

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,

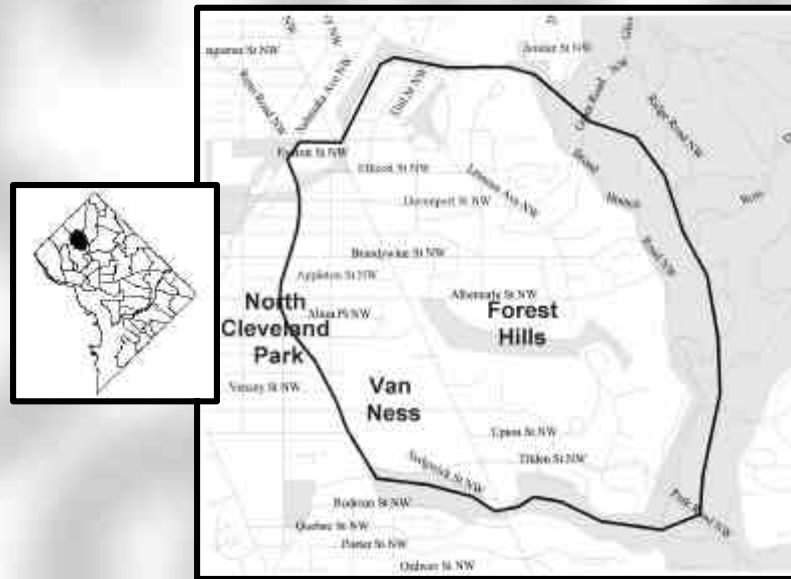
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Enclosure

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

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District Agency Commitments to Neighborhood Priorities  
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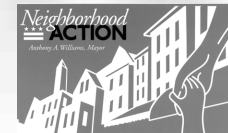


## **Cluster 12**

**Forest Hills, North Cleveland Park, Van Ness**



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 12. 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.

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. Clusters 10 and 12 worked jointly on this effort and identified and ranked twelve essential ingredients as vital for a livable community:

1. Better Government Accountability and Residential Development Controls
2. Traffic Management and Parking Enforcement
3. Commercial Retail Areas and Commercial Streetscape
4. Environment and Trees
5. Partnership with University of the District of Columbia (UDC)
6. Other DC Facilities (Libraries, Parks, and Recreation Centers)
7. DC Public Schools
8. Transportation Infrastructure
9. Quality of Life and Public Participation

10. Senior Services
11. Public Safety
12. Public Transportation

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 the following three priority ingredients:

1. Commercial Retail Areas and Commercial Streetscape
2. Environment and Trees
3. Partnership with UDC

Phase II began 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, a final Neighborhood Cluster Steering meeting was held to review and validate the draft plan. The final draft was also sent out to the entire Cluster 12 email user group, who were asked to review, comment, and validate the document. Below is a snapshot of Cluster 12 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***

**Commercial Retail Areas and Commercial Streetscape:** Residents were concerned with commercial and retail development along the upper-Connecticut Avenue corridor. In Chevy Chase, the concern is keeping the retail areas as viable neighborhood-serving commercial districts. They expressed that the recent closing of the Avalon Theater threatens that stability. In the Van Ness area, the concern is attracting more neighborhood-serving retailers, creating an identity for the area, and developing a better streetscape in cooperation with University of the District of Columbia.

**Environment and Trees:** Residents were also concerned with issues involving the natural environment such as green space, park maintenance, trees and tree care, and restoration and biodiversity of natural areas. The vitality of their neighborhoods depend on this since these communities are largely defined by the trees and green space around them. Although citizens shared that the City has neglected environmental issues for a long time, they hope that the generous gift of the Casey Trees Endowment Fund is an important first step. Residents in this cluster look forward to working with The Fund as well as the District in the coming months.

**Partnership with UDC:** Residents have long been concerned with the connection between the University of the District of Columbia on Connecticut Avenue and the surrounding communities. Their concerns range from appearance and maintenance issues of the buildings and

grounds to the lack of community involvement with the university and its administration. Residents worked with UDC's Dean of Community Relations, a participating member of the steering committee, to develop this section of the SNAP.

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: COMMERCIAL RETAIL AREAS AND COMMERCIAL STREETScape**  
**Objective: Maintain the Integrity of the Connecticut Avenue commercial areas and the neighborhood servicing retailers.**

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
The community insists that the City and its associated agencies maintain and support a variety of retail establishments, such as bookstores, cleaners, banks, paint stores, and others as well as institutions such as churches which serve our residents.	Cluster-wide	OZ	OZ will be referring neighborhood commercial overlays to maintain and support a variety of retail that is compatible with the surrounding neighborhood to OP for review, report and possible setdown request to the ZC for further action on 01/14/02.	1739
		OP	OP is committed to a vital and varied commercial community that supports the needs of the city residents and shoppers.	1739



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**Cluster Priority: COMMERCIAL RETAIL AREAS AND COMMERCIAL STREETScape**  
**Objective: Ensure commercial retail areas remain in sympathy with surrounding residential areas**

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Require all new developments be reviewed to insure compatibility with current retail area and surrounding neighborhoods.	Cluster-wide; Connecticut Avenue	OZ	OZ will be referring neighborhood commercial overlays to maintain and support a variety of retail that is compatible with the surrounding neighborhood to OP for review, report and possible setdown request to the ZC for further action on 01/14/02.	1740
		OP	Matter-of-right development is reviewed for conformance with the applicable zoning regulations at the time of building permit. The permitted uses are specified with the zoning regulations and are further reviewed at the time of Certificate of Occupancy. Any special exception uses must demonstrate "no adverse impact" and receive a public hearing at the BZA. OP evaluates any special exception use, potential adverse impacts to the neighborhood and makes a recommendation to the BZA.	1740
Ensure that sidewalk cafes are properly regulated and controlled.	Cluster-wide; Connecticut Avenue	DDOT	DDOT currently chairs the Public Space Committee and approves or denies sidewalk café permits. We will continue to work with ANC's and DCRA on enforcement issues.	1742

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**Cluster Priority: COMMERCIAL RETAIL AREAS AND COMMERCIAL STREETScape**  
**Objective: Improve the appearance of the Connecticut Avenue corridor.**

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Develop a Connecticut Avenue Streetscape Plan from Tilden Street to Chevy Chase Circle.	Connecticut Avenue from Tilden Street to Chevy Chase Circle	DDOT	DDOT will investigate the area to determine streetscape improvements and schedule a meeting w/ANC and community to develop an appropriate plan	188
Encourage all property owners and retailers along Connecticut Avenue to improve the appearance of the front and rear of their property and establishments by: a)Daily cleaning (sweeping, etc); b)Placing trash, garbage in closed containers; c) Provide regular pickup of trash; d) Periodic painting and improvements of exterior; e) working with community to improve tree boxes; and f) periodic cleaning of tree boxes.	Connecticut Avenue from Tilden Street to Nebraska Avenue	DPW	Solid Waste Education and Enforcement Program (SWEEP) inspectors will work with business owners to explain their responsibilities. For more information, please contact your Neighborhood Service Coordinator, Phil Heinrich at (202) 282 - 7952.	1743
Work with DC contracted firms to (such as VMS) to ensure that curbs, sidewalks and streets are in good repair, and are attractive.	Connecticut Avenue	DDOT	DDOT will determine pavement conditions of these locations where necessary. Design will be developed in FY 03 and construction will be completed in the out years.	1744

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Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Develop a plan to improve the appearance of UDC along Connecticut Avenue. (Also included as Priority 3, Objective 7, Action Step a & b).	UDC	UDC	Improvement planning was initiated by Dean, Community Outreach and Extension Services in August 2001 after consultation with Cluster members. Phase One of the plan was implemented by an Extension Agent and University Services in October 2001, including neighborhood volunteers planting flowers on November 3, 2001. Tree boxes in front of the University have been cleaned and replanted by members of Cluster 12. Our Extension Agent will continue to work with neighborhood volunteers for spring clean-up.	1747

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**Cluster Priority: COMMERCIAL RETAIL AREAS AND COMMERCIAL STREETScape**  
**Objective: Ensure safety of customers and pedestrians in the commercial areas.**

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Request "Yield to Pedestrians - DC Law" safety signs be placed within the commercial areas and at main pedestrian crossing points.	Cluster-wide; Connecticut Avenue	DDOT	DDOT concurs and is awaiting delivery of pedestrian safety markers for installation. DDOT will work with ANC on placement of markers in this Cluster.	1749

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**Cluster Priority: COMMERCIAL RETAIL AREAS AND COMMERCIAL STREETScape**  
**Objective: Maintain and improve parking options in commercial areas.**

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Conduct a parking study along the Connecticut Avenue commercial corridor to explore possible options including those that would not lead to a net gain in parking but would instead encourage alternative transportation methods (Metro).	Connecticut Avenue	DDOT	Parking Studies will be performed during FY 03. The results from the studies will be used citywide.	1752

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**Cluster Priority: THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT, OPEN SPACE, PARKS, AND TREES**

**Objective: Open Space/Parks - Provide for a range of uses (active and passive) at the various regional and neighborhood parks and open spaces.**

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Develop a plan to protect and enhance existing park resources including documenting public parks and green open space along with vacant lots used for community gardens. Plan should create a hierarchy of parks and open spaces throughout the two clusters. Plan should also identify new opportunities for parks and green space such as natural rain gardens.	Cluster-wide	DPR	DPR will be unveiling a comprehensive, open space initiative in the Spring that will address many of these issues. A DPR Master Plan is also being designed that will examine public space and use of parks- this will have a large public input component. Meetings in each ward have yet to be scheduled, but they will be advertised well in advance. If you have suggestions for the Master Plan, please call Karen Miller at DPR at 673-7665.	1759
Develop a pedestrian and bicycle pathway system to provide physical connections between the various parks and open space. Include such items as a pedestrian bridge over Soapstone Creek.	Cluster-wide	DDOT	DDOT will be conducting a District-wide Bicycle Plan beginning in FY02 with completion in FY03. Contact the Bicycle Program Manager for further information at (202) 671-2331.	1761
		DPR	The NPS is a primary player in development of these types of plans, but where applicable, DPR will work with DDOT to accomplish the same. (Several meetings between DDOT and DPR have already taken place to discuss bike and pedestrian pathways...)	1761

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Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Develop an open space plan for the UDC campus and the surrounding streets (also included as Priority 3, Objective 2, Action Step a).	UDC	UDC	UDC initiated the development of a Master Plan for the main campus. Members of the Cluster Steering Committee and the ANC will be invited to participate in the planning process. The planning process is to be completed in March 2002. The president is meeting with some Chevy Chase neighbors on January 18, 2002. He will meet with Cluster 10 neighbors in February. Community members should contact Ms. Linda Freeman, 202-274-7011, Assistant to the Dean of Community Outreach and Extension to provide contact information if they are interested in participation.	1764
Complete a Feasibility Study to identify the need for and possible location for an outdoor pool in Ward 3.	Ward-wide	DPR	DPR is working on this issue (pool in Ward 3) in consultation with the Council Member of Ward 3 who is taking the lead. This project should be more clearly and publicly defined in the next several months.	1765

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**Cluster Priority: THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT, OPEN SPACE, PARKS, AND TREES**  
**Objective: Trees - Implement an aggressive campaign to maintain existing trees and promote planting of new trees.**

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Identify existing tree ordinances affecting street trees and other trees and green space including those related to Tree & Slope Protection Overlay (ii DCMR 1511). Investigate the feasibility of a tree overlay for the Cluster. Prepare a tree overlay where feasible which includes location and type of trees which in turn can be used as a basis to identify locations for tree removal and/or replacement. Street tree replacement should be based on criteria such as environmental benefits, growth rate, and aesthetic/historic value.	Cluster-wide	DDOT	DDOT ordinances affecting trees and other green spaces are regulated by DCMR 24 and DC law 8-21. DDOT in partnership with Casey Tree Endowment Fund (CTEF) will conduct a citywide survey of city trees beginning in the summer of FY 02	189
Develop and Implement a Public/Private Tree Maintenance Program and associated programs as appropriate based on current ordinances. At the same time, reinforce existing programs to improve maintenance programs, e.g. monitor bagging of new trees for better watering.	City-wide	DDOT	DDOT is currently expanding and implementing a website for tree maintenance for the public. DDOT has distributed door hangers in neighborhoods for the maintenance of newly planted city trees.	190



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Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Educate and inform residents on proper tree care (District-wide through use of brochures, media, and the District's website.) Include materials showing how to request for removal and/or replacement of a tree. Publicize tree trimming responsibilities and enforcement of maintenance requirements by property owners.	City-wide	DDOT	DDOT is currently expanding and implementing a website for tree maintenance for the public. DDOT has distributed door hangers in neighborhoods for the maintenance of newly planted city trees.	191
Identify and encourage opportunities for adoption of District trees by property owners, both residents and business owners. To encourage "ownership" of street trees implement a program of signing an ownership and maintenance agreement. Establish continuing programs such as sessions at Library once a year, part of Community Center day, and involving the schools (possibly the 6th grade for each school each year to develop an ongoing awareness).	City-wide	DDOT	DDOT is currently expanding and implementing a website for tree maintenance for the public. DDOT has distributed door hangers in neighborhoods for the maintenance of newly planted city trees.	1766

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**Cluster Priority: PARTNERSHIP WITH UDC - VAN NESS CAMPUS**  
**Objective: Establish an on-going relationship between UDC and the surrounding community**

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Organize through the Dean of Community Relations, a quarterly meeting with the University President and the surrounding community including ANCs and community organizations.	UDC	UDC	The Dean of Community Outreach and Extension Services has been authorized to work with the Cluster 12 Executive Committee to schedule a meeting between the university president and neighbors as soon as possible but no later than January 2002 for the first meeting. Quarterly meetings will follow.	192
Consider developing a UDC-Community task force to focus on improving relationships.	UDC	UDC	The president will create a UDC-Community task force as a result of the quarterly meeting with the neighbors which will focus on continually improving the relationship between the University and the neighborhood. The Dean of Community Outreach and Extension Services has an Advisory Committee which meets quarterly and has representatives from every ward in the city, including two members from the Van Ness neighborhood.	1767

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**Cluster Priority: PARTNERSHIP WITH UDC - VAN NESS CAMPUS**  
**Objective: Beautify the UDC Van Ness Campus**

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Create a comprehensive plan for improving the appearance of UDC and for making the UDC more navigable. Include experts in this process, including architects and landscape architects and students. (Also included as Priority 2, Objective 2, Action Step g) (Also see Objective 3 and Objective 7 for related Action Steps).	UDC	UDC	The Master Plan will address the appearance of UDC and will include consideration of display maps to make the campus more navigable. Master Plan Process Team includes architects, landscape architects, and student, faculty, and administrator input. Citizen input will be included.	1768
Organize neighbors, local businesses, and UDC to plan, plant, and maintain flowers and trees by UDC and business district. (Also see Objective 7.)	UDC	UDC	Phase One completed on November 3, 2001. Continuing relationship with neighbors and local businesses for this purpose will be maintained by the University Cooperative Extension Service.	1769
Repair sidewalks in front of UDC's Building "52" at 4340 Connecticut Avenue.	UDC	DDOT	DDOT will inspect these locations for appropriate determinations of streetscape improvements. No Change.	1770
Maintain tree boxes in front of Building 52.	UDC	UDC	Authorized and completed October 2001 by UDC Cooperative Extension and University Services with cooperation of local retailers.	1771

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**Cluster Priority: PARTNERSHIP WITH UDC - VAN NESS CAMPUS**  
**Objective: Make the University easier to navigate**

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Erect a map of the campus on Connecticut Avenue to the right of the main entrance and improve all other existing campus maps.	UDC	UDC	External display maps of the campus will be updated and one will be located at the entrance.	1774
Improve lighting on campus and in garages.	UDC	UDC	University services has improved some lighting on campus and in garages. Working with Master Planning Committee this issue continues to be addressed.	1776

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**Cluster Priority: PARTNERSHIP WITH UDC - VAN NESS CAMPUS**  
**Objective: Increase Community Participation at University Events, Classes, and Facilities**

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Have the University better advertise its programs and events in the local newspapers, on the radio, etc.	UDC	UDC	The University publishes a newspaper type advertisement twice a year and sends it to over 100,000 city homes. Newly appointed (October 1, 2001) Vice President of Advancement is tasked with increasing public information of district residents. Fuller implementation of marketing including advertising will require a \$225,000 increase in the marketing budget for FY 2002 and an increase of \$275,000 in FY 2003.	1778
Explore making the UDC library available for non-student use.	UDC	UDC	The University library is available to District residents for use. Borrowing priority is currently for registered students. Extending privileges to residents will be explored.	1780
Investigate making registration easier for non-degree students.	UDC	UDC	The University is piloting non-credit registration on the street (retail) level of Building 52 on the corner of Connecticut and Yuma	1783

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**Cluster Priority: PARTNERSHIP WITH UDC - VAN NESS CAMPUS**

**Objective: Increase Neighborhood, Local Business, and University Connection**

<b>Proposed Action</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Agency</b>	<b>Budget Commitment</b>	<b>Action ID</b>
If none exist, create tutoring and mentoring programs using area residents.	UDC	UDC	Residents currently volunteer and mentor students, including monitoring labs. The VP Academic Affairs is point of contact for this program.	1785

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**Cluster Priority: PARTNERSHIP WITH UDC - VAN NESS CAMPUS**

**Objective: Increase the use of the UDC Facilities for events of interest to students, faculty, and area workers and residents**

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Conduct market research on the types of events that would attract residents, workers, students, and faculty. Options include film, live jazz, and lectures.	UDC	UDC	The Director of Continuing Education will initiate this needs assessment.	1788

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**Cluster Priority: PARTNERSHIP WITH UDC - VAN NESS CAMPUS**  
**Objective: Beautify the Van Ness Commercial area along Connecticut Avenue and increase green space in front of UDC.**

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Organize neighbors, local businesses, City staff, the University, and students into a task force to plan, plant, and maintain flower beds and tree niches along Connecticut Avenue in the Van Ness business district. This would include adding new green space in front of the UDC campus. (USDA money is available through UDC that can be used for this.) (Also included as Priority 1, Objective 3, Action Step f).	UDC	UDC	This action has been initiated. The Master Plan will address the issue of new green space in front of the UDC campus.	1794
Through the established task force and agreed upon process, develop a comprehensive plan for improving the appearance of UDC and the Van Ness business district.	UDC	UDC	Master Planning Committee is functioning and neighborhood participation is anticipated.	1795
Develop a cost estimate for the comprehensive plan and explore various funding mechanisms.	UDC	UDC	Master Planning Committee is addressing this issue.	1796
Develop a plan and process to maintain the landscaping an streetscape using the various partners involved.	UDC	UDC	University Services and UDC Cooperative Extension Service are working on maintaining improvements.	1798



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Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Promote the new landscaping and streetscape as well as the partnerships created through the process such as getting an articles written in local newspapers about the community volunteers and the new neighborhood relationship with the University.	UDC	UDC	Communications Office will develop articles and news releases. News releases have been issued.	1799

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**Proposed FY 2003 Commitments to Priorities  
Identified Through Neighborhood Initiatives**



**Cluster Priority: NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT AND ENFORCEMENT**  
**Objective: Improve traffic and pedestrian safety and reduce congestion on major streets**

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Conduct a Connecticut Ave. traffic study	Conn Ave between Van Ness St. and Albemarle St.	DDOT	DDOT plans a traffic study of the Connecticut Avenue corridor and will coordinate with the ANC in that area to develop a scope of work to include requested boundaries.	186
Provide frequent traffic count information for principal roads	citywide	DDOT	DDOT in partnership with Howard University is designing criteria for traffic calming measures during FY 02 and implementing during out years. The results from the Howard University Study will be used to address the traffic calming issues citywide.	1729
Develop traffic sign reporting system that gives residents accurate information about which signs SHOULD be posted on a given block, so they can inventory and report which ones are missing or damaged.	citywide	DDOT	DDOT is currently conducting an inventory of street signs in Wards One through Four. Repairs and replacements will be made during FY 03. The information collected from the inventory of street signs in Wards 1 through 4 will be available for the public to view upon completion of the inventory.	1731

## Agency Abbreviations Guide

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

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



# Cluster 12 Forest Hills, North Ward 3 Cleveland Park, and Van Ness

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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](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

	<b><u>Mayoral Budget</u></b>	<b><u>Final Budget</u></b>
<b>Address Traffic and Transportation</b>		
▪ District Department of Transportation (DDOT) is planning to conduct a traffic study of the Connecticut Avenue corridor.	✓	
▪ DDOT, in partnership with Howard University, is developing criteria to be used for implementing traffic calming measures. DDOT will then work with community to develop a plan and implement traffic calming measures.	✓	
▪ DDOT will be completing a District-wide Bicycle Plan.	✓	
▪ DDOT will perform parking studies and work with the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development (DMPED) to study the City's parking policies and determine the possibility of establishing municipal parking lots.	✓	
▪ DDOT will make repairs to street signs in Wards 1 through 4, as a result of the inventory currently being conducted.	✓	
<b>Improve Commercial Retail and Streetscape</b>		
▪ DDOT will meet with ANC 3F and other community partners to determine the needs and desires for a Connecticut Avenue Streetscape Plan.	✓	
▪ The Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development (DMPED) has budgeted \$7 million in local funds for the <i>ReStore DC</i> 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.	✓	



# Highlights of Key Commitments, cont. for Cluster 12

**Mayoral  
Budget**

**Final  
Budget**

## Protect and Beautify the Natural Environment

- Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) will be unveiling a comprehensive open space initiative. A master plan is also being designed that will examine public spaces and use of parks.
- DDOT, in partnership with the Casey Trees Endowment Fund, will conduct a citywide survey of trees along city streets.



## Strengthen Residential Development Controls

- A Ward 3 building and land regulation task force will be formed to deal with the many issues in the subject area. The task force will include the ANC and the following agencies: Office of Planning (OP), Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA), Office of Zoning (OZ), Department of Health (DOH), and Office of the Corporation Counsel (OCC).
- The Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department will hire one additional fire inspector for Ward 3.



## Improve Relations with the University of the District of Columbia (UDC)

- The UDC President will create a UDC-community task force focused on improving relationships.
- UDC will be conducting a Master Plan for the Van Ness Campus and will partner with the community on this effort.

