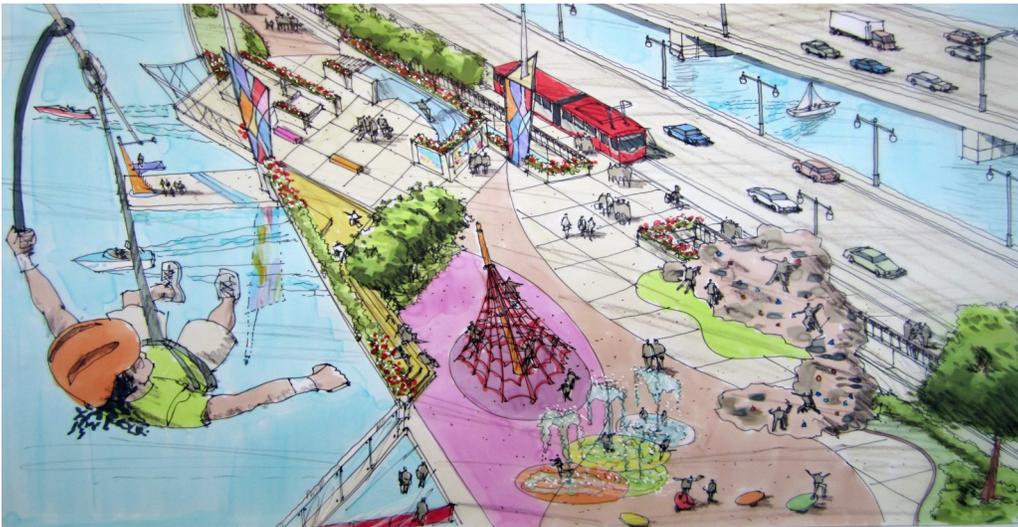


# Potential Recreation Use of 11th Street Bridge SE

## WARD 7 INFORMATIONAL MEETING

The District government is exploring the feasibility of building a new deck on the piers of the outmoded downstream bridge to create a regional hub of family recreation. This one of a kind attraction could link communities in a unique and dramatic way; connecting parks, trails, and recreation assets up and down both sides of the Anacostia River. We heartily invite you to come and share your ideas and learn more about this exciting concept.



Artist's illustration of the range of recreation amenities to be studied



View from east of the river toward the Navy Yard, Capital Riverfront and Capitol Hill neighborhoods

We are looking forward to seeing you !

▶ **AUG 2, 2012**

▶ **6:30 - 8:00 PM**

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# Frequently Asked Questions

## 1. Who's paying for this?

Right now we are seeking partner organizations and grant money to pay for a national design competition. Next, if the decision is made to proceed with the chosen design, construction will be done with funding from a private or non-profit partner, grants we receive and other investors.

## 2. Who will maintain the recreational bridge after it is built?

A private, commercial operator, and/or non-profit partner.

## 3. Why are you focusing on this when there are so many other projects in the area needing attention?

The District has achieved some of its recent success by simultaneously proceeding with initiatives in every ward in the city. Private partners emerge for some projects and some get deferred until a capable developer/partner or economically viable deal comes forward. It is critical to be prepared to take advantage of opportunities. Complimentary initiatives, such as this potential project, can help move stalled projects forward. We want to be ready and know what we want when the opportunity presents itself.

## 4. Will this Recreation Bridge concept interfere with the construction contract for the new bridge?

No. The new 11th Street Bridge construction is ahead of schedule and the construction contract has not been modified. The piers will be built with overlooks as designed. If the recreation bridge concept is realized at some point in the future, the overlooks will be replaced with something that is programmed.

## 5. Can't you just build all these things on the ground beside the river?

This is an opportunity to proceed with an entirely unique concept that highlights the beauty and importance of the Anacostia River and the neighborhoods in this part of the city. It also gives us an opportunity to create a "One City" symbol that uses the Anacostia River as a way to unite the city rather than divide it.

## 6. If partners and resources are available, what is the earliest date this idea could become a real place?

Based on a best case scenario, this bridge concept could be built by 2016; however, this is fairly unrealistic. There are many steps, including: learning community preferences, holding the design competition, finalizing the selected design, securing partners and funding, obtaining permits, completing construction, and installing individual attractions.

## 7. How is the community getting input into this idea?

We started discussing this project at the Ward 8 Summit last July. An Informational Meeting was held last month, at the Office of Planning to generate ideas for the bridge. Back on May 1st, we conducted a meeting in Ward 8 and Ward 6. The meeting in Ward 7 will be held August 2nd. This summer we conducted a 2-week work assignment for 30 students from the District's Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) to generate work that will go into the design competition program. We are also briefing community leaders and meeting with ANC commissioners, small groups and committees and we are especially interested in getting youth involved since they will be important users.

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