

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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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

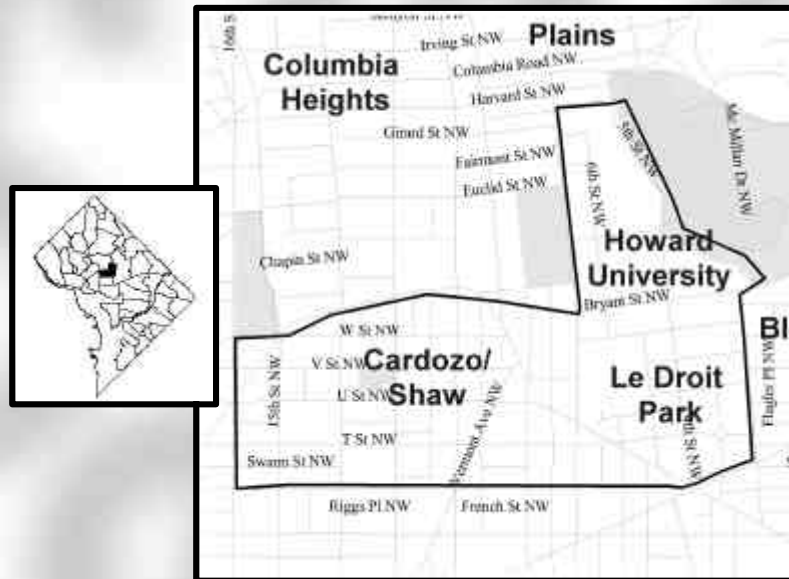
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Citizen's Guide To Mayor Anthony A. Williams' Proposed FY 2003 Budget

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District Agency Commitments to Neighborhood Priorities
Identified Through Neighborhood Initiatives

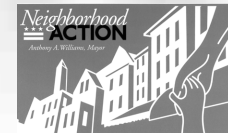


Cluster 3

Cardozo/Shaw, Le Droit Park, Howard University



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 3. 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 2 PPAs. The location of these PPAs and the goal of each are as follows:

Location:

1400 Block of W. St., N.W.

8th and T Street, 91/2 St.

Goals at Each Location:

Provide support for residents to buy their buildings, repair infrastructure and work with police to improve relations with the community.

Solve historic easement and alley (9 1/2 St.) issues, reduce drug traffic, monitor liquor establishments and improve distressed housing (especially around on Wiltberger St.).

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 phases: 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 community's vision also includes a strong desire to acknowledge and celebrate the neighborhood's past, both from a social and architectural perspective. One resident of Cluster 3 was quoted as saying, "I envision my community as one that is diverse and rich from a cultural viewpoint. It would be

one where the heritage of the neighborhood is preserved and that enables tenant ownership of existing low-income buildings. It would include residents and businesses working to maintain a clean and cooperative environment.”

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 14 essential ingredients as vital for a livable community:

1. Affordable Housing
2. Economic and Business Development
3. Education
4. Community Building and Participation
5. Parking and Transportation
6. Cleanliness
7. Public Safety
8. Historic Preservation
9. Youth
10. Public Accountability
11. Park, Recreation and Open Space
12. Libraries
13. Public Order
14. Arts and Culture

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 the following four ingredients:

1. Affordable Housing
2. Economic and Business Development
3. Education
4. Community Building and Participation

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 3 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 and Business Development: Attracting economic development to the Cluster is a major component to improving the quality of life for residents in Cluster 3. U Street and Georgia Avenue are both traditional major commercial corridors in the Cluster, and it was noted that they should be the focus of revitalization efforts. At the same time, local businesses should be provided with technical and financial assistance to improve their competitiveness. Residents also stressed the importance of linking new jobs resulting from development to local youth and adults.

Education: Providing improved educational opportunities for adults and youth was the third priority for this Cluster. Establishing more adult education and life skills programs emerged as a key strategy. Residents also felt that upgrading technology in schools was an important element to enhancing the educational experience for children.

Community Building and Participation: 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 DMPED, 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 specific economic conditions in the District.	978
		DHCD	DHCD has worked with DMPED and Council to develop standards for affordable housing in the Housing Act of 2002. The legislation provides set asides for lower-income households in the HPTF. (DHCD)	978
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.	979

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Devote funding to initiatives that develop housing units with rents directly affordable to families with incomes below 30% of the area medium income.	14th and W Street	DMPED	Over the past two years, District agencies financed almost 50 units of housing for families who earn less than 30% of AMI in Ward 1 and 860 units citywide. In total, District agencies financed more than 200 units in Ward 1 over the past two years and have another 1,200 units pending. In addition, the Housing Act of 2002 targets 40% of the Housing Production Trust Fund to families who earn less than 30% of AMI.	980
		DHCD	DHCD currently devotes funding to such projects: 30% of the FY 2001 CDBG funds benefitted households at this income level. In addition, the Housing Act of 2002 will set aside at least 30% of HPTF for projects that benefit households at 30% of AMI. (DHCD)	980

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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 and W Street	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.	981
		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)	981
Create monetary incentives for landlords of existing Section 8 properties to bolster use of vouchers.	Ward-wide	DHCD	The Housing Act of 2002 contains a provision for the timely notice of expiring Section 8 contracts and other federal subsidies. It provides tax incentives for preservation of these units. In addition, eligible tenants in buildings with expiring federal subsidies may receive vouchers from DCHA to enable them to remain in place. (DHCD)	982
Require Section 8 expiration notice.	District-wide	DMPED	The Housing Act of 2002 requires owners of expiring federal contracts to notify residents and the District of their intent to continue providing affordable housing.	983
		DHCD	The Housing Act of 2002 contains a provision for the timely notice of expiring Section 8 contracts and other federal subsidies. The Council has provided additional incentives for Section 8 preservation within the Housing Act of 2002. (DHCD)	983

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Objective: Establish and implement a comprehensive strategy for preserving the city's low and moderate-income housing and protecting low-income tenants and home owners.

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Implement strict, timely code enforcement and meaningful penalties.	District-wide	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.	984
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 3 is Kenneth Butler. Please call 442-4650.	985
Improve process for the District to take over and repair properties of negligent landlords who are not maintaining properties or paying taxes.	District-wide	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 the owners. Properties will be converted into new housing. (DHCD)	987
		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. In this legislation, DCRA will be responsible for undertaking this task.	987

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		OCFO	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 is given to the owners. Properties will be converted into new housing.	987
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.	988
Conduct an immediate study to determine the level of displacement in the District.	Ward-wide	DMPED	The Fannie Mae Foundation has contracted with the Urban Institute to analyze the District's housing market, including, to the extent possible, the level of displacement. Based on this analysis, the Administration will work with residents to develop a comprehensive housing strategy.	993

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Conduct an immediate study to determine the level of displacement in the District.	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. 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, (202) 442-7200. (DHCD)	993
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)	995

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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
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.	996
Establish split-rate taxation that shifts the majority of the taxes to the land and not the building.	District-wide	OTR	The Tax Revision Commission analyzed and evaluated split-rate taxation, and it was determined that it should not be implemented. Analysis and the experience of other jurisdictions with split-rate taxation indicates that there is no resulting impact on land development decisions.	998
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)	999
		OP	There are already policies in place including the Housing Act of 2002 that address including affordable housing on District-owned parcels.	999
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.	1000

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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	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.	1001
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 programs. 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. (DHCD)	1002

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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	DCHFA	The HFA has established this objective in its FY2001-2005 Business Plans. We currently have some tools in place. These are: (i) McKinney Act Savings Funds bridge loan financing which is a low rate two year loan for predevelopment, acquisition and rehab loan provided the funds are used to benefit very low income persons only; and (ii) technical development assistance services. In addition, the HFA has: (i) lowered its financing fees to help make non-profit projects more financially viable, and (ii) created a special exemption from its Bond Allocation application process which allows them to apply for and obtain financing at any time rather than only when application rounds are announced in April and October. We also are a member of the Coalition for Nonprofit Housing and Economic Development and participate in seminars and meetings to stay informed about their needs. In addition to continuing these activities, we plan to actively seek joint venture opportunities with non-profits, and community development corporations (CDCs) to support their development projects. A portion of any Housing Production Trust Funds monies allocated to the HFA will be set aside specifically for providing additional pre-development, bridge and capital funds for these groups. (HFA)	1002

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

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Add a residency requirement to the Targeted Historic Preservation Tax Credit Program.	LeDroit Park	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 to newcomers as well as current residents.	1003
Add a length of stay requirement to the Targeted Historic Preservation Tax Credit Program.	LeDroit Park	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.	1004
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.	LeDroit Park	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.	1005

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Cluster Priority: AFFORDABLE HOUSING
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.	1007
Make handicap accessibility one of the requirements that qualifies any housing development project for public funds.	District-wide	DHCD	All publicly-funded facilities must have handicap accessible common areas and, for multifamily housing, a percentage of units. Homeowners may apply for grants to make their homes handicap accessible as well. (Homeowners in this cluster should contact Housing Counseling Services, (202) 667-7006). (DHCD)	1008
		DCRA	DCRA does not award funds for housing development projects. The Department, however, does ensure that building plans for new projects adhere to these requirements. DCRA will support DHCD as the lead agency on this.	1008
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. 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.	1009

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Objective: Promote mixed-use development, especially in commercial corridors and around 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.	U Street corridor and 14th from S to Florida	NCRC	NCRC is committed to the standard procedure of including the public in development process.	1011
		OP	OP will work hard to provide such transparency during the development of RFPs.	1011
		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 closed on January 18, 2002. The new policy will be implemented after WMATA Board approval.	1011
		DDOT	DDOT will support the appropriate development initiative.	1011
Promote in-fill and scattered site development around existing neighborhood hubs and corridors.	Residential streets adjacent to U Street (i.e. "W" 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. The program will begin in 5 neighborhoods in 2002 and will expand to other District neighborhoods in the near future.	1013

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Cluster Priority: AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Objective: Promote mixed-use development, especially in commercial corridors and around 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.	Residential streets adjacent to U Street (i.e. "W" Street)	DHCD	DHCD will support efforts in this area. Some of these parcels have been transferred to the NCRC. Other vacant properties have been transferred to a group of nonprofit developers, the Homeownership Group, for redevelopment. (DHCD)	1013

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Cluster Priority: ECONOMIC AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Objective: Improved coordination of planning and development activities between government agencies and community groups.

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Establish planning guidelines for appropriate mix of services and retail in each neighborhood.	U Street and 14th Street Corridors	OP	The U Street and 14th Street corridors may be a viable candidate for the DC Main Streets Initiative which will select between four and six neighborhood commercial/retail districts within its first year and a comparable number per year as the initiative progresses and expands. The Main Streets office will competitively award a full range of technical assistance to assist selected DC neighborhood districts in competing to increase revenues and to grow. A strong Main Streets candidate must primarily demonstrate a history of cooperation and continued organization amongst business owners, neighborhood residents, Community Development Corporations and other civic/religious associations; a thorough understanding of the demographics, strengths and constraints of the commercial district and surrounding communities; a history of having successfully implemented district/neighborhood enhancement projects within recent years; a preliminary vision for how area stakeholders envision the district being revitalized; an ability to match funds from the District and become successful and self-sufficient within a five year period; and an understanding of the Main Streets Four Point Approach. All interested neighborhoods should contact John McGaw of DMPED (202-727-6705) to determine their eligibility.	1014

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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 in the RFP process.	Cluster-wide	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 closed on January 18th, 2002. The new policy will be implemented after WMATA Board approval.	1015

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Cluster Priority: ECONOMIC AND BUSINESS 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)	1018
Facilitate the establishment of a Business Improvement District (BID) for the U Street corridor.	U Street from 15th Street to Florida Avenue	DMPED	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 business resource centers. BIDs are a possible outgrowth of these efforts. OP will work with the Ward 3 building and land regulation task force to review areas nominated for tree and slope overlays and will work to recommend at least one overlay in FY 2003.	1019

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Expedite the redevelopment of the Dunbar and Howard Theaters.	7th and T Street	DMPED	Acquisition and Development Grants are available to assist redevelopment of community facilities, including cultural facilities.	1020

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Cluster Priority: ECONOMIC AND BUSINESS 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
Investigate the feasibility of a Main Street program for the corridor from 7th and S Streets to 14th and U Streets.	7th and S Street, 14th and U Street	DMPED	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 business resource centers.	1021

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Investigate the feasibility of a Main Street program for the corridor from 7th and S Streets to 14th and U Streets.	7th and S Street, 14th and U Street	OP	The U Street corridor may be a viable candidate for the DC Main Streets Initiative which will select between four and six neighborhood commercial/retail districts within its first year and a comparable number per year as the initiative progresses and expands. The Main Streets office will competitively award a full range of technical assistance to assist selected DC neighborhood districts in competing to increase revenues and to grow. A strong Main Streets candidate must primarily demonstrate a history of cooperation and continued organization amongst business owners, neighborhood residents, community development corporations and other civic/religious associations; a thorough understanding of the demographics, strengths and constraints of the commercial district and surrounding communities; a history of having successfully implemented district/neighborhood enhancement projects within recent years; a preliminary vision for how area stakeholders envision the district being revitalized; an ability to match funds from the District and become successful and self-sufficient within a five year period; and an understanding of the Main Streets Four Point Approach. All interested neighborhoods should contact John McGaw of DMPED (202-727-6705) to determine their eligibility.	1021

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

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Expand public transportation services. Provide more bus service along U Street Corridor.	U Street Corridor	WMATA	WMATA has undertaken a Regional Bus Study which will help determine, based on existing and projected demand, how much bus service and where bus service should be operated in the District of Columbia. WMATA will work with the District to improve bus service in the District. Service enhancements have been identified in the Regional Bus Study. The WMATA Board will approve recommendations as part of the FY 2004 budget process. The District of Columbia must agree to subsidize the additional bus service.	1023

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Cluster Priority: ECONOMIC AND BUSINESS 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
Develop the area as an Arts and Entertainment destination to encourage tourism. Ensure that tourism jobs are linked to local residents.	Area surrounding the Dunbar and Howard Theatres	DMPED	DMPED will coordinate agency responses to recommendations contained in a small area plan.	1025
		OP	The Office of Planning will issue a Request for Proposals in 2002 to secure technical consulting services in preparing a Strategic Development Plan. The scope of work will address concerns in the Howard U/LeDroit Park area. The outcome of the scope will be a comprehensive market assessment leading to strategies with specific action items in the following areas: cultural district feasibility and composition; affordable housing preservation and development; retail & commercial enhancement and repositioning; retail district marketing; prevention of displacement in historic districts; land acquisition and development; transportation improvement & traffic mitigation; connectivity to regional market centers; strategic municipal and private parking; streetscape enhancements; and regulatory changes & design standards. The Office of Planning continues to work with Howard University, Fannie Mae and DMPED to formalize a partnership to develop mixed-use along Georgia Avenue and adjacent to the HU campus.	1025
		DOES	DOES works in partnership with the Hotel and Restaurant Associations to ensure that information on job vacancies is made available to residents through the network of One-Stop Career Centers.	1025

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Cluster Priority: ECONOMIC AND BUSINESS 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 funds to local CDCs to implement locally defined projects and initiatives.	U Street and 14th Street Corridors	DHCD	DHCD provides funds to Community Development Corporations (CDCs) through its competition for NDAP funds. The FY 2003 NDAP application will be available in June 2002. FY 2002 fund awards will be announced during January 2002. CDCs are required to establish work plans that meet both community needs and city-defined goals. (DHCD)	1027
Establish lease controls and/or other small business protection programs to preserve affordable commercial and retail space.	U Street and 14th Street Corridors	DMPED	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 business resource centers.	1028
		DBFI	DBFI will develop training in conjunction with Washington Community Investment Fund (WACIF), on SBAs 504 program which allows small business owners to purchase the property they rent to house their businesses.	1028

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Cluster Priority: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
Objective: Revitalize Georgia Avenue near Howard University.

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Establish a partnership with Howard University and key businesses, CBOs, CDCs to determine and implement a strategy for revitalizing the area.	HOWARD U./ LE DROIT PARK TARGET AREA	DMPED	The District is currently working with Howard University, Fannie Mae and others in developing and implementing redevelopment plans to bring more housing and retail to the area.	44
		OP	The Office of Planning (OP) has begun a partnership-building process with Howard University and NCRC to determine the scope of activities to revitalize the Georgia Avenue corridor near the Campus. OP will broaden its outreach to community members as the process matures.	44

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Cluster Priority: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
Objective: Revitalize Howard University/Shaw Metro Station Area.

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Implement a focused law enforcement effort to abate open-air drug market on 8th and 9th and T Streets.	HOWARD U./ LE DROIT PARK TARGET AREA	MPD	Targeting will be conducted by the Narcotics Strike Force and District Focused Mission Team Units to address and reduce open air markets. 4D will increase visibility of MPD with bike units and foot patrol officers to abate open air drug markets.	45

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Cluster Priority: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
Objective: Revitalize U Street Corridor.

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Provide technical assistance in the form of data to U Street in the corridors effort to prepare a Main Street application. (2002)	U Street	OP	This neighborhood district would benefit more directly from participation in the DC Main Streets Initiative than from a small area plan. The DC Main Streets Initiative, which is part of the Restore DC neighborhood commercial revitalization program, provides a comprehensive package of technical and financial assistance to older, traditional business zones where the goal is to establish on-going revitalization. The DC Main Streets Initiative will select up to five neighborhood commercial/retail districts within its first year and a comparable number per year as the initiative progresses and expands. The Main Streets office will competitively award a full range of technical assistance to assist selected DC neighborhood districts to increase revenues and to grow. A strong Main Streets candidate must primarily demonstrate a history of cooperation and continued organization amongst business owners, neighborhood residents, community development corporations and other civic/religious associations; a thorough understanding of the demographics, strengths and constraints of the commercial district and surrounding communities; a history of having successfully implemented district/neighborhood enhancement projects within recent years; a preliminary vision for how area stakeholders envision the district being revitalized; an ability to match funds from the District and become successful and self-sufficient within a five year period; and an understanding of the Main Streets Four Point Approach. All interested neighborhoods should contact John McGaw at DMPED (202-727-6705) to determine their eligibility.	46

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Cluster Priority: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
Objective: Revitalize U Street Corridor.

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Provide technical planning support to U Street initiatives if needed. (2003)	U Street	OP	This neighborhood district would benefit more directly from participation in The DC Main Streets Initiative than from a small area plan. The Main Streets Initiative, which is part of the Restore DC neighborhood commercial revitalization program, provides a comprehensive package of technical and financial assistance to older, traditional business zones where the goal is to establish on-going revitalization. The DC Main Streets Initiative will select five neighborhood commercial/retail districts within its first year and a comparable number per year as the initiative progresses and expands. The Main Streets office will competitively award a full range of technical assistance to assist selected DC neighborhood districts in competing to increase revenues and to grow. A strong Main Streets candidate must primarily demonstrate a history of cooperation and continued organization amongst business owners, neighborhood residents, community development corporations and other civic/religious associations; a thorough understanding of the demographics, strengths and constraints of the commercial district and surrounding communities; a history of having successfully implemented district/neighborhood enhancement projects within recent years; a preliminary vision for how area stakeholders envision the district being revitalized; an ability to match funds from the District and become successful and self-sufficient within a five year period; and an understanding of the Main Streets Four Point Approach. All interested neighborhoods should contact John McGaw of DMPED (202-727-6705) to determine their eligibility.	47

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Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Provide technical planning support to U Street initiatives if needed. (2003)	U Street	DMPED	The DC Main Streets program initiative, which is part of the Restore DC neighborhood commercial revitalization program, will select up to five neighborhood commercial/retail districts within its first year and a comparable number per year as the initiative progresses and expands. The Main Streets office will competitively award a full range of technical assistance to assist selected DC neighborhood districts in competing to increase revenues and to grow. A strong Main Streets candidate community-based organization (CBO) must primarily demonstrate a history of cooperation and continued organization amongst business owners, neighborhood residents, community development corporations and other civic/religious associations; a thorough understanding of the demographics, strengths and constraints of the commercial district and surrounding communities; a history of having successfully implemented district/neighborhood enhancement projects within recent years; a preliminary vision for how area stakeholders envision the district being revitalized; an ability to match funds from the District and become successful and self-sufficient within a five year period; and an understanding of the Main Streets Four Point Approach. For neighborhood business district community-based organizations not designated as local Main Street programs, Technical Assistance matching grants are available through the ReStore DC neighborhood commercial revitalization program to assist qualified community-based organizations with commercial revitalization initiatives. All interested community-based organizations should contact John McGaw of DMPED (202-727-6705) to determine the status of this new initiative.	47

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Cluster Priority: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Objective: Revitalize U Street Corridor.

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Provide technical planning support to U Street initiatives if needed. (2003)	U Street	DPW	DPW will review the plan to identify appropriate activities.	47

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Cluster Priority: EDUCATION
Objective: Improve the formal education environment for District children and youth.

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Improve maintenance of the Cluster schools.	Cleveland ES, Garnett-Patterson MS, Bruce-Monroe ES	DCPS	The Cleveland School is currently being modernized and will be well-maintained accordingly. Maintenance at Garnet-Patterson and Bruce-Monroe will continue to be improved. DCPS is improving the maintenance program for all schools.	1030
Upgrade technology in schools (address the digital divide).	Cleveland ES, Garnett-Patterson MS, Bruce-Monroe ES	DCPS	All schools with grades 2,3,4 and 5 (including Bruce-Monroe, Gage-Eckington etc.) and Middle School Social Studies, Science, Mathematics, and Reading have received 3 computers, printers, and grade-aligned software under the Technology, Literacy Challenge Fund Grant. Teachers also have received 6 days of training since 1998. School Libraries received the Follett Library Management System. Programs are being upgraded and additional training is being provided. Garnett-Patterson received 60 systems in FY2001, as well as professional development training and certification for staff and students in the Microsoft Office suite of programs. Gage-Eckington and Cleveland received 24 systems in FY 2001; Bruce-Monroe will receive systems in 2003 based on funding availability.	1034

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Cluster Priority: EDUCATION

Objective: Improve education and learning opportunities for adults.

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Provide more ESL courses for adults.	Cluster-wide	DCPS	ESL courses are provided at Shaw JHS in the evenings between 18:30 and 21:30 hours.	1038

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Cluster Priority: COMMUNITY BUILDING AND PARTICIPATION

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.	1043
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 provide a language appropriate neighborhood resource book that lists CDCs, civic associations, governemnt services, etc. It will be called the "Citizens' Handbook" or something similar, and has a target release date of 9/31/02.	1044
Bolster the Neighborhood Planning Initiative to ensure community influence on planning and the budget. Increase funding and staff.	Cluster-wide	OP	The Office of Planning (OP) will establish a committee consisting of senior staff and one staff member from each division (Revitalization Planning, Development Review, Historic Preservation, and Information Technology) to review and evaluate the recommendation. Recommendations that have multi-agency, city-wide implications will be forwarded to the Interagency Planning Council.	1045

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Cluster Priority: COMMUNITY BUILDING AND PARTICIPATION

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
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)	1046
Use Neighborhood Services as a means of communicating with neighborhood organizations and key District agencies.	Cluster-wide	EOM	EOM will enhance the coordination between Neighborhood Services and District agencies to ensure a timely and effective responses to citizens concerns.	1047

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Cluster Priority: COMMUNITY BUILDING AND PARTICIPATION
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.	1050

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Cluster Priority: COMMUNITY BUILDING AND PARTICIPATION
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	DPR has a facilities permit process in place and we provide permits for community meetings at no cost within normal hours of operation.	1051
		DCPL	DCPL will implement a process and work with partners to disseminate this information to citizens.	1051
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.	1052
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 its website to provide 20 new on-line transaction functions, will support ANCs in establishing listserves for every neighborhood cluster, and will begin a public information kiosk program.	1053

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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 in the District. To expand that access, the District must close the gap between those who have Internet access and savvy and those who do not. OCTO and agencies are working to bridge the digital divide by installing public Internet kiosks – complete, secure computer workstations – in easily accessible but secure public buildings, such as D.C. libraries. We're also adding interactive voice response units to expand and streamline access to city services and information by prompting callers through automated service menus. We've implemented a 16-point program to make all of our web pages accessible to persons with disabilities. In 2001, we added 20 new resident and business services to the District's web site (www.dc.gov) such as the ability to renew vehicle registrations or pay business taxes on-line. OCTO has committed to continue to introduce at least 20 such applications per year. (OCTO)	1053

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

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Need removal of dead trees & pick up of bulk items in alleys. Chronic trash problems require attention from Street & Alley Cleaning.	Problem alley on north side of 1400 block of W ST. (between W & Florida)	DPW	Citizens should call the Mayor's call center to schedule bulk pickup. This alley will be swept on schedule.	962
Increased abatement of rat harborages: treat front and back yards every six months in winter and every three months in summer.	1400 block of W St., 8th & T St., 1400 block of Clifton, 1300 block of V St	DOH	DOH will continue to bait premises based upon schedule and complaints received. There is no scientific reason to treat properties every six months in winter and every three months in summer. The rodent control program has developed a schedule based upon an assessment of needs and regulatory requirements.	967
Improve trash removal and street cleaning.	1400 block of Clifton & 2500 block of University Place	DPW	DPW will review and make any necessary scheduling adjustments to this service.	969
Sweep alleys on a regular basis.	Alley between the 1400 blocks of Clifton & Euclid	DPW	Alley is swept on a regular basis.	970
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Cluster Priority: CLEAN AND SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS

Objective: Make neighborhoods cleaner

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Hire more housing inspectors and establish more severe penalties for flagrant, nuisance infractions.		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 3 is Kenneth Butler. Please call 442-4650.	972

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

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Maintain and Increase community policing: improve communication via PSA meetings with residents; increase personal contact between officers and the community.	1400 block of W St., 8th & T St., 1400 block of Clifton, 1300 block of V St	MPD	Conduct PFP meetings to decide on priorities within the community. PSA Lieutenants will be more accessible to residents. In FY 2003, MPD will improve community policing and crime prevention skills of officers by incorporating Policing for Prevention principles and practices throughout MPD recruit training.	965

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



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Cardozo/Shaw, Le Droit Park, Howard University

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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 creates a funding mechanism for dedicating local funds to the Housing Production Trust Fund for the creation and preservation of 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 Shaw/LeDroit Park, 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.	✓	



Highlights of Key Commitments, cont. for Cluster 3

Encourage Neighborhood-Oriented Economic Development Especially Along Traditional Commercial Corridors

- 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.
- 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.

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Provide Improved Educational Opportunities for Adults and Youths and Upgrade Technology in the Schools

- District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS) is working to improve its maintenance programs at Garnett-Patterson and Bruce-Monroe schools. The Cleveland School will be thoroughly modernized.
- DCPS provided Garnett-Patterson, Gage-Eckington, and Cleveland Schools with new computer systems in 2001. Bruce-Monroe is scheduled to receive new systems in FY 2003 based on funding availability.
- As part of its new strategic plan, DCPS will implement measures to increase the level of parent involvement in the education process. DCPS will also take steps to improve interagency collaboration in support of the educational process.



Improve How the 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 language appropriate neighborhood resource book listing CDCs, civic associations, government services and other important information relevant to community residents.
- The District will provide training to ANC commissioners and other community leaders to provide better understanding of the public process.

