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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,

Howard Ways
Neighborhood Planning Coordinator, Ward 7

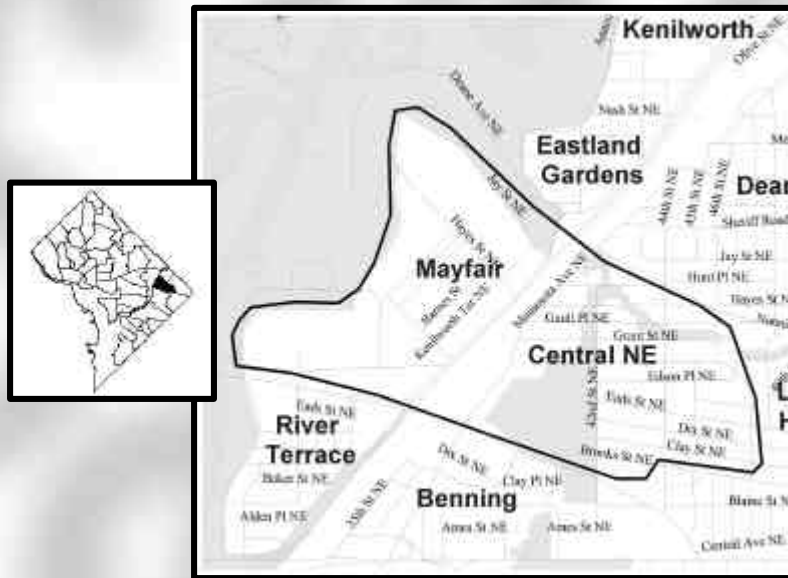
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Citizen's Guide To Mayor Anthony A. Williams' Proposed FY 2003 Budget

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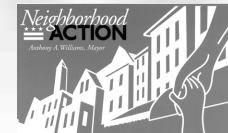
District Agency Commitments to Neighborhood Priorities
Identified Through Neighborhood Initiatives



Cluster 30
Central NE, Mayfair



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 30. 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.

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. 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 the following essential ingredients as vital for a livable community:

- Abandoned Housing
- Public Safety
- Commercial Development
- Youth Development
- Infrastructure/Transportation
- Historic Preservation
- Accountability
- Neighborhood Services
- Open Space
- Neighborhood Stability

Citizens worked with their Neighborhood Planner to prioritize the top 3-4 essential ingredients that were critical to begin addressing in fiscal years 2002-03. Citizens in your neighborhood cluster identified the four ingredients:

1. Eliminating Abandoned Housing
2. Transportation and Infrastructure
3. Commercial Development
4. Youth Development

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

And finally in Phase III, Validation Meetings were held in the cluster where citizens confirmed the recommended actions. Below is a snapshot of Cluster 29, 30 and 31 priority issues. In the Mayor's Budget Commitments section of this document, you will be able to see how agencies have responded to these issues.

Summary of Priorities

Participants in the SNAP process were asked to identify the top four priority areas that are critical to improving the quality of life in their Neighborhood Cluster. Clusters 29, 30 and 31 worked jointly on this effort and identified the following priorities:

- Eliminating Abandoned Housing
- Transportation and Infrastructure
- Commercial Development
- Youth Development

Eliminating Abandoned Housing to remove health and safety risks and to remove the blight that lowers property values was identified as the highest priority. Residents view abandoned housing as a "cancer that must be removed" and a prerequisite to beginning any sustainable redevelopment effort. Communities have worked with the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs, but are pushing for accelerated results to create new parcels for future development.

Transportation and Infrastructure is the second priority. Improving the quality of streets, sidewalks, alleys, curbs and gutters were cited as major issues. Additionally, improving access to public transportation and mitigating traffic congestion were also identified as areas of concern.

Commercial Development is a major component to improving the quality of life for residents. Citizens shared that the area is underserved by quality retail and commercial establishments. Additionally, citizens reiterated that many existing commercial and retail establishments contribute to illegal dumping and recommend increasing code enforcement.

Youth Development was the fourth priority. Citizens recommended better maintenance of recreational facilities and promoting the development of healthy and productive young people who can make positive contributions to their neighborhoods. To achieve these goals, specific program recommendations were developed for the Department of Parks and Recreation and the DC Public Schools.

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.

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Cluster 30

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



Cluster Priority: ELIMINATE ABANDONED HOUSING
Objective: Remove blighting influence of abandoned housing

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Demolish 20-30 identified vacant buildings by '03	All neighborhoods	DCRA	DCRA is working with the DMPED to develop priorities for demolitions and time frames.	458
Develop routine inspection and maintenance schedule of abandoned lots and buildings	All neighborhoods	DCRA	*** In accordance with original legislation, DCRA started Phase 1 Abandoned housing inventory in June FY 2001 Phase 1 was completed in Oct 2001. Full inventory to be completed March 2002. DCRA will have 39 Clusters in the city and will have a Neighborhood Stabilization Officer (NSO) for each responsible for inspection activities. Please call 645-8285 to learn about your NSO.	459
		DMPED	The Mayor's Omnibus Housing Bill includes an administrative process for demolishing and purchasing abandoned buildings. DCRA has doubled the number of housing inspectors to 57 and implemented RAPIDS, an electronic reporting program.	459
Demolish abandoned houses in the community	Gault Pl.	DCRA	DCRA is working with the DMPED to develop priorities for demolitions and time frames.	2966
Market housing programs to assist property owners to better maintain their property	All neighborhoods	DHCD	DHCD provides funding to community-based organizations to market DHCD's single family housing rehab program.	2971

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Cluster Priority: ELIMINATE ABANDONED HOUSING

Objective: Remove blighting influence of abandoned housing

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Enforce the "Clean It or Lien It" program	All neighborhoods	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.	2972
		DCRA	DCRA will utilize its Building Improvement Program in conjunction with "Clean It or Lien It" when necessary.	2972

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**Proposed FY 2003 Commitments to Priorities
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Cluster Priority: ELIMINATE ABANDONED HOUSING
Objective: Determine strategies to encourage better maintenance of privately owned lots

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Increase dollar amount of fines and improve enforcement and collection	All neighborhoods	OCC	OCC will work with client agencies (DPW, DCRA, etc.) to provide legal advice. OCC will provide legal service support within client agency's time frame	460
Maintain vacant lots	Gault Pl., Foote St. , Hayes St.	DPW	DPW will work with NSC to address neighborhood service request and develop an effective strategy to resolve the request.	2970
Encourage communities to Adopt-A-Lot	All neighborhoods	DPW	Tools and trash bags for community cleanups are available through DPW's Helping Hand program.	2973
		OCCC	OCCC will support this initiative through the neighborhood engagement component of the Adopt-A-Block program.	2973

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**Proposed FY 2003 Commitments to Priorities
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Cluster Priority: TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Objective: Complete paving and curbing of all streets and alleys

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Add handicap cuts at all intersections	All neighborhoods	DDOT	DDOT will investigate and take appropriate action.	2974

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**Proposed FY 2003 Commitments to Priorities
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Cluster Priority: TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE
Objective: Calm traffic in key areas

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Install traffic calming devices near all schools and metro stations	All neighborhoods	DDOT	DDOT will evaluate and check locations to prioritize the installation of safety and traffic calming devices.	2975
Add speed humps and traffic calming devices at key locations	4100 block of Grant St., NE, 4200 block of Clay St., NE	DDOT	Evaluate and check locations to prioritize the installation of safety and traffic calming devices.	2976
Install traffic lights	42nd St. and Benning Rd., NE needs a left turn signal, 41st St and Benning Rd, NE	DDOT	DDOT will investigate and take appropriate action.	2977

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**Proposed FY 2003 Commitments to Priorities
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Cluster Priority: TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE
Objective: Improve maintenance of infrastructure

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Clean unsightly weeds and bushes where streets intersect with the Watts Branch Park	intersection of 44th St., NE and Grant St., NE, All neighborhoods	DDOT	DDOT will ensure that proposed project is in line with Kenilworth improvements.	2979
		DPR	An energetic partnership with Parks and People and the Watts Branch Community Alliance is taking place to develop a master plan for programmatic and capital improvements.	2979

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**Proposed FY 2003 Commitments to Priorities
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Cluster Priority: TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Objective: Improve community safety

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Install pedestrian lighting	4300 block of Clay St, NE	DDOT	DDOT will review and survey conditions to determine appropriate course of action.	2981

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**Proposed FY 2003 Commitments to Priorities
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Cluster Priority: TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE
Objective: Improve and better maintain the Watts Branch Park and Creek

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Install litter cans at key locations at streets that intersect the park	44th St., Foote St., Gault Pl., Grant St., Eads St., Hayes St., Hunt Pl.,	DPW	DPW will place 180 litter cans in selected areas across the city, in areas that meet certain criteria. Given the high demand for litter cans, additional funds have been allocated in FY 2003 to install more than 600 litter cans. DPW will give strong consideration to locations identified through the Neighborhood Planning process.	465
Provide crosswalk striping, curb cuts, lime-green pedestrian crossing signage and stop signs or traffic lights	All Watts Branch Park cross streets	DDOT	DDOT will expand public outreach in preliminary design	466

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**Proposed FY 2003 Commitments to Priorities
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Cluster Priority: COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT
Objective: Improve the enforcement of regulations governing businesses

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Increase inspections of commercial properties	Gault Pl., Foote St. , Hayes St.	FEMS	FEMS has reassigned 8 Fire Inspectors to the Fire Fighting Division. Our plan is to use these trained and experienced Fire Inspectors in a dual role as firefighters and Fire Inspectors.	457
		DCRA	DCRA will conduct a survey of commercial properties to identify building code violations.	457
Limit the number of liquor stores and concentration of ABC establishments	All neighborhoods	DCRA	This issue will be referred to ABRA which is no longer under DCRA.	2983

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**Proposed FY 2003 Commitments to Priorities
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Cluster Priority: COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT
Objective: Improve the quality and selection of businesses

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Attract better known grocery and drug stores	All neighborhoods	DMPED	DMPED is working with the developer of E. Capitol Dwellings HOPE VI to attract a national or regional chain supermarket.	2985
Require businesses to provide training for local residents in order for them to qualify for jobs	All neighborhoods	DOES	The Department works in partnership with employers seeking to fill vacant jobs to determine required skills and to prepare residents for employment through customized training. The contact for the Office of Employer Services, is Susan Gilbert, 698-6001.	2986

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**Proposed FY 2003 Commitments to Priorities
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Cluster Priority: COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT
Objective: Make the commercial area visibly more attractive

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Remove abandoned cars from the community	Foote St.	DDOT	DDOT will notify DPW.	2967
Require businesses to maintain nearby public spaces (grass cutting, tree trimming, etc.)	All neighborhoods	DPW	Solid Waste Education and Enforcement Program (SWEET) inspectors will continue to educate business owners on their public space maintenance responsibilities.	2987
		DOH	DOH may be able to provide assistance through its rodent control program dependent on whether the property has rodent infestation.	2987
Add more inspectors	All neighborhoods	DCRA	DCRA has hired 39 Neighborhood Stabilization Officers (NSO). There will be one NSO for each Cluster in the city who will be responsible for inspection activities at the neighborhood level. DCRA's Regulatory Investigators are gearing up to work with the Neighborhood Services Initiative.	2988

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**Proposed FY 2003 Commitments to Priorities
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Cluster Priority: YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Objective: Improve performance of students in public schools

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Increase police patrols around schools, especially near Smothers Elementary School, to curb drug traffic	Central NE all neighborhoods	MPD	Focused Mission Team has heightened patrol in the area. Several arrests have been made including prominent ones involving drugs, some of which received heightened penalties due to closeness to the school. Smothers has a school beat officer who shares his time between Smothers and Aiton Elementary, right down the street.	573

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



Cluster Priority: YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
Objective: Ensure adequate accessibility to quality after-school programs

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Improve outreach and communication of existing programs	All neighborhoods	DMCYF	Through expanded use of the internet and relationships with nonprofit partners, efforts are underway to enhance access to information for citizens.	574
Better utilize the faith community to provide programs	All neighborhoods	DMCYF	The DMCYF supports this proposal and efforts to further engage the faith community in the provision of services is underway.	575
Develop "character and moral" building programs	All neighborhoods	DMCYF	The DMCYF and its cluster agencies, and its nonprofit partner The Children and Youth Investment Trust Corporation, utilize a youth development model which encourages positive behaviors among youth and routes them to age-appropriate developmental activities.	576

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Cluster Priority: YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Objective: Ensure adequate accessibility to quality recreational programs

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Improve outreach and communication of existing programs	All neighborhoods	DPR	The new spring/summer program schedule will be distributed in early February. A new Assoc.Dir. for Programs as well as a new outreach employee will improve our ability to communicate about programs.	577

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Cluster Priority: PUBLIC SAFETY

Objective: Ensure public safety and security

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Secure surveillance equipment for MPD to use in the community	Hayes St.	MPD	6D's Focused Mission Team is meeting regularly with a security Firm that has access to surveillance equipment. When citizens make complaints the FMT is given access to the surveillance equipment which they use to make arrests. James Botler 202-727-4540 is the contact.	2968

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 30 Central NE, Mayfair Ward 7

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

Mayoral Budget **Final Budget**

Upgrade Transportation Infrastructure

- The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) will evaluate the streets that cross the Watts Branch Park for new crosswalk striping, handicap curb cuts, lime-green pedestrian crossing signage, stop signs or traffic lights. ✓
- DDOT will use the citizen street survey submitted to DDOT to identify areas for site inspections and to determine future street, alley, curb and gutter capital improvements. ✓
- DDOT will evaluate 42nd and Benning Road for a possible left turn signal. ✓
- DDOT will examine the 4300 block of Clay Street, NE for new street lighting. ✓
- DDOT will review the 4100 block of Grant Street, NE, and the 4200 block of Clay Street, NE as locations for possible traffic calming devices such as speed humps. ✓
- DDOT will survey and review all schools and Metro stations for traffic calming devices with installation expected in FY 2003. ✓

Improve the Regulation of Commercial Businesses

- The Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA) and the Fire and Emergency Medical Services (FEMS) will conduct routine inspections of commercial areas to identify building code violations. ✓
- The Fire Emergency and Medical Services Department (FEMS) will hire one additional fire inspector for Ward 7. ✓



Highlights of Key Commitments, cont. for Cluster 30

Upgrade Neighborhood Services and Facilities

- 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.
- DPW will place 180 litter cans in selected areas across the city, in areas that meet certain criteria. Given the high demand for litter cans, additional funds have been allocated in FY 2003 to install more than 600 litter cans. DPW will give strong consideration to locations identified through the Neighborhood Planning process.
- The Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) will continue to work with the Watts Branch Alliance to better clean and maintain the Watts Branch Park by sponsoring community cleanups.
- Metropolitan Police Department's (MPD) Focused Mission Team will increase patrols around Smother's Elementary School and Aiton Elementary School.
- 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.
- The Office of Property Management budgeted \$6.5 million for the development of the new Department of Employment Services (DOES) Headquarters at the Minnesota Avenue Metro Station.
- The DC Public Schools (DCPS) budgeted \$1.6 million for improvements to Smothers Elementary School and \$8.7 million for improvements to Thomas Elementary School in FY 2003.

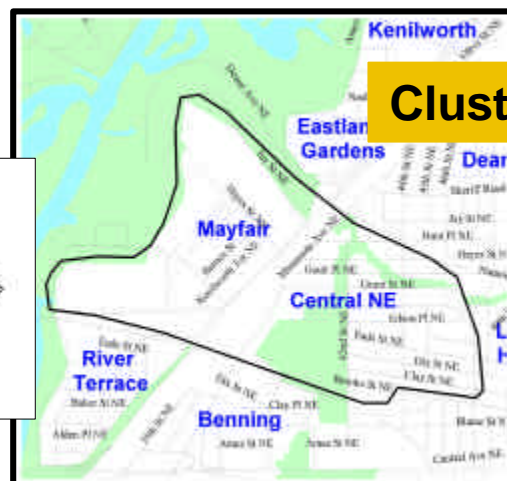
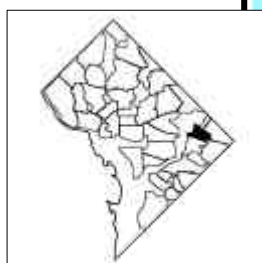
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Improve Housing Opportunities

- The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) will market housing programs that assist property owners to better maintain their properties and offer incentives to purchase so as to increase homeownership.
- The Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA) will regularly conduct housing inspections and surveys since hiring one inspector for each neighborhood cluster.
- DCRA will prioritize the demolition of abandoned buildings.



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