



Mayor Bowser's FY 2025 Budget for the Office of Planning

Historic Homeowner Grants

- Mayor Bowser's FY25 budget includes \$250,000 for the Historic Homeowner Grant Program
- The program offers financial assistance to low- and moderate-income homeowners to help with the cost of repairing their historic homes
- Changes to the legislation have increased the individual grant limit to \$50,000 and made homes in all historic districts eligible
- For more information about the program, visit OP's website [here](#)



BEFORE



AFTER

Commemorate DC

- Mayor Bowser's FY25 budget includes \$260,000 for the Commemorate DC program
- This program honors the vibrant stories and profound impacts of Black Washingtonians and other people of color, by selecting subjects for commemoration and developing a concept design for a new monument or memorial
- FY25 funding will support grants for community engagement and contractual design services



FY24 funding for the Commemorate DC program supported selection of a new subject for a commemorate work in Wards 4, 5, 7, & 8. In summer 2024, OP is hosting a series of engagement events to develop concept designs for each work.

Why Downtown?

- Downtown is the economic engine and cultural hub of our city
- While it's 3% of the city's land area, Downtown accounts for:
 - 35% of total Districtwide businesses
 - 32% of total Districtwide jobs
 - 37% of all District property tax revenue
- Investments Downtown are investments that directly benefit all eight wards
- Investments in Downtown's public spaces draw residents, workers, and visitors Downtown who then patron businesses and visit cultural institutions

New parklet along N St NW in the Golden Triangle BID, supported by OP's Streets for People grant program



Public performance at DowntownDC BID's Pop of Spring event, supported by OP's Streets for People grant program

Mayor Bowser's FY25 Budget for Downtown

Fill the Space

- \$515 million for the **Chinatown Revitalization Fund** to support sports arena renovations, streetscape improvements, public space activations, and/or expanded green space
- \$5 million to **attract and retain businesses** in high-growth sections
- \$2.5 million to support **pop-up and short-term retail** in vacant commercial spaces
- \$300k for the continued operation of **Chinatown Community Safe Commercial Corridor Hub**
- \$7 million to fully implement the **Business and Entrepreneurship Support to Thrive (BEST) Act** that will streamline business licensing

Change the Space

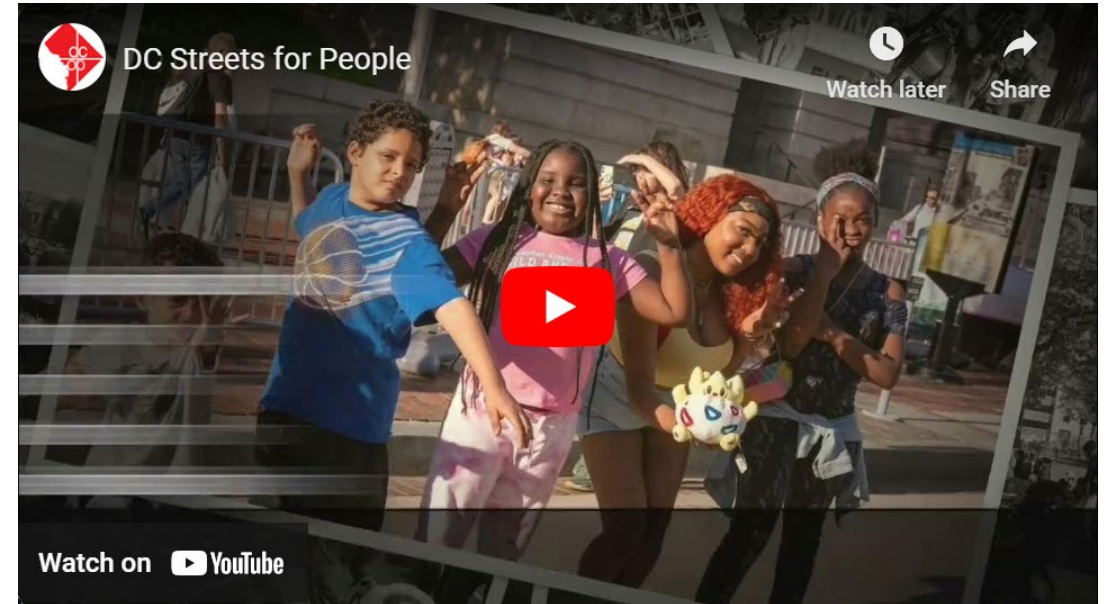
- \$2.6 million to **activate** the Gallery Place/Chinatown Festival Plaza, Connecticut Ave Promenade, and I Street Greenway
- \$50 million in incentives to **convert office spaces** into residential units and \$13 million to **convert to other uses**
- \$68 million for **three major streetscape projects**: the I Street Greenway, Dupont Crown Park, and Pennsylvania Avenue West
- \$64 million for additional permanent supportive housing and shelter space on the site with the existing **Federal City Shelter**
- \$300k to support the installation of **murals** that celebrate the history and culture of the Gallery Place/Chinatown neighborhood

Bring the People

- \$32 million in **tourism grants and marketing**
- \$1 million to establish a **comprehensive transportation vision**
- \$3 million to continue supporting the **Festival Fund and art fairs**
- \$5 million to create a new **Downtown Arts Hub**, a flexible, multi-use space for theatre, dance, music, and visual arts organizations

OP's Streets for People Program

- With \$3.4 million in FY 22 and FY 23, the Streets for People program:
 - Supported grants to 6 Business Improvement Districts (BIDs)
 - Hosted 150 events
 - Attracted over 140,000 people Downtown
 - Encouraged nearly 2/3rds of attendees surveyed to make a purchase at a nearby business
 - Funded street furniture and installations that continue to enhance the experience of Downtown's public spaces, like parklets in Golden Triangle and swinging picnic tables in DowntownDC



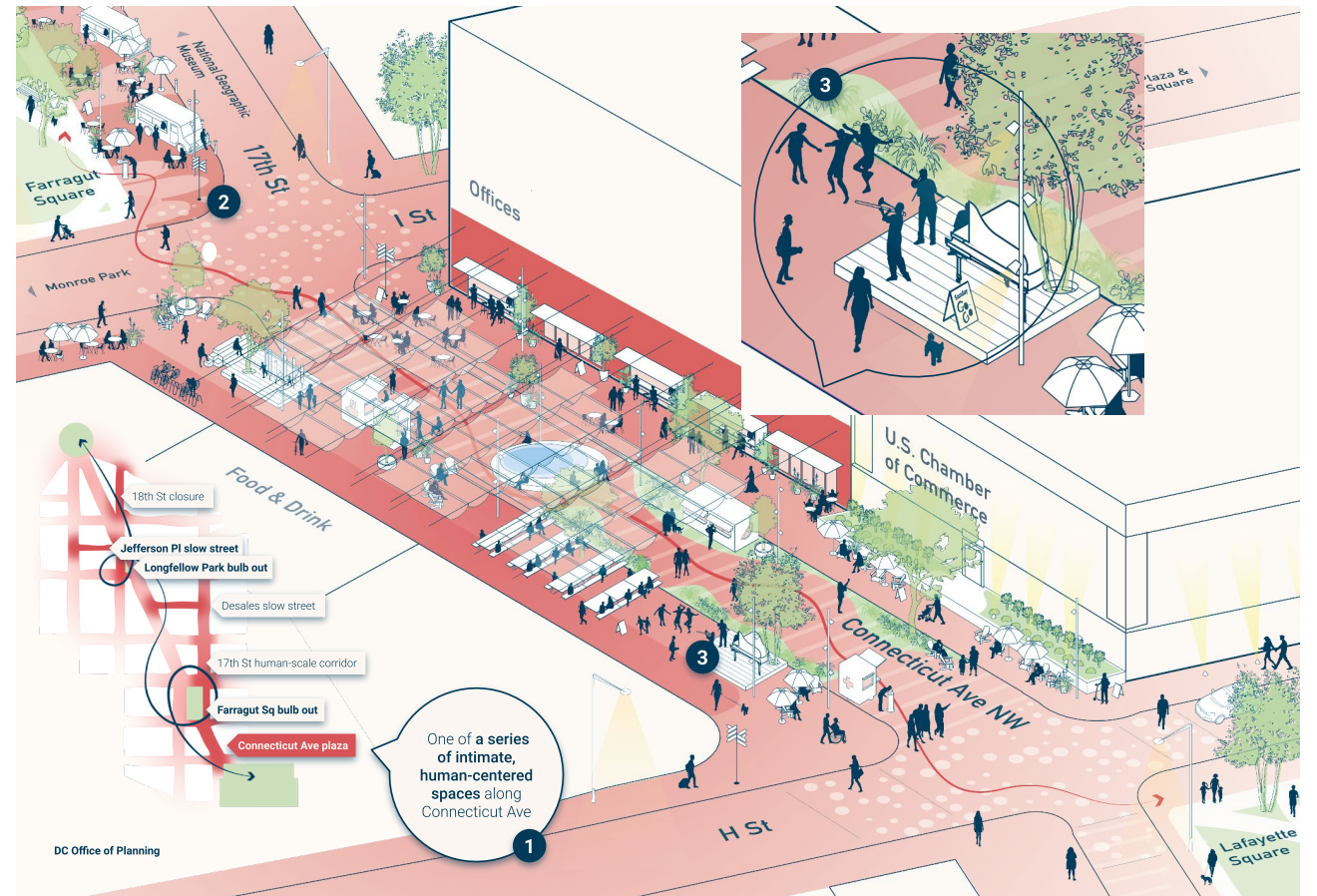
OP's FY25 Streets for People Grants

- \$2.6 million to implement 3 catalytic projects from the Downtown DC Public Realm Plan:
 - Gallery Place/Chinatown Festival Plaza
 - Connecticut Avenue Promenade
 - I Street Greenway
- **These projects will:**
 - Support grants for events, activities, and infrastructure in public spaces
 - Draw people Downtown in the near term by reinvigorating streets, sidewalks, and plazas
 - Lay the groundwork for longer term capital investments that are included in the Mayor's Budget



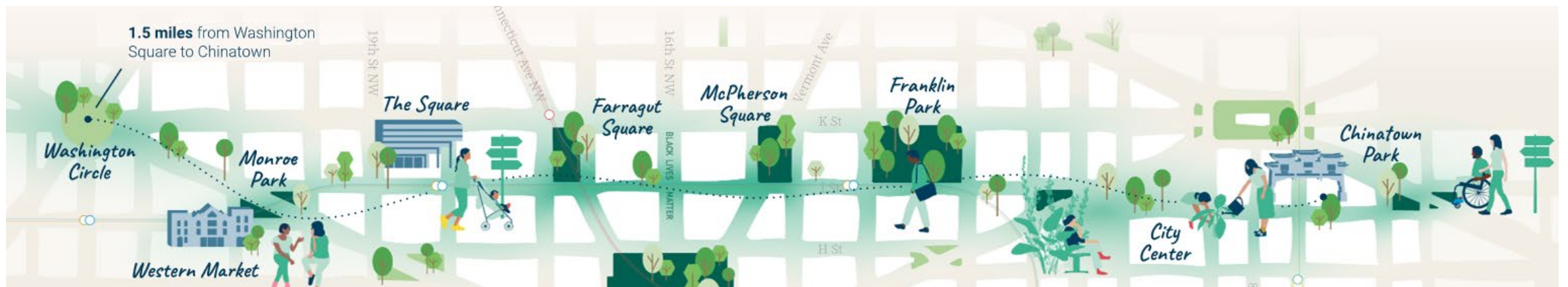
Connecticut Ave Capital Promenade

- Part of the Historic Green Triangle and sets the stage for capital investment
- In FY25, will connect Lafayette Square and Farragut Square with:
 - Cohesive streetscape design
 - Public art
 - Recurring events
 - Partnerships that bring businesses, vendors, and entertainment into the public space



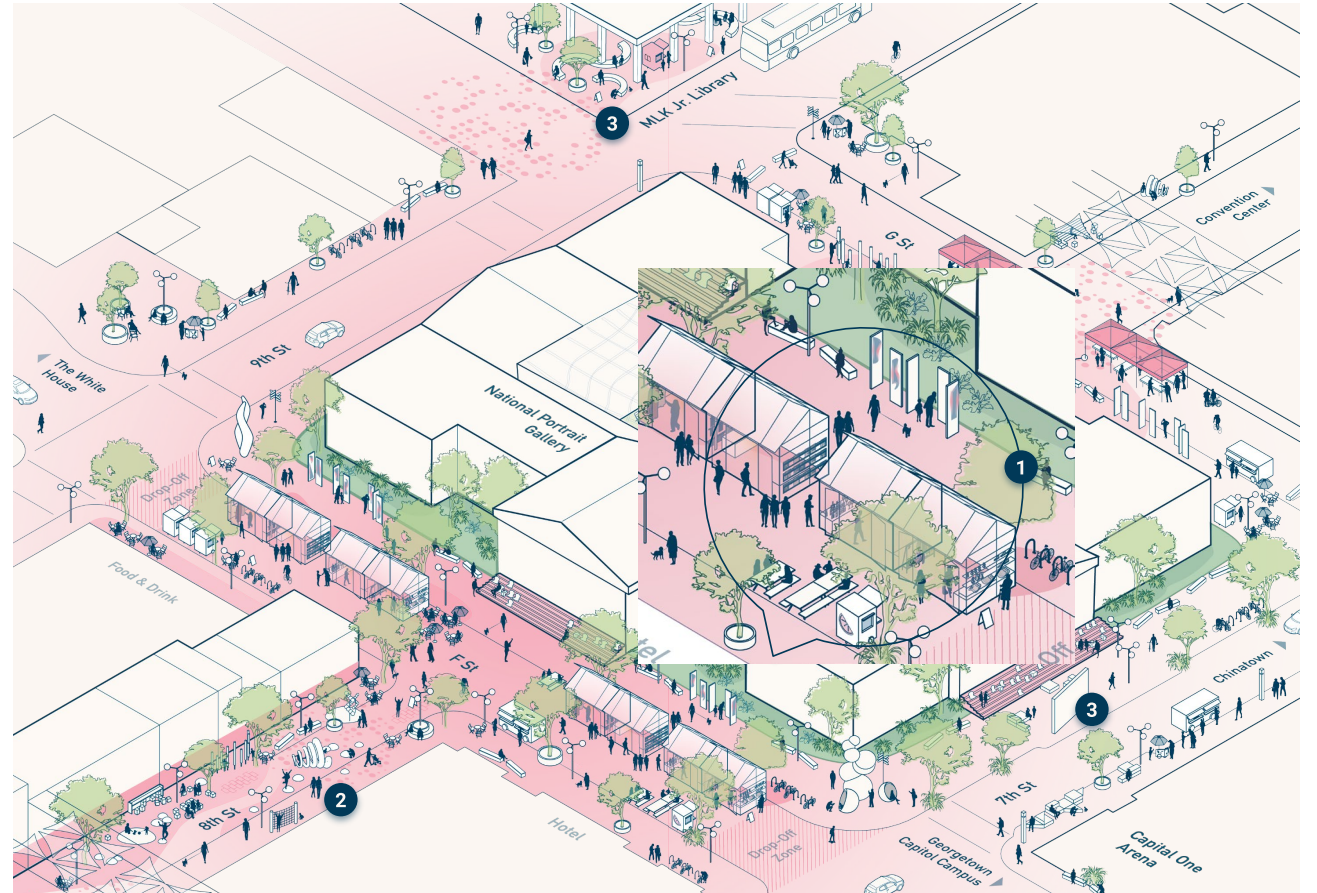
I Street Greenway

- **Crosses Historic Green Triangle and sets the stage for capital investment**
- In FY25, will connect Farragut Square, McPherson Square, Franklin Park, and Chinatown Park with:
 - Landscape improvements
 - Art installations using natural elements
 - Incentives for property owners to green their ground floors



Gallery Place/Chinatown Festival Plaza

- Heart of Gallery Place/Chinatown and sets the stage for capital investment in and around Capitol One Arena
- In FY25, will create experiences on 8th Street and F & G Streets between 7th & 9th Streets with:
 - New public space furniture like seating, playscapes, and safety barriers
 - Interactive art exhibits
 - Recurring events



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