

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,

Chris Shaheen  
Neighborhood Planning Coordinator, Ward 2

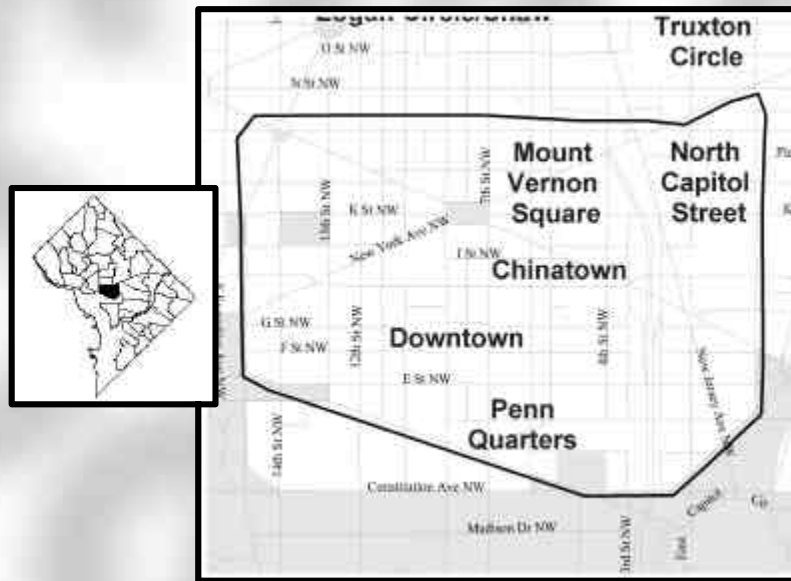
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# Citizen's Guide To Mayor Anthony A. Williams' Proposed FY 2003 Budget

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District Agency Commitments to Neighborhood Priorities  
Identified Through Neighborhood Initiatives

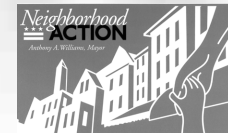


## Cluster 8

Mount Vernon Square, Chinatown, North Capitol Street, Penn Quarters, Downtown



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 8. 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 18<sup>th</sup>. 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](http://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.

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 three phases: Visioning & Establishing Neighborhood Essential Ingredients; 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. Vision Statements in this Cluster focused on increasing housing, making the neighborhood more clean and safe, providing more opportunities for youth, and ensuring development that meets the needs of the community. One resident of Cluster 8 was quoted as saying, "I envision a safe, attractive, vibrant community that is resident friendly and works well with the new convention center. A neighborhood that encourages downtown living taking parking, traffic management, streetscapes, and safety as major concerns of residents and businesses."

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 eight essential ingredients as vital for a livable community:

1. Public Safety
2. Mobility
3. Parks
4. Housing
5. Economic Development

6. Streetscapes
7. Senior Citizens
8. Trash Removal

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

1. Public Safety
2. Mobility
3. Housing
4. Parks

In Phase II, over the summer of 2001, several Action Planning Work sessions were conducted in your Cluster to identify specific actions, or recommendations, for addressing these priorities. In these sessions, detailed priorities, objectives, locations, recommended actions for government, citizens, nonprofits and others were developed. Recognizing that limited resources exist, citizens had to make tough choices about which actions were truly priorities.

And finally in Phase III, the plan was validated during the month of September when the draft plan was distributed to residents by email. Below is a snapshot of Cluster 8 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:***

Participants in the SNAP process were asked to identify the top four priority areas that are critical to improving the quality of life in their Neighborhood Cluster. The four priorities identified for Cluster 8 are:

- **Public Safety**
- **Mobility**
- **Housing**
- **Parks**

**Public Safety** was identified as the number one priority for Cluster 8. Residents have worked closely with the Patrol Service Areas (PSAs) to address their concerns, but want more to be accomplished. Specifically, they want crime reduced in key locations. They would also like to see procedures introduced to facilitate improved communication and interaction between the police and the community. The community shared that they realize that reducing crime and improving public safety is a complicated issue and that the Metropolitan Police Department is not the only municipal agency that can contribute to this effort. They would like to see multiple municipal agencies working together to address this issue. For example, they suggested that the District Department of Transportation improve street lights and alleys, and that the Department of Public Works increase efforts to minimize the amount of trash in public areas and on private property.

**Mobility** was identified as this Cluster's second highest priority. Proximity to downtown, I-395, and New York Avenue has resulted in significant levels of traffic passing through the residential neighborhoods of this Cluster. Furthermore, residents anticipate that development, such as the new Washington Convention Center, will continue to increase the amount of traffic in the future. Neighborhood residents also highlighted that they are concerned about making their streets safe for cars and pedestrians. Specific recommendations include: coordinating repairs in and around the convention center, implementing traffic calming measures, increasing pedestrian safety, providing additional parking for residents and visitors, and promoting the use of mass transit.

Improving **Housing** is another component identified as critical to increasing the quality of life for residents in Cluster 8. To address this issue, residents encouraged the District to: provide incentives that make abandoned properties attractive to developers; involve residents and local Community Development Corporations in the development of abandoned properties; and increase penalties for property owners that fail to maintain their properties. Residents also shared that they would like to see the District implement and capitalize on existing programs that address affordable housing. Since this area is experiencing rapid gentrification, there is a concern that long time residents will be forced to move or sell their homes because they can no longer afford to live in the neighborhood and pay increasing property taxes.

The poor maintenance of open space and general lack of **Parks** was the fourth priority identified by residents in this Cluster. Residents identified a number of small parks owned and maintained by the National Park Service (NPS), the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR), and the District Department of Transportation. While small parks can contribute to neighborhoods by adding seasonal color and open space, residents want more open space that can be used for active recreation. They also shared that the multiple agencies responsible for parks need to establish and uphold maintenance schedules. Residents also encouraged more coordination between DPR and NPS.

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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**Proposed FY 2003 Commitments to Priorities  
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**Cluster Priority: PARKS**

**Objective: Improve coordination, and clarify the jurisdiction and responsibilities of, multiple agencies that oversee park maintenance.**

<b>Proposed Action</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Agency</b>	<b>Budget Commitment</b>	<b>Action ID</b>
Build relationship between Department of Parks and Recreation, National Park Service, and the National Arboretum.	Cluster 8	DPR	DPR has a good relationship with the NPS and the National Arboretum. We will continue to build and expand on this relationship.	522
		EOM	EOM will support DPR's initiatives in building this partnership with the federal government by facilitating meetings and highlighting this matter in the City's federal agenda.	522
Coordinate use of recreation fields and buildings under the jurisdiction of DCPS; make them available to DPR and community groups.	Dunbar High School, Terrel Junior High, Bundy Elementary School	DPR	DPR and DCPS have weekly meetings to discuss use of buildings and fields. If you would like further information, please contact DPR's Chief of Staff at 673-7665.	1563
		DCPS	For more information on how to use school facilities after hours, community members should contact the DCPS Realty Office, 442-5199.	1563



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**Cluster Priority: PARKS**  
**Objective: Improve the diversity and quality of programs offered in public parks.**

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Provide recreational programs that reflect the needs of the community, including adults (aquatics, tai kwon do, self-defense, dance, yoga) and youth (soccer).	Cluster 8 Recreation Centers	DPR	DPR's new Associate Director for Programs will assess our current situation (by reading these plans and visiting sites) and work with the community (and schools) to develop future programs.	521
Initiate a small parks grant program that community groups can apply to for funding small park improvements.	Triangle at New York Avenue, L Street and 5th Street, Triangle at New York Avenue and New Jersey, Avenue, Mount Vernon Square and associated parcels on 7th and 9th streets, Open space at Massachusetts Avenue and New Jersey Avenue, and Gompers Park at Massachusetts Avenue and L Street	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. The head of Capital City Parks is Sally Boasberg. To get more information on the Foundation, talk to our help desk at 673-7665.	1544

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**Cluster Priority: PARKS**  
**Objective: Increase the amount of green space and safe places to play in the community.**

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Plant trees in the identified areas.	New York Ave: 300 Blk , 400 Blk (460, 450), 500 blk (501), 600 blk (625, 639, 649), L St: 503, 607, 620 / Ridge St: 412, 418, 459, 469, 406, 460 / M St: 303, 311, 313, 317, 310, 314, 401 419, 423, 449, 461, 477, 408, 412, 426, 436, 500, 510, 508, 518, 623, / N St: 300 408, 414, 424, 436, 450, 448, 439, 501 503, 513, 616, / NJ Ave: 1256 / Third St: 1208, 1240, 1248, 1256, 1200 / Fourth St: 1100 Blk, 1206, 1207, 1213, 1221.	DDOT	The proposed tree location list will be forwarded to the Tree and Landscaping Division. The site will be inspected and if clear, the site is marked. During the next planting season the trees are planted. Planting season runs from October to April.	113
Create an inventory of all large open space currently not in use or open to the public and investigate its potential use as park space.	Cluster 8 Open Space, including the northeast corner of New Jersey Avenue and K Street	DPR	Inventory of DPR sites is complete; DPR land base is limited; additional lands are under review at various locations, some of which are federally owned. To obtain information on our parks inventory, please contact Theodore Pochter at 673-7665.	1547

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**Objective: Increase the amount of green space and safe places to play in the community.**

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Ensure that the Wax Museum site includes open space that includes regularly scheduled maintenance, security, and is accessible by the public.	Wax Museum Site	OP	The Office of Planning and the National Capital Revitalization Corporation are working with Wax Museum Partners, the developer selected by NCRC to develop the site, to ensure that quality public space is included in the development. The developer's original proposal included an artist's walk as public space. The final configuration of this open space is being refined.	1549

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**Cluster Priority: PARKS**  
**Objective: Provide better landscaping and maintenance of street trees, existing parks, and open space.**

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Improve the character of the Mount Vernon Square Historic District by planting Phase I of trees in locations that that are identified as a priority.	300 block of New York Avenue; 450 New York Avenue; 2 at 502 New York Avenue; 625 New York Avenue; 639 New York Avenue; 649 New York Avenue; missing in park at New York Avenue and 7th; 607 L Street; 620 L Street; 311 M Street; 313 M Street; 317 M Street; 310 M Street; 314 M Street; 401 M Street; 419 M Street; 423 M Street; 449 M Street; 461 M Street; 477 M Street; 408 M Street; 412 M Street; 426 M Street; 436 M Street; 1143-5th Street; 500 M Street; 510 M Street; 508 M Street; 518 M Street; 623 M Street; 300 block of N Street near firehouse; and 2 at 1256 New Jersey Avenue	DDOT	The proposed tree location list will be forwarded to the Tree and Landscaping Division. The site will be inspected and if clear, the site is marked. During the next planting season the trees are planted. Planting season runs from October to April.	123

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**Cluster Priority: PARKS**  
**Objective: Provide better landscaping and maintenance of street trees, existing parks, and open space.**

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Post "Park Closes at Dark Signs" in all Cluster 8 Parks.	Cluster 8	DPR	"Park Closes at Dark" signs are being put up currently (winter 2001/2002).	1521
All Cluster 8 Parks.	Cluster 8	DPR	DPR does implement a maintenance schedule which will be on-line during summer months. This includes regular garbage pick-up and field maintenance as well as cooperation with inspectors who identify specific repair/maintenance issues.	1522
Consider changing the designated street tree on M Street to Zelkova.	M Street between N. Capitol and 16th streets	DDOT	The Downtown Streetscape Regulations were revised in August, 2000 including an updated street tree list for Downtown streets. The Committee will review the request and make a determination.	1553
Provide irrigation system for street trees.	Cluster 8	DDOT	Tree and Landscaping Division will approve any proposed changes to existing standards for street trees. Downtown Streetscape Committee will coordinate with the Division to evaluate tree planting standards.	1555
Adopt a plant list for parks that emphasizes native plants and design guidelines that discourages vagrants.		DPR	DPR is in the process of hiring a landscape architect who will look closely at this important issue (using native species, etc.).	1557

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**Cluster Priority: PARKS**  
**Objective: Provide better landscaping and maintenance of street trees, existing parks, and open space.**

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Improve the character of the Mount Vernon Square Historic District by planting Phase II of trees in locations that that are identified as a priority.	408 N Street; 414 N Street; corner of 5th and N streets; 436 N Street; 450 N Street; 439 N Street; 448 N Street; 501 N Street; 503 N Street; corner of 6th and N streets; 513 N Street; 616 N Street; across from 616 N Street; 1208 3rd Street; 1240 3rd Street; 1248 3rd Street; 1256 3rd Street; 4 missing in the 1100 block of 4th Street; 1201 4th Street; 1206 4th Street; 1207 4th Street; 1213 4th Street; 1221 4th Street; 1103 5th Street; 1119 5th Street; 1141 5th Street; 1225 5th Street; 1227 5th Street; 1112 6th Street; 1015 1/2 7th Street; and 1023 7th Street	DDOT	The list will be forwarded to the Tree and Landscaping Division. D-DOT will determine existing conditions of these locations. The site is inspected and if planting is necessary and feasible, the site is marked. During the next planting season the trees are planted. Planting season runs from October to April.	1559

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**Cluster Priority: PARKS**

**Objective: Increase the quality and types of amenities provided in parks**

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Include meandering paths, colorful floral displays, enhanced planting, water taps accessible by citizen groups, and divided benches or benches with individual seats in parks.	Small parks throughout Cluster 8	DPR	DPR is implementing a new initiative that will roll out in FY03 to improve or replace all site amenities (benches, trash cans, etc.) citywide. DPR has recently hired the department's first Landscape Architect to contribute to the maintenance & beautification of parks.	1560

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**Cluster Priority: PARKS**

**Objective: Increase accountability of agencies responsible for parks and public space.**

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Work with the Department of Parks and Recreation to develop maintenance schedule of parks.	Cluster 8	DPR	We are currently working with a contractor to design and implement an electronic maintenance management system for assistance in scheduling services for DPR properties. We have a manual system to track work orders, but the possibilities of using a specific computer program are much greater. Implementing this system will likely happen in early FY03. Earlier is possible, but it depends on funding. If you have a specific maintenance request, please call our maintenance staff at: 202/727-5465 and someone will respond to your concerns.	124



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**Cluster Priority: MOBILITY**  
**Objective: Coordinate repairs to sidewalks, streets, and sewers in area around convention center.**

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Survey, repair, replace sidewalks.	Repair/replace sidewalks - 600-400 Blk. Of M St. / 5th St. Between M & N / 400 Blk of Ridge St., NW / 500 - 400 Blk of N St., NW / 4th St. between M & N / 6th St. between M & N / 1000 Blk of 1st St., NW - immediate blocks surround Terrell Jr. High School	DDOT	DDOT will inspect locations and determine if sidewalks need replacement or repairs. Contact Ward 2 Project Team Leader or Neighborhood Infrastructure Management Officer (NIMO). Construction to begin in selected sites in FY03. Design work to begin Q4FY02.	111
Upgrade lighting in surrounding neighborhoods to the same level and quality of that used in the area around the convention center.	Cluster 8/Area around Convention Center	DDOT	An area survey is underway. The Streetlight Division is working with the Washington Convention Center Authority (WCCA) for the proposed streetlight plan for the CC and adjacent streets. The Trust is preparing streetscape work for surrounding streets and streetlights will be covered in that effort.	1525

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**Cluster Priority: MOBILITY**  
**Objective: Increase pedestrian safety.**

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Study traffic pattern and install additional street signs that prohibit cut-through traffic on residential streets.	Cluster 8/Area around Convention Center	DDOT	Comprehensive study that includes parking, cut-through traffic, circulation, and residential parking is scheduled to begin after after construction is complete and building is operational. Currently under review by Bureau of Traffic Services.	121
Survey and note needed street light repair and upgrade lighting if needed.	Repair Street and Alley lights and/or upgrade to maximum lighting - 600-400 Blk. Of M St. / 5th St. Between M & N / 400 Blk of Ridge St., NW / 500 - 400 Blk of N St., NW / 4th St. between M & N / 6th St. between M & N / 1000 Blk of 1st St., NW - immediate blocks surround Terrell Jr. High School	DDOT	DDOTs Streetlight Division is in the process of identifying funding for a street and alley light enhancement project for this area. An area survey is underway and construction is targeted to begin next summer and be complete in the 1st or 2nd quarter of FY03.	1519

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**Cluster Priority: MOBILITY**  
**Objective: Increase pedestrian safety.**

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Channel cut-through traffic onto main thoroughfares.	New York Avenue, New Jersey Avenue	DDOT	DDOT in partnership with Howard University is developing criteria for implementing traffic calming measures to be completed in Q3 FY2002. Installation to be performed after development of criteria. Comprehensive evaluation of the convention center's impact on the surrounding community will be performed after completion. Currently, Traffic Services and Parking Management are working with the Washington Convention Center Authority to address circulation concerns.	1529

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**Cluster Priority: MOBILITY**  
**Objective: Increase parking for residents and visitors.**

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Increase enforcement of parking regulations, including enforcing residential parking stickers and vehicle registration.	Cluster 8/Area around Convention Center	DPW	Parking Enforcement will hire 138 parking officers in FY'02 which will result in increased enforcement in both residential and commercial areas. 100 parking officers will be dedicated to residential areas. Street by street deployment plan not available.	130
Extend two-hour parking limit from 7:30 am to 10:00 pm, similar to parking restrictions extended in Georgetown.	Cluster 8/Area around Convention Center	DDOT	Comprehensive study to be completed after building construction is complete. Currently, Traffic Services and Parking Management are working with the Washington Convention Center Authority to address circulation and parking concerns.	1531
Increase number of parking spaces required per each unit in new residential construction.	Area around Convention Center	OP	OP will work with DDOT to review and evaluate the parking standards within the area as the Convention Center and hotel construction are concluded.	1532
Limit parking on streets adjacent to the convention center to 30 minutes.	7th and 9th streets	DDOT	Comprehensive study to be completed after building construction is complete. Currently, Traffic Services and Parking Management are working with the Washington Convention Center Authority to address circulation and parking concerns.	1533
Review parking regulations in the area surrounding the convention center and determine if changes can be made to improve the flow of traffic.	7th and 9th streets	DDOT	Comprehensive study to be completed after building construction is complete. Currently Traffic Services and Parking Management are working with the WCCA to address circulation and parking concerns.	1534

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**Cluster Priority: MOBILITY**  
**Objective: Reduce congestion and slow traffic.**

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Conduct survey to note missing, bent, and/or faded traffic signs.	Repair/replace traffic signs - 600-400 Blk. Of M St. / 5th St. Between M & N / 400 Blk of Ridge St., NW / 500 - 400 Blk of N St., NW / 4th St. between M & N / 6th St. between M & N / 1000 Blk of 1st St., NW - immediate blocks surround Terrell Jr. High School	DDOT	'Inventory of local street signs in Ward 1 through Ward 4 are currently in progress. Repair and replacement of signs to follow completion of survey.	112
Create a "Marshalling Yard" for busses that will ferry tourists, convention attendees, and museum traffic to the downtown area; allow room in the yard for trucks destined for the convention center.		WCCA	The Washington Convention Center Authority will have a Marshalling Yard in place by the time the new Facility is complete in FY 03. Negotiations are on-going for this facility. For more information about this contact Toni Robinson, Director of Public Affaris, at 202.626.1107.	518
		OP	The Office of Planning (OP) will provide analysis and mapping of opportunity sites for consideration and coordination with community leaders and relevant DC agencies as required.	518
		WMATA	WMATA is participating in several initiatives that are examining ways to reduce congestion, enhance traffic flow and locate and build a tourbus parking facility. WMATA is prepared to support decisions made by the District.	518

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Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Study traffic at the M and 4th streets tunnel and make recommendations for how to protect local residents and neighborhood character.	M and 4th streets	DDOT	Comprehensive study to be completed after building construction is complete. Currently under review by the Traffic Services Administration. D- DOT in partnership with Howard University is developing criteria for implementing traffic calming measures to be completed in Q3 FY2002. Target date for specific location TBD.	1523
Install speed bumps and rumble strips.	Intersection of M Street and New Jersey Avenue; M between 4th and 5th streets; 5th between New York Avenue and M streets	DDOT	DDOT in partnership with Howard University is developing criteria for implementing traffic calming measures to be completed in Q3 FY2002. Installation to be performed after development of criteria. Locations for specific projects TBD.	1537

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Cluster Priority: MOBILITY

Objective: Increase use of mass transit.

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Provide shuttle service from the MCI Metro station to the convention center during events.	Downtown	WCCA	Although this objective is outside the purview of the Washington Convention Center Authority, we will support this objective.	1540



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**Cluster Priority: PUBLIC SAFETY**  
**Objective: Improve police service and protection in residential neighborhoods.**

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Reduce time it takes police to respond to calls.	PSAs 102, 104, 105, 106, 313, and 314	MPD	In 2001, MPD established 311. When citizens call 311 for non-emergencies, officers can respond more quickly to 911 calls for true emergencies. In addition, 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 additional 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.	1564
Increase surveillance of known properties/problem areas.	PSAs 102, 104, 105, 106, 313, and 314	MPD	Partner with DHCD, DCFD to post notices and conduct evictions. Educate community about "Operation Crackdown" to abate problem properties.	1565

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**Cluster Priority: PUBLIC SAFETY**  
**Objective: Reduce crime in locations identified as problem areas by the community**

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Increase lighting and safety in public alleys to promote pedestrian traffic and greater visibility.	PSAs 102, 104, 105, 106, 313, and 314	DDOT	Streetlight Division is in the process of identifying funding for a street and alley light enhancement project for this area. An area survey is underway and construction is targeted to begin next summer and be complete in the 1st or 2nd quarter of FY03.	126
Address drug dealers and users gathering at N. Capitol Street and N Street.	N. Capitol Street and N Street	MPD	Targeting will be conducted by the Narcotics Strike Force and District Vice Units to address and reduce open air markets. Also, work will be done with District detectives to focus on violent drug traffickers with long term investigations, as well as working with the Department of Housing and Housing Police to remove drug traffickers from public housing.	1572

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**Cluster Priority: PUBLIC SAFETY**  
**Objective: Introduce procedures that will facilitate improved communication and interaction between police and the community.**

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Encourage police need to stop and talk with neighborhood residents, to be curious about neighborhoods and issues, and to become familiar with the community.	PSAs 102, 104, 105, 106, 313, and 314	MPD	Institute "Say Hi" program where officers stop and talk to residents. Also, the MPD provides opportunities for residents to collaborate with the PSA teams to solve crime and disorder problems through monthly PSA community meetings and the Partnerships for Problem Solving program. Residents are encouraged to attend their PSA meetings. Points of contacts are: (PSA 102) Lieutenant Key, (PSA 104) Lieutenant Lewis, and (PSA 105) Lieutenant Scott.	1573

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**Cluster Priority: HOUSING**  
**Objective: Reduce the amount of abandoned and vacant properties.**

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Sponsor three (3) educational seminars that target property owners, residents, and businesses that informs each entity of the new regulations regarding Nuisance Properties.	Cluster 8	DCRA	The agency will conduct quarterly topic specific and audience specific seminars beginning FY 02 Q3. ABRA has ongoing Ward training sessions on new ABC laws. Educational Seminars for property owners, residents, and businesses informs each entity about the new Nuisance and Abatement Law.	110
Develop strategy to address abandoned housing more quickly.	Cluster 8	DCRA	DCRA is in the process of implementing new and more stringent standards requiring that vacant and condemned properties be registered and property owners make repairs in compliance with regulations. The implementation of this legislation will address nuisance property issues previously outside the jurisdiction of DCRA. Call HRA at 442.4600	114
		DMPED	The Mayor's Home Again housing initiative will actively promote the development of vacant housing in five targeted neighborhoods across the city, including Columbia Heights and Shaw/LeDroit Park/Mount Vernon Square.	114
Develop strategy that relies on the private market to develop abandoned and vacant properties.	Mount Vernon Square, North Capitol Street	DMPED	The Mayor's Home Again housing initiative will actively promote the development of vacant housing in five targeted neighborhoods across the city, including Shaw/LeDroit Park/Mount Vernon Square. In addition, the Housing Act of 2002, which was recently passed by the Council and will soon be signed into law by the Mayor, authorizes an historic housing tax credit to promote the development of historic houses by new and current homeowners.	525

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Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Develop strategy that relies on the private market to develop abandoned and vacant properties.	Mount Vernon Square, North Capitol Street	DHCD	DMPED is implementing the Mayor's new housing initiative, entitled Home Again: Renovating Our City's Abandoned Properties, which will reclaim vacant properties in the city. This action takes place alongside current District efforts, including operation of the Homestead Program and redevelopment of the scattered site homes by the Homeownership Group. The recommended action will be addressed through implementation of the DMPED's plan. DHCD will support implementation of the plan by providing funding and technical expertise as appropriate. (DHCD)	525

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**Cluster Priority: HOUSING**  
**Objective: Change regulatory policies so that negligent property owners are heavily penalized.**

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Increase enforcement of regulations that pertain to vacant properties.	Mount Vernon Square	DCRA	A new law, DC Law 13-281, enhances the way vacant properties are maintained and is currently being implemented. The implementation of this legislation will address nuisance property issues previously outside the jurisdiction of DCRA. Call HRA at 442.4600	116
Put liens on properties when tickets are not paid.	Mount Vernon Square	OTR	This authority exists now. Enforcement agencies are responsible for requesting the liens. OCFO/OTR is currently processing the first round of liens emerging from the "Abatement and Condemnation of Nuisance Properties Omnibus Amendment" Act.	117
		DPW	DPW already has the authority to place liens. Please call 727-1000 to provide specific locations of problem properties.	117
		DCRA	DCRA will resubmit proposed legislation allowing the agency to place liens against unpaid civil infraction fines. Contact: Office of General Counsel at 442.8400.	117
Develop database that tracks fines on private property and ensure that the highest level of fines are levied.	Cluster 8	DCRA	DCRA is implementing a system (Rapids) which will contain a database to track this. In developing the database, DCRA will provide public web access to this. Contact: Office of General Counsel at 442.8400.	118
		DOH	The DOH does maintain a database that tracks fines through its Office of Adjudication. When appropriate, the highest levels of fines are levied.	118

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Develop database that tracks fines on private property and ensure that the highest level of fines are levied.	Cluster 8	OTR	DCRA has a database (RAPIDS) to do this. OTR is supporting by attaching unpaid amounts to Real Property notices and collecting any amounts remitted with the tax payment.	118
Increase enforcement of regulations that govern rat abatement and trash.	Cluster 8	DCRA	DCRA has assigned a Neighborhood Stabilization Officer to the cluster and will work closely with DOH to educate the community (bi-lingual) and monitor sanitary practices Cluster 8 NSO: Larry Burgess (442.4531)	119
		DOH	The Rodent Control Act of 2000 allows DOH to increase existing fines, establish new fines with regards to various aspects of rodent control. Through this mechanism the cross training of DOH enforcement personnel, resources can be leveraged to increase enforcement.	119
		OCCC	Working w/multi-agency task force to develop and introduce legislation to increase fines for quality of life infractions and to improve laws and enforcement for illegal posters, littering, etc.	119
Ensure that fines and tickets are followed with adequate compliance and enforcement.	Cluster 8	DCRA	DCRA will conduct a review of its enforcements processes and procedures, revise where necessary to ensure adequate follow-up and closure on case work. Cluster 8 NSO: Larry Burgess (442.4531).	120
		OCCC	Working w/multi-agency task force to develop and introduce legislation to increase fines for quality of life infractions and to improve laws and enforcement for illegal posters, littering, etc.	120

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**Cluster Priority: HOUSING**

**Objective: Review regulations that govern development, make sure they respond to the concerns of the community, and are adequately enforced.**

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Ensure that new development is appropriate in character and that it complements the scale of existing neighborhoods.	Chinatown, Mount Vernon Square, North Capitol Street	OP	Currently being done as part of the NoMa and Mt Vernon Triangle study.	527

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**Cluster Priority: HOUSING**  
**Objective: Ensure that new development includes housing that is affordable and reinforces the racial and economic diversity of the community.**

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Increase housing in the downtown area.	Cluster 8	OP	The Office of Planning (OP) will provide DHCD with planning analysis, technical assistance, community outreach, and mapping services on this effort. OP will also continue to dedicate staff to implement the NoMa and Downtown Action Agenda plans, both of which include a housing component. OP has developed zoning amendments that allow greater density for projects that include a housing component. These zoning incentives, in addition to proactive efforts to work with the private sector in the NoMa and Downtown Action Agenda areas, have set targets for an additional 6,600 new residential units in the downtown area. This will increase the total, potential units in the downtown area to 10,900.	529
		DHCD	The Housing Act of 2002 contains tax incentives for the development of mixed-income and market rate housing in downtown and NoMA. (DHCD)	529
Balance the rehabilitation of historic resources with providing affordable housing.	Cluster 8	OP	The Office of Planning (OP) will provide DHCD with planning analysis, technical assistance, community outreach, and mapping services on this effort. OP will also collaborate with DHCD to develop and implement a affordable housing strategy that includes historic preservation. OP will also continue to dedicate staff to work on the Shaw Preservation Fund Committee, which is currently funding a Facade Improvement Program that provides financial assistance to families living in two historic districts located in this cluster. OP is also recommending that the city allocate additional funds for this program, and extend the boundaries for properties that would be eligible to participate.	530

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Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Balance the rehabilitation of historic resources with providing affordable housing.	Cluster 8	DHCD	All projects that involve alterations to historic buildings must receive approval from the Historic Preservation Division of the Office of Planning. In addition, the Housing Act of 2002 provides tax credits for rehabilitation of historic homes in certain historic districts. (DHCD)	530
Rehabilitate one in every five vacant buildings for affordable housing, using the sale of four buildings to subsidize one affordable unit.	Cluster 8	DMPED	The Mayor's Home Again housing initiative will actively promote the development of vacant housing in five targetted neighborhoods across the city, including Shaw/LeDroit Park/Mount Vernon Square. The initiative will promote the development of vacant housing into affordable housing for families of all incomes, but especially families who earn less than 80% of AMI.	531
		DHCD	DHCD does not directly rehabilitate buildings; rather, we work with developers who submit meritorious proposals. The city is considering an inclusionary development policy which may achieve similar goals as the one stated here. (DHCD)	531

## Agency Abbreviations Guide

<b>Abbreviation</b>	<b>Agency</b>
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

<b>Abbreviation</b>	<b>Agency</b>
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 8 Mount Vernon Square, Wards 2 & 6 Chinatown, North Capitol Street, Penn Quarter, and Downtown

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](http://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](http://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>
<b>Address Traffic and Parking Challenges in Neighborhoods</b>		
▪ After completion of the Convention Center, the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) will undertake a comprehensive study that includes parking, cut-through traffic, circulations, and residential parking.	✓	
▪ DDOT will explore residential parking strategies and policies to increase parking in residential neighborhoods.	✓	
▪ The Department of Public Works' (DPW) Parking Services will hire 138 additional parking enforcement officers in FY 2002, more than doubling the existing force. Once fully trained, one hundred parking officers will be dedicated to residential areas. Deployment will include a night shift to enforce registration requirements for out-of-state vehicles.	✓	
<b>Increase Public Safety</b>		
▪ The Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) will double the number of Volunteer Reserve personnel, who are authorized to make arrests, write tickets, and direct traffic.	✓	
▪ DDOT is currently conducting a streetlight survey and will identify and fund lighting projects for streets and alleys in Cluster 8.	✓	
<b>Improve Parks and Green Space</b>		
▪ The Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) will work with a contractor to design and implement an electronic maintenance management system for assisting in scheduling services for parks and open space.	✓	
▪ DDOT will work in partnership with the Casey Tree Endowment Fund to conduct a city-wide survey of street trees.	✓	
▪ The Commission on the Arts and Humanities has dedicated \$260,000 in FY03 and \$187,000 in FY04 for public art in and around Mount Vernon Square.	✓	



# Highlights of Key Commitments, cont. for Cluster 8

## Increase Enforcement of Regulations

- The Office of the City Administrator (OCA) is spearheading a project to improve the enforcement of DC laws that includes cross-enforcement, code harmonization, putting teeth in enforcement, and consolidated adjudication.
- DCRA is implementing RAPIDS, a system that will include a database that tracks fines on private property to ensure that the highest level of fines are levied.
- The Office of Tax and Revenue (OTR) will attach unpaid fines to Real Property notices and collect any amount remitted with tax payment.
- DCRA has assigned a Neighborhood Stabilization Officer that will work closely with other agencies, including the Department of Health, to increase the enforcement of rodent and trash regulations in Cluster 8.
- The Department of Public Works (DPW) hired additional SWEEP inspectors in FY 2002, bringing the number of inspectors in the ward to three. This will increase the level of solid waste education and enforcement and help prevent illegal dumping.
- Multiple government agencies are participating in a task force that will introduce legislation that will increase fines for quality of life infractions and improve laws for enforcing illegal poster, litter, and other issues.
- DCRA will conduct a review of its enforcement processes and procedures, and revise them where necessary to ensure adequate follow-up and closure on casework.
- The Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department will hire one fire Inspector for both Ward 2 and Ward 6.

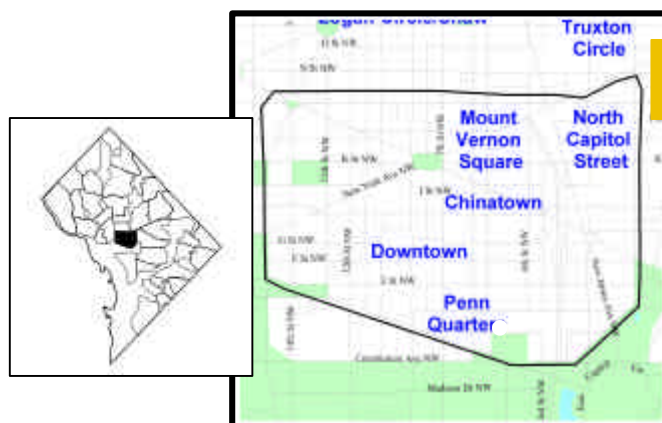
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## Decrease Number of Abandoned Housing Units

- The Mayor's new initiative, entitled *Home Again: Renovating Our City's Abandoned Properties*, 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, before expanding throughout the city. The initiative's goal is to provide at least 30 percent of the homes to low-income families.
- DCRA will implement new and more stringent standards requiring vacant and condemned properties to be registered and property owners to make repairs and come into compliance with regulations.
- The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) will make funding available for qualified rehabilitation projects through the Single Family Residential Rehabilitation Program and the Multifamily Housing Rehabilitation Program.
- DCRA will resubmit proposed legislation that allows the agency to place liens against unpaid civil infraction fines.



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