

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,

Howard Ways  
Neighborhood Planning Coordinator, Ward 7

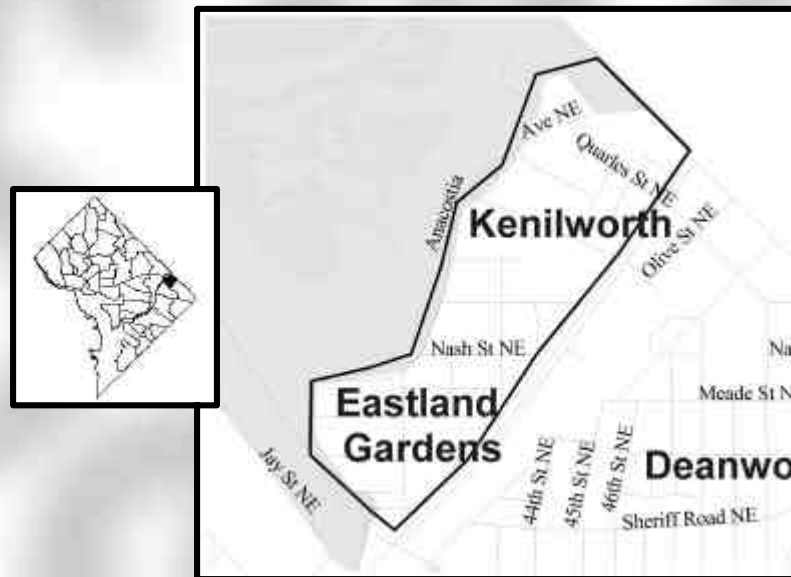
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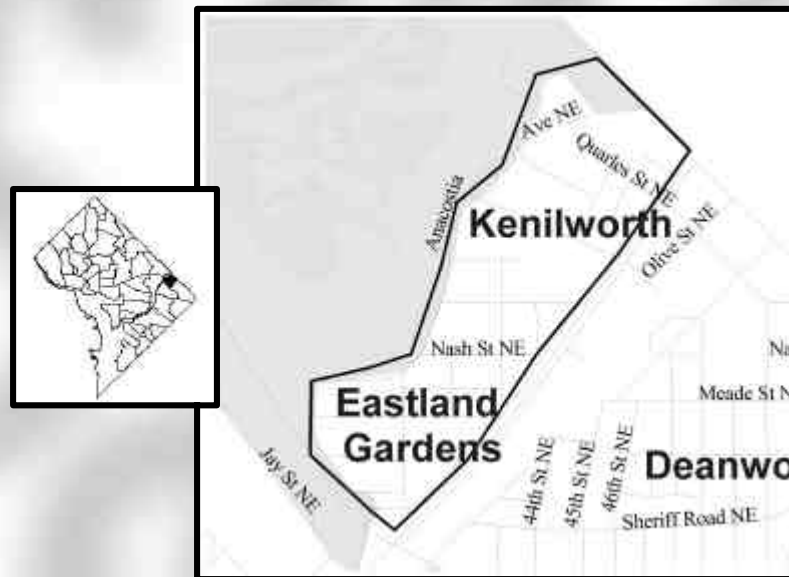


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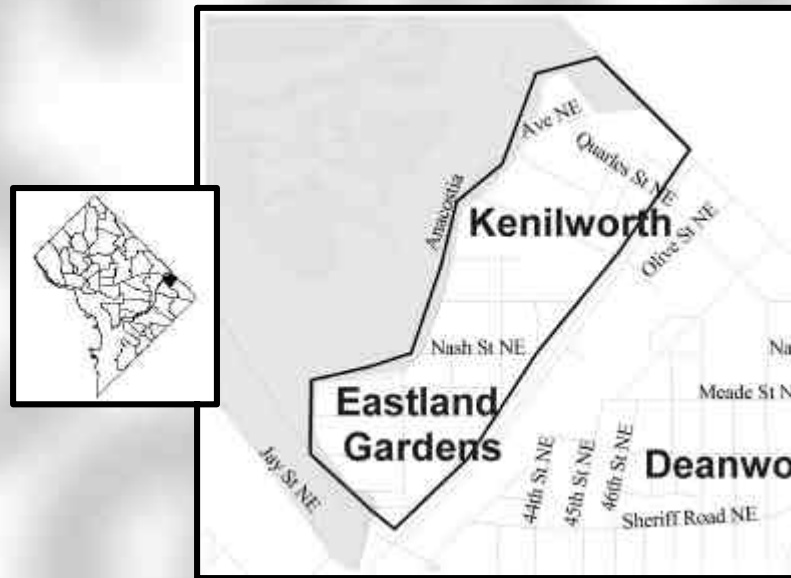


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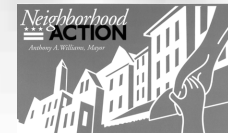


## **Cluster 32**

**Eastland Gardens, Kenilworth**



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 32. 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.

In this Cluster, there is one PPA. The location and goal of this PPA is as follows:

#### **Location:**

River Terrace, NE

#### **Goals at Each Location:**

Improve the quality of life in the community by decreasing the number of abandoned cars, reducing drug-related crime, illegal auto body repair shops and illegal dumping

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:

- Environment
- Transportation
- Youth development
- Communication
- Schools

- Urban Design
- Infrastructure
- Community Spirit
- Law Enforcement
- Neighborhood Stability
- Location
- Health Care

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. Environment
2. Transportation
3. 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 32 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 32 and 33 worked jointly on this effort and identified the following priorities:

- Environment
- Transportation
- Youth Development

**Environment** was overwhelmingly the top priority. Residents shared their concern over the impact of the proposed expansion of the trash transfer station on Benning Road and wanted clarity on the District's final decision concerning improvements to the system of disposing solid waste in the city. The Kingman Island restoration project, a major component of the Anacostia Waterfront Initiative, was identified as the kind of positive environmental intervention supported by residents on both sides of the river.



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

**Youth Development** was the third priority. Citizens recommended better maintenance of recreation 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.

**Ward 7**  
**Cluster 32**

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



**Cluster Priority: ENVIRONMENT**  
**Objective: Improve enforcement of environmental and health regulations**

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Provide stronger and swifter code enforcement for nuisance properties	All neighborhoods	DCRA	The District is promulgating the "Abatement and Condemnation of Nuisance Properties Omnibus Amendment" Act to allow the city to take abandoned properties after adequate notice to owners. Properties will be converted into new housing.	486
		DPW	DPW is reassessing its fine levels for possible increases.	486
		DOH	DOH will continue to support DCRA's lead in handling nuisance properties by involving our rodent code enforcement to assist in monitoring and levying fines against identified properties.	486
Develop and implement a strategy to abate illegal dumping under the Benning Road bridge (34th to 40th) and surrounding area		DPW	The Department of Public Works (DPW) hired additional Solid Waste Education and Enforcement Program 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.	492
Enforce the "Clean It or Lien It" program	All neighborhoods	DCRA	DCRA will utilize its Building Improvement Program in conjunction with Clean It or Lien It when necessary.	3040
		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.	3040

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**Cluster Priority: ENVIRONMENT**  
**Objective: Improve enforcement of environmental and health regulations**

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Enforce the "Clean It or Lien It" program	All neighborhoods	OCCC	Working w/multi-agency task force to develop and introduce legislation to increase fines for quality of life infractions and to improve laws and enforcement for illegal posters, littering, etc. OCCC will serve as goal champion for quality of life legislation.	3040
Improve communication between agencies and community	All neighborhoods	DOH	DOH will continue with its education and outreach efforts and will continue to form partnerships with community organizations.	3041
		DCRA	*** This is a DOH issue. However DCRA will support any efforts toward improved inter-agency communication.	3041
Provide stronger enforcement of regulations governing commercial businesses, especially in residential areas	3400 block of Benning Rd., NE,, Minnesota Ave. between E. Capitol St. and the Minnesota Metro station	DOH	DOH will continue to enforce all environmental regulations.	3042
		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 NSOs.	3042
		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.	3042

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**Cluster Priority: ENVIRONMENT**

**Objective: Improve enforcement of environmental and health regulations**

<b>Proposed Action</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Agency</b>	<b>Budget Commitment</b>	<b>Action ID</b>
Develop, publish and implement routine tree trimming and maintenance schedule	All neighborhoods	DDOT	DDOT will expedite the regularly scheduled tree trimming program.	3043

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**Cluster Priority: ENVIRONMENT**  
**Objective: Implement projects that promote healthy environmentally sensitive interventions**

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Remove the impact of the Benning Rd. trash transfer stations from nearby communities	River Terrace, Mayfair, Eastland Gardens	DPW	DPW will continue to work with citizens to minimize impact of transfer station on community.	3045
		DOH	DOH will continue to support DCRA in this effort.	3045
Improve design of Benning Rd. to minimize the impact of current trash deliveries to the Benning Road Trash Transfer Station until it is removed	RiverTerrace	DDOT	DDOT will investigate and take appropriate action.	3046
		DPW	DPW will continue to work with citizens to reduce impact on community of the transfer station.	3046
Encourage communities to "Adopt-A-Lot"	All neighborhoods	DPW	Tools and trash bags for community cleanups are available through DPW's Helping Hand program.	3047
		OCCC	Working w/multi-agency task force to develop and introduce legislation to increase fines for quality of life infractions and to improve laws and enforcement for illegal posters, littering, etc. OCCC will also support this initiative through the neighborhood engagement component of the Adopt-A-Block program.	3047

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**Cluster Priority: ENVIRONMENT**  
**Objective: Implement projects that promote healthy environmentally sensitive interventions**

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Continue the redevelopment planning process for Kingman Island as part of the Anacostia Waterfront Initiative	River Terrace and all other impacted communities	DPR	DPR is redeveloping Kingman Island in partnership with the surrounding communities. A concept plan is complete. A detail Preferred Concept Master Plan is will be developed in 2002. DPR budgeted \$500,000 (and requested an additional \$435,000) to restore Kingman and Heritage Islands to a recreational and educational resource.	3048

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**Cluster Priority: TRANSPORTATION**  
**Objective: Plan for improved transportation services**

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Establish a resident parking program in River Terrace	River Terrace	DDOT	DDOT will investigate and take appropriate action.	3049
Construct a grass median strip on Benning Rd.	River Terrace	DDOT	DDOT will investigate and take appropriate action.	3050
Maintain parking areas around RFK Stadium	RFK	DPW	The DC Stadium Authority has jurisdiction over RFK parking. DPW has no plans to use RFK lots for impoundment.	3052

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**Cluster Priority: TRANSPORTATION**  
**Objective: Improve maintenance of infrastructure**

<b>Proposed Action</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Agency</b>	<b>Budget Commitment</b>	<b>Action ID</b>
Increase staffing and resources for parking enforcement	All neighborhoods	DPW	DPW will hire 138 parking officers in FY'02 which will result in increased enforcement, including residential and enforcement of out-of-state vehicles.	3053
Increase staffing and resources for abandoned autos	All neighborhoods	DPW	DPW has opened an additional impound lot and new tow cranes have been ordered which will be deployed in FY02.	3054
Provide schedule of routine street and alley cleaning	All neighborhoods	DPW	DPW cleans alleys in all Wards on a rotating schedule. Street sweeping schedules are posted on the street.	3055
Develop, publish and implement routine tree trimming and maintenance schedule	All neighborhoods	DDOT	DDOT will improve communication and outreach through web based postings of improvement projects.	3057



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**Cluster Priority: TRANSPORTATION**

**Objective: Improve community safety**

<b>Proposed Action</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Agency</b>	<b>Budget Commitment</b>	<b>Action ID</b>
Install red light cameras at key intersections	All neighborhoods	MPD	Operations Command will be conducting site surveys throughout the city for the possible relocation of red light cameras.	3058

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**Cluster Priority: TRANSPORTATION**  
**Objective: Implement streetscape improvements in concert with the DOES headquarters project**

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Budget for the streetscape and façade improvements in the DC AIA streetscape plan developed for MHCDO	Minn. Ave. between E. Capitol and Benning Rd.	DDOT	DDOT will initiate a streetscape study in the fourth quarter of FY2002 with the community. The DC AIA Streetscape plan will be used as a framework for the study. Design concept and construction documents will follow this process which will culminate in construction.	493
Establish a citizen steering committee to address community concerns with respect to DOES project	Minn. Ave. between E. Capitol and Benning Rd.	EOM	EOM will ensure citizen concerns surrounding this project are heard and responded to appropriately. If necessary and appropriate, a formal citizen steering committee can be formed.	3059

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**Cluster Priority: YOUTH DEVELOPMENT**  
**Objective: Improve access and quality of after-school and recreational programs and facilities**

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Better utilize the faith community to provide programs	All neighborhoods	DPR	DPR recently hired a new Associate Director for Programs. That person will assess our current situation and work with the community and faith based organizations to develop future programs.	3066
Better utilize existing adult programs to promote intergenerational interaction	All neighborhoods	DPR	DPR has recently hired a new Associate Director for Programs. She is in the process of assessing our current situation by reading these plans and visiting sites. She will take your comments very seriously. (Starting the second week of January, she is just settling in, but can be reached through the main number: 673-7665.)	3067
Conduct inventory and assessment of existing programs with community input	All neighborhoods	DPR	DP's new new Associate Director for Programs will assess our current situation (by reading these plans and visiting sites) and work with the community (and schools) to develop future programs.	3068
Develop improved outreach and communications strategies	All neighborhoods	DPR	DPR is in the process of hiring a Development Officer and outreach person who will focus on this (with our Communications and Marketing staff).	3069

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**Cluster Priority: CLEAN AND SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS**  
**Objective: Make area around the 3400 block of Benning Road clean and safe**

Proposed Action	Location	Agency	Budget Commitment	Action ID
Increase building code enforcement	3400 block of Benning Rd.	DCRA	DCRA will conduct a survey of commercial properties to identify building code violations.	485
		FEMS	FEMS is looking to hire additional Fire Inspectors.	485
Maintain the DPR lot	3400 block of Benning Rd.	DPR	DPR will work with MPD and community partners to clean, maintain and monitor the park.	3037
More inspectors needed for commercial areas	3400 block of Benning Rd.	FEMS	FEMS is currently working to reduce the number of vacancies at the Fire Prevention Division for Fire Inspectors.	3038
Remove abandoned vehicles	3400 block of Benning Rd.	DDOT	DDOT will notify DPW.	3039

## 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 32 River Terrace, Greenway, Fort Dupont, Benning

## 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](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>Upgrade Transportation Infrastructure</b>		
▪ The District Department of Transportation (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 survey and review all schools and Metro stations for traffic calming devices with installation expected in FY 2003.	✓	
▪ DDOT will investigate the feasibility of instituting a resident parking program in River Terrace.	✓	
▪ Metropolitan Police Department's (MPD) Operations Command will be conducting site surveys for the installation of 10 new red light cameras.	✓	
▪ DDOT budgeted \$500,000 to initiate the study and possibly some design of streetscape improvements to Minnesota Avenue.	✓	
<b>Provide Additional Opportunities for Youth Development</b>		
▪ The Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) budgeted \$500,000 to restore Kingman and Heritage Islands as a recreational and educational resource.	✓	
▪ DPR will conduct a thorough evaluation and assessment of all recreation facilities and programs.	✓	
▪ The DC Public Schools (DCPS) budgeted \$6 million for improvements to Sousa Middle School in 2003.	✓	



# Highlights of Key Commitments, cont. for Cluster 32

## Create New Economic Development Opportunities for Residents

- In 2002, DHCD awarded the Marshall Heights Community Development Corporation resources for façade improvements along Minnesota Avenue between East Capitol Street and Benning Road.
- The Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development (DMPED) has budgeted \$7 million in local funds for the *ReStore DC* neighborhood commercial revitalization program. A multi-year package of grants and technical assistance will be awarded on a competitive basis to approximately 5 neighborhood business districts per year. Other business districts can apply on a competitive basis for matching grants for short term, specific projects such as a market study. Funding will also be provided to support neighborhood business resource centers.
- The Executive Office of the Mayor (EOM) will work with citizens regarding the siting of the new Department of Employment Services (DOES) Headquarters at the Minnesota Avenue Metro Station. If necessary, a formal citizen steering committee will be formed.

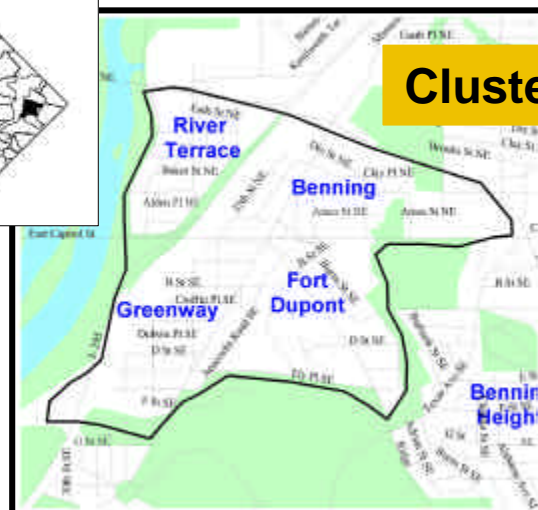
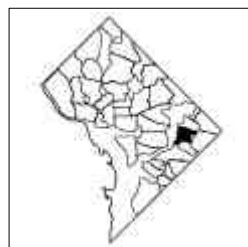
**Mayoral Budget**

**Final Budget**



## Increase Cleanliness of the Cluster

- 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.
- The Office of the Clean City Coordinator (OCCC) is introducing a revamped Adopt-A-Block Program. To further implement the Clean City Initiative, one additional staff person will be hired.
- The Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA) will regularly conduct housing inspections and surveys since hiring one inspector for each neighborhood cluster.
- 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.



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