

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,

Robert Collins
Neighborhood Planning Coordinator, Ward 3

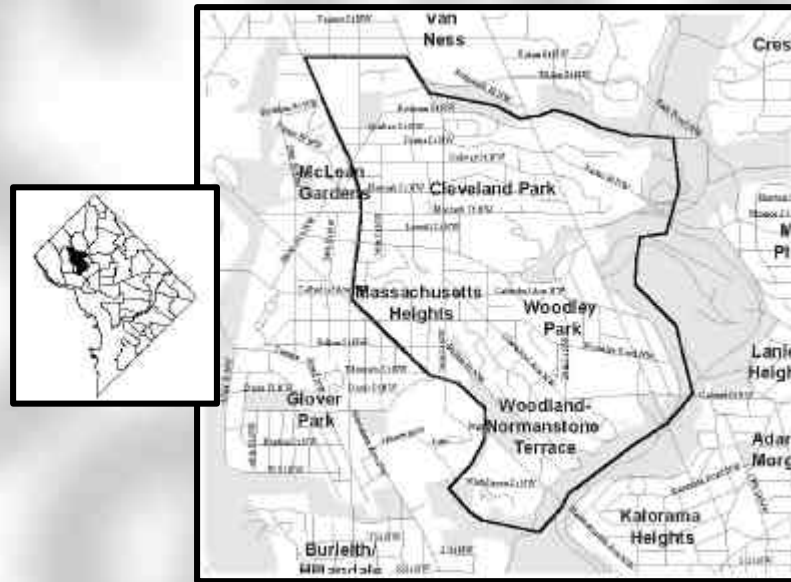
Enclosure

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

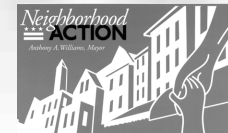


Cluster 15

Cleveland Park, Woodley Park, Massachusetts Avenue Heights, Woodland-Normanstone Terrace



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 15. This document was prepared for residents, businesses, non-profits, and others, who are interested in learning how neighborhood issues and priorities helped define the proposed FY 2003 budget. In this document, you will find specific commitments District agencies have made from priorities identified through the Neighborhood Planning and Neighborhood Services Initiatives, which are now in the City-Wide Strategic Plan. The city-wide priorities were articulated during the Citizen Summit II and at the neighborhood level through Neighborhood Planning and Neighborhood Service activities.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Why Do I Have this Document Now?

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

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

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

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

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

II. Neighborhood Priorities:

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

Process for Identifying Persistent Problem Areas

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

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

Location:

Woodley Park

Goals at this Location:

To reduce the rodent population in the Woodley Park commercial strip and surrounding areas through increased education and enforcement

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. Your Cluster identified and ranked twelve essential ingredients as vital for a livable community:

1. More Responsive and Effective Government Especially in Zoning and Building Code Enforcement
2. Improved Transportation Management and Parking Regulations and Enforcement

3. Green Space, Parks, and Bike Trails
4. Improved Public Schools
5. Historic Preservation
6. Public Safety
7. Housing Opportunities
8. Quality of Life
9. Business and Commercial Development
10. Billboard and Sign Control
11. Improved Mass Transit Options
12. Improved Trash Services and Sanitation

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 three priority ingredients:

1. More Responsive and Effective Government Especially in Zoning and Building Code Enforcement
2. Improved Transportation Management and Parking Regulations and Enforcement
3. Green Space, Parks, and Bike Trails

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 15 email user group, who were asked to review, comment, and validate the document. Below is a snapshot of Cluster 15 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

More Responsive and Effective Government Especially in Zoning and Building Code: Residents of this Cluster were most concerned about making government more responsive and effective, especially in matters relating to zoning and building code enforcement. They saw this as necessary in order to maintain the character and quality of life in their neighborhoods. Specifically, residents felt that the District government should do a better job in communicating and involving citizens in the review and planning of development proposals, and the permitting process of construction in their neighborhoods.

Improved Transportation Management and Parking Regulations and Enforcement: Residents were also very concerned about improving transportation management and parking regulations and enforcement. Specific concerns were around keeping neighborhoods

free from commuter and cut-through traffic, and reducing the pressure of commercial and tourist parking on neighborhood streets. To address these issues, residents recommended traffic studies be conducted, traffic calming measures be implemented, and meetings be held with the National Cathedral, the National Zoo, and the Woodley Park convention hotels to discuss tour bus and tourist parking issues.

Green Space, Parks, and Bike Trails: The final priority identified by residents was enhancing the natural environment, such as green space, park maintenance, trees and tree care, and bike trails. Specifically residents encouraged better maintenance of street trees, and neighborhood parks, and protection of existing green space from development.

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: MORE RESPONSIVE & EFFECTIVE GOVERNMENT IN AREAS OF: ZONING, BUILDING CODES, HISTORIC PRESERVATION, ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS, & LAND USE REGULATION

Objective: Improve responsiveness and effectiveness of agencies in administering and enforcing zoning, building codes, historic preservation laws, and other land use laws.

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Establish a Task Force with members representing the Advisory Neighborhood Commissions (ANCs), neighborhood associations, and the following agencies: DCRA, Office of Planning, and Department of Health. The Task Force would identify deficiencies and recommend remedies including identifying specific laws and regulations which have not been consistently or effectively implemented and procedures that lack accountability.	Ward-wide	OP	The objective for this action indicates the issue is one of enforcement and accountability. OP is committed to the responsive administration of all city regulations and is working with the interagency regulatory reform committee, which includes review of the development process and regulations. OP will participate on a task force..	218
		DOH	Currently, DOH is undergoing a revision of the Environmental Impact Statement process which will strengthen the city's environmental review process for all construction projects. When a building and land regulation task force is developed, DOH will participate.	218
		DCRA	DCRA will review recommendations made by the ANC and other interested groups regarding changes to the land development review process and provide response. DCRA will also assign an individual to serve on the proposed task force.	218
		OCC	OCC will work with client agency to meet desired policy objectives and time frame. OCC will provide legal support within client agency's time frame.	218

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Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Undertake a review of Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA) to improve and strengthen this agency with respect to improving compliance with and enforcement of the zoning regulations and building codes.	City-wide	DCRA	DCRA has agreed to participate in the new task force in ward 3 to be led by the Neighborhood Planner. Through this forum, we can discuss problems regarding compliance and enforcement	1919
		DMPED	It makes sense because DCRA will be able to detail the steps it has taken to re-organize itself to be more effective. All agencies are constantly involved in review processes designed to help them achieve their missions more effectively.	1919
Review how well other land use laws, such as environmental regulations and historic preservation laws, are being coordinated among the agencies with responsibility for these laws, including DCRA, the Department of Health, and the Office of Planning. Action Steps c thru e should be used to undertake this review.	City-wide	DMPED	Under a contract with the Environment Law Institution, DOH and other regulatory agencies are reviewing the District's environmental laws and regulations. A legislative package will be introduced to Council no later than Dec 31, 2002.	1920
		DCRA	DCRA will participate in this effort.	1920
		OP	The Office of Planning regularly participates in the regulatory reforms meeting and will support the DMPED in any necessary efforts to improve coordination between departments.	1920

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		OCC	OCC should not be a lead agency . OCC will provide legal advice and enforcement to client agencies. OCC will provide legal service support within client agency's time frame.	1920
The Inspector General's Office should undertake a review of DCRA and provide a report to the agency Director, the Mayor, and the Council Members with oversight responsibility for this agency on the results of the review.	City-wide	IGO	In response to the Mayor's City-wide Strategic Plan, the OIG will undertake a review of DCRA. Also as part of the OIG's FY 2002 Audit Plan, a comprehensive audit of DCRA was scheduled to begin in the 3rd of 4th quarter of FY 2002.	1921

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<p>The Director of DCRA and the Insurance Commissioner from the Department of Insurance and Securities Regulations should request that the Insurance Services Office (ISO Inc.) undertake an assessment of the Building and Land Administration office in DCRA under the Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule program. While this program has a special emphasis on mitigation of losses from natural hazards, the program will provide an assessment of the District's building codes in effect in the District and how well local officials enforce those codes.</p>	City-wide	DISR	DISR will meet with the Commercial Fire Rating Division of Iso to lobby them to undertake a study to establish a uniform Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule for the District of Columbia. This meeting will be targeted for early third quarter of FY 2002.	1922
		DCRA	DCRA has agreed to participate in the new task force in ward 3 to be led by the Neighborhood Planner. Through this forum, we can discuss problems regarding compliance and enforcement	1922
<p>Require the Fire Department and DCRA to establish a program to ensure that when the cause of a fire is related to possible building code violations that the fire is jointly documented and a final report is placed on file with DCRA by property address.</p>	City-wide	FEMS	The agency shares information with DCRA by written and verbal referrals. The agency contact person is A/Sgt. K. Pinkney, 727-1614.	1927

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Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Require the Fire Department and DCRA to establish a program to ensure that when the cause of a fire is related to possible building code violations that the fire is jointly documented and a final report is placed on file with DCRA by property address.	City-wide	DCRA	The Fire Department and DCRA works closely in addressing the condition of buildings that have had a fire emergency. Please contact Gregory Love, Building and Land Regulation Administration (BLRA) Administrator at 442-9557	1927
Initiate procedures to ensure ANCs and Civic Associations are notified about permits applications before permits are issued, within 7 days of an application for permit being filed, and within 10 days of issuance of actual permits. Also, post promptly permit applications and permits on DCRA's website.	City-wide	DCRA	DCRA is required to notify ANC Chairpersons of pending construction projects. Residents, civic associations, and other interested parties should contact their local ANC's for this information. Please call Lennox Douglas at 442-4533. DCRA will review it's processes to determine feasibility of placing permit information on web site. This information would be in read-only access.	1928

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Objective: Improve the Large Tract Review process.

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
The Office of Planning should undertake a review of the Large Tract Review process including its use and effectiveness in minimizing adverse environmental, traffic and neighborhood impacts, avoiding extraordinary costs, and carrying out the policies of the Comprehensive Plan. The Office of Planning should report the findings and recommendations for improving the Large Tract Review process to the Zoning Commission.	City-wide	OP	The Office of Planning will review and evaluate the existing Large Tract Review process in FY 03.	221
Ensure developments that fall within the criteria for Large Tract Review are properly assessed and adverse environmental impact, traffic, and neighborhood impacts are minimized, unnecessary costs are avoided, and policies of the Comprehensive Plan are carried out.	City-wide	OP	OP is committed to the proper administration of the Large Tract Review (LTR) and will initiate it whenever required. OP will review and evaluate the LTR process in FY 03.	1929

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Objective: Improve the environmental regulations, enforcement of those regulations, and coordination of these laws among the District agencies responsible for ensuring compliance and with plan approval and permit authority over development projects subject to the environmental regulations.

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Establish the position of Chief Environmental Officer to coordinate the process within the lead agency and among agencies that have permit or review authority over the development project. (also see Priority 3, Objective 1, Action Step b).	City-wide	DOH	The Mayor has recently hired a Special Assistant for the environment that reports directly to him. Additionally, DOH is hiring an Assistant Deputy Director of the Environmental Health Administration in order to facilitate the operations of the three bureaus within the administration, which are Environmental Quality, Hazardous Materials and Toxic Substances, Food, Drug and Pharmaceutical Control and Community Hygiene.	1932
		DCRA	The responsibility for coordinating the environmental review process is assigned to Denzil Noble, Deputy Administrator, Building and Land Regulation Administration.	1932

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Objective: Improve compliance with the provision pertaining to accessory apartment in single family detached dwellings (Section 202.9 of Title 11 Zoning).

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
The DCRA, the Office of Planning, and Corporation Council should undertake a review of the level of compliance and enforcement of the accessory apartment provision in the Zoning Regulations and with the Building Codes. Findings and recommendations concerning the accessory apartment zoning provision should be reported to the Zoning Commission. Findings concerning changes to the Building Codes should be reported to the appropriate City Council committee for amendments to the Code.	City-wide	DCRA	DCRA will review the accessory apartment provisions of the Zoning Regulations and prepare a report.	1933
		OP	DCRA has the responsibility for enforcing these regulations. OP will provide whatever support is appropriate and necessary to help with these reviews	1933
		OCC	OCC can provide legal advice to client to accomplish goals.	1933

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Objective: Require licensing of all contractors in the District to improve the level of compliance, and help ensure that contractors know and understand the codes.

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Significantly strengthen penalties for non-compliance with building codes by contractors.	City-wide	DCRA	DCRA plans to undertake an assessment of its code enforcement process which includes an assessment of existing fines to determine where fines will be increased. As part of this assessment, DCRA will propose a schedule of fines that will substantially enhance the current schedule of fines.	1935
		OCC	OCC should not be a lead agency. OCC will provide legal advice to client agency.	1935
Bar applicants who misrepresent or falsify material facts on a building permit application or environmental screening forms from filing any further application within DCRA for at least 1 year and fine them.	City-wide	DCRA	Currently regulations contain provisions that make it a penalty for providing false and misleading information. DCRA will review this provision to ensure that it is adequately enforced for building permit applications. A review of this process will be conducted by the Office of General Council.	1936

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Objective: Conduct routine and continuous outreach and education of the community on the zoning regulations, historic preservation laws, building codes, and all land use regulations.

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Enhance the list of building permits distributed to ANCs by including a field that allows for sorting by ANC	citywide	DCRA	DCRA is currently working on improvement of its website to provide a variety of ways that users may sort and utilize the information.	1916
Develop a brochure to inform residents of pending construction projects in their immediate vicinity, and mail it to affected residents	citywide	DCRA	DCRA is required to notify ANC Chairpersons of pending construction projects. Residents should contact their local ANC's for this information. DCRA is currently developing a brochure to this end.	1917
Develop a program on DC Cable to explain how to comply with zoning regulations, buildings codes, historic preservation laws, and all land use regulations and the importance of these regulations and codes.	City-wide	DCRA	DCRA is in the process of developing public information material for a variety of media. The DC Cable suggestion is one that will be implemented.	1937
Include public safety messages on DC cable about building codes and where to report nuisance properties.	City-wide	DCRA	DCRA is in the process of developing public information material for a variety of media. The DC Cable suggestion is one that will be implemented.	1938

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Objective: Conduct routine and continuous outreach and education of the community on the zoning regulations, historic preservation laws, building codes, and all land use regulations.

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Prepare flyers and disseminate them to the public via the internet and direct mailings similar to the brochure on proper disposal of trash: "Zoning & Building Codes: How do they help you?", "Building Permits: Why and how to obtain a permit?" "What it means to be in a Historic District", etc.	City-wide	DCRA	DCRA is in the process of developing public information material for a variety of media. The DC Cable suggestion is one that will be implemented. DCRA has published on-line all the zoning code and 1999 DC Building Code Supplement regulations. This is downloadable by the public. Please go to our website address at www.dcrd.dc.gov	1939
Contact insurance companies doing business in the District and seek their assistance in promoting building code compliance to homeowners, such as a brochure in their policy renewal notices. Seek support from the Department of Insurance and Securities Regulations.	City-wide	DCRA	This is an excellent suggestion that the Department will pursue. DCRA plans to review all of the existing flyers, brochures and pamphlets to supplement and update them in response to current changes to the law and regulations. Please contact BLRA Administrator, Greg Love at 442.4455	1940

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Cluster Priority: TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT & PARKING REGULATION & ENFORCEMENT
Objective: Address Parking Related Issues throughout the Cluster

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
<p>Conduct Comprehensive Parking Study and prepare Parking Problem Area Maps for Woodley Park and Cleveland Park. Issues to consider include impact of commercial area patrons parking in residential areas; major tourist destinations; and limit residential parking. Possible solutions to consider include: tax or other incentives for businesses supplying off-street parking and homeowners with off-street parking and/or one or no cars; base residential permit parking fees on size or weight or vehicle; build municipal or private parking lots and garages; increase required off-street parking requirements of new developments; extend RPP zone restrictions to evenings and weekends in congested areas; develop curb markings indicating parking distance from driveways, alleys, fire hydrants, and other; locations for head-in or diagonal parking along streets; eliminate fix-distance meters for paid windshield receipts (used in Europe and NYC).</p>	Woodley Park, Cleveland Park	DDOT	DDOT will work with Deputy Mayor for Planning and Econ. Development (DMPED) to study the parking policies and the possibilities of establishing municipal parking lots. Parking Studies will be performed during FY 03. The results from the studies will be used citywide.	1944

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Cluster Priority: TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT & PARKING REGULATION & ENFORCEMENT
Objective: Improve Public Transportation Options and Explore Alternative Transportation Methods

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Meet with WMATA to discuss bus speeding on 29th Street, between Cathedral & Calvert Street.	29th Street between Cathedral Ave. and Calvert Street	WMATA	WMATA will work with DCDOT officials to address bus speeding issues on 29th street between Cathedral and Calvert Street. WMATA will monitor bus traffic on 29th Street with bus supervisor.	1947
Explore tax incentives for businesses that subsidize employees' use of mass transit.	City-wide	DDOT	DDOT is working with the Metropolitan Council of Governments to inform and encourage businesses and universities to use ridesharing, transit, and other means of transportation for their methods of commuting.	1948
Improve safety of bicycle lanes by: using implanted reflectors to delineate bike lanes; ticketing cars that block bike lanes; supplying stop signs at National Park Service crossings (particularly at 24th & Rock Creek Parkway).	Cluster-wide; 24th Street and Rock Creek Parkway	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.	1950

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Cluster Priority: TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT & PARKING REGULATION & ENFORCEMENT
Objective: Improve Traffic Flow and Develop Traffic Management Systems

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Develop Traffic-Calming Plan for all neighborhoods of Cluster 15 to include appropriate traffic-calming measures such as speed humps and additional stop signs. Specific locations of concern include: 29th Street between Calvert & Cathedral; Cleveland Avenue between 29th & 34th Streets; Cathedral Avenue east of Connecticut Avenue; Garfield Street between 29th and Cleveland Avenue; and 27th and Woodley Road.	Cluster-wide	DDOT	DDOT in partnership with Howard University is developing criteria to be used for implementing traffic calming measures. Criteria will be developed in Q4-02. Implementation in Q2 -03. DDOT will work with ANC and community to develop a plan in Q2-03 based on traffic calming measures.	223
Investigate smarter use of Rock Creek Park roads for rush hour commuter traffic. For example, open both lanes to inbound & outbound traffic north of Taft Bridge to reduce rush hour reliance on Connecticut Avenue.	Rock Creek Park	DDOT	While Rock Creek Park roads are under the perview of the NPS, DDOT will work with them to improve flow onto DC roadways.	1952
Explore signal light timing; and better use of left-turn lanes and left-turn traffic signals. Suggested locations include the entrance to Rock Creek Parkway at Calvert Street & 24th Street.	Cluster-wide; Rock Creek Parkway at Calvert Street & 24th Street	DDOT	DDOT will review location and make appropriate signal timing changes as needed.	1953

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Cluster Priority: TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT & PARKING REGULATION & ENFORCEMENT
Objective: Improve Traffic Flow and Develop Traffic Management Systems

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Monitor traffic flow during and after construction of new Giant food store at Wisconsin and Newark Street. Particular attention should be given to truck traffic.	Wisconsin Avenue at Newark Street	DDOT	DDOT's Traffic Services Administration will review and monitor	1957

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Cluster Priority: TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT & PARKING REGULATION & ENFORCEMENT
Objective: Ensure Pedestrian Safety

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
As part of the Traffic-Calming Plan (Objective 3; Action Step 5) develop and implement a uniform and bold pedestrian crosswalk design. Provide signage to accompany crosswalks indicating "yield to pedestrians." Provide rumble strips preceding crosswalks to slow drivers down. Problem intersections include Idaho Ave. and Macomb St. where no crosswalks exist.	Cluster-wide	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.	1961

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Cluster Priority: TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT & PARKING REGULATION & ENFORCEMENT
Objective: Address Tourist Related Issues in Neighborhood

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Meet with National Zoo officials to discuss transportation management issues, including better ways to advertise public transportation in promotional materials and at Zoo entrances/exits, and reinstate shuttles to and from Metro rail stops; develop tour bus staging areas off public streets and on Zoo property; increase parking capacity to reduce over-flow into neighborhood streets.	National Zoo	OP	The Neighborhood Planning Coordinator for Ward 3 will coordinate with the Neighborhood Services Coordinator for Ward 3 to host a meeting with the National Zoo.	224
Meet with National Cathedral officials to discuss transportation management issues, including better ways to advertise public transportation in promotional materials; develop tour bus staging areas off public streets and on Cathedral property; develop greater parking capacity on Cathedral property to reduce overflow into neighborhood streets.	National Cathedral	OP	The Neighborhood Planning Coordinator of Ward 3 will coordinate with the Neighborhood Services coordinator for Ward 3 to host a meeting with the National Cathedral.	225

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Cluster Priority: TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT & PARKING REGULATION & ENFORCEMENT
Objective: Address Tourist Related Issues in Neighborhood

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Meet with local large hotel management to discuss transportation management issues, including better ways to advertise public transportation in promotional materials; develop tour bus staging areas off public streets and on hotel property; direct parking and traffic away from the neighborhood streets and to the main arteries.	Woodley Park Convention Hotels	OP	The Neighborhood Planning Coordinator of Ward 3 will coordinate with the Neighborhood Services coordinator for Ward 3 to host a meeting with Woodley Park Hotels.	226
Request Police and Parking Enforcement personnel conduct police sweeps to crack down on illegal standing, idling, and parking by tour buses around Woodley Park convention hotels, National Zoo, and National Cathedral.	Woodley Park commercial area, Zoo, & National Cathedral	MPD	MPD currently enforces the tour bus violations. Enforcement has not been successful due to the large volume of buses from all over the country that are involved in this behavior. One solution would be to find an alternative are for the buses to park, and require that they park there.	539

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Cluster Priority: ENVIRONMENT: GREEN SPACE, PARKS, & WALKING/BIKING TRAILS
Objective: Analyze and act to strengthen open, green space planning and improvement

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Strengthen the environmental expertise of DOH with a new environmental chief with experience in overall environmental impact of new urban development. The current experts on air, water, etc. would report to this chief. (also see Priority 1, Objective 3, Action Step b).	City-wide	DOH	The Mayor has recently hired a Special Assistant for the environment that reports directly to him. Additionally, the DOH is hiring an Assistant Deputy Director for the Environmental Health Administration in order to facilitate the operations of the three bureaus within the administration, which are Environmental Quality, Hazardous Materials and Toxic Substances, Food, Drug and Pharmaceutical Control and Community Hygiene.	228
Hire a certified landscape architect with urban green space/parkland experience 1) in the DC Office of Planning and, also 2) in the Department of Parks and Recreation.	City-wide	DPR	DPR has recently hired the department's first Landscape Architect to contribute to the maintenance & beautification of parks.	540
Require DPR and DPW to survey and assess the needs, conditions, facilities, and accessibility of existing parks and green space areas and to provide the ANCs with a copy of the plan for green areas under their jurisdiction.	Cluster-wide	DPR	DPR has an inventory of green space that it can share with ANC leaders. Other facility and program analysis will be part of the Master Plan, currently being developed.	541

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Cluster Priority: ENVIRONMENT: GREEN SPACE, PARKS, & WALKING/BIKING TRAILS
Objective: Preserve the parkland character of the neighborhood through enforcement of green legislation and zoning regulations

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Eliminate self-certification of environmental impact of new development. The city's professional employees should perform this assessment. Each ANC and community associations should be apprised of any proposal for an EIZ, EIS, or "Large Tract Review" with ample time for citizen input. (also see Priority 1, Objective 1, Action Step k).	City-wide	DCRA	There is currently no self-certification of environmental impact unless the contractor can certify that a study was conducted by a Federally approved agency. *** The information is correct. DCRA's position stands.	1971
Require the Office of Planning (OP), Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA), Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB), Zoning Commission, and other relevant committees to uphold the city's laws and regulations.	City-wide	OZ	OZ referred the Tree Slope Overlay/Open Space case (00-15/86-09) to OP to propose open space and additional tree slope protection zones. OZ is awaiting an OP response. Zoning regulation enforcement is a function of the Zoning Administrator at DCRA. Please note: OZ is not a Lead Agency or Partner of this action. The Office of Zoning (BZA/ZC) and Zoning Administrators office of the DCRA have separate functions, offices and employees, please refer to the glossary for a detailed description of each office function.	1975
		OP	The Office of Planning and city boards hold themselves to the highest ethical and legal standards. OP and the boards are committed to upholding the city regulations and laws.	1975

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Cluster Priority: ENVIRONMENT: GREEN SPACE, PARKS, & WALKING/BIKING TRAILS
Objective: Protect and maintain clean, safe, and usable green spaces, including small park lots and green traffic islands.

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Require and enforce DDOT and DPR Tree and Park Maintenance Plan to preserve older trees and to trim, remove, and replace trees.	Cluster-wide	DDOT	Dead trees are being removed on a daily basis . Once dead trees are moved, they are placed on a planting list. DDOT began a tree trimming blitz by ward in August 01. Community can also contact the new City Forester, Mark Buscaino, for more information.	229
Trim trees throughout area on a regular basis and coordinate with power and cable companies, so that trees are not cut and killed by arbitrary trimming.	Cluster-wide	DDOT	DDOT currently works with utility companies to ensure maintenance of trees. A tree trimming blitz by ward began in August '01. DDOT supplies tree trimming specs to the utility companies.	230
Educate citizens on follow-up care of trees and green space in their areas, from old trees to new saplings (Example: Adopt-a-Tree program)	Cluster-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. DDOT has hired a new City Forester.	1988
Establish formal program (with DDOT and DPR) for continuing public and private tree and green space maintenance.	Cluster-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. DDOT has hired a new City Forester.	1991

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Cluster Priority: ENVIRONMENT: GREEN SPACE, PARKS, & WALKING/BIKING TRAILS
Objective: Make neighborhood both walk- and bike-friendly.

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Provide separate bike and hiking trail systems throughout public park areas.	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.	1992
Develop a natural hike/bike circuit trail, including east end of Zoo, Klingle Valley, and Melvin Hazen, to provide a premier Washington nature trail in midst of asphalt hardscape. Publicize the trail through brochures, web site, and contact with travel writers and agencies.	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.	1993
Provide bike racks at public sites. For example: 2nd District police station, public libraries, post office, fire houses, and business areas. (Also included as Priority 2, Objective 2, Action Step f).	City-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.	1995
Place "No Bicycling" sidewalk symbol signs on the heavily-traveled pedestrian sidewalk on the Zoo circuit from the Cleveland Park to the Woodley Park Metro.	Connecticut Avenue from Woodley Park Metro to Cleveland Park Metro	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.	1996

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 15 Ward 3

**Cleveland Park, Woodley
Park, Mass. Ave. Heights, and
Woodland-Normanstone
Terrace**

March 18, 2002

Citizen Budget Worksheet

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

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

Highlights of Key Commitments In Mayor's Budget

	<u>Mayoral Budget</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>
Enhance and Enforce Building and Land Regulations		
▪ 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).	✓	
▪ OP will evaluate the existing Large Tract Review process.	✓	
▪ The Department of Insurance and Securities Regulations (DISR) will meet with the Commercial Fire Rating Division of the Insurance Services Office (ISO) to encourage them to undertake a study to establish a uniform Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule.	✓	
▪ OP's Historic Preservation Office will hire an additional staff person to review construction projects in historic districts.	✓	
▪ The Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department will hire one additional fire inspector for Ward 3.	✓	
Increase Traffic Safety in Neighborhoods		
▪ The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) will be making repairs on street signs in this Ward, based on the surveying that is currently being completed.	✓	
▪ 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.	✓	



Highlights of Key Commitments, cont. for Cluster 15

**Mayoral
Budget**

**Final
Budget**

Protect the Environment

- DDOT will be completing a District-wide Bicycle Plan.
- The 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.



Manage Tour Bus Traffic

- The Ward 3 Neighborhood Service Coordinator will form a working group of the Ward 3 Traffic Policy Committee to address the traffic concerns in cluster 15 that arise from tourist-related traffic, including the National Zoo, the National Cathedral, and the Woodley Park convention hotels. The working group will have representatives from DDOT, DPW Parking Enforcement, MPD as needed, ANC 3C, and the Woodley Park and Cleveland Park Citizen Associations.

