

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
OFFICE OF PLANNING



Office of the Director

Dear Neighborhood Partner:

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Deborah Crain  
Neighborhood Planning Coordinator, Ward 5

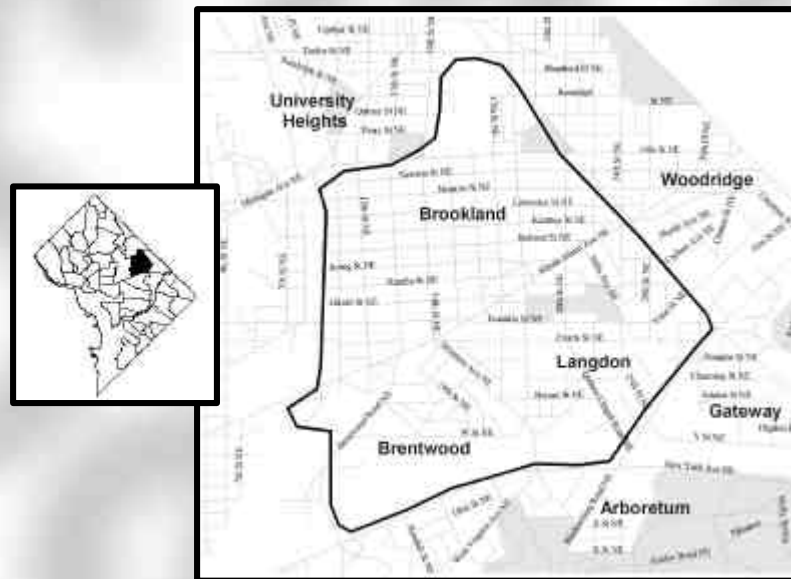
Enclosure

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

Submitted to the Council of the District of Columbia

March 18, 2002

District Agency Commitments to Neighborhood Priorities  
Identified Through Neighborhood Initiatives

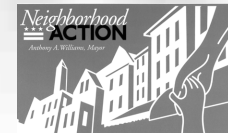


## **Cluster 22**

**Brookland, Langdon, Brentwood**



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 22. 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.

### ***Process for Developing Your SNAP***

Developing your Strategic Neighborhood Action Plan (SNAP) was a citizen-driven process that involved three phases: Visioning & Establishing Neighborhood Essential Ingredients; Action Planning; and Validation. In Phase I, between January and June of 2001, a Visioning and Essential Ingredients Workshop was held in each Neighborhood Cluster. Citizens participated in interactive exercises to establish a Cluster Vision Statement that best described the aspirations and values of its citizens. Vision Statements in this Cluster focus on having a safe neighborhood, recreation for youth and senior adults, and world class schools that adequately prepare our students for the future. One resident of Cluster 22 was quoted as saying, “My vision is to live in a safe clean neighborhood with a public school adequate to serve all the neighborhoods children, an active and safe Department of Recreation program to include all the neighborhoods children.”

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 eleven essential ingredients as vital for a livable community:

1. Public Safety
2. Recreation and Parks
3. Schools
4. Clean Well-maintained Streets
5. Beautification
6. Traffic and Mobility
7. Housing
8. Planning and Community Development
9. Neighborhood Serving Businesses
10. Government Accountability
11. Community Building

Citizens worked with their Neighborhood Planner, Service Coordinator, and Outreach Coordinator 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. Public Safety
2. Recreation and Parks
3. Schools

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

And finally in Phase III, Validation Meetings were held in the Cluster where citizens confirmed the recommended actions. Below is a snapshot of Cluster 22 priority issues. In the Mayor's Budget Commitments section of this document, you will be able to see how agencies have responded to these issues.

### ***Summary of Priorities***

Participants in the SNAP process were asked to identify the top three priority areas that are critical to improving the quality of life in their Neighborhood Cluster. The three priorities identified for Cluster 22 are:

- **Public Safety**
- **Recreation and Parks**
- **Schools**

**Public Safety** emerged as the top concern in Cluster 22. Residents shared that many of the positive activities happening in their community are in jeopardy until the issue of public safety is addressed. Residents of Cluster 22 identified a variety of safety issues, such as poor street and alley lighting, the prevalence drug activity, and the need for more police visibility in the neighborhood. Actions recommended by residents included increasing MPD staffing, eradicating drug activities, establishing drug free zones, establishing more partnerships for problem solving and increasing police foot and bike patrols.

**Recreation and Parks** was voted as the second priority for Cluster 22. Residents said that there is a great need for recreation service for youth as well as senior citizens. Participants stressed the need for partnerships between the Department of Parks and Recreation, other agencies, and the private sector to increase access to recreational opportunities. Residents stated that recreation services should be free to residents of the District of Columbia, especially senior citizens. Community members would like to see more open space, as well as additional recreational parks.

**Improving Schools** came in as the third priority for Cluster 22. Workshop participants saw the need for improved academic and vocation programs and better exposure to art and culture for all grade levels. Citizens would also like to see school buildings used for after school activities for youth and adults, as well as for community-based social programs. Lastly, residents highlighted the need for new school buildings and the renovation of some existing ones.

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



**Ward 5**  
**Cluster 22**

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



**Cluster Priority: PUBLIC SAFETY**  
**Objective: Better use of MPD resources**

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Increase the number of officers available in the PSA's	Brentwood Recreation Center area, Downing Street, 14th and Saratoga to 14th and Downing, near Brookland Elementary School	MPD	The MPD has conducted a workload analysis to determine the proper deployment of police resources citywide in order to achieve faster response time to calls for service and a better distribution of time available for problem-solving. Manpower deployment decisions will be made in FY 2002; however, some increases will not occur until addition sworn members are hired. To boost staffing levels, the Chief has also committed to double the number of Volunteer Reserve personnel, who are uniformed, equipped with the ASP and OC spray, and authorized to make arrests, write tickets, and direct traffic.	2355
Increase police presence in known hot spots via foot patrols and surveillance with coordinated strategy to resolve	1300 block of Adams Street, NE, Saratoga Ave., NE, behind Woodridge Library	MPD	Patrol Service Area (PSA) officers will provide direct patrol to the affected area during the high crime hours, The Focus Mission Team will conduct surveillance during 3rd quarter of FY '02.	2356

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**Cluster Priority: PUBLIC SAFETY**  
**Objective: Eliminate drug activity and prostitution in the neighborhood**

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Work with other agencies to coordinate effort to stem drug activity	1300 Block of Bryant St and 1300 Block of Adams, Saratoga Ave.	MPD	Targeting will be done by Narcotics Strike Force and District Focused Mission Team Units to address and reduce open air markets. Work will also be done with District detectives to focus on violent drug traffickers with long term investigations.	323
		OCC	OCC will work with other agencies to provide legal advice and legal service support within the client agency's time frame.	323

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**Cluster Priority: PUBLIC SAFETY**  
**Objective: Improve community/police relations**

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Use strategies such as Partnership for Problem Solving to improve the relations between police and the public and to work towards resolving issues.	PSAs 505, 503, and 506	MPD	Fifth District is currently conducting this activity, and will re-examine how best to inform citizens about how it is being done and/or look for ways to improve its performance.	324
Provide citizens with better access to crime statistics as they relate to personal crimes	Cluster-wide	MPD	Crime reports.com provides crime statistics to citizens who request to be put on the email list. For more information go to mpdc.dc.gov on the web. Patrol Service Area (PSA) lieutenants also regularly bring crime statistics to the monthly PSA meetings. Beginning first quarter 2002, 5D PSA meetings will be more widely publicized.	2357
Increase the number of PSA's involved in Partnerships for Problem Solving.	PSA 505 and 501	MPD	5D will more widely publicize Patrol Service Area (PSA) meetings and do additional outreach. PSA team members will regularly share information about upcoming PSA meetings when out in the community.	2358

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Cluster Priority: RECREATION

Objective: Coordinate and implement diversified recreational programming through partnerships

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Increase police presence at recreation centers to provide additional public safety.		MPD	Patrol Service Area (PSA) Officers will provide additional patrols to the clubs during peak hours and respond to recreation centers when called to provide additional assistance.	2363
		DPR	DPR 's Urban Park Rangers will collaborate with MPD to coordinate this effort. We always encourage more involvement from the police. This would be a productive neighborhood services collaboration/project.	2363

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**Cluster Priority: RECREATION**

**Objective: Build new or Improve Existing Recreation Facilities**

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Build a state of the art recreation and sports center with minimal expense to DC citizens and free to senior citizens.	Cluster-wide	DPR	DPR is currently conducting an inventory of facilities. Development of a master plan, which will include an assessment of programs and parks is in process. New projects will be considered as this plan takes shape. One project in the area, Turkey Thicket, is state of the art.	2359

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**Cluster Priority: RECREATION**  
**Objective: Coordinate and implement diversified recreational programming through partnerships**

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Increase the number of staff, programs and maintenance at recreation centers (Langdon).	Cluster-wide	DPR	DPR recently increased the staff levels at Langdon, hired a new center manager and expanded programs.	325
Develop a DPR/DCPS partnership and increase the hours at facilities to provide increased recreational and educational programming.	Brookland & Burroughs schools	DCPS	DCPS should be listed as a support agency in this action. DPR should discuss with After School for All Programs once it has conferred with cluster representatives. DCPS currently offers out-of-school programming for children both at Brookland and Burroughs with funding from DHS and will continue to do so with that funding.	326
		DPR	DPR is developing new partnerships with nonprofits to provide services in recreation centers citywide. These partnerships will increase opportunities available to seniors and children. Examples include: City Lights, for adjudicated youth, and Barney Senior Services for seniors.	326
Provide additional recreational opportunities for senior citizens and children	Cluster-wide (list centers)	DPR	DPR has hired a new Associate Director for Programs. This person will assess our current situation (by reading these plans and visiting sites) and will work with the community (seniors and schools) to develop future programs.	2362
Coordinate planning so that developing industry does not negatively impact community and open space.	Cluster-wide	DPR	Throughout the development of DPR's Master Plan (put together over the next year), these issues will be investigated and discussed. The Master Plan will allow for more comprehensive planning.	2364

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**Cluster Priority: SCHOOLS**

**Objective: Better school programs**

<b>Proposed Action</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Agency</b>	<b>Budget Commitment</b>	<b>Action ID</b>
Provide before and after school programs for adults and children both organized and spontaneous.	Brookland & Burroughs School	DCPS	Both Brookland and Burroughs have out-of-school time programs to serve children in this cluster.	2371

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**Cluster Priority: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**  
**Objective: Support neighborhood-based businesses**

<b>Proposed Action</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Agency</b>	<b>Budget Commitment</b>	<b>Action ID</b>
Undertake and complete a small area plan	Rhode Island Metro Stop area	OP	The Office of Planning, in collaboration with neighborhood residents and stakeholders, will undertake a Strategic Development Plan for Rhode Island Ave. during FY 2003. The Strategic Development Plan will (1) outline priorities for revitalization based on sound market analysis and financial stability, and (2) establish standards for design, historic preservation, land use, site planning and development. (dlc)	321



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**Cluster Priority: CLEAN AND SAFE ENVIRONMENT**  
**Objective: Create clean and safe public spaces**

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Improve DPW's capacity to regulate and promptly remove abandoned auto's	Throughout Cluster 22 and Ward 5	DPW	Abandoned and junk vehicles will be removed in a more timely manner following the opening of DPW's new impoundment lot in early FY2002. By mid-FY2002, add'l tow cranes will be deployed. DPW's abandoned auto investigations have been centralized which has improved capacity to regulate abandoned and junk vehicles.	2346
Implement centralized code enforcement. Re-inspect and finalize adjudication procedures	Alley in the 1800 block of Hamlin Street	DOH	DOH will support DCRA in this effort.	2349
Add additional SWEEP Inspectors.	Throughout Cluster 22 and Ward 5	DPW	The Department of Public Works (DPW) hired additional SWEEP inspectors in FY 2002, bringing the number of inspectors in the ward to three. This will increase the level of solid waste education and enforcement and help prevent illegal dumping.	2350
Monitor and maintain public spaces. Assess the need for additional trashcans on public spaces in 12th St. corridor	12th & Evarts to 12th & Monroe Streets.	DPW	DPW has 180 The city will be surveyed for need and prioritized, including this location. Installations will be made during the 3rd quarter of FY02. Additional cans will be purchased over the next three years as funding becomes available.	2351
Provide for manual and targeted street and alley cleaning for the 12th Street business corridor.	12th & Evarts to 12th & Monroe Streets.	DPW	DPW will continue to deliver its core business services that include street and alley sweeping.	2352

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**Cluster Priority: CLEAN AND SAFE ENVIRONMENT**  
**Objective: Address tree-related issues**

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Inform residents of ongoing leaf collection work	Throughout Cluster 22 and Ward 5	DPW	Each fall DPW mails a brochure detailing leaf collection. In addition, this information is available on DPW's website <a href="http://dpw.dc.gov">http://dpw.dc.gov</a>	2347
Inform residents of ongoing stump removal and sidewalk repair work; Present information during ANC and comm. based forums.	Throughout Cluster 22 and Ward 5	DDOT	DDOT will determine pavement conditions of the locations and repair where necessary. Survey is on-going, any design will occur in the 4th Qtr of FY03 and construction in the out years.	2348
Inform residents of ongoing tree trimming work	Throughout Cluster 22 and Ward 5	DDOT	DDOT will publicize activities by issuing public releases in the newspapers, internet, as well as other public outreach.	2353
Plant replacement trees	Where needed	DDOT	DDOT will publicize activities by issuing public releases in the newspapers, internet, as well as other public outreach.	2354

## Agency Abbreviations Guide

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

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



# Cluster 22 Ward 5

## Brookland, Langdon, Brentwood

March 18, 2002

### Citizen Budget Worksheet

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

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

### Highlights of Key Commitments In Mayor's Budget

	<u>Mayoral Budget</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>
<b>Increase Public Safety in Neighborhoods</b>		
▪ To boost staffing levels, Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) is committed to double the number of Volunteer Reserve personnel.	✓	
▪ MPD's Patrol Service Area (PSA) Officers will provide direct patrol in known hot spots via foot patrols and surveillance during the high crime hours. Additionally, PSA Officers will more strictly enforce traffic regulations in areas which have been posted with signs.	✓	
▪ MPD's Narcotics Strike Force and District Vice Units will target specific "hot spots" to address and reduce open air markets and work with District Detectives to focus on violent drug traffickers through long term investigations.	✓	
▪ The District Division of Transportation (DDOT) will be conducting an inventory of traffic control signs in Wards to determine which ones need to be replaced and where new signs need to be installed.	✓	
▪ DDOT will develop neighborhood transportation plans in this cluster to address traffic calming needs.	✓	
▪ The Department of Public Works (DPW) has opened an additional impound lot and new tow cranes are arriving which will enable quicker removal of abandoned vehicles. Abandoned auto inspectors will continue to tag abandoned vehicles for towing.	✓	



# Highlights of Key Commitments, cont. for Cluster 22

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## Improve Recreation Opportunities in Neighborhoods

- DPR has increased the number of staff, programs and maintenance at recreation centers, which will increase its ability to develop partnerships with colleges, universities, non-profits, and churches.
- DPR's Urban Park Rangers are working the Metropolitan Police Department to improve public safety.
- DPR will develop a master plan, which will include an assessment of programs and parks is in process. New projects will be considered as this plan takes shape.
- DPR will continue to build two major recreation centers: Turkey Thicket and North Michigan Park. Field and lighting renovations have also been completed in this area.



## Increase the Quality of Education in Neighborhoods

- District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS) is developing plans to expand the use of school facilities by the community.
- DCPS will continue to explore options for providing vocational opportunities for children at schools without such offerings. DCPS is looking at shared-time programs and the possibility of transporting students to schools with existing programs.
- DCPS has begun implementing a 3-year Business Plan designed to improve and enhance District schools both academically and structurally.
- DCPS will be working with the Deputy Mayor for Children, Youth, Families, and Elders to prioritize and identify where to place on-site health services and information to combat teen pregnancy, sickle cell anemia and asthma.

