properties Omnibus Amendment" Act to allow the city to take abandoned properties after adequate notice to the owners.	807
Maintain and revise rent control program in the District.	District-wide	DCRA	The Rental Housing Act of 1985, as amended, was extended by the City Council in FY 2000. The Act continues to provide a full range of protections and safeguards for tenants. DCRA has established a Housing Service Center to provide information directly to the public. This information may be obtained by calling (202) 442-4610.	808

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Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Provide tax relief for elderly and low-income home owners. (Tax credits, circuit breaker legislation.)	District-wide	OCFO	These tax credits exist. Additional relief would require tax code changes and cannot be implemented before Tax Year 2002, due to necessary changes in forms. OTR requires at least 6 months before the beginning of the applicable tax year to prepare changes to forms and systems. A full fiscal impact should be done by ORA. A comprehensive strategy is beyond OTR but changes to the code would be required to increase the current subsidies that are on the books currently. While this would increase credits, from a compliance perspective, this approach would not be the most desirable given the difficulty in monitoring and the level of abuse that is suspected.	810
		DHCD	There is property tax relief for elderly households already in DC Code. The Housing Act of 2002 has additional protections against property tax increases to homeowners at 50% of area median income. (DHCD)	810
Conduct an immediate study to determine the level of displacement in the Ward.	Ward-wide	DMPED	The Fannie Mae Foundation has contracted with the Urban Institute to analyze the District's housing market, including the expiration of Section 8 financed buildings. Based on this analysis, the Administration will work with residents to develop a comprehensive housing strategy.	811

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Conduct an immediate study to determine the level of displacement in the Ward.	Ward-wide	DHCD	DHCD has a list of all Section 8 projects in the city and the date of the contract expirations. We will conduct additional analysis to determine when each assistance contract in the city's inventory will expire, thus creating the risk of displacement. We then will coordinate with DMPED's Office, DCHA and non-profit stakeholders to develop an intervention strategy to preserve section 8 housing in each neighborhood. Contact Paul Cohn, (202) 442-7200. (DHCD)	811
Establish a community Land Bank Fund or other ownership assistance programs to expand low-income home ownership opportunities.	Ward-wide	DHCD	DHCD administers the Home Purchase Assistance Program and the Homestead Program to expand low-income housing opportunities. DC HFA also provides low-cost financing for homebuyers. DHCD can provide funds to Community Land Banks. (DHCD)	812
Increase funding for and improve administration of existing key housing programs and initiatives (HPAP, HODIF, Right of First Refusal, HOMESTEAD, etc.)	Ward-wide	DHCD	DHCD budgets its federal funds each year based on both the Administration's strategic priorities and the needs of the community as expressed through annual needs hearings. DHCD is looking at ways to streamline operation of the Homestead and Single Family Residential Rehabilitation programs. (DHCD)	813

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Objective: Establish and implement a comprehensive strategy for increasing the city's supply of low and moderate-income housing.

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Assist non-profit organizations and CDCs to obtain capital for affordable housing projects. (Bridge financing, predevelopment grants, Downtown projects funding the Housing Production Trust Fund, etc.).	Ward-wide	DHCD	DHCD provides funding for non-profit and for-profit developers through its current Development Finance and NDAP programs. Past beneficiaries have included the Development Corporation of Columbia Heights; Haven House Cooperative; 1327 Kenyon Street Cooperative; and Archbishop Rivera Cooperative. In addition, we are expanding the availability of the Housing Production Trust Fund, which will finance pre-development loans and grants. The Fund will be financed in part by for-profit developer contributions associated with downtown and other development. New funding will be available in FY 2003. Contact Jerry L. Williamson, Chief, Development Finance Division, (202) 442-7200. (DHCD)	25
Enact "Smart Codes" to provide more flexible rehabilitation of existing buildings and in-fill sites.	Ward-wide	DCRA	DCRA is working with the Building Code Advisory Committee to adopt the 2000 International BOCA Code and will address SMART Codes during this process. Contact Denzil Noble, Deputy Administrator, on 442-4455.	814
		DHCD	DHCD has no jurisdiction over the redesign of building codes. However, we support actions to facilitate the production of housing and will provide advisory services to DCRA as requested. (DHCD)	814
Establish inclusionary zoning ordinances as well as tax incentives to require new development to include low and moderate-income units.	District-wide	OP	OP will prepare an inclusionary zoning analysis and tax incentive study for affordable housing.	815

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Establish inclusionary zoning ordinances as well as tax incentives to require new development to include low and moderate-income units.	District-wide	DCRA	The Zoning Commission is responsible for establishing Zoning Ordinances. Tax Incentives are established through a variety of methods often initiated by the Office of Planning, DHCD, OTR, and the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development.	815
DCOP and DHCD to work together to prepare neighborhood plans that preserve and increase affordable housing.	Cluster-wide	DHCD	DHCD will work with the Office of Planning to review demographics, trends, and opportunities for affordable housing preservation and development. Development plans will be created as a result of this effort. We also will work with the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development to target investment to this area. (DHCD)	817
		OP	There are already policies in place including the Housing Act of 2002 that address including affordable housing on District-owned parcels.	817
Dedicate a percentage of the real estate transfer and recordation tax to fund the Housing Production Trust Fund annually.	District-wide	DMPED	The Housing Act of 2002 will dedicate 40% of the Housing Production Trust Fund to families earning less than 30% of AMI and 40% to families earning between 30% and 50% of AMI.	818
Assign DHCD and DCRA staff to ensure that affordable housing projects obtain priority in terms of funding and permitting.	Ward-wide	DCRA	On major projects, DCRA does assign a "Development Ambassador" to ensure that these projects receive priority, timely processing of building permit applications. Contact Lorraine Bennett at 442-4455.	819

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Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Assign DHCD and DCRA staff to ensure that affordable housing projects obtain priority in terms of funding and permitting.	Ward-wide	DHCD	All of the projects that DHCD considers must be affordable to low- and moderate-income households. DHCD staff are assigned only to funding affordable housing projects. We regularly work with DCRA's Ambassador program staff to expedite permit review, but permitting is under DCRA's purview. (DHCD)	819

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Cluster Priority: AFFORDABLE HOUSING
Objective: Encourage Historic Preservation throughout the District that protects against displacement.

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Add a residency requirement to the Targeted Historic Preservation Tax Credit Program.	Mount Pleasant	DMPED	The Housing Act of 2002 authorizes the Historic Housing Tax Credit. The tax credit is available to current homeowners and new homeowners. In addition to supporting current residents, one of the goals of the Housing Act is to encourage families to move back into the District, especially working families who have left the city over the past several decades. Therefore, the historic housing tax credit is available newcomers as well as current residents.	821
Add a length of stay requirement to the Targeted Historic Preservation Tax Credit Program.	Mount Pleasant	DMPED	The Housing Act of 2002 authorizes the Historic Housing Tax Credit. Families who use the tax credit are required to live in the home for five years.	822
Reduce the Area Median Income level of the Targeted Historic Preservation Tax Credit Program to less than 120% to allow low and moderate-income access to benefits.	Mount Pleasant	DMPED	The Housing Act of 2002 authorizes the Historic Housing Tax Credit. The tax credit is available to current homeowners and new homeowners. Families can earn up to 125% of AMI, however families who earn less than 60% of AMI receive a larger tax credit to support their efforts.	823

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Objective: Ensure that housing is handicap accessible.

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Heightened enforcement of existing handicap accessibility requirements.	Ward-wide	DCRA	DCRA will prepare a public information notice that will be forwarded to all owners/managers of multi-family residential properties informing them of handicap accessibility requirements. Contact Patricia Montgomery, ADA Coordinator, on 442-4400.	825
Review ADA legislation and remove any District implemented disincentives to meeting the requirements.	District-wide	DCRA	DCRA will undertake a reexamination of ADA Legislation to identify any provisions that serve as a disincentive to meeting handicap accessibility requirements and take appropriate action. Anyone knowledgeable about disincentives are asked to contact Patricia Montgomery, ADA Coordinator, on 442-4400.	827
Resolve conflicts between handicap accessibility requirements and historic preservation legislation (especially in historic districts).	Mount Pleasant	DCRA	DCRA will meet with the Office of Planning to identify and analyze conflicts between ADA requirements and Historic Preservation limitations. Contact Patricia Montgomery at DCRA.	828
		OP	OP will support the update and reprint of design guidelines on accessibility; additionally it will recommend that guidelines be placed on the District's website.	828

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Cluster Priority: AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Objective: Promote mixed-use development, especially around commercial corridors and Metro Stations. Mixed-use development should include a reasonable percentage of affordable housing units.

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Include community in a public, transparent process during development of RFPs.	Columbia Heights, 14th and Irving Street	DHCD	DHCD has a supporting role in this action, since these parcels are in the NCRC portfolio. The RFP for the remaining Columbia Heights parcels was developed with extensive consultation with the ANC and other community stakeholders. The developers have presented their proposals to a community forum for input. Winning proposals will be subject to public scrutiny through D.C. Council approval of contracts, and developers will be required to have a community involvement plan.	829
		OP	The Office of Planning (OP) works with DHCD and NCRC as they develop RFPs for sites in their portfolio. Outreach includes work with ANCs prior to Council submission. Council also holds its own public hearings.	829
During project definition, bring all key stakeholders to the negotiation table including the community, business owners, developers, District government, CBOs, and other important entities such as WMATA. Focus activities on RLA sites in Columbia Heights.	Columbia Heights, 14th and Irving Street	DHCD	DHCD has a supporting role in this action, since these parcels are in the NCRC portfolio. The RFP for the remaining Columbia Heights parcels was developed with extensive consultation with the ANC and other community stakeholders. The developers have presented their proposals to a community forum for input. Winning proposals will be subject to public scrutiny through D.C. Council approval of contracts, and developers will be required to have a community involvement plan.	830
		OP	The Office of Planning (OP) provided support to DHCD and NCRC with technical support and community contact support on preparing the RFP for Parcels 15 and 26 in Columbia Heights.	830

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Cluster Priority: AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Objective: Promote mixed-use development, especially around commercial corridors and Metro Stations. Mixed-use development should include a reasonable percentage of affordable housing units.

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Promote in-fill and scattered site development around existing neighborhood hubs and corridors.	Columbia Heights, 14th and Irving Street	OP	The Office of Planning (OP) will provide analytical support on the Mayor's new Home Again initiative to be implemented by DMPED in during FY 2002. This initiative will develop and set in motion a strategic process for (1) identifying vacant/abandoned properties in specific neighborhoods, (2) obtaining control or ownership of these properties, and (3) developing them to the benefit of their communities. This program will make housing units available to families of all incomes. Columbia Heights will be targetted for this program in the first year of implementation.	831

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Cluster Priority: AFFORDABLE HOUSING
Objective: Ensure minimum threshold of Section 8 housing in Columbia Heights.

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Create incentives for preserving Section 8 housing stock. Provide a mechanism for the timely notice of expiring Section 8 units.	COLUMBIA HEIGHTS TARGET AREA	DHCD	The Housing Act of 2002, which was passed in January 2002, requires building owners who are opting out of federal assistance contracts to notify the Mayor and city agencies of their intention so that the city may work proactively with the owner, tenants and other organizations to preserve the units as affordable housing. The Act also offers tax incentives to owners in exchange for contract renewal. (DHCD)	26
Implement focused law enforcement activities around the Bell-Lincoln schools to ensure safe passages.	Bell/Lincoln Schools and surrounding areas.	MPD	4D has assigned two officers to the school Monday through Friday from 07:00 hours to 15:00 hours. Additionally, Patrol Service Area (PSA) 409 Officers give this area special attention daily during school hours.	32

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Cluster Priority: AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Objective: Ensure that the District's Housing Legislation addresses the housing needs of all District residents and does not encourage displacement.

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Develop funding initiatives that create housing opportunities for families with incomes below 50% of Area Median Income (AMI).	14th Street from Euclid St. to Park Road (including adjacent residential streets)	DMPED	The Housing Act of 2002 dedicates 40% of the Housing Production Trust Fund to families earning less than 30% of AMI and 40% to families earning between 30% and 50% of AMI.	19
		DHCD	The Housing Act of 2002 dedicates 50% of HPTF to benefit households at 50% of AMI; within this, 30% of HPTF is set aside for projects that benefit households at 30% of AMI. (DHCD)	19

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Cluster Priority: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
Objective: Improved coordination of planning and development activities between government agencies and community groups.

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Work with WMATA to ensure public input into the RFP process.	Columbia Heights, 14th and Irving Street	WMATA	WMATA has proposed new Joint Development policies and procedures to ensure community involvement early in the Joint Development process. The proposed revisions were circulated for review and comment on November 5, 2001. The comment period closes December 5, 2001. *** The new policy will be implemented after WMATA Board approval. Comment period extended to January 18, 2002.	833
		OP	The Office of Planning (OP) will provide planning and outreach support to activities that promote economic development in the neighborhoods. Through its Strategic Neighborhood Action Planning process, OP has provided a forum for public input into the planning process.	833

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Cluster Priority: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Objective: Stimulate economic development in the neighborhoods by encouraging the development of private and municipal resources in the community.

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Improve the communication process between DHCD and CDCs as well as other stakeholders so as to provide training, technical support and capital to local small businesses.	Cluster-wide	DHCD	Community Development Corporations (CDCs) and other nonprofits were notified of funding availability for business development services through publication of the FY 2002 Neighborhood Development Assistance Program Request for Applications. Applications for the FY 2003 NDAP will be advertised in June 2002. DHCD will develop a brochure on its business development services as well. (DHCD)	837
		DMPED	DMPED is evaluating small business development programs that provide direct assistance. A recommendation for better coordination and implementation of programs is forthcoming in 3Q FY02.	837
Expedite the development of the Parcels in Columbia Heights. Ensure proper project management.	Columbia Heights, 14th and Irving Street	DHCD	DHCD has an assigned project manager for the project who monitors all activity on an on-going basis. DHCD, working with the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development, has negotiated an Exclusive Rights Agreement with the Parcel 27 and 29 developers, and we are monitoring performance under the terms of those agreements. The next step is to negotiate the Land Disposition Agreement that transfers title to the developers. Under those agreements, the developer must achieve certain milestones against a schedule or, if necessary, the land will revert to District ownership. NCRC will assign a project manager for the redevelopment of the other parcels. (DHCD)	839

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Cluster Priority: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Objective: Stimulate economic development in the neighborhoods by encouraging the development of private and municipal resources in the community.

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Prepare a list of existing small business support programs in the neighborhood. Prepare recommendations to improve their effectiveness.	Cluster-wide	DMPED	Small Business Resource Centers will be established to provide technical assistance and advisory services to small businesses. They will draw on existing support mechanisms, and provide access to capital for economic growth.	840
		OLBD	OLBD will work with lead agencies to make available LSDBE information and benefits. Visit website at olbd.washingtondc.gov .	840

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Cluster Priority: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
Objective: Provide sufficient parking for residents and businesses.

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Conduct a traffic study specifically for Columbia Heights to mitigate the negative impact of all the new development. Include a parking analysis.	Columbia Heights, 14th Street corridor from Euclid to Spring Rd.	DDOT	DDOT will work assiduously with the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Economic Development to explore parking policies and the possibility of establishing municipal parking lots. DDOT will budget funds in FY 03 to undertake parking studies District-wide.	844

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Cluster Priority: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Objective: Ensure that economic development taking place in the community is linked to improving the quality of life for current residents.

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Ensure youth involvement in new retail and service sector opportunities by implementing job placement and training programs in collaboration with the private sector.	Cluster-wide	DOES	The WIA Youth Council/School to Careers Governing Council oversees the operation of youth programs in the District. This body includes representatives from the private sector, labor, school system, public sector and community-based organizations providing an array of youth services. A primary function of the Council is to ensure that the education and workforce development systems are integrated and that skills-training opportunities are responsive to the needs of both public and private sector employers.	845
Perform façade improvements in commercial areas of Georgia Avenue between Columbia Road and New Hampshire Avenue.	Georgia Avenue between Columbia Road and New Hampshire Ave.	DHCD	DHCD is funding façade improvements on the 3400-3600 blocks of Georgia Avenue. (DHCD)	846
Perform inventory of vacant and abandoned buildings. Determine ownership, condition, and potential uses for the buildings.	3500 and 3600 blocks of Georgia Avenue	DHCD	DCRA is conducting a city-wide inventory of abandoned properties. In addition, DMPED, who is implementing the Mayor's new Home Again housing initiative, has access to the inventory of abandoned buildings citywide. DHCD will pursue properties which can be included in the Homestead Program for rehabilitation and resale, as is feasible. In addition, we will advise a local Community Development Corporation of the community's interest in this action. (DHCD)	847

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Cluster Priority: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Objective: Design and implement programs that provide assistance to local businesses. Ensure that these programs are properly administered.

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Provide small business development services (i.e., technical assistance, tax incentives, training on codes and regulations, etc.). Partner as needed with local CDCs.	Cluster-wide	DMPED	DMPED is evaluating small business development programs that provide direct assistance. A recommendation for better coordination and implementation of programs is forthcoming in 3Q FY02.	848
		DHCD	DMPED in conjunction with DHCD and Planning have developed business development programs for FY 2002. Further information will be disseminated in 2nd quarter of FY 2002. DHCD has made funding for business technical assistance available through NDAP; groups may apply for FY 2003 NDAP funding in 3rd quarter FY 2002. Contact Vanessa Akins, Deputy Director, (202) 442-7200. (DHCD)	848
Implement a small business incubator to promote local entrepreneurship in Columbia Heights. Provide space in the new development on Parcel 27 for the incubator.	14th Street from Park Road to Spring Road	DMPED	DMPED is evaluating small business development programs that provide direct assistance. A recommendation for better coordination and implementation of programs is forthcoming in 3Q FY02.	849
		DHCD	DHCD will advise the local CDC of the need to promote local entrepreneurial opportunities and of the community's request in this regard. (The local CDC, the Development Corporation of Columbia Heights, is a partner on the development team.) DHCD has provided support to the Georgia Ave. small business center. (DHCD)	849

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Cluster Priority: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Objective: Design and implement programs that provide assistance to local businesses. Ensure that these programs are properly administered.

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Implement a small business incubator to promote local entrepreneurship in Columbia Heights. Provide space in the new development on Parcel 27 for the incubator.	14th Street from Park Road to Spring Road	OLBD	OLBD will work with lead agencies and Columbia Heights CDC to implemet the referenced program. OLBD will work with the incubator to serve as a distribution point for LSDBE certification application and other related information.	849

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Cluster Priority: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Objective: Revitalize Georgia Ave.

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Abate the open-air drug market through focused MPD enforcement activities.		MPD	4D has assigned Patrol Service Area (PSA) 414 officers to increase visibility in this area. The Fourth District's Focused Mission Team has begun aggressive narcotics enforcement in this area.	29

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Cluster Priority: BEAUTIFICATION, RECREATION, PARKS AND OPEN SPACE, AND CLEANLINESS
Objective: Renovate and improve condition of open spaces and parks that are the responsibility of the District.

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Establish a mechanism for the care and removal of trees and "tree furniture".	Parkwood and Perry; Mount Pleasant	DDOT	DDOT will inspect these locations for appropriate determination of streetscape improvements. DDOT will work with DPR and DPW to address all these issues	850
DPR should hire a landscape architect.	District-wide	DPR	DPR has recently hired the department's first Landscape Architect to contribute to the maintenance & beautification of parks.	851
DPR should hire an arborist.	District-wide	DPR	DPR will consult with the City's arborist as it plans improvements to open space.	852
Tree boxes on Mt. Pleasant Street need to be renewed and repaired.	Mount Pleasant Street	DDOT	DDOT will inspect these locations for appropriate determination of streetscape improvements. DDOT will work with DPR and DPW to address all these issues.	855
Replace drinking fountain in Lamont Park with a sturdier version. The existing fountain is always broken.	Lamont Park	DPR	DPR has repaired this fountain on many occasions. The water will be turned off for the Winter (immediately), and the unit will be replaced in the Spring.	856
Lamont Street Park benches need to be repaired.	Lamont Park	DPR	DPR will repair the Lamont Park benches immediately. All District park benches are scheduled to be repaired and/or replaced in FY03.	857

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Cluster Priority: BEAUTIFICATION, RECREATION, PARKS AND OPEN SPACE, AND CLEANLINESS
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Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Establish a small grant fund or other funding mechanism for locally developed park and recreation-related projects.	Cluster-wide	DPR	DPR recently established a parks foundation to raise funds in support of local parks and recreation initiatives. It is called the Capital City Parks Foundation. The Agency itself does not have authority to issue small grants.	858
Develop a joint Federal/District plan for erosion prevention in Rock Creek Park.	Cluster-wide	DPR	The Army Corps of Engineers, the National Zoo and the NPS are currently working on erosion in this area. As part of a comprehensive soil erosion assessment, Walter Pierce Park, which abuts Rock Creek Park will be fully assessed and remediated. DPR meets monthly with the NPS and will coordinate discussions on this issue with them.	859
Study and improve pedestrian access to Rock Creek Park.	Cluster-wide	DDOT	DDOT will work with DPR and DPW to address all this issue.	860
DPW must improve the condition of the green curb strips (between curb and sidewalk) on side streets leading from Mt. Pleasant St.	Side streets leading from Mt. Pleasant Street	DDOT	Inventory of local street signs in Wards 1 through 4 are currently in progress. Repairs will follow immediately after this process. DDOT will work with DPR and DPW to address all these issues.	861
Implement a regular inspection schedule for parks and open spaces under DPR jurisdiction.	Cluster-wide	DPR	The Department of Parks & Recreation (DPR) has recently hired the department's first Landscape Architect to contribute to the maintenance & beautification of parks. Parks and open spaces are inspected quarterly.	862

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Objective: Renovate and improve condition of open spaces and parks that are the responsibility of the District.

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Survey, replace/repair missing, bent and/or faded street signs	1500 Blk of 2nd St., SW - 1400 Blk of Canal St., SW / 100 Blk of O St., SW - Unit Blk of O St., SW / 1400 Blk of 1/2 St., SW - 1500 Blk of 1/2 St., SW / Unit Blk of Q St., SW - 100 Blk of Q St., SW / 100 Blk. Of Q St., SW - 1500 Blk of 2nd St., SW	DDOT	Inventories of local street signs in Wards 1 through 4 are currently in progress. Repairs will follow.	960

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Cluster Priority: BEAUTIFICATION, RECREATION, PARKS AND OPEN SPACE, AND CLEANLINESS
Objective: Improve public cleanliness.

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Implement regular inspection schedule for Parks & open spaces under DCPR jurisdiction.	Hobart Place, Park Morton #1, Park Morton #2, Park & Hiatt, Parkwood & Perry Street, Girard Street & Playground, 3500 - 3600 block of 13th Street	DPR	The Department of Parks & Recreation (DPR) has recently hired the department's first Landscape Architect to contribute to the maintenance & beautification of parks.	788
Ticket autos on 1400 block of Park Rd. Work together with Merchants Assoc. Consider alternative methods of street sweeping (smaller vehicle) & study placement of trash canisters.	Park & Hiatt	DPW	DPW will review and make any necessary scheduling adjustments to street sweeping service. DPW will place 180 litter cans in selected areas across the city, in areas that meet certain criteria. Given the high demand for litter cans, additional funds have been allocated in FY 2003 to install more than 600 litter cans. DPW will give strong consideration to locations identified through the Neighborhood Planning process.	790
		OCCC	Will provide clean city cleanliness assessment data to DPW/Solid Waste Management Administration (SWMA). OCCC will serve as goal champion for quality of life legislation.	790
		NSI	This is an ongoing effort. The target is to review progress at the end of the next fiscal year to see if the problem has been eliminated.	790
Place DCPR programs & personnel at Girard St. Playground	Girard St. Playground	DPR	Girard St. playground benefits from seasonal recreation activities currently. A new recreation facility is scheduled for construction in FY 2002 to provide for year round activities.	795

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Cluster Priority: BEAUTIFICATION, RECREATION, PARKS AND OPEN SPACE, AND CLEANLINESS
Objective: Improve public cleanliness.

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Increase SWEEP efforts on Parkwood & alley between Parkwood & Perry.	Parkwood & Perry	DPW	Six new Solid Waste Education and Enforcement Program inspectors will be added during the 3rd qtr of FY02, one each in Wards 3 through 8. New inspectors were added to Wards 1 and 2 in FY01. This will allow an increase in service of 33% to 100%.	796
		NSI	Already Done.	796
Provide education campaign to neighbors, write fines, step up street cleaning activities in alley & on street. Provide more bulk trash pickups	Park Morton #2	OCCC	OCCC will support this initiative through the neighborhood engagement component of the Adopt-A-Block program.	799
		DPW	OCCC will support this initiative through the neighborhood engagement component of the Adopt-A-Block program. DPW will begin to develop an awareness and information campaign to increase the number of ways we get our message to the public. DPW will continue to deliver its core business services that include street and alley cleaning and bulk trash pickups.	799
Provide education, training and general outreach to residents and businesses informing the community of activities, responsibilities and specific programs regarding neighborhood cleanliness.	Park Road between 14th and 16th Streets	OCCC	OCCC will support this initiative through the neighborhood engagement component of the Adopt-A-Block program.	864

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Cluster Priority: BEAUTIFICATION, RECREATION, PARKS AND OPEN SPACE, AND CLEANLINESS
Objective: Improve public cleanliness.

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Provide education, training and general outreach to residents and businesses informing the community of activities, responsibilities and specific programs regarding neighborhood cleanliness.	Park Road between 14th and 16th Streets	DPW	DPW will begin to develop an awareness and information campaign to increase the number of ways we get our message to the public. Solid Waste Education and Enforcement Program inspectors will continue to educate the public on an ongoing basis.	864
Place trash cans on Park Road between 14th and 15th Streets.	Park Road between 14th and 15th Streets	DPW	DPW will place 180 litter cans in selected areas across the city, in areas that meet certain criteria. Given the high demand for litter cans, additional funds have been allocated in FY 2003 to install more than 600 litter cans. DPW will give strong consideration to locations identified through the Neighborhood Planning process.	865
Place new street cleaning signs on Park Road between 14th and 15th Streets. The old signs were removed and never replaced.	Park Road between 14th and 15th Streets	DDOT	Inventories of local street signs in Wards 1 through 4 are currently in progress. Repairs will follow immediately after this process. DDOT will work with DPR and DPW to address all this issue.	866
Conduct a trash can survey to determine adequacy for commercial strips in Cluster.	Georgia Avenue between Columbia Road and New Hampshire Ave, Mount Pleasant Street and 14th Street between Euclid and Park Rd.	DPW	DPW will place 180 litter cans in selected areas across the city, in areas that meet certain criteria. Given the high demand for litter cans, additional funds have been allocated in FY 2003 to install more than 600 litter cans. DPW will give strong consideration to locations identified through the Neighborhood Planning process.	868

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Cluster Priority: BEAUTIFICATION, RECREATION, PARKS AND OPEN SPACE, AND CLEANLINESS
Objective: Improve public cleanliness.

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Implement a strong and on-going anti-littering campaign throughout the Ward. (Multi-language, and aimed at youths as well).	Ward-wide	OCCC	Provide info on Mayor's Adopt-A-Block program to the local ANC and civic associations. Assist with implementation.	870
		DPW	DPW will begin to develop an awareness and information campaign to increase the number of ways we get our message to the public.	870
Maintain the grounds of the Department of Parks and Recreation headquarters as a "model of cleanliness." Not presently the case.	DPR HQ on 16th Street	DPR	DPR's headquarters serves as a meeting place for church groups, community groups, schools and residents using the adjacent playground. In warm months it's transformed into a community bazaar, often without care. DPR will monitor use closely and hold users accountable for clean up.	872

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Cluster Priority: RESIDENT INVOLVEMENT, EMPOWERMENT AND DIVERSITY

Objective: Improve civic and inter-community participation in neighborhood decision-making processes regardless of income level, gender, race or ethnicity.

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Provide real-time multi-language translation services at all public events and outreach initiatives. All documents should be made available in multiple languages.	Cluster-wide	EOM	The Office of Latino Affairs and Office of Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs currently provide service directories and real-time multi-language translation at major public events. Agreements with major service agencies will be expanded to better serve non-English speaking communities by 9/30/02.	874
Provide language appropriate neighborhood resource books that list newspapers, listserves, newsletters, CDCs, civic associations, etc. This should be called the "Citizens' Handbook" and would be prepared by the District. Additionally, create a resource book for government agencies and employees that describes non-governmental resources (ie, CBOs, CDCs, etc.)	Ward-wide	EOM	The District will publish a Citizen Services Guide and will make this publication widely available.	875

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Cluster Priority: RESIDENT INVOLVEMENT, EMPOWERMENT AND DIVERSITY

Objective: Establish or reinforce formal mechanisms and venues for public comment and participation in public processes such as planning and services meetings.

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Bolster the Neighborhood Planning Initiative to ensure community influence on planning and the budget. Increase funding and staff.	District-wide	OP	The Office of Planning (OP) has made a budget request for more detailed planning analyses in specific locations of select neighborhoods and communities and continues to support outreach efforts related to updates of SNAPs.	876

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Cluster Priority: RESIDENT INVOLVEMENT, EMPOWERMENT AND DIVERSITY

Objective: Facilitate and strengthen the means of coordination and cooperation between government and the organizations that know the communities directly (civic groups and quasi-public agencies).

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Educate citizens about Neighborhood Services	Hobart Place, Park Morton #1, Park Morton #2, Park & Hiatt, Parkwood & Perry Street, Girard Street & Playground, 3500 - 3600 block of 13th Street	NSI	As an ongoing component of the Neighborhood Services program, the Ward 1 Neighborhood Service Coordinator continually attends community, PSA and neighbors meetings (as well as organizing such meetings as necessary) to explain, clarify and detail the purposes and functions of the Neighborhood Services office and to assist residents in their efforts to improve their neighborhood. When necessary, members of the Core Team participate in this educational process with citizens as well.	787
		EOM	EOM will hold at least one (and more if needed) community meeting to educate citizens about Neighborhood Planning, Services, Action, and other District issues.	787
Establish improved communications between CDCs and DHCD and other community stakeholders to ensure that adequate small business development services are offered throughout the Cluster.	Cluster-wide	DHCD	Community development corporations (CDCs) were notified of funding availability for business development services through publication of the FY 2002 NDAP Request for Applications. Contracts with FY 2002 awardees will be finalized in January 2002. DHCD will notify awardees of the cluster's concern. In addition, DHCD will develop a brochure on its facade improvement program and other programs for dissemination later this year. (DHCD)	877
Use Neighborhood Services as a means of communicating with neighborhood organizations and key District agencies.	Ward-wide	EOM	EOM will enhance the coordination between Neighborhood Services and District agencies to ensure a timely and effective responses to citizens concerns.	878

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Cluster Priority: RESIDENT INVOLVEMENT, EMPOWERMENT AND DIVERSITY

Objective: Strengthen community groups and individual residents through formalized training and funding.

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Establish a "Neighborhood College" that provides training to local leaders and residents involved in the public process.	District-wide	EOM	EOM will conduct training for ANC leaders and make similar training available to other community leaders. EOM will also provide a guide to public processes in the Citizens Services Directory.	881

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Cluster Priority: RESIDENT INVOLVEMENT, EMPOWERMENT AND DIVERSITY
Objective: Improve access to meeting venues and improve communications.

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Clarify and simplify the process for reserving public spaces for meetings in libraries, schools and community centers. Provide spaces free of charge.	District-wide	DPR	We have a good permit process for public spaces. (It has been highly simplified; all you do is call and reserve a space.) If you would like to reserve a space or would like more information, please call 673-7665. Civic Associations and Neighborhood Associations are not charged, but private citizens do have to pay a small fee.	882
		DCPL	The Library already has a clear, simple process for booking meeting rooms. Residents may call any library for available space and complete an application form in person, by mail, or by fax. All Library meeting rooms are free of charge.	882
		DCPS	DCPS may be able to prepare and publish policy statements with regard to building utilization and publish such information in a variety of media as part of its community engagement strategy. The request is a good one and will be brought to the table in developing the strategy. A commitment as to a start date cannot be provided at this time. In the meantime, groups interested in using school space for meetings should contact Veronic Falwell, DCPS Real Estate for information on current policies at 442-5199. It is currently not possible to provide meeting space at the local school free of charge after school hours because of costs involved with regard to additional custodial and security services that are required. As services are increasingly co-located in school buildings after hours, this may be more feasible.	882

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Objective: Improve access to meeting venues and improve communications.

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
District sponsored events should be announced more broadly using bus and Metro posters, local and national newspapers, and local radio and television spots. Additionally, provide public kiosks and bulletin boards in every neighborhood.	District-wide	EOM	EOM will expand its support of community communications through the use of Cable TV, radio, print media, and the www.dc.gov website. Residents will also have expanded access to internet communications through expanded computer stations at recreation centers, libraries, and public kiosks.	883
		OCCC	OCCC will work with KWB, Inc. and DPW in getting word out more broadly on community events.	883
The District needs to become more sophisticated in using information technology to communicate with its residents. Better use of the internet, email and listserves.	District-wide	EOM	The District will expand it's website to provide 20 new on-line transaction functions, and will support ANCs in establishing listserves for every neighborhood cluster, and will begin a public information kiosk program.	884

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Cluster Priority: RESIDENT INVOLVEMENT, EMPOWERMENT AND DIVERSITY
Objective: Improve access to meeting venues and improve communications.

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
The District needs to become more sophisticated in using information technology to communicate with its residents. Better use of the internet, email and listserves.	District-wide	OCTO	Widespread Internet access is essential to deliver the benefits of e-government to every neighborhood in the District. To create that access, the District must close the gap between those who have Internet access savvy and those who do not. In the public service Internet workstation project, we're installing public Internet kiosks – complete, secure computer workstations – in easily accessible but secure public buildings, such as D.C. libraries. We're adding interactive voice response units to expand and streamline access to city services and information by prompting callers through automated service menus. For example, we've implemented an interactive voice unit at the District's public service and information referral center so that residents can obtain service information and referrals in a phone call, rather than having to visit the center in person. We've implemented a 16-point program to make all of our web pages accessible to persons with disabilities. There are a number of residential and business services currently provided over the internet, with many more to come.(OCTO)	884
Increase the level of voter participation through improved outreach strategies.	District-wide	EOM	Through increased citizen engagement associated with the Neighborhood Planning process, Citizen Summits, and publication of the Citizen Services Directory, EOM will continue to enhance the civic participation of citizens.	885

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Cluster Priority: CLEAN AND SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS
Objective: Make neighborhoods cleaner

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Prepare vacant lot for use as a community garden: have DPW clean lot, remove bulk trash, tow abandoned vehicles, provide mulch.	Hobart Place	DPW	DPW will clean illegal dumping sites and tow abandoned vehicles. DPW will provide mulch upon request. Please call Thomas Day at 645-7190 or go to the website site at www.cleancity.dc.gov .	770
Sweep alleys on a regular basis.	North side of 500 Block of Park Rd. and 3300 and 3400 Blocks of Warder	OCCC	OCCC will provide clean city cleanliness assessment data to DPW/Solid Waste Management Administration (SWMA).	783
		DPW	DPW will continue to deliver its core business services that include alley sweeping.	783
Improve streetscape by replanting trees and repairing damaged tree boxes.	Georgia Avenue - 3300, 3400, 3500 blocks	DDOT	DDOT will inspect these locations for appropriate determination of streetscape improvements. Design completion in FY02.	784

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**Proposed FY 2003 Commitments to Priorities
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Cluster Priority: CLEAN AND SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS
Objective: Make neighborhoods safer

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Hire more housing inspectors and establish more severe penalties for flagrant, nuisance infractions.	Hobart Place, Park Morton #1, Park Morton #2, Park & Hiatt, Parkwood & Perry Street, Girard Street & Playground, 3500 - 3600 block of 13th Street	DCRA	DCRA has hired 39 Neighborhood Stabilization Officers (NSO). There will be one NSO for each Cluster in the city who will be responsible for inspection activities at the neighborhood level. The NSO assigned to Cluster 2 is Rene Marquez. Please call 442-4373.	16
Maintain and Increase community policing: improve communication via PSA meetings with residents; increase personal contact between officers and the community.	Hobart Place, Park Morton #1, Park Morton #2, Park & Hiatt, Parkwood & Perry Street, Girard Street & Playground, 3500 - 3600 block of 13th Street	MPD	PSA Lieutenants are assigned to Patrol Service Areas (PSAs) 411, 412, 413 and 414. These meetings are advertised by flyers and email. They also attend monthly ANCs and Citizen's Association meetings where they address community concerns.	774

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**Proposed FY 2003 Commitments to Priorities
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Cluster Priority: CLEAN AND SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS
Objective: Make neighborhoods safer

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Increase the number of officers in each PSA available for foot patrol of the area, bicycle police and motor surveillance.	Hobart Place, Park Morton #1, Park Morton #2, Park & Hiatt, Parkwood & Perry Street, Girard Street & Playground, 3500 - 3600 block of 13th Street	MPD	Recruit officers are assigned to all Patrol Service Areas (PSAs) after completing their training. Currently, PSAs 411, 412, 413 and 414 have foot and bicycle patrols in these areas. The MPD has conducted a workload analysis to determine the proper deployment of police resources citywide in order to achieve faster response time to calls for service and a better distribution of time available for problem-solving. Manpower deployment decisions will be made in FY 2002; however, some increases will not occur until addition sworn members are hired. To boost staffing levels, the Chief has also committed to double the number of Volunteer Reserve personnel, who are uniformed, equipped with the ASP and OC spray, and authorized to make arrests, write tickets, and direct traffic.	775
Seal up abandoned buildings following fires (Fire Marshall).	446 Lamont Street	DCRA	DCRA will conduct a site visit of this property and will take appropriate action (including barricading the structure).	778
		FEMS	FEMS can act as a supporting unit to DCRA in this initiative. DCRA has the funding and FEMS does not.	778
Reduce drug traffic at & around Park View Recreation Center through improved supervision & enforcement.	Warder and Otis Streets	MPD	PSA Officers assigned to 414 have increased visibility in this area. The 4th District's Focused Mission Unit has begun aggressive narcotics enforcement in this area.	781

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Cluster Priority: CLEAN AND SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS
Objective: Make neighborhoods safer

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Reduce drug traffic at & around Park View Recreation Center through improved supervision & enforcement.	Warder and Otis Streets	DPR	DPR and the Park Rangers will work with MPD and DCPS on anti-gang violence. The ward manager and MPD Commander meet once a month. The Secret Service has also adopted a school in this area and will be working with local youth which will also contribute to the overall effort.	781
Increase parking enforcement to reduce truck traffic & illegal overnight parking.	3300 and 3400 Blocks of Warder Street	MPD	PSA 414 officers assigned to the midnight tour or duty have begun enforcing the traffic and illegal parking problems.	782
		DPW	DPW will hire 138 parking officers in FY02 which will result in increased enforcement in locations, including residential and enforcement of out-of-state vehicles.	782
Coordinate anti-gang efforts between MPD, DCPS, DCPR (Roving Leaders) & Community Non-Profits to reduce/eliminate youth gang violence.	Park & Hiatt	DCPS	DCPS is a support agency in gang violence reduction efforts. DCPS currently works with MPD on such efforts. In this instance, MPD should work directly with the principal at the affected local school to arrange a convening of this nature and to plan strategy.	792
		DPR	DPR and the Park Rangers will work with MPD and DCPS on anti-gang violence. The ward manager and MPD Commander meet once a month. The Secret Service has also adopted a school in this area and will be working with local youth- which will also contribute to the overall effort.	792
		MPD	PSA officers have been coordinating with these agencies on an ongoing basis. In addition, SOD will provide the district and PSA intelligence on the gangs operating in this area.	792

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Cluster Priority: CLEAN AND SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS
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Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Coordinate anti-gang efforts between MPD, DCPS, DCPR (Roving Leaders) & Community Non-Profits to reduce/eliminate youth gang violence.	Park & Hiatt	NSI	MPD, Neighborhood Services & DPR, Roving Leaders are orchestrating a coordinated campaign in Bell, Cardozo, Chavez (Charter) and Roosevelt High Schools as well as Lincoln Middle School to combat the influence of drugs and gangs and the friction between groups of students from different ethnic and racial. An ongoing manifestation of this is the Latino Task Force on Juvenile Justice which meets on Monday nights at Bell H.S. All three agencies attend those meetings on a permanent ongoing basis.	792
Provide greater ABC enforcement of bars, liquor stores and nightclubs to decrease violent incidents and license violations.	Parkwood, Perry & 14th St.	FEMS	Ad hoc committees are formed as needed. The agency contact is Acting Sgt. K. Pinkney, 727-1614.	793
Increase employment opportunities, revitalize commercial corridor and step-up police patrolling.	Park Morton #2	MPD	PSA Officers assigned to 414 have increased visibility in this area. The 4th District's Focused Mission Unit has begun aggressive narcotics enforcement in this area.	798
		DHCD	DHCD will accept commercial corridor revitalization applications (e.g., façade improvements) in June 2002 for FY 2003. Community organizations also should contact the FY 2002 Neighborhood Development Assistance Program grantee for Columbia Heights, who will be announced in January 2002. Contact Vanessa Akins, Deputy Director, (202) 442-7200 for information. (DHCD)	798
		NSI	Neighborhood Services will begin activities during the 1st Qtr. 2002	798

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Cluster Priority: CLEAN AND SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS
Objective: Make neighborhoods safer

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Focused Police work to abate prostitution on 13th St. & Monroe. Community mobilization	35 & 3600 block of 13th St.	MPD	PSA officers assigned to 413 have begun spot checks and enforcement of all quality of life crimes as well as stepped-up traffic enforcement on pedestrians and vehicles. The Focused Mission Unit will continue to conduct undercover operations.	800
		NSI	Will began 1st Qtr. 2002	800

Agency Abbreviations Guide

Abbreviation	Agency
ABRA	Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration
CAH	Commission on Arts and Humanities
CBO	Community Based Organizations
CFSA	Child and Family Services Administration
DBFI	Department of Banking & Financial Institutions
DCHA	D.C. Housing Administration
DCHFA	D.C. Housing Finance Authority
DCOA	D.C. Office of Aging
DCOP	D.C. Office of Personnel
DCPL	D.C. Public Libraries
DCPS	D.C. Public Schools
DCRA	Dept. of Consumer & Regulatory Affairs
DDOT	District Division of Transportation
DHCD	Dept. of Housing and Community Development
DHS	Dept. of Human Services
DISR	Department of Insurance and Securities Regulation
DMCYF	Deputy Mayor, Children Youth & Families
DMH	Dept. of Mental Health
DMPED	Deputy Mayor, Planning & Economic Development
DMPSJ	Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice
DMV	Dept. of Motor Vehicles
DOC	Dept. of Corrections
DOES	Dept. of Employment Services

Abbreviation	Agency
DOH	Dept. of Health
DPR	Dept. of Parks and Recreation
DPW	Dept. of Public Works
EMA	Emergency Management Agency
EOM	Executive Office of the Mayor
FEMS	Fire and Emergency Medical Services
IGO	Inspector General's Office
MPD	Metropolitan Police Dept.
NCRC	National Capital Revitalization Corporation
NSI	Neighborhood Services Initiative
NTHP	National Trust for Historic Preservation
OCA	Office of the City Administrator
OCC	Office of Corporation Counsel
OSCC	Office of the Clean City Coordinator
OCFO	Chief Financial Officer
OCP	Office of Contracting and Procurement
OCTO	Office of the Chief Technology Officer
OLBD	Office of Local Business Development
OP	Office of Planning
OPM	Office of Property Management
OTR	Office of Tax and Revenue
OZ	Office of Zoning
TCC	Taxi Cab Commission
UDC	University of the District of Columbia
WASA	DC Water and Sewer Authority
WCCA	Washington Convention Center Authority
WMATA	Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority



Cluster 2 Ward 1

Columbia Heights, Mt. Pleasant, Pleasant Plains, Park View

March 18, 2002

Citizen Budget Worksheet

For the last two years, the Williams' administration has been working with residents to identify the top issues or projects that are most important in their neighborhoods and across the city. This worksheet is a snapshot of key commitments to neighborhoods that are funded in Mayor Williams' proposed FY 2003 budget. Mayor Williams will deliver this budget to the Council of the District of Columbia on March 18th. Citizens may use this worksheet to track how District agencies' commitments to neighborhood priorities are faring in the budget process. In order to execute these commitments, agency budgets must be fully funded. Agency budget hearings begin on March 20th and testimony from the public is part of the hearings. To learn when specific agencies are before the Council, please visit the Council website at www.dccouncil.washington.dc.us. Finalizing the FY 2003 budget is a several month process. We encourage you to review the outcome of these commitments at www.dc.gov in Summer 2002.

If you are interested in reviewing the complete list of commitments for this cluster, which include responses to recommendations made by citizens through the Strategic Neighborhood Action Planning process, please call 202-727-0882 to have a copy mailed to you.

Highlights of Key Commitments In Mayor's Budget

	<u>Mayoral Budget</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>
Address the Housing Needs of Residents of all Income Levels		
▪ The Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA) will work with the Building Code Advisory Committee to evaluate and adopt more flexible "Smart Codes" to enhance the ability to rehabilitate existing buildings and in-fill sites.	✓	
▪ The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) will make funds available to qualified non-profit and for-profit developers to help finance affordable housing projects.	✓	
▪ The City allocated \$900,000 to the District's Emergency Management Agency (EMA) to provide a "safety net" for assisting tenants in emergency code enforcement situations.	✓	
▪ The Housing Act of 2002 will dedicate funds to the Housing Production Trust Fund to be used to preserve affordable housing.	✓	
▪ The Mayor's new initiative, entitled <i>Home Again: Renovating Our City's Abandoned Properties</i> , will promote the development of the District's vacant and abandoned properties by gaining site control of the properties and selling them to developers who will renovate them into new homes. The initiative will begin gaining site control in five neighborhoods, including Columbia Heights, and then will expand throughout the city. The initiative's goal is to provide at least 30 percent of the homes to low-income families.	✓	
Encourage Neighborhood-Oriented Economic Development Especially Along Commercial Corridors		
▪ DCRA will conduct a series of workshops to educate residents and business owners regarding codes, rules, and regulations that are in place to maintain and preserve District neighborhoods.	✓	



Highlights of Key Commitments, cont. for Cluster 2

Encourage Neighborhood-Oriented Economic Development Especially Along Commercial Corridors (Cont'd)

- The Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development (DMPED) has budgeted \$7 million in local funds for the *Restore DC* neighborhood commercial revitalization program. A multi-year package of grants and technical assistance will be awarded on a competitive basis to approximately 5 neighborhood business districts per year. Other business districts can apply on a competitive basis for matching grants for short term, specific projects such as a market study. Funding will also be provided to support neighborhood resource centers.
- The Office of Local Business Development (OLBD) will partner with local organizations to implement a small business incubator to promote local entrepreneurship in Columbia Heights. OLBD will work with the incubator to serve as a distribution point for Local, Small Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (LSDBE) application, certification and other related information.

Mayoral Budget

Final Budget



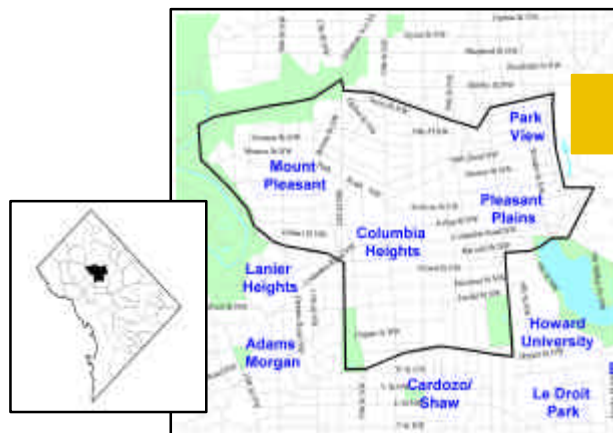
Improve Recreation, Maintain Open Space and Improve Local Parks/Beautify and Keep Neighborhoods Clean

- The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) will inspect and establish a mechanism for streetscape improvements in Mount Pleasant, Columbia Heights and other neighborhoods.
- The Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) is committing \$400,000 to prepare an inventory and conduct a condition assessment of all its properties.
- DPR will repair park benches in Lamont Park. All District park benches are scheduled for repair or replacement in FY 2003.
- The Department of Public Works (DPW) will place 180 litter cans in selected areas across the city, in areas that meet certain criteria. Given the high demand for litter cans, additional funds have been allocated in FY 2003 to install more than 600 litter cans. DPW will give strong consideration to locations identified through the Neighborhood Planning process.



Improve How District Government Communicates with Residents and Facilitates Community Participation

- The District will expand website services, provide more support for community communications through cable TV, radio and print, and will begin a public information kiosk program.
- The District will produce a "Citizens Handbook" which will be a neighborhood resource book, listing CDCs, civic associations, government services and other important information relevant to community residents.
- The District will offer training to ANC commissioners and other community leaders to provide better understanding of the public process.



Cluster 2