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A Strategy for Locating Commemorative Works in District of Columbia Neighborhoods

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Cover: The Carter G. Woodson Memorial at Rhode Island Avenue and 9th Street NW is located near his home at 1538-9th Street NW.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



The Darlington Memorial Fountain located in Judiciary Square is named after Joseph J. Darlington who attended law school in Washington, DC, opened a law office on nearby 5th Street NW, and was a leader in the legal community. Photo: Washington Post

Executive Summary

The commemorative works location strategy is being developed during a time of considerable interest in memorials across the United States, specifically the subjects that have been commemorated in the past, who decides what is commemorated, and where commemorations are located. As the agency responsible for planning the long-term growth of the District of Columbia and to ensure it reflects our values of an inclusive and vibrant city, the Office of Planning (OP) developed this location strategy to ensure where the commemoration of people, places, and events takes place best reflects the values of the District.

As our nation's capital, Washington, DC has many monuments and memorials dedicated to important people, organizations, and events associated with our nation's history. Existing commemorative works in the District are concentrated around the National Mall, within the boundaries of the historic L'Enfant Plan, and in neighborhoods to the north and west of downtown - there is only one existing memorial in neighborhoods east of the Anacostia River. There are few formal commemorative works dedicated to the people, organizations, and events associated with the local history of the District of Columbia. Commemorating these subjects are important to giving residents and visitors a better understanding of our city and the values of our residents and provide another reason for visitors to venture off the National Mall and explore neighborhoods.



The location of a commemorative work is important to telling the story of its subject and this location strategy is intended to help commemorative work sponsors identify these locations. The people, organizations, and events that are subjects of commemoration are usually tied to a specific place, such as the home or neighborhood of an individual or location of a specific event. It includes a wide range of spaces to accommodate a variety of commemoration types, be it a statue, formal memorial, or smaller elements like a bench or medallion in a sidewalk.

The District of Columbia War Memorial was completed in 1931, located on the National Mall, maintained by the National Park Service, and designed to host Marine Band concerts. Photo: Wikipedia

The location strategy provides guidance to sponsors looking for a site, District agencies reviewing proposals, and the Executive Office of the Mayor and District Council during their reviews. It includes three categories of sites based on the level of interest in a subject: DC and the Nation, DC Experience, and DC Faces and Places.

This Strategy helps fulfill the policies identified in the Comprehensive Plan as well as specific recommendations outlined in Mayor Bowser's DC Facilities and Commemorative Expressions (DCFACES) report and the Diverse Washingtonians Commemorative Work Amendment Act.

Any individual or organization that wishes to sponsor a commemorative work in their community should use this location strategy. Applications can be sponsored by a federal or District agency, or an individual, group, or organization described as a 501(c)3 non-profit and authorized by the Mayor and Council to establish a commemorative work on District public space. Sponsors should use this location strategy to identify potential sites that are most appropriate to telling the complete story of a subject.



The bronze statue of Marion Barry, the late four-term Mayor of the District of Columbia, is installed at the John A. Wilson Building, near the intersection of 13½ Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. Photo: Devry Becker Jones

What is a Commemorative Work?

The Commemorative Work Act of 2000 defines a commemorative work as, “any statue, monument, sculpture, streetscape or landscape feature, including a garden or memorial grove, or other structure, which is located in public space and which is located in public space and which is designed to perpetuate in a permanent manner the memory of an individual, group, event, or other significant element of international, national, or local culture or history.”

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SITE PROFILES



*The armillary sphere and marble pedestal in Georgetown's Montrose Park is a federal memorial to Sarah Louise Rittenhouse.
Photo: National Capital Planning Commission*

Site Profiles

The location strategy organizes sites, defines types of spaces, and identifies specific locations based on feedback from District agencies, the Commemorative Works Committee, National Capital Planning Commission, and District residents. Feedback received during early development of the plan helped define three categories used to organize the sites identified in this document:



DC and the Nation (Ceremonial Spaces)

These sites are on primary transportation corridors and intended for subjects that are important within a national context, like World War II, 9/11, or the COVID-19 pandemic. Locations are centrally located in each Ward and include high-visibility sites along streets and avenues identified in the Comprehensive Plan as Gateway Corridors, Primary/Secondary Avenues, Primary/Secondary Parkways, and Long-Established Roads. Examples include Connecticut Avenue, 16th Street, or East Capitol Street. The location strategy includes one profile for this type in each Ward.



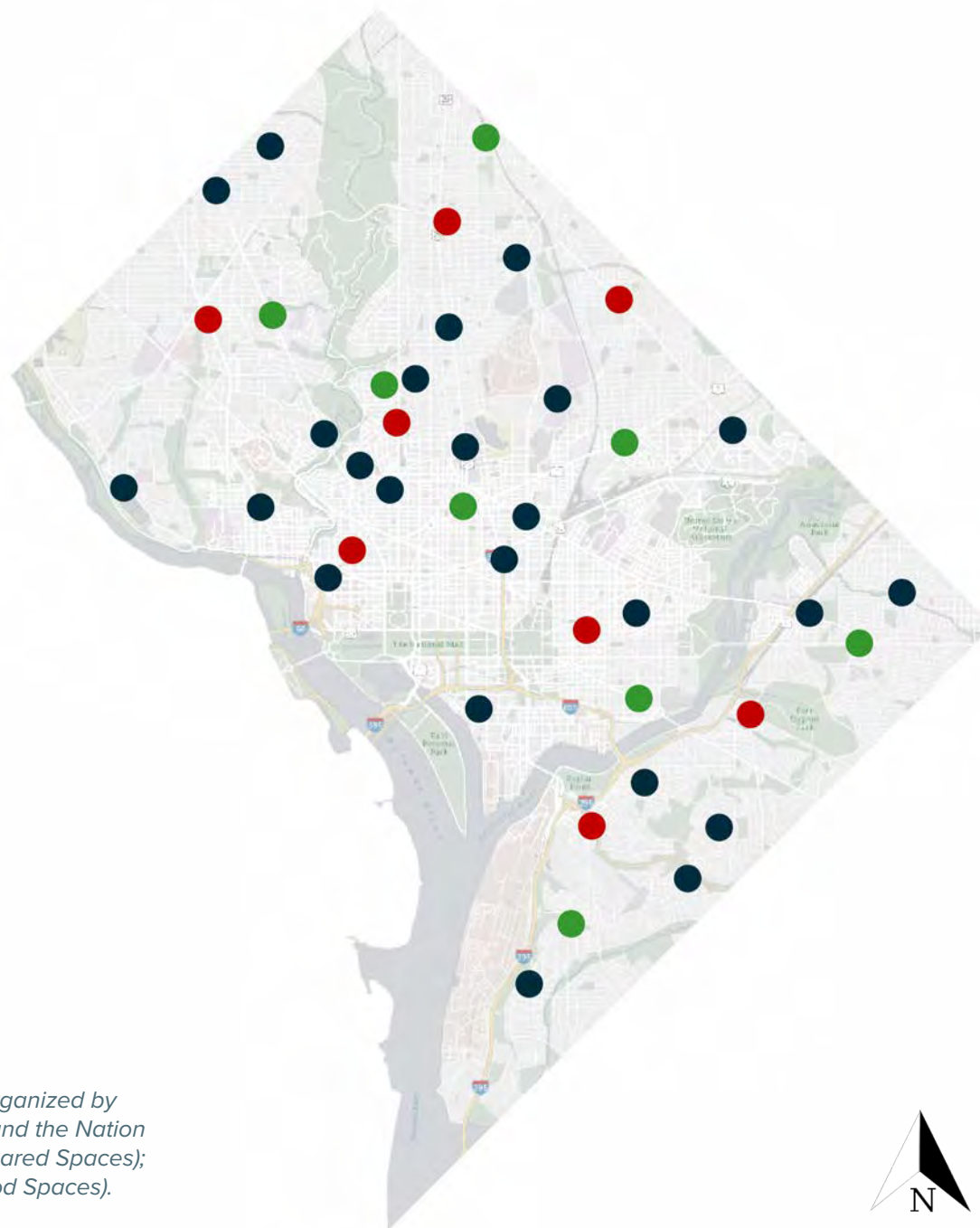
DC Experience (Shared Spaces)

These sites are spaces where a broad cross-section of residents come together and intended for subjects with significance to residents in all eight Wards of the District, like sports teams or city-wide political leaders. Locations include spaces centrally located in each Ward and used by a broad cross-section of residents, like plazas at Metro stations, transfer points for bus lines with high ridership, or regional parks. The location strategy includes one detailed profile for this type in each Ward.



DC Faces and Places (Neighborhood Spaces)

These sites are centers of neighborhood life and intended for subjects with a strong connection to a specific place, like Jewish history in Petworth or Central American culture in Adams Morgan. Locations include spaces evenly distributed throughout each Ward and at the center of neighborhood life, like neighborhood commercial areas, libraries, and recreation centers. The location strategy includes three detailed profiles for this type in each Ward.



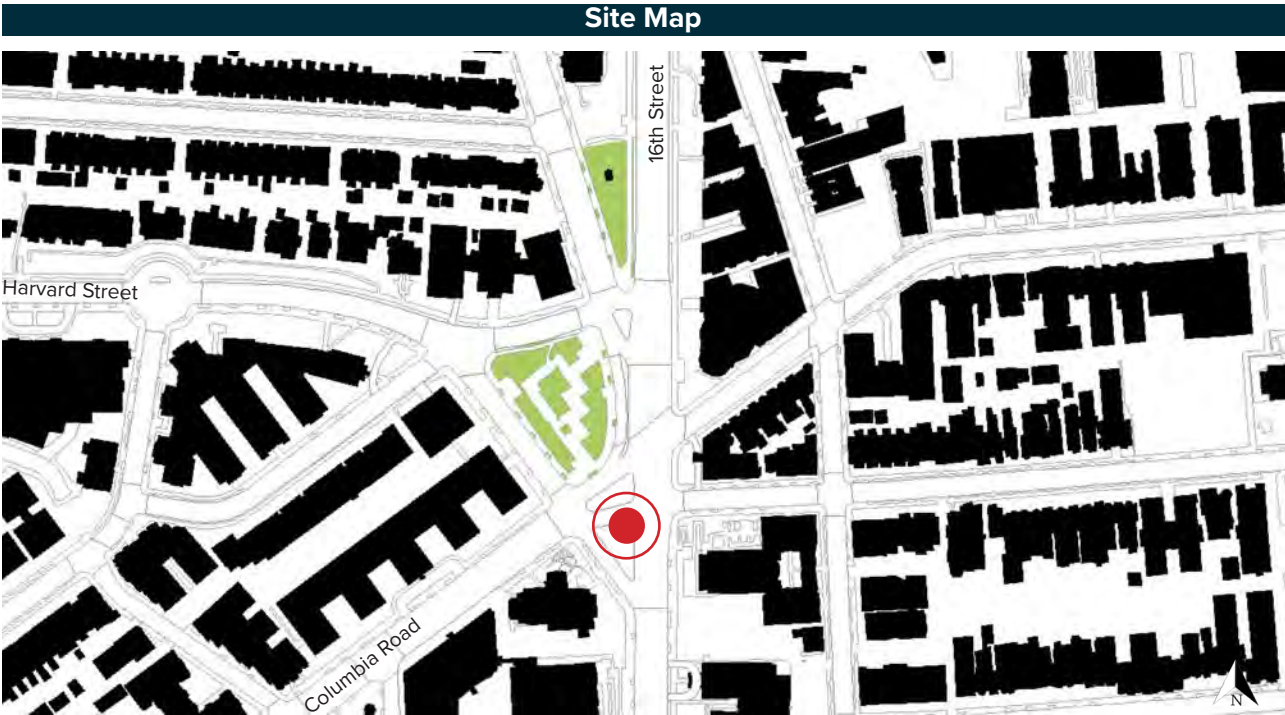
Forty sites throughout the DC and are organized by the type of interest in each subject: DC and the Nation (Ceremonial Spaces); DC Experience (Shared Spaces); and, DC Faces and Places (Neighborhood Spaces).



- Ceremonial Spaces
- Shared Spaces
- Neighborhood Spaces

WARD 1 SITES

Ward 1: 16th Street & Columbia Road NW



Site Description Summary

This is a high-visibility site located on a gateway corridor. It is level, paved, and surrounded by high-density residential, park, and religious institutional uses. The site is in the Meridian Hill Historic District and near several landmarks including apartment buildings, churches, and embassy buildings. A statue of Francis Asbury, one of the first Methodists bishops in the United States, is nearby.

Commemorative Opportunity

The site's size and the amount of traffic passing it limit the type of commemoration that should be considered. The monumental character and scale of its context suggests a memorial that is traditional in design, experienced by pedestrians and people passing the site in vehicles, and surrounded with landscaping. Its design should be coordinated with other green spaces along 16th Street.

Profile

Jurisdiction/Ownership	District (DDOT)
	ANC 1C
Reservation Number	0309D
Name	None
Thoroughfare	Gateway Corridor

Physical Characteristics

Acreage	+/- 1,700 sq. ft.
Configuration	Triangle Park
Overall Character	Paved
Terrain	Level
Adjoining Uses	Residential, Institute

Urban Design Framework

Type	DC and the Nation
Concept	Ceremonial Space

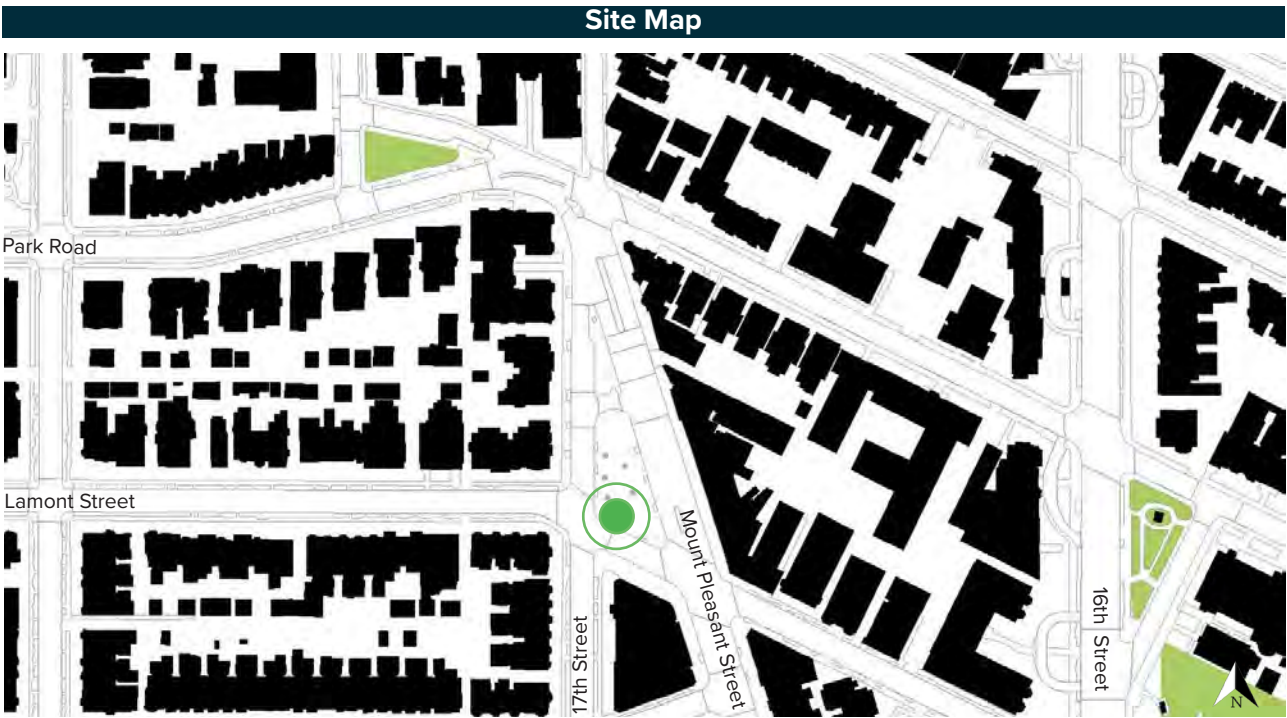
Historic and Cultural Resources

Historic District	Meridian Hill
Other	Highway Plan

Site Access

Vehicular	Yes
MetroRail	Yes
MetroBus	Yes
Pedestrian	Yes
Parking	Yes

Ward 1: Mount Pleasant Street & Lamont Street NW



Site Description Summary

Located at the north end of the Mount Pleasant Street commercial area, this triangle park is a center of neighborhood activity and the location of a weekly farmer’s market. The site is surrounded by residential and commercial uses, and is level, paved, landscaped with flowering trees, and has an elevated performance space and seating. It is in the Mount Pleasant Historic District and part of the Mount Pleasant Main Street.

Commemorative Opportunity

This triangle park is appropriate for a medium-scale commemorative work that should be coordinated with the site’s current use as a farmer’s market. Its design could include benches, playable art, or other amenities that create a gathering place for residents and visitors to the Mount Pleasant commercial area.

Urban Design Framework

Type	DC Experience
Concept	Shared Spaces

Historic and Cultural Resources

Historic District	Mount Pleasant
Other	None

Profile

Jurisdiction/Ownership	District (DPR)
	ANC
Reservation Number	0309
Name	Lamont Plaza
Thoroughfare	Long-Established Road

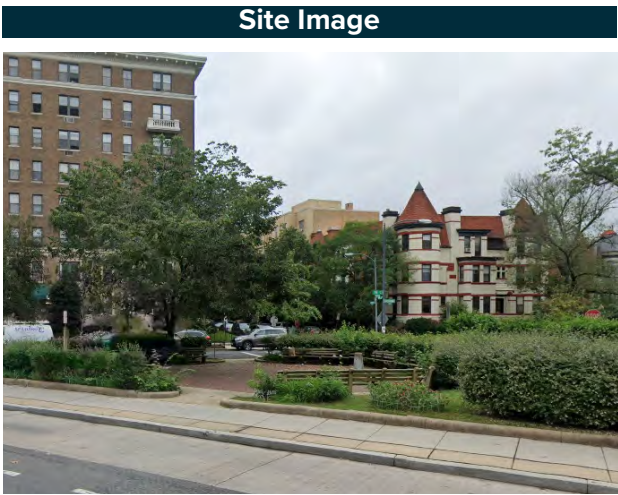
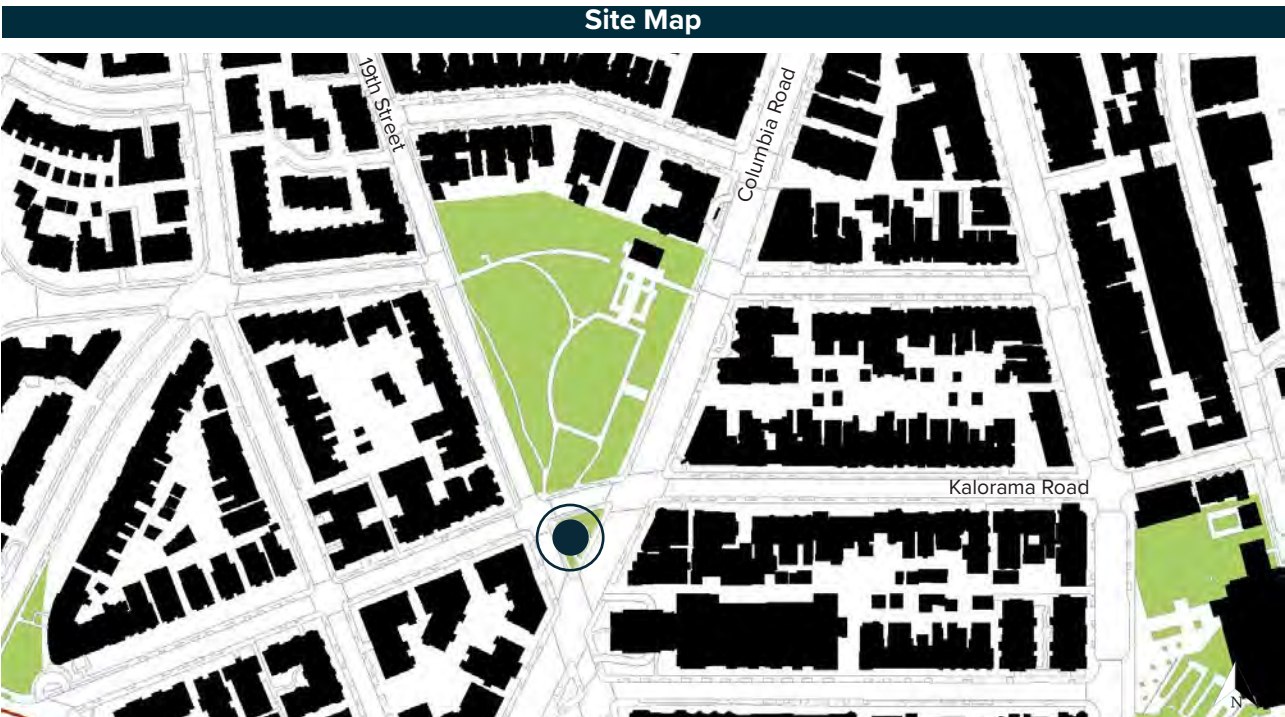
Physical Characteristics

Acreage	+/- 5,000 sq. ft.
Configuration	Triangle Park
Overall Character	Paved
Terrain	Level
Adjoining Uses	Residential, Commercial

Site Access

Vehicular	Yes
MetroRail	Yes
MetroBus	Yes
Pedestrian	Yes
Parking	On Street

Ward 1: Columbia Road & Kalorama Road NW



Site Description Summary

This site is a triangle park on a long-established road near the Adams Morgan commercial area. The center of the park is brick paving and surrounded by benches and landscaping that provides a buffer from the surrounding apartments, row-houses, and Kalorama Park. It is in the Kalorama Triangle Historic District and across the street from the Washington Heights Historic District.

Commemorative Opportunity

The site is appropriate for a small to medium-scale commemorative work that complements its residential context. Benches, playable art, or other park amenities could create a neighborhood gathering space. Its design should be coordinated with other green spaces along Columbia Road.

Profile

Jurisdiction/Ownership	District (DPR)
ANC	1C
Reservation Number	305A
Name	Ann Hughes Hargrove
Thoroughfare	Long-Established Road

Physical Characteristics

Acreage	+/- 4,226 sq. ft.
Configuration	Triangle Park
Overall Character	Paved, Landscaped
Terrain	Level
Adjoining Uses	Residential, Park

Urban Design Framework

Type	DC Faces and Places
Concept	Neighborhood Space

Historic and Cultural Resources

Historic District	Kalorama Triangle
Other	None

Site Access

Vehicular	Yes
MetroRail	No
MetroBus	Yes
Pedestrian	Yes
Parking	On Street

Ward 1: 14th Street & Ogden Street NW



Profile

Jurisdiction/Ownership	District (DPR)
ANC	1A
Reservation Number	310B
Name	None
Thoroughfare	Long-Established Road

Site Description Summary

This site is a triangle park in a neighborhood commercial area north of the Columbia Heights metro station. The park is primarily concrete, has limited seating, and is surrounded by landscaping on two sides. The surrounding area includes apartments, row-houses, and commercial uses.

Commemorative Opportunity

The site is appropriate for a small to medium-scale commemorative work. Benches, playable art, or other neighborhood amenities incorporated into a design could add the activity of the commercial area and create a gathering place for residents. Its design should be coordinated with other green and open spaces along 14th Street.

Physical Characteristics

Acreage	+/- 1,543 sq. ft.
Configuration	Triangle Park
Overall Character	Paved, Landscaped
Terrain	Level
Adjoining Uses	Commercial

Urban Design Framework

Type	DC Faces and Places
Concept	Neighborhood Space

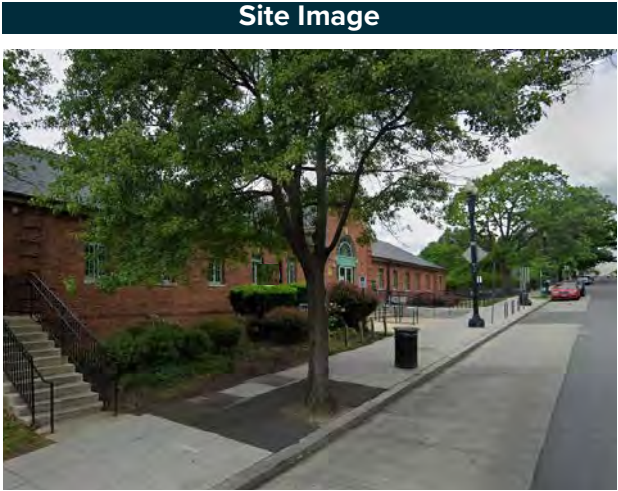
Historic and Cultural Resources

Historic District	None
Other	None

Site Access

Vehicular	Yes
MetroRail	No
MetroBus	Yes
Pedestrian	Yes
Parking	On Street

Ward 1: Georgia Avenue & Euclid Street NW



Site Description Summary

This site is located on a long-established road at the main entrance to the Banneker Recreation Center, a DC landmark. It includes a wide paved sidewalk, landscaped areas, and wide steps leading into the recreation center. It is part of a complex with athletic fields, swimming pool, and tennis courts. Nearby landmarks include Howard Hall and Miner Normal School, buildings on Howard University’s campus.

Commemorative Opportunity

This site is appropriate for a small to medium-scale commemorative work. Its design could include something incorporated into paving or steps leading into the recreation center, or a traditional memorial surrounded by a small, landscaped space. Its design should be coordinated with other green spaces along Georgia Avenue.

Profile

Jurisdiction/Ownership	District (DPR)
	ANC 1B
Reservation Number	0506
Name	Banneker
Thoroughfare	Long-Established Road

Physical Characteristics

Acreage	+/- 1,000 sq. ft.
Configuration	Sidewalk
Overall Character	Paved, Landscaped
Terrain	Sloped
Adjoining Uses	Institutional

Urban Design Framework

Type	DC Faces and Places
Concept	Neighborhood Space

Historic and Cultural Resources

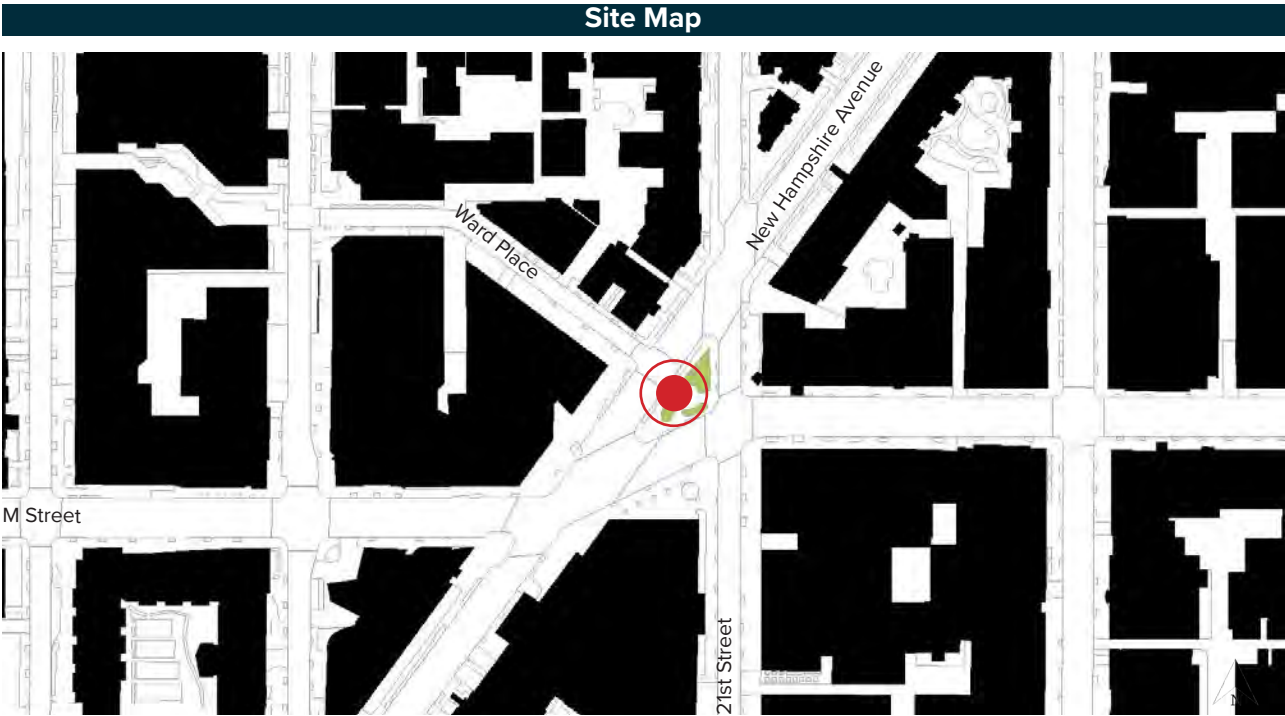
Historic District	None
Other	Banneker Rec. Center

Site Access

Vehicular	Yes
MetroRail	No
MetroBus	Yes
Pedestrian	Yes
Parking	On Street

WARD 2 SITES

Ward 2: New Hampshire Avenue & M Street NW



Site Description Summary

This site is one of a several triangle parks on New Hampshire Avenue between Washington Circle and Dupont Circle. It has a slight slope, central paved area with seating, large shade trees, and landscaping around the paved areas. It is surrounded by medium- to high-density residential use and commercial office buildings. The site is maintained by the Golden Triangle BID.

Commemorative Opportunity

This park can accommodate a small- to medium-scale commemorative work. Benches, playable art, or other neighborhood amenities could create a gathering place for residents and visitor to adjacent businesses. The commemorative work can be a defining feature of the adjacent commercial area. Proposals should be coordinated with the Golden Triangle BID.

Profile

Jurisdiction/Ownership	District (DPR)
	ANC 2A
Reservation Number	0104
Name	Duke Ellington
Thoroughfare	Avenue

Physical Characteristics

Acreage	+/- 9,100 sq. ft.
Configuration	Triangle Park
Overall Character	Landscaped
Terrain	Sloped
Adjoining Uses	Residential, Office

Urban Design Framework

Type	DC and the Nation
Concept	Ceremonial Space

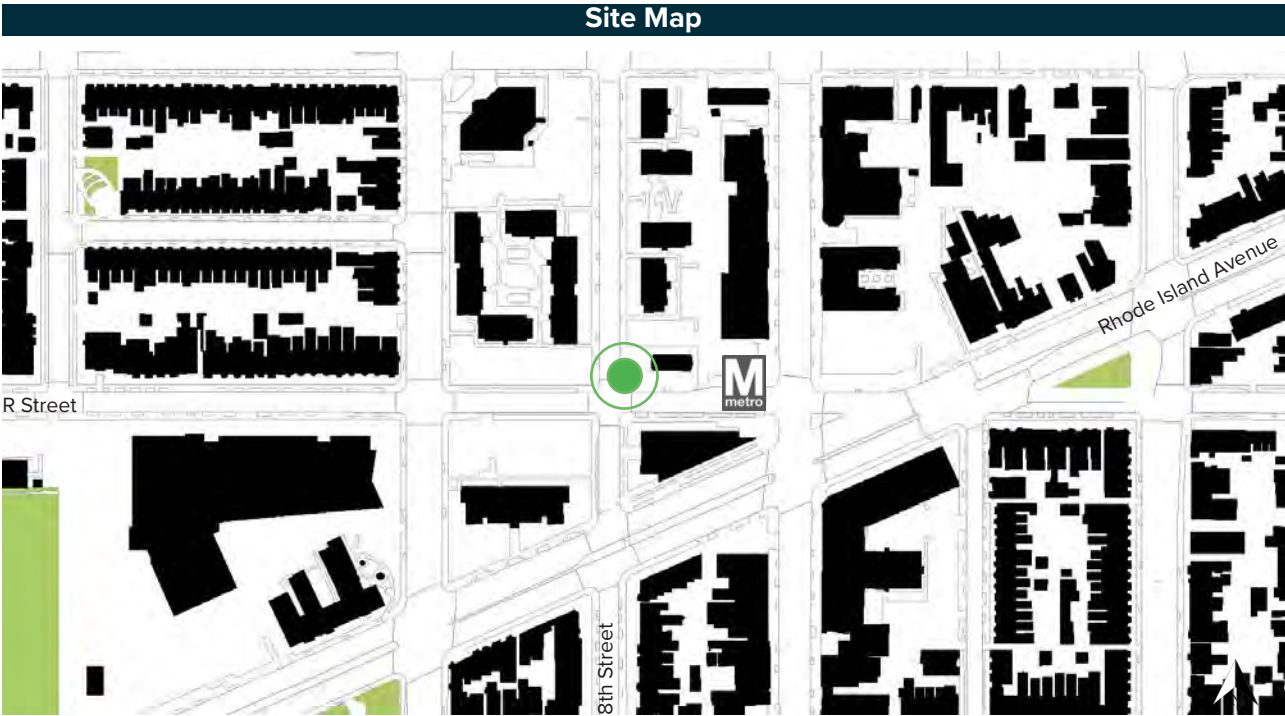
Historic and Cultural Resources

Historic District	None
Other	L'Enfant Plan

Site Access

Vehicular	Yes
MetroRail	No
MetroBus	Yes
Pedestrian	Yes
Parking	Yes

Ward 2: 8th Street & R Street NW



Profile

Jurisdiction/Ownership	WMATA
	ANC TBD
Reservation Number	None
Name	None
Thoroughfare	None

Site Description Summary

The site is atop to the Shaw/Howard University metro station and includes a paved plaza. It is surrounded by apartment buildings and the Watha T. Daniel public library. The site is on 8th Street, a corridor highlighted in the Shaw Urban Renewal Plan as an important pedestrian corridor. The site is near the Greater U Street and Shaw historic districts and Shaw Junior High School is a nearby landmark.

Commemorative Opportunity

This site is appropriate for a medium-scale commemorative work in the paved area at the entrance to the metro station. Its design could include a vertical element that defines the entrance to the metro station and benches, playable art, or other amenities that create a gathering place for residents and others using Metro.

Physical Characteristics

Acreage	+/- 3,750 sq. ft.
Configuration	Plaza
Overall Character	Paved
Terrain	Level
Adjoining Uses	Residential, Commercial

Urban Design Framework

Type	DC Experience
Concept	Shared Spaces

Historic and Cultural Resources

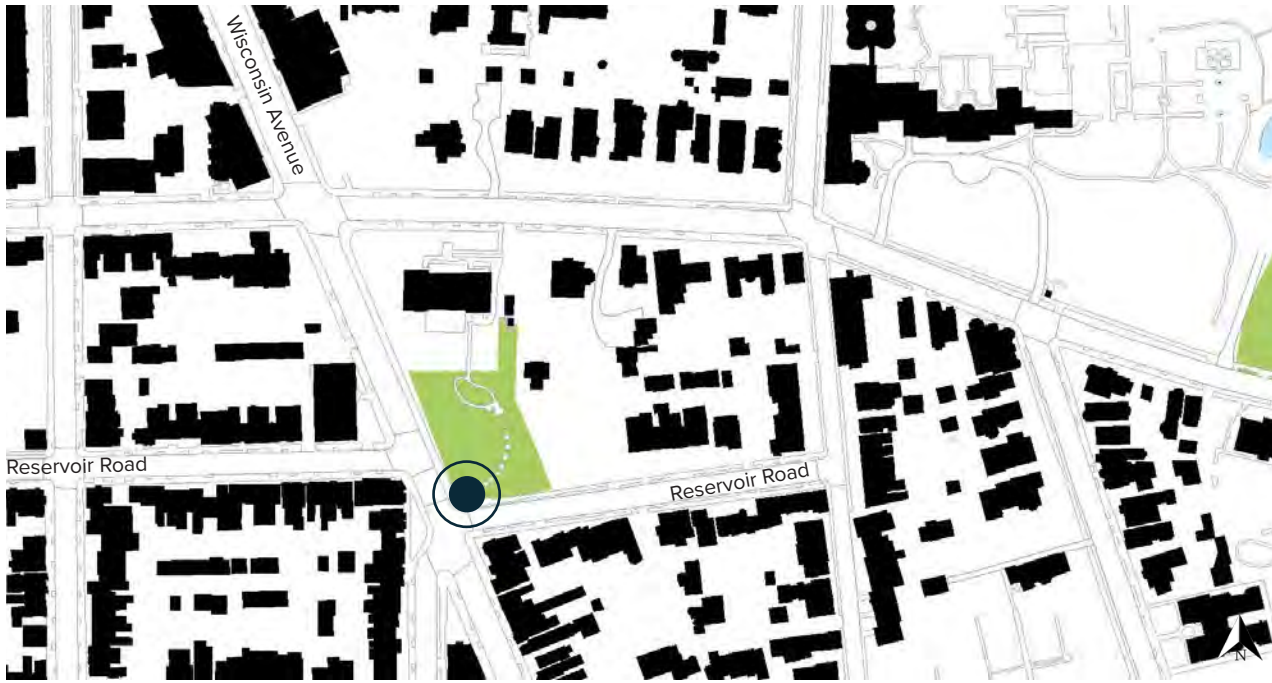
Historic District	None
Other	Shaw Urban Renewal Plan

Site Access

Vehicular	Yes
MetroRail	Yes
MetroBus	Yes
Pedestrian	Yes
Parking	On Street

Ward 2: Wisconsin Avenue & Reservoir Road NW

Site Map



Site Description Summary

This site is located on a long-established road at the entrance to Book Hill Park and adjacent to the Georgetown Library. It includes a paved area, a low retaining wall, and steps leading to a landscaped green space. It is surrounded by neighborhood commercial uses. It is also in the Georgetown BID and in the Georgetown Historic District, an area requiring Old Georgetown Board and Commission of Fine Arts review.

Commemorative Opportunity

A small-scale commemorative work at this location would enhance an entrance to Book Hill Park. Its design could include something incorporated into paving or steps leading into the park. The site's size and amount of traffic passing it limit the type of commemoration that should be considered. Its design should be coordinated with other green spaces along Wisconsin Avenue.

Urban Design Framework

Type	DC Faces and Places
Concept	Neighborhood Space

Historic and Cultural Resources

Historic District	Georgetown
Other	None

Site Image



Profile

Jurisdiction/Ownership	District (DPR)
	ANC 2E
Reservation Number	0325
Name	Book Hill
Thoroughfare	Long-Established Road

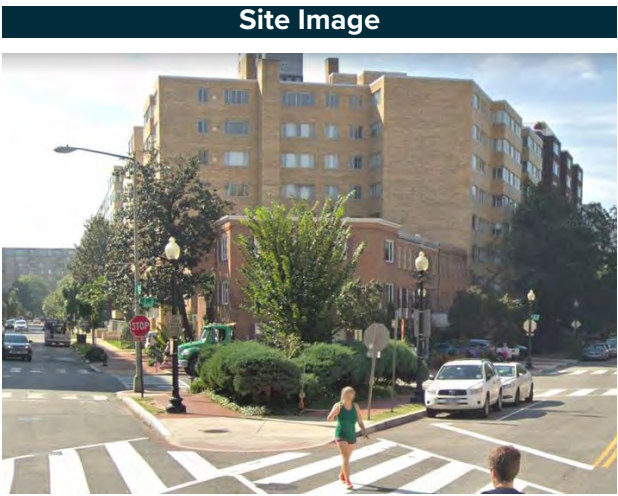
Physical Characteristics

Acreage	+/- 1,000 sq. ft.
Configuration	Park
Overall Character	Paved, Landscaped
Terrain	Sloped
Adjoining Uses	Residential, Library

Site Access

Vehicular	Yes
MetroRail	No
MetroBus	No
Pedestrian	Yes
Parking	On Street

Ward 2: 24th Street & I Street NW



Profile

Jurisdiction/Ownership	District (DDOT)
	ANC 2A
Reservation Number	0136
Name	None
Thoroughfare	Avenue

Site Description Summary

This small triangle park is one of a series of green spaces along an avenue. The space includes a tree, evergreen shrubs, and flowering plants surrounded by a narrow sidewalk. It is within one block of the Foggy Bottom/GWU metro station and Eye Street plaza, and in a transitional area between large institutional buildings on the George Washington University's campus.

Commemorative Opportunity

This site is appropriate for a small-scale commemorative work like a plaque, sculpture, or memorial garden. The size of the site and amount of traffic passing it limits the type of commemoration that should be considered. Its design should be coordinated with other green spaces along New Hampshire Avenue.

Physical Characteristics

Acreage	+/- 357 sq. ft.
Configuration	Triangle Park
Overall Character	Paved, Landscaped
Terrain	Level
Adjoining Uses	Residential, Institutional

Urban Design Framework

Type	DC Faces and Places
Concept	Neighborhood Space

Historic and Cultural Resources

Historic District	None
Other	L'Enfant Plan

Site Access

Vehicular	Yes
MetroRail	Yes
MetroBus	Yes
Pedestrian	Yes
Parking	On Street

Ward 2: 17th Street & T Street NW

Site Map



Site Image



Profile

Jurisdiction/Ownership	District (DPR)
	ANC 2B
Reservation Number	0145
Name	T Street Park
Thoroughfare	Avenue

Site Description Summary

This triangle park is one of a series of green spaces along an avenue. The park is predominantly landscaped, has two large trees and other low-growing plants, and a small, paved area with seating. It is surrounded by apartment buildings and townhouses, and near a neighborhood commercial area important to the District's LGBTQ community.

Commemorative Opportunity

This site is appropriate for a small to medium-scale commemorative work. Benches, playable art, or other neighborhood amenities could create a gathering place for residents and visitors to the adjacent commercial area. Its design should be coordinated with other green spaces along New Hampshire Avenue.

Physical Characteristics

Acreage	+/- 4,356 sq. ft.
Configuration	Triangle Park
Overall Character	Landscaped
Terrain	Level
Adjoining Uses	Residential, Institutional

Urban Design Framework

Type	DC Faces and Places
Concept	Neighborhood Space

Historic and Cultural Resources

Historic District	Strivers Section
Other	L'Enfant Plan

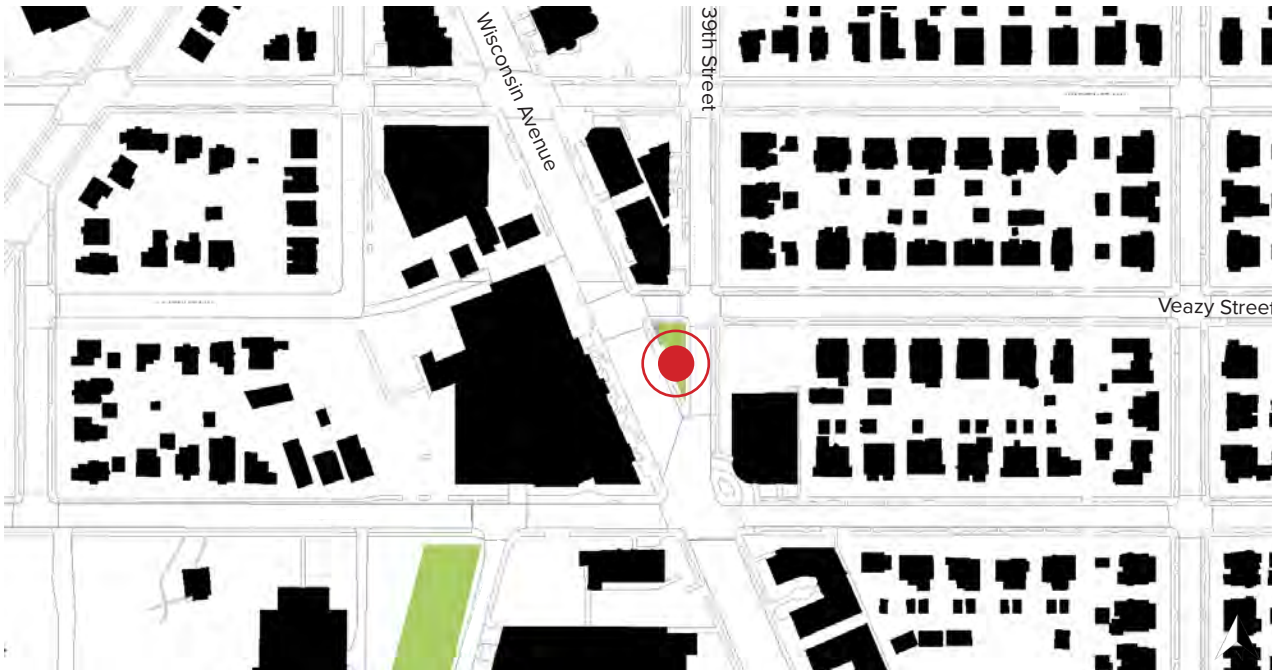
Site Access

Vehicular	Yes
MetroRail	No
MetroBus	No
Pedestrian	Yes
Parking	Yes

WARD 3 SITES

Ward 3: Wisconsin Avenue & Veazey Street NW

Site Map



Site Image



Profile

Jurisdiction/Ownership	District (DPR)
ANC	3E
Reservation Number	0477
Name	None
Thoroughfare	Long-Established Road

Site Description Summary

This triangle park is one of a series of greens spaces along a long-established road. It is level, grassy, landscaped with small trees, and surrounded by a rounded curb and narrow sidewalk. The site is a transition between a low-density residential area and a mix of small and medium scale commercial and office uses. It is four blocks from the Tenleytown-AU metro station and part of Tenleytown Main Street.

Commemorative Opportunity

The site location on a busy avenue suggests a memorial with vertical elements that can be experienced by pedestrians and people passing the site in vehicles. Benches, playable art, or other neighborhood amenities could create a gathering place for residents and visitors to the adjacent commercial area. Its design should be coordinated with other green spaces along Wisconsin Avenue.

Physical Characteristics

Acreage	+/- 1,314 sq. ft.
Configuration	Triangle Park
Overall Character	Landscaped
Terrain	Level
Adjoining Uses	Commercial/Office, Res.

Urban Design Framework

Type	DC and the Nation
Concept	Ceremonial Space

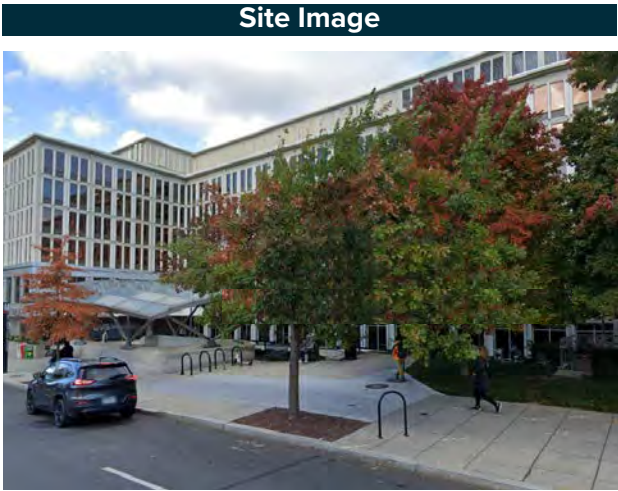
Historic and Cultural Resources

Historic District	None
Other	Highway Plan

Site Access

Vehicular	Yes
MetroRail	No
MetroBus	Yes
Pedestrian	Yes
Parking	No

Ward 3: Connecticut Avenue & Veazy Terrace NW



Site Description Summary

This site includes public space at the Van Ness metro station on an avenue. It is level, includes paved area, and is landscaped with trees and ground cover. It is surrounded by a mix of commercial, office, residential, and institutional uses, and is within Van Ness Main Street. The University of the District of Columbia is across the street. Nearby landmarks include early-20th century apartment buildings and the Intelsat building.

Commemorative Opportunity

This site can accommodate a small- to medium-scale commemorative work. Its design should include a vertical element that increases its visibility for passengers in passing vehicles and pedestrian amenities could be coordinated with the entrance to the metro station. The size of the site limits the type of commemoration that should be considered.

Profile

Jurisdiction/Ownership	District (DDOT)
ANC	3F
Reservation Number	None
Name	None
Thoroughfare	Avenue

Physical Characteristics

Acreage	+/- 5,000 sq. ft
Configuration	Plaza
Overall Character	Landscaped
Terrain	Sloped
Adjoining Uses	Residential, Park, Instit.

Urban Design Framework

Type	DC Experience
Concept	Shared Spaces

Historic and Cultural Resources

Historic District	None
Other	Highway Plan

Site Access

Vehicular	Yes
MetroRail	Yes
MetroBus	Yes
Pedestrian	Yes
Parking	On Street

Ward 3: MacArthur Boulevard & Reservoir Road NW

Site Map



Site Image



Profile

Jurisdiction/Ownership	District (DPR)
	ANC
Reservation Number	0576
Name	None
Thoroughfare	Gateway Corridor

Site Description Summary

This site is a triangle park at the southern end of a gateway corridor, has a gentle and severe slope, is landscaped with trees and natural vegetation, and surrounded by concrete sidewalk. The adjacent area is a mix of small apartments, a neighborhood commercial district, and institutional uses. Nearby landmarks include the Washington Aqueduct, Georgetown Reservoir, C&O Canal, and Palisades Firehouse.

Commemorative Opportunity

This site is appropriate for a medium to large-scale commemorative work that defines the southern end of MacArthur Boulevard and entrance to the Palisades neighborhood. Benches, playable art, or other neighborhood amenities could create a gathering place for residents and visitors to the adjacent commercial area.

Physical Characteristics

Acreage	+/- 8,004 sq. ft.
Configuration	Triangle Park
Overall Character	Landscaped
Terrain	Sloped
Adjoining Uses	Commercial, Residential

Urban Design Framework

Type	DC Faces and Places
Concept	Neighborhood Space

Historic and Cultural Resources

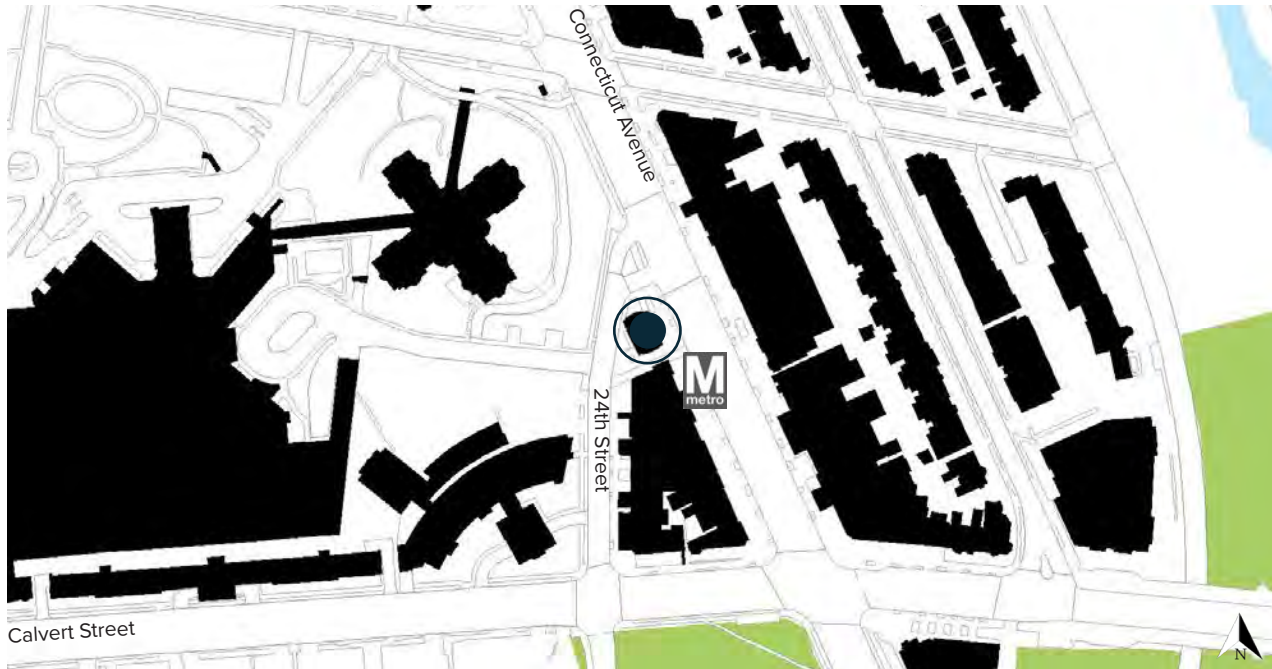
Historic District	None
Other	Highway Plan

Site Access

Vehicular	Yes
MetroRail	No
MetroBus	Yes
Pedestrian	Yes
Parking	On Street

Ward 3: Connecticut Avenue & 24th Street NW

Site Map



Site Image



Profile

Jurisdiction/Ownership	District (DDOT)
ANC	3C
Reservation Number	None
Name	None
Thoroughfare	Avenue

Site Description Summary

This site is a small, landscaped triangle on an avenue near the Woodley Park metro station. It is level, landscaped with trees and grass, and has a small section of concrete sidewalk. It is in the Woodley Park neighborhood commercial area and within the Woodley Park Historic District. Nearby landmarks include Wardman Tower, Duke Ellington Bridge, and Taft Bridge.

Commemorative Opportunity

This site is appropriate for a small-scale commemorative work like a plaque, sculpture, or memorial garden. The size of the site and amount of traffic passing it limits the type of commemoration that should be considered. Its design should be coordinated with other green spaces along Connecticut Avenue.

Physical Characteristics

Acreage	+/- 1,000 sq. ft.
Configuration	Triangle Park
Overall Character	Landscaped
Terrain	Level
Adjoining Uses	Commercial

Urban Design Framework

Type	DC Faces and Places
Concept	Neighborhood Space

Historic and Cultural Resources

Historic District	Woodley Park
Other	None

Site Access

Vehicular	Yes
MetroRail	Yes
MetroBus	Yes
Pedestrian	Yes
Parking	Yes

Ward 3: Connecticut Avenue & McKinley Street NW

Site Map



Site Image



Profile

Jurisdiction/Ownership	District (DPR/DCPL)
ANC	3G
Reservation Number	None
Name	Chevy Chase Com. Ctr.
Thoroughfare	Avenue

Site Description Summary

This site is on an avenue in the center of a neighborhood commercial district, part of the Chevy Chase Community Center, and in the Chevy Chase Main Street. It is at the main pedestrian entrance to the Community Center and includes a paved entry area, landscaped beds, and ADA ramp and stairs. Nearby landmarks include the Chevy Chase Theater, Chevy Chase Arcade, and Chevy Chase Circle.

Commemorative Opportunity

This site is appropriate for a medium- to large-scale commemorative work that defines the Chevy Chase neighborhood commercial area. Benches, playable art, or other neighborhood amenities could create a gathering place for residents and visitors to nearby shops. Its design should be incorporated into any redevelopment plans for the site and be coordinated with other green spaces along Connecticut Avenue.

Physical Characteristics

Acreage	+/- 5,000 sq. ft.
Configuration	Civic Building
Overall Character	Paved, Landscaped
Terrain	Level, Sloped
Adjoining Uses	Municipal, Commercial

Urban Design Framework

Type	DC Faces and Places
Concept	Neighborhood Space

Historic and Cultural Resources

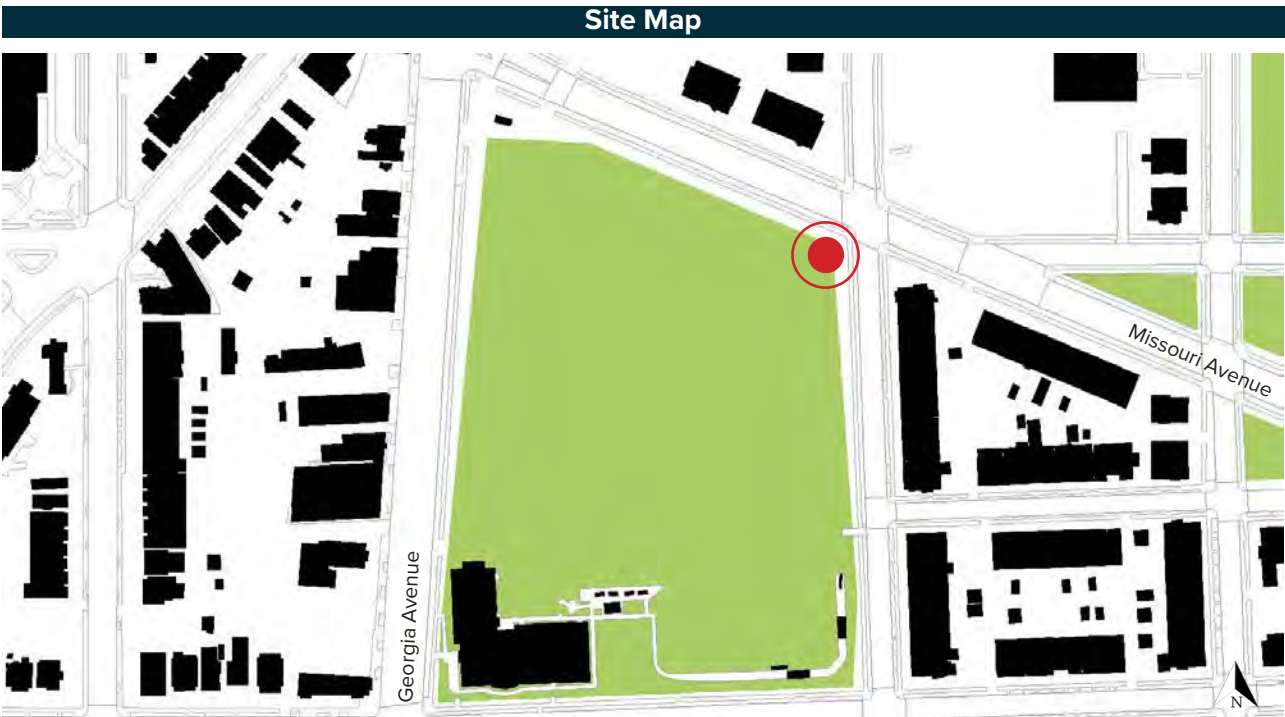
Historic District	None
Other	Highway Plan

Site Access

Vehicular	Yes
MetroRail	No
MetroBus	Yes
Pedestrian	Yes
Parking	On Street

WARD 4 SITES

Ward 4: Missouri Avenue & 9th Street NW



Profile

Jurisdiction/Ownership	District (DPR)
	ANC 4B
Reservation Number	None
Name	Emery Heights
Thoroughfare	Parkway

Site Description Summary

This site is a grassy area of the Emery Heights Community Center and one of a series of parks along a parkway. It has a moderately sloped landscape with several trees, and surrounded by small apartment buildings, townhouses, and Paul Public Charter School. It is near the Fort Circle Parks Historic District and nearby landmarks include several Civil War fortifications.

Commemorative Opportunity

The sites location on a busy parkway suggests a commemorative work with vertical elements. The amount of traffic passing the site limits the type of commemoration that should be considered. It should be dramatic, visible by passengers in vehicles, and include amenities associated with Emery Heights Community Center. Its design should be coordinated with other green spaces along Missouri Avenue.

Physical Characteristics

Acreage	+/- 375,121 sq. ft.
Configuration	Large Park
Overall Character	Landscaped
Terrain	Sloped
Adjoining Uses	Commercial, Residential

Urban Design Framework

Type	DC and the Nation
Concept	Ceremonial Space

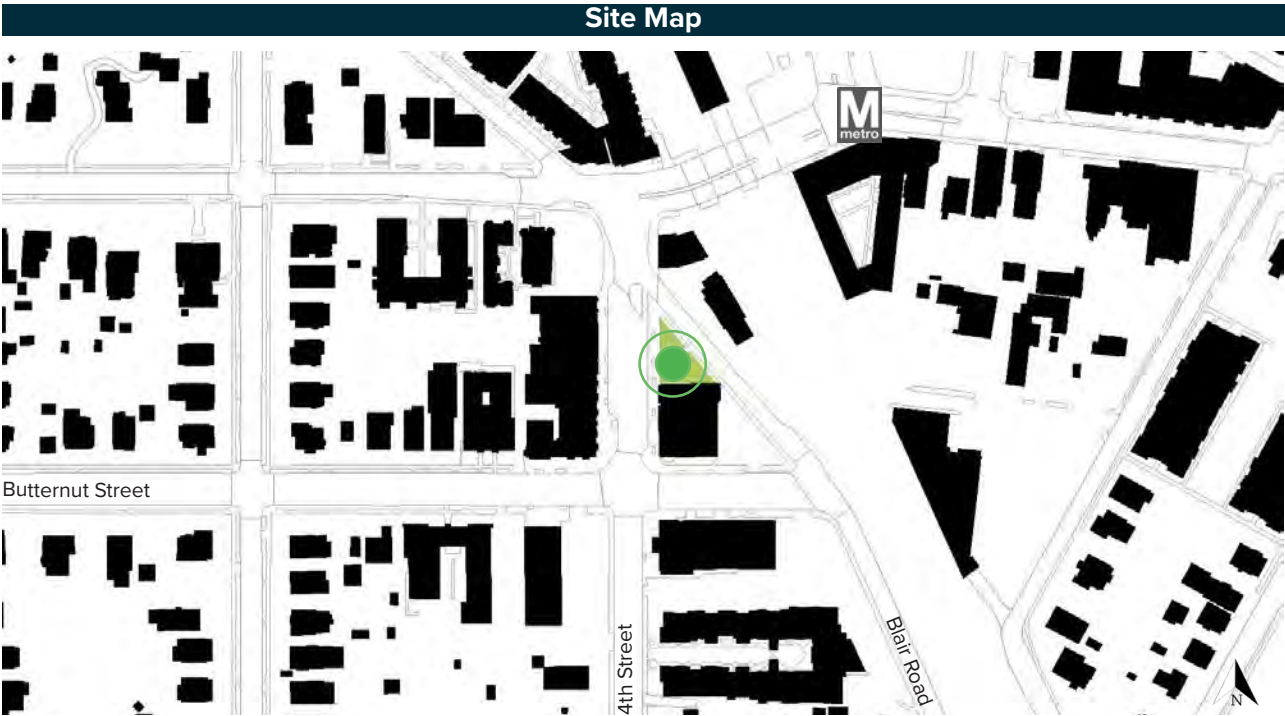
Historic and Cultural Resources

Historic District	None
Other	Highway Plan

Site Access

Vehicular	Yes
MetroRail	No
MetroBus	Yes
Pedestrian	Yes
Parking	Yes

Ward 4: Blair Road & 4th Street NW



Site Description Summary

This site is a small triangle park located in the Takoma neighborhood commercial area and near the Takoma metro station. It is level, landscaped with low plantings, and enclosed by a fence. The surrounding area includes small scale retail and apartment buildings. It is in the Takoma Park Historic District.

Commemorative Opportunity

This site can accommodate a small to medium-scale commemorative work surrounded by landscape. It can become a defining feature of this neighborhood commercial area. Benches, playable art, or other neighborhood amenities could create a gathering place for residents and visitors to nearby shops.

Profile

Jurisdiction/Ownership	District (DPR)
	ANC 4B
Reservation Number	None
Name	None
Thoroughfare	Long-Established Road

Physical Characteristics

Acreage	+/- 5,363 sq. ft.
Configuration	Triangle Park
Overall Character	Landscaped
Terrain	Level
Adjoining Uses	Commercial

Urban Design Framework

Type	DC Experience
Concept	Shared Spaces

Historic and Cultural Resources

Historic District	Takoma
Other	None

Site Access

Vehicular	Yes
MetroRail	Yes
MetroBus	Yes
Pedestrian	Yes
Parking	On Street

Ward 4: Georgia Avenue & Iowa Avenue NW

Site Map



Site Image



Profile

Jurisdiction/Ownership	District (DDOT)
ANC	4C
Reservation Number	317A
Name	None
Thoroughfare	Long-Established Road

Site Description Summary

This site is on a long-established road and a green space adjacent to a library and middle school. It is level, grassy, and surrounded by large trees. The surrounding area includes public schools, Georgia Avenue retail corridor, and residential neighborhoods of townhouses and small apartment buildings. Nearby landmarks include the Petworth Library, MacFarland Junior High School, and Roosevelt High School.

Commemorative Opportunity

This site is appropriate for a medium- to large-scale commemorative work that is designed as part of a cluster of public buildings. Benches, playable art, or other neighborhood amenities could create a gathering place for residents and visitors to the adjacent commercial area. Its design should be coordinated with other green spaces along Georgia Avenue.

Physical Characteristics

Acreage	+/- 5,000 sq. ft.
Configuration	Triangle Park
Overall Character	Landscaped
Terrain	Level
Adjoining Uses	Residential, Institute

Urban Design Framework

Type	DC Faces and Places
Concept	Neighborhood Space

Historic and Cultural Resources

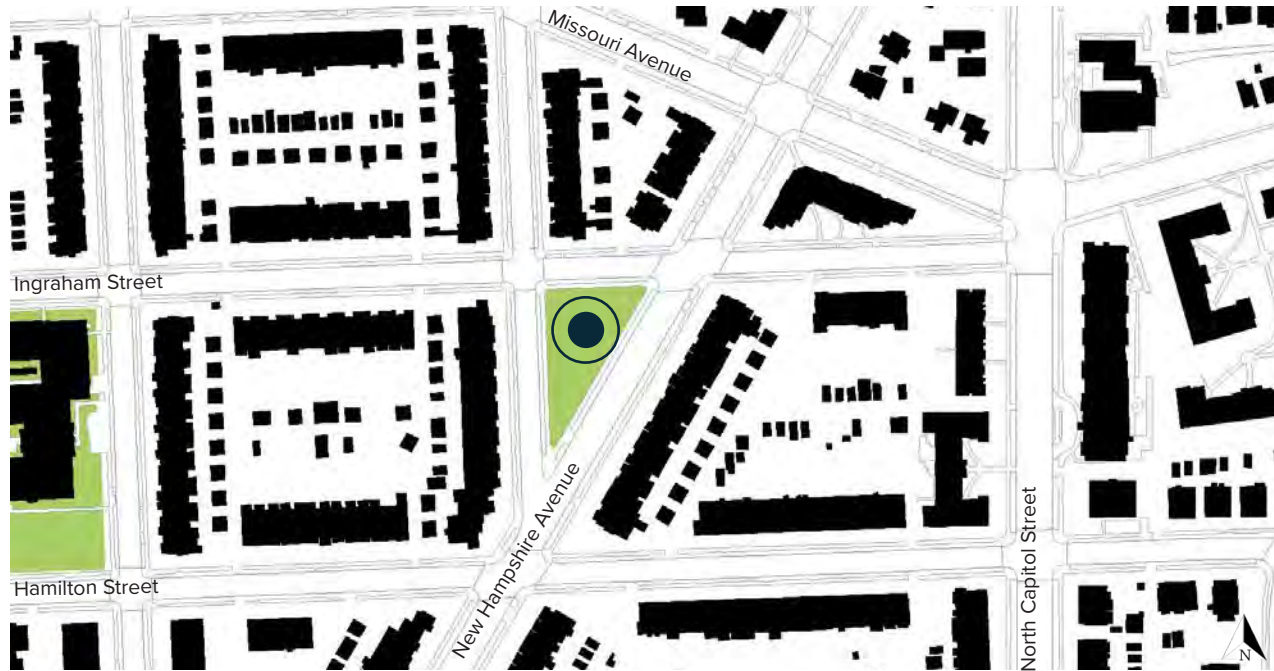
Historic District	None
Other	Highway Plan

Site Access

Vehicular	Yes
MetroRail	No
MetroBus	Yes
Pedestrian	Yes
Parking	On Street

Ward 4: New Hampshire Avenue & Ingraham Street NW

Site Map



Site Image



Profile

Jurisdiction/Ownership	District (DPR)
	ANC 4D
Reservation Number	0574
Name	None
Thoroughfare	Avenue

Site Description Summary

This site is one of a series of triangle parks along New Hampshire Avenue. The park is level, grassy, landscaped with shade and flowering trees, and encircled by sidewalks. The surrounding area includes townhouses or small apartment buildings. Nearby landmarks include Rock Creek Cemetery and Hampshire Gardens, an early-20th century garden apartment complex.

Commemorative Opportunity

This site is appropriate for a medium to large-scale commemorative work oriented toward New Hampshire Avenue. Benches, playable art, or other neighborhood amenities could create a gathering place for nearby residents. Its design should be coordinated with other green spaces along New Hampshire Avenue.

Physical Characteristics

Acreage	+/- 6,203 sq. ft.
Configuration	Triangle Park
Overall Character	Landscaped
Terrain	Level
Adjoining Uses	Residential

Urban Design Framework

Type	DC Faces and Places
Concept	Neighborhood Space

Historic and Cultural Resources

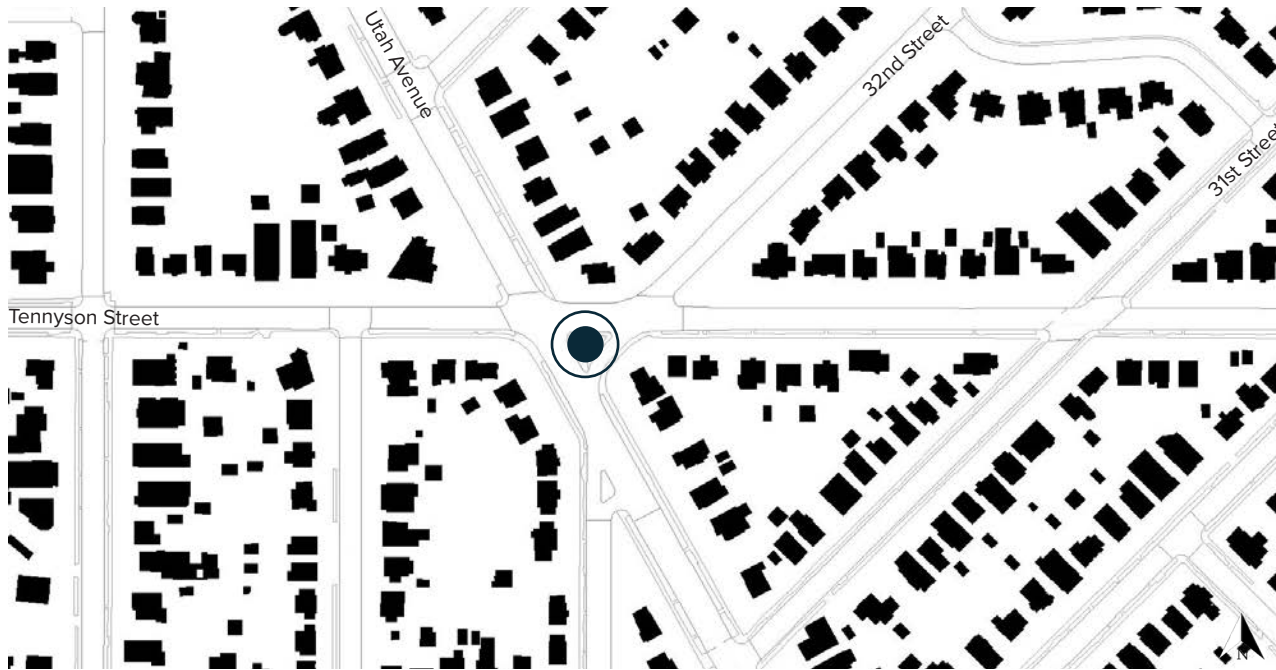
Historic District	None
Other	Highway Plan

Site Access

Vehicular	Yes
MetroRail	No
MetroBus	Yes
Pedestrian	Yes
Parking	On Street

Ward 4: Utah Avenue & Tennyson Street NW

Site Map



Site Image



Profile

Jurisdiction/Ownership	District (DDOT)
ANC	3G
Reservation Number	None
Name	None
Thoroughfare	Parkway

Site Description Summary

This small triangle space is on a parkway in the established Chevy Chase and Barnaby Woods neighborhoods. It is a level site, landscaped with a flowering tree and low-growing plants, has a bench, and is encircled with a narrow sidewalk. The surrounding area includes single-family homes on tree-lined streets.

Commemorative Opportunity

This site is appropriate for a small-scale commemorative work like a plaque, sculpture, or memorial garden. The size of the site limits the type of commemoration that should be considered.

Physical Characteristics

Acreage	+/- 2,000 sq. ft.
Configuration	Triangle Park
Overall Character	Landscaped
Terrain	Level
Adjoining Uses	Residential

Urban Design Framework

Type	DC Faces and Places
Concept	Neighborhood Space

Historic and Cultural Resources

Historic District	None
Other	Highway Plan

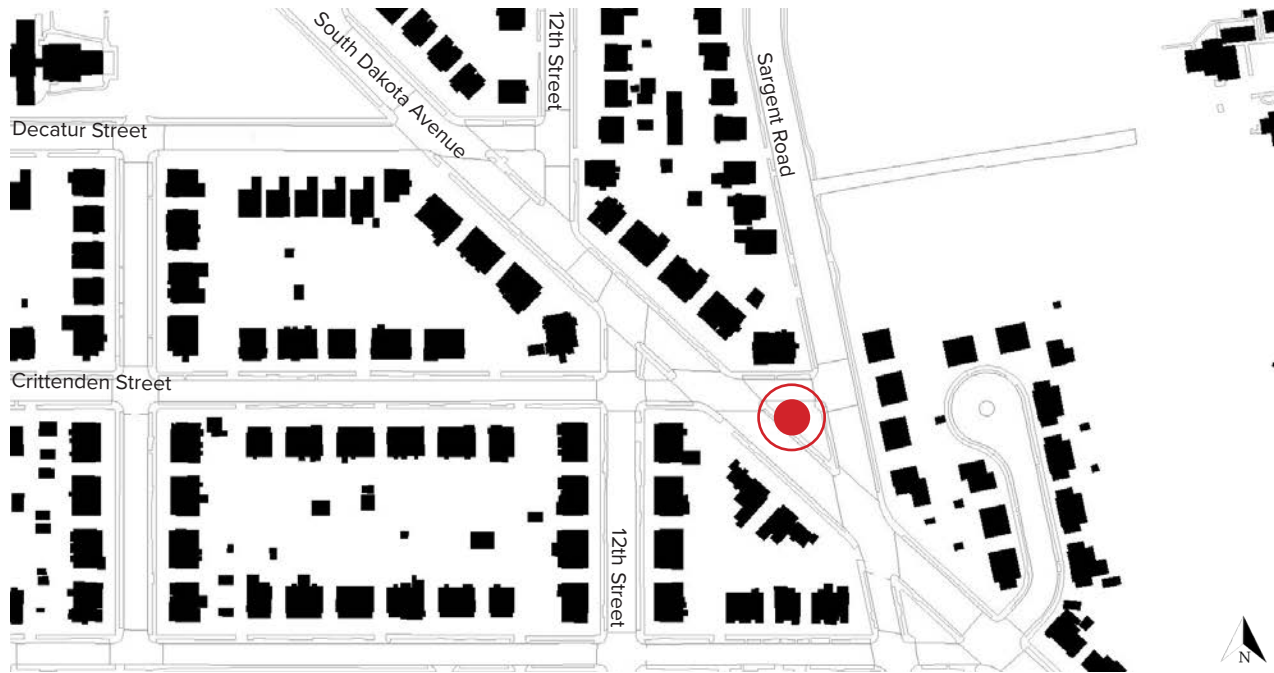
Site Access

Vehicular	Yes
MetroRail	No
MetroBus	Yes
Pedestrian	Yes
Parking	On Street

WARD 5 SITES

Ward 5: South Dakota Avenue & Crittenden Street NE

Site Map



Site Image



Profile

Jurisdiction/Ownership	District (DDOT)
ANC	5A
Reservation Number	None
Name	None
Thoroughfare	Parkway

Site Description Summary

This triangle park that is one of a series of parks and open spaces on a parkway and long-established road. The site has a gentle slope and is landscaped with grass, flowering and shade trees, and low-growing plants. It is encircled with a sidewalk. The surrounding area includes single-family homes, duplexes, and triplexes, and is close to a small neighborhood commercial area.

Commemorative Opportunity

The site's location on a busy avenue suggests a commemorative work with vertical elements visible to passengers in passing vehicles. The amount of traffic on South Dakota Avenue limits the type of commemoration that should be considered, although neighborhood amenities along Sargent Road could create a gathering place for residents.

Physical Characteristics

Acreage	+/- 5,000 sq. ft.
Configuration	Triangle Park
Overall Character	Landscaped
Terrain	Sloped
Adjoining Uses	Residential

Urban Design Framework

Type	DC and the Nation
Concept	Ceremonial Space

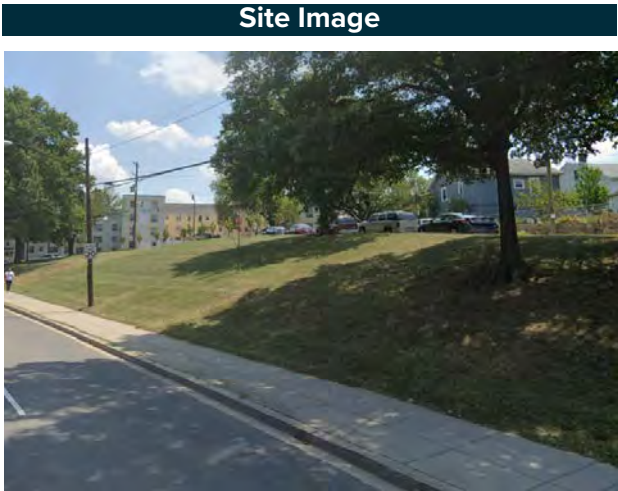
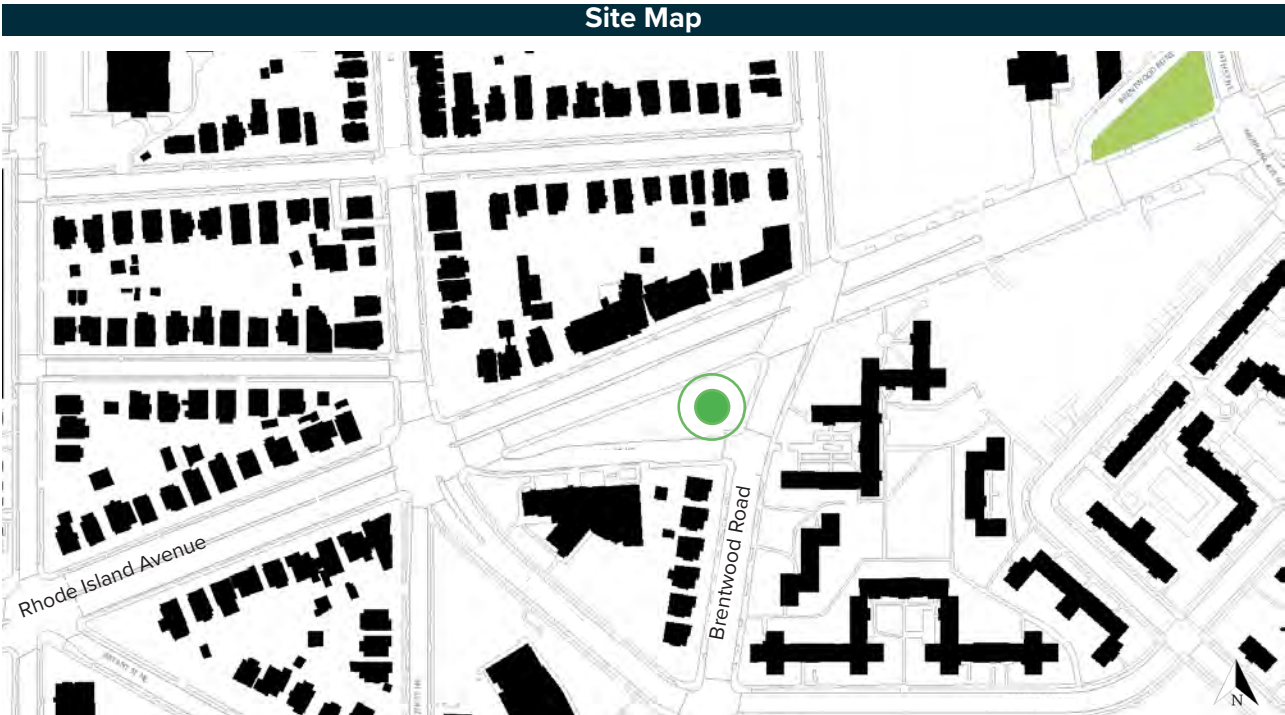
Historic and Cultural Resources

Historic District	None
Other	Highway Plan

Site Access

Vehicular	Yes
MetroRail	No
MetroBus	Yes
Pedestrian	Yes
Parking	On Street

Ward 5: Rhode Island Avenue & Brentwood Road NE



Site Description Summary

This triangle park is one of a series of parks along a gateway corridor and long-established road. The site is sloped, grassy, landscaped with shade trees, and surrounded by sidewalks on two sides. The surrounding area includes single-family homes, garden apartments, and religious institutions. Nearby landmarks include Engine Company No. 26 and Dahlgreen Courts, an early 20th century apartment building.

Commemorative Opportunity

The grade of the site and amount of passing traffic limits the type of commemoration that should be considered. Its design should include a vertical element that increases its visibility for passengers in passing vehicles and pedestrian amenities could create a gathering place for residents and visitors to the neighborhood. Its design should be coordinated with other green spaces along Rhode Island Avenue.

Profile

Jurisdiction/Ownership	District (DDOT)
ANC	5C
Reservation Number	None
Name	None
Thoroughfare	Gateway Corridor

Physical Characteristics

Acreage	+/- 9,661 sq. ft.
Configuration	Triangle Park
Overall Character	Landscaped
Terrain	Sloped
Adjoining Uses	Residential

Urban Design Framework

Type	DC Experience
Concept	Shared Spaces

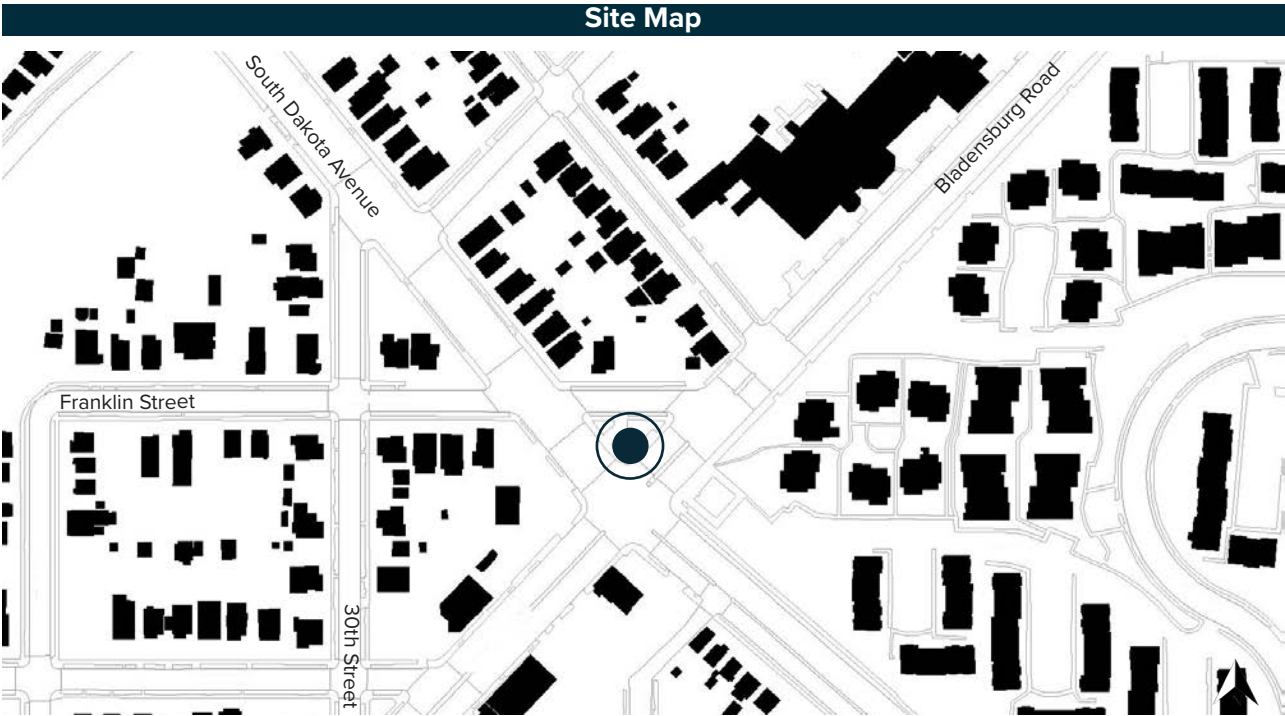
Historic and Cultural Resources

Historic District	None
Other	Highway Plan

Site Access

Vehicular	Yes
MetroRail	No
MetroBus	Yes
Pedestrian	Yes
Parking	On Street

Ward 5: South Dakota Avenue & Bladensburg Road NE



Site Description Summary

This triangle park is part of a series of green spaces along a parkway and long-established road. The site is level, includes a central paved area surrounded with grass and trees, and encircled with low fencing. The surrounding area includes residential, neighborhood commercial, and light industrial uses. Bladensburg Road is the route used by the British army to raid the nation's capital during the War of 1812.

Commemorative Opportunity

The size and location of this site can accommodate a medium- to large-scale commemorative work. The amount of traffic limits the type of commemoration that should be considered. Its design should include a vertical element to increase its visibility for people passing in vehicles and be coordinated with other green spaces along South Dakota Avenue and Bladensburg Road.

Profile

Jurisdiction/Ownership	District (DDOT)
ANC	5C
Reservation Number	0374
Name	None
Thoroughfare	Parkway

Physical Characteristics

Acreage	+/- 6,000 sq. ft.
Configuration	Triangle Park
Overall Character	Paved, Landscaped
Terrain	Level
Adjoining Uses	Commercial, Industrial

Urban Design Framework

Type	DC Faces and Places
Concept	Neighborhood Space

Historic and Cultural Resources

Historic District	None
Other	Highway Plan

Site Access

Vehicular	Yes
MetroRail	No
MetroBus	Yes
Pedestrian	Yes
Parking	On Street

Ward 5: Florida Avenue & North Capitol Street NW

Site Map



Site Image



Profile

Jurisdiction/Ownership	District (DPR)
ANC	5E
Reservation Number	277A
Name	Truxton Circle
Thoroughfare	Avenue

Site Description Summary

This triangle park is part of an avenue with a view leading to the capitol building. The site is level, landscaped with trees and low plantings, and encircled with fencing. The surrounding area includes neighborhood commercial and residential uses. It is in the Bloomingdale Historic District and at the former site of Truxton Circle. Nearby landmarks include several public schools important to the Districts African American community.

Commemorative Opportunity

The size and location of this site can accommodate a medium- to large-scale commemorative work that complements the view to the capitol building. The amount of traffic passing the site limits the type of commemoration that should be considered. Its design should consider including a vertical element to increase visibility for people passing in vehicles.

Physical Characteristics

Acreage	+/- 2,135 sq. ft.
Configuration	Triangle Park
Overall Character	Landscaped
Terrain	Level
Adjoining Uses	Commercial, Residential

Urban Design Framework

Type	DC Faces and Places
Concept	Neighborhood Space

Historic and Cultural Resources

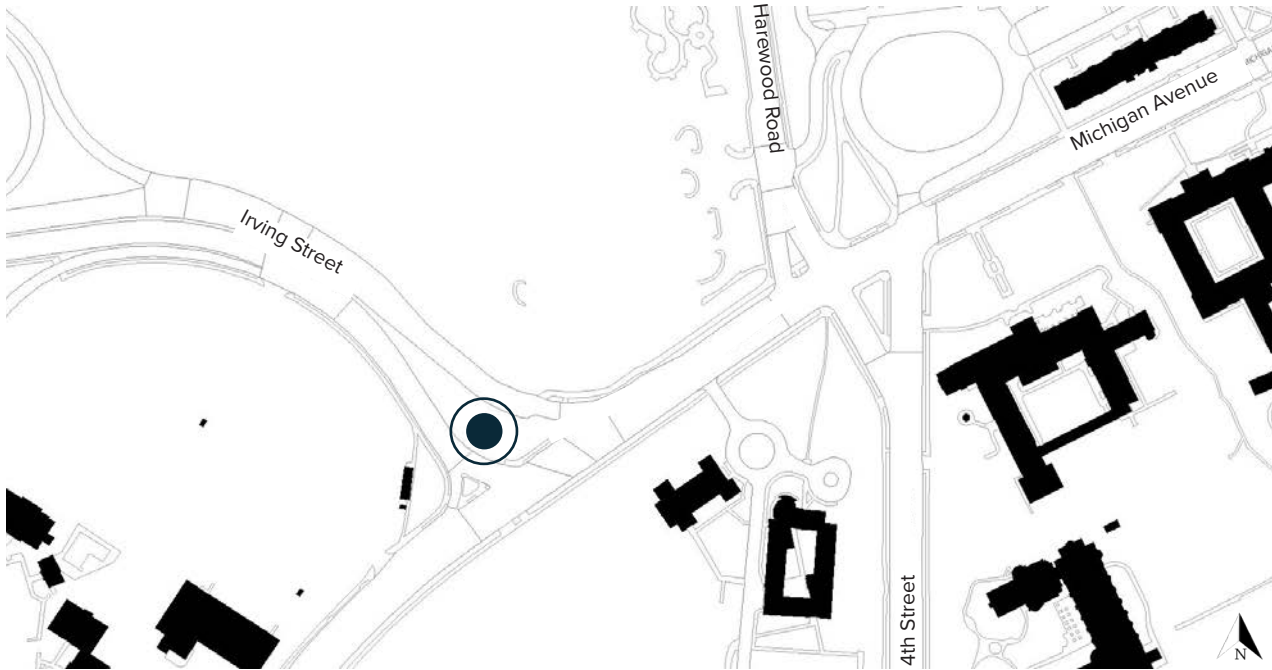
Historic District	Bloomingdale
Other	None

Site Access

Vehicular	No
MetroRail	No
MetroBus	Yes
Pedestrian	Yes
Parking	No

Ward 5: Michigan Avenue & Irving Street NE

Site Map



Site Image



Profile

Jurisdiction/Ownership	District (DDOT)
ANC	5A
Reservation Number	None
Name	None
Thoroughfare	Long-Established Road

Site Description Summary

This green space is along a long-established road that predates Washington DC, and the east end of Irving Street. The site is level, grassy, landscaped with shade trees, and accessed via a narrow sidewalk. The surrounding area is institutional and includes Catholic University, Trinity College, Saint Paul College, and Dominican House of Studies.

Commemorative Opportunity

This park can accommodate a medium-scale commemorative work that complements the open spaces surrounding the site. The size of the site and amount of traffic passing it limit the type of commemoration that should be considered. Its design should consider including a vertical element coordinated with other green spaces along Michigan Avenue.

Physical Characteristics

Acreage	+/- 5,000 sq. ft.
Configuration	Median
Overall Character	Landscaped
Terrain	Level
Adjoining Uses	Institutional

Urban Design Framework

Type	DC Faces and Places
Concept	Neighborhood Space

Historic and Cultural Resources

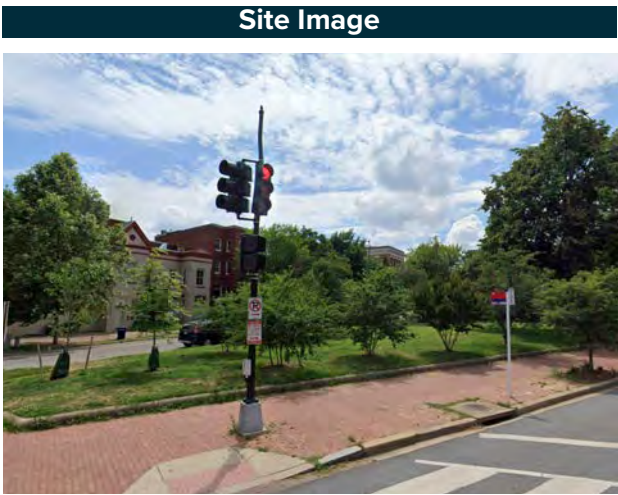
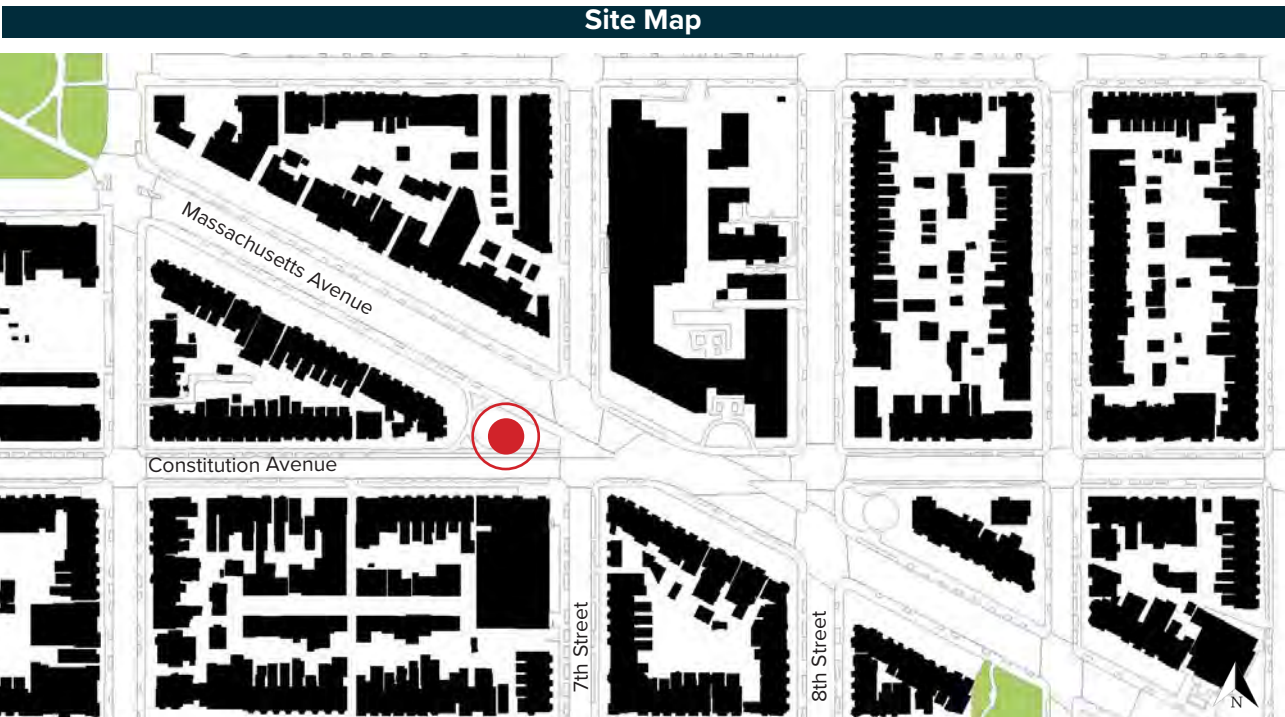
Historic District	None
Other	None

Site Access

Vehicular	Yes
MetroRail	No
MetroBus	Yes
Pedestrian	Yes
Parking	On Street

WARD 6 SITES

Ward 6: Constitution Avenue & Massachusetts Avenue NE



Profile

Jurisdiction/Ownership	District (DPR)
	ANC 6C
Reservation Number	0084
Name	None
Thoroughfare	Avenue

Site Description Summary

This triangle park is one of a series of parks along an avenue and close to Stanton Park and Lincoln Park. The site is level, grassy, landscaped with flowering trees and shrubs, and encircled with rounded concrete curb. The surrounding area is predominantly residential and defined by townhouses and small apartment buildings. BridgePoint Hospital is across the street. The site is in the Capitol Hill Historic District.

Commemorative Opportunity

This park can accommodate a medium-scale commemorative work that defines the surrounding residential neighborhood. Benches, playable art, or other neighborhood amenities could create a gathering place for residents and visitors to the adjacent commercial area. Its design should be coordinated with other green spaces along Massachusetts Avenue.

Physical Characteristics

Acreage	+/- 9,661 sq. ft.
Configuration	Triangle Park
Overall Character	Landscaped
Terrain	Level
Adjoining Uses	Residential

Urban Design Framework

Type	DC and the Nation
Concept	Ceremonial Space

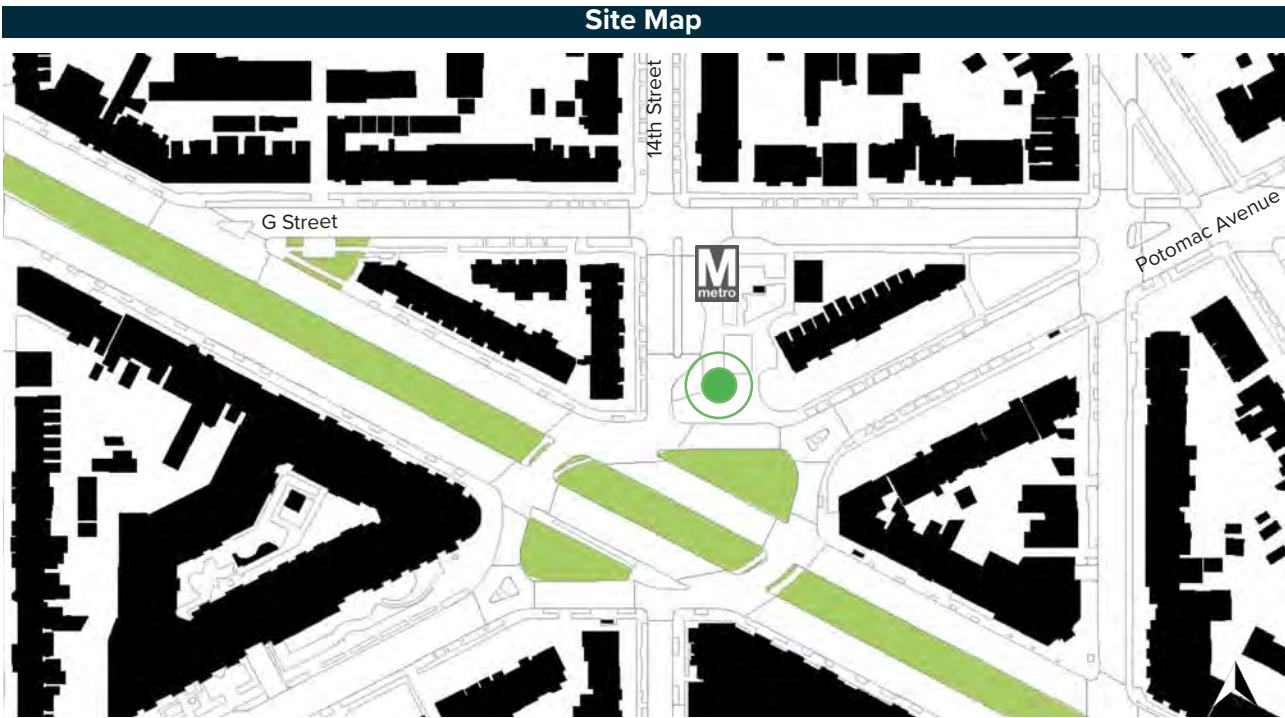
Historic and Cultural Resources

Historic District	Capitol Hill
Other	L'Enfant Plan

Site Access

Vehicular	Yes
MetroRail	No
MetroBus	Yes
Pedestrian	Yes
Parking	On Street

Ward 6: Potomac Avenue & 14th Street SE



Profile

Jurisdiction/Ownership	WMATA
	ANC 6B
Reservation Number	None
Name	None
Thoroughfare	Avenue

Site Description Summary

This site is located at the entrance to the Potomac Avenue metro station and on a gateway corridor leading to the capitol building. The site is level, paved in areas next to several bus stops, and landscaped in small planting beds. The surrounding area includes neighborhood commercial and residential uses and green spaces maintained by the National Park Service.

Commemorative Opportunity

The size of the site limits the type of commemoration that should be considered, but it could accommodate a medium size commemorative work that defines the Potomac Avenue metro station. Benches, playable art, or other neighborhood amenities could create a gathering place for residents and those using the metro station. Its design should be coordinated with other green spaces along Potomac Avenue.

Physical Characteristics

Acreage	+/- 14,297 sq. ft.
Configuration	Plaza
Overall Character	Paved, Landscaped
Terrain	Level
Adjoining Uses	Commercial, Residential

Urban Design Framework

Type	DC Experience
Concept	Shared Spaces

Historic and Cultural Resources

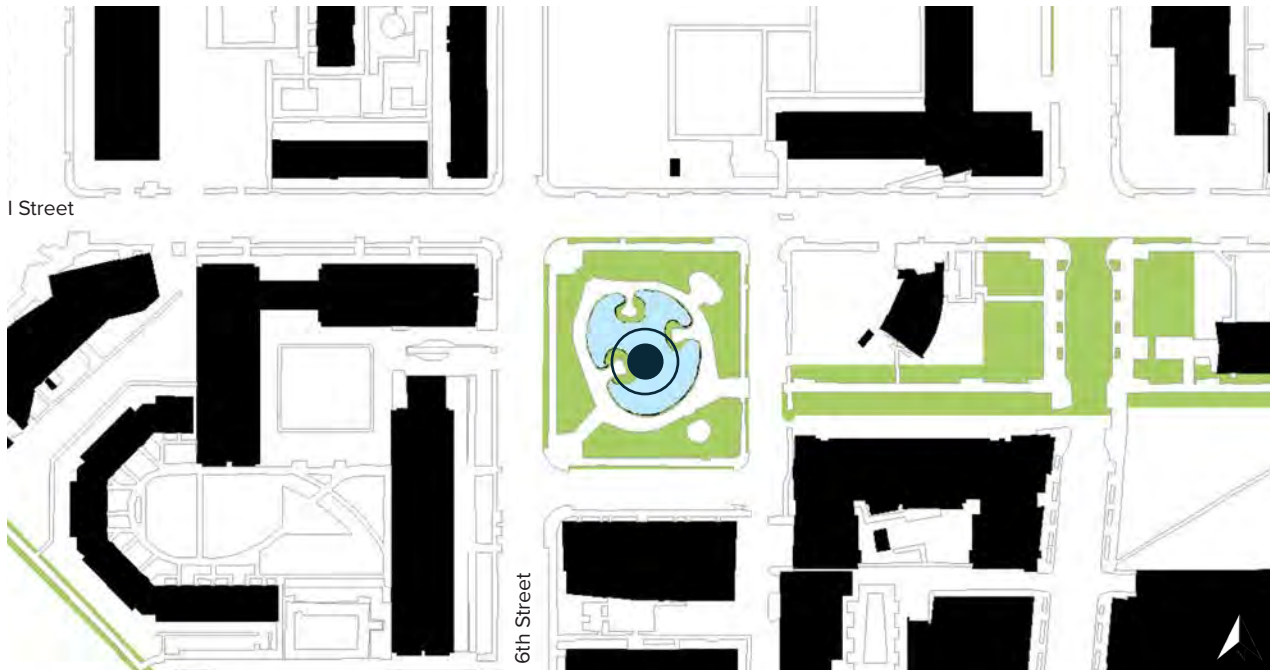
Historic District	None
Other	None

Site Access

Vehicular	Yes
MetroRail	Yes
MetroBus	Yes
Pedestrian	Yes
Parking	On Street

Ward 6: 6th Street & I Street SW

Site Map



Site Image



Profile

Jurisdiction/Ownership	District (DPR)
	ANC 6D
Reservation Number	0721
Name	Southwest Duck Pond
Thoroughfare	None

Site Description Summary

This park is part of a series of green spaces designed as part of the Southwest Urban Renewal Plan that includes a landscaped promenade and park at the Southwest Library. The central focus of this park is a duck pond with fountains encircled by walkways, landscaped areas, and seating. The surrounding area includes apartment buildings, townhouses, an elementary school, and religious institutions.

Commemorative Opportunity

This space can accommodate a wide variety of commemorative works depending on its location. Benches, playable art, or other neighborhood amenities could create a gathering place for residents and visitors to adjacent commercial areas, or something small like a plaque or medallion incorporated into paving.

Physical Characteristics

Acreage	+/- 49,310 sq. ft.
Configuration	Park
Overall Character	Landscaped
Terrain	Level
Adjoining Uses	Residential, Park

Urban Design Framework

Type	DC Faces and Places
Concept	Neighborhood Space

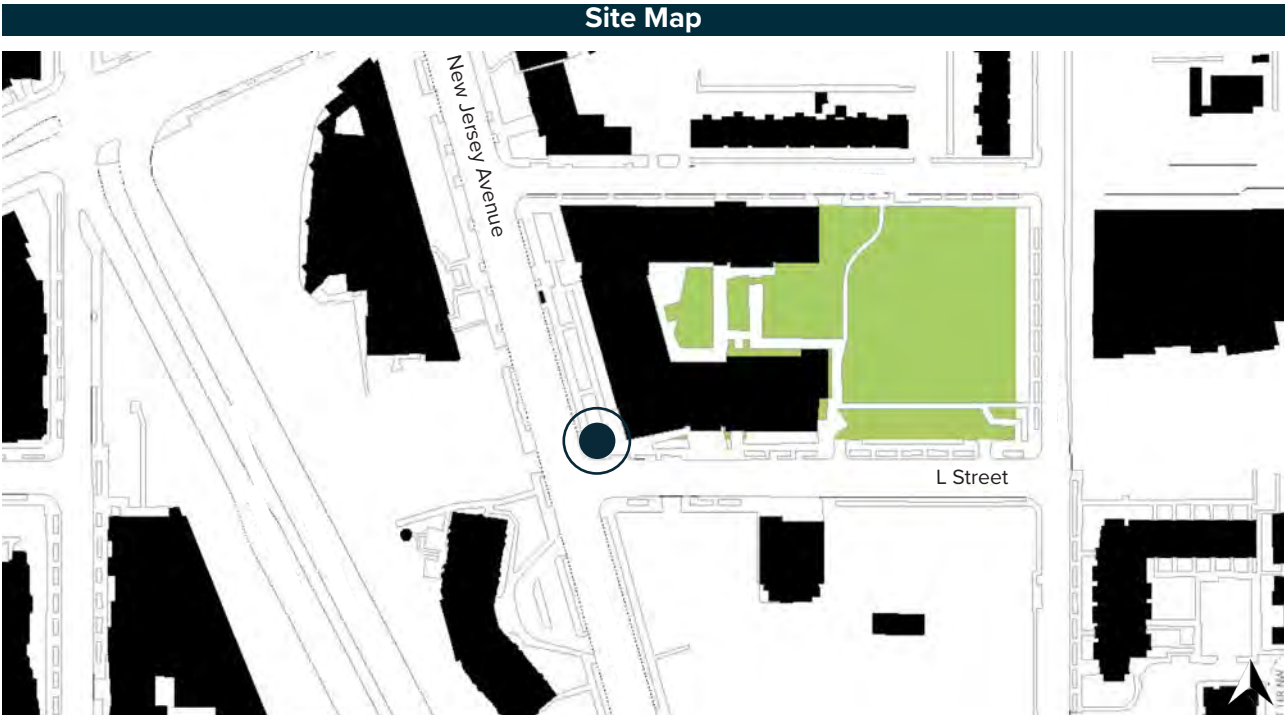
Historic and Cultural Resources

Historic District	None
Other	SW Urban Renewal Plan

Site Access

Vehicular	Yes
MetroRail	Yes
MetroBus	Yes
Pedestrian	Yes
Parking	On Street

Ward 6: New Jersey Avenue & L Street NW



Site Description Summary

This site is located on an avenue and adjacent to the Northwest One Neighborhood Library. It is a small, paved area at the library's entrance, and is next to a broad green space along New Jersey Avenue that has a view to the capitol dome. The surrounding area includes apartments, a public school, recreation center, and religious institutions.

Commemorative Opportunity

This site can accommodate a small-scale to medium commemorative work that defines the civic center of the Northwest One neighborhood. It should complement and not distract from the view to the capitol building. Benches, playable art, or other neighborhood amenities could create a gathering place for residents and visitors to the library and recreation center.

Profile

Jurisdiction/Ownership	District (DPR/DCPL)
ANC	6E
Reservation Number	None
Name	None
Thoroughfare	Avenue

Physical Characteristics

Acreage	+/- 2,000 sq. ft.
Configuration	Sidewalk
Overall Character	Paved, Landscaped
Terrain	Level
Adjoining Uses	Municipal, Residential

Urban Design Framework

Type	DC Faces and Places
Concept	Neighborhood Space

Historic and Cultural Resources

Historic District	None
Other	None

Site Access

Vehicular	Yes
MetroRail	Yes
MetroBus	Yes
Pedestrian	Yes
Parking	On Street

Ward 6: Tennessee Avenue & D Street NE

Site Map



Site Image



Profile

Jurisdiction/Ownership	District (DPR)
ANC	6A
Reservation Number	0268
Name	None
Thoroughfare	Avenue

Site Description Summary

This triangle park is one of a series of greens spaces along an avenue. It has a small seating area, is landscaped with grass and shrubs, and encircled with a rounded concrete curb. The surrounding area is residential with townhouses, small apartment buildings, schools, and parks. It is near the Emerald Street and Capitol Hill historic districts.

Commemorative Opportunity

This park can accommodate a medium-scale commemorative work that defines the surrounding residential neighborhood. Redesign of the walkway through the site could create a larger landscaped area for a commemorative work. Benches, playable art, or other neighborhood amenities could create a gathering place for residents.

Physical Characteristics

Acreage	+/- 5,114 sq. ft.
Configuration	Triangle Park
Overall Character	Landscaped
Terrain	Level
Adjoining Uses	Residential

Urban Design Framework

Type	DC Faces and Places
Concept	Neighborhood Spaces

Historic and Cultural Resources

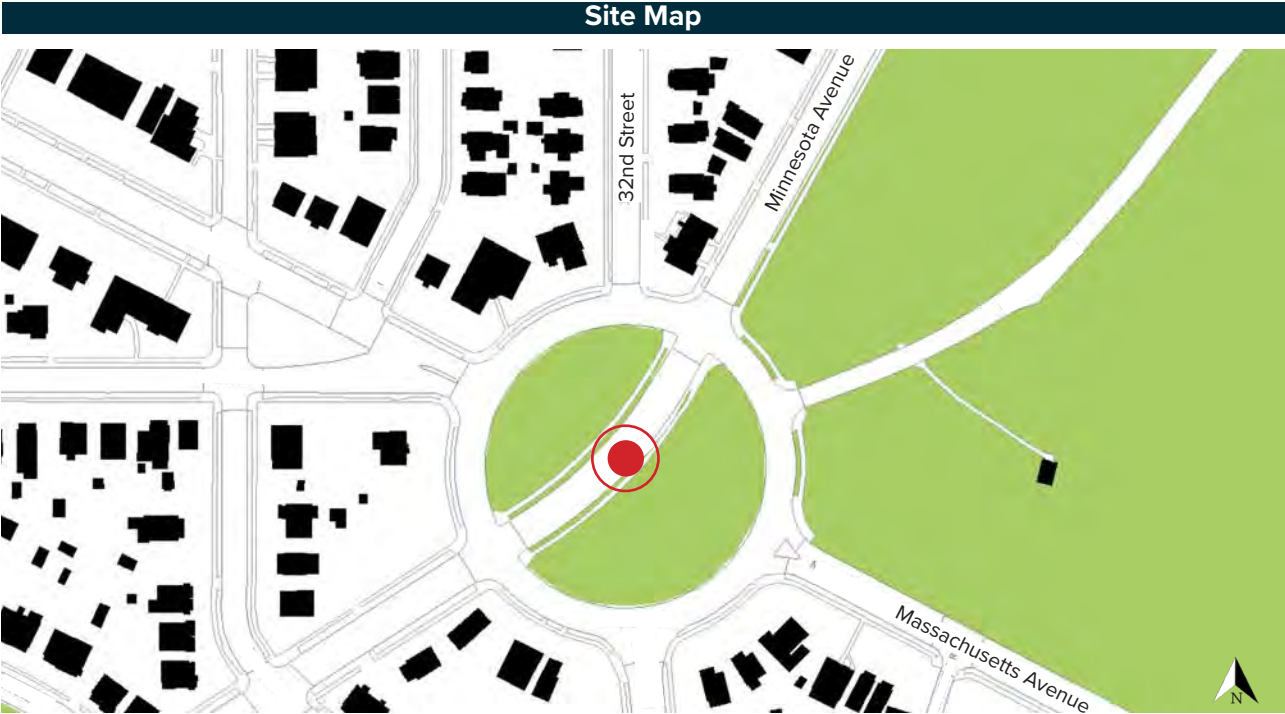
Historic District	None
Other	L'Enfant Plan

Site Access

Vehicular	Yes
MetroRail	No
MetroBus	Yes
Pedestrian	Yes
Parking	Yes

WARD 7 SITES

Ward 7: Randle Circle SE



Profile

Jurisdiction/Ownership	District (DGS)
	ANC 7F
Reservation Number	None
Name	Randle Circle
Thoroughfare	Parkway

Site Description Summary

This large circle is the central feature of a parkway system including Fort Dupont Park, Branch Avenue, and green spaces along Minnesota and Massachusetts avenues. Minnesota Avenue and sidewalks cross through the site and it is landscaped with grass and small trees. The surrounding area is residential with single-family homes, townhouses, and small apartment buildings. It is adjacent to the Fort Circle Parks Historic District.

Commemorative Opportunity

This space can accommodate a large-scale commemorative work that is the focal point of the Randle Circle parkway system. Removing Minnesota Avenue through the circle would create a more unified site. The commemorative work should be dramatic, visible by passengers in vehicles, and include amenities associated with Fort Dupont Park.

Physical Characteristics

Acreage	+/- 10,784 sq. ft.
Configuration	Circle
Overall Character	Landscaped
Terrain	Level
Adjoining Uses	Residential, Park

Urban Design Framework

Type	DC and the Nation
Concept	Ceremonial Space

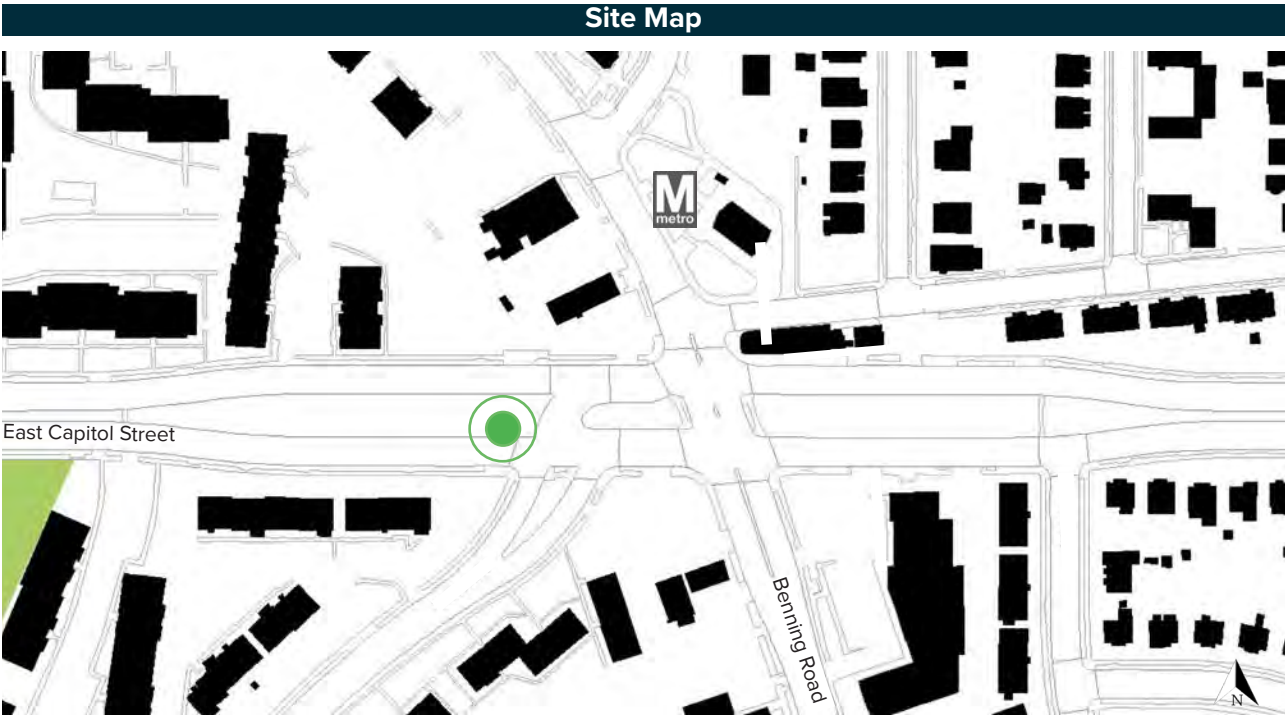
Historic and Cultural Resources

Historic District	None
Other	Highway Plan

Site Access

Vehicular	Yes
MetroRail	No
MetroBus	Yes
Pedestrian	Yes
Parking	On Street

Ward 7: East Capitol Street & Benning Road NE/SE



Site Description Summary

This site is part of a median defining a gateway corridor leading to the capitol building. The site is landscaped with shade trees and is level, grassy, and accessed through a sidewalk on Benning Road. The surrounding area includes the Benning Road metro station, neighborhood retail, single-family homes, townhouses, and apartments.

Commemorative Opportunity

This space can accommodate a large-scale commemorative work that contributes to an entry corridor into DC. The amount of traffic passing the site limits the type of commemoration that should be considered. It could be a vertical element visible by passengers in vehicles and include amenities that add to the vitality of the adjacent commercial area.

Profile

Jurisdiction/Ownership	District (DDOT)
ANC	7D/7E
Reservation Number	None
Name	None
Thoroughfare	Gateway Corridor

Physical Characteristics

Acreage	+/- 8,050 sq. ft.
Configuration	Median
Overall Character	Landscaped
Terrain	Level
Adjoining Uses	Residential, Commercial

Urban Design Framework

Type	DC Experience
Concept	Shared Spaces

Historic and Cultural Resources

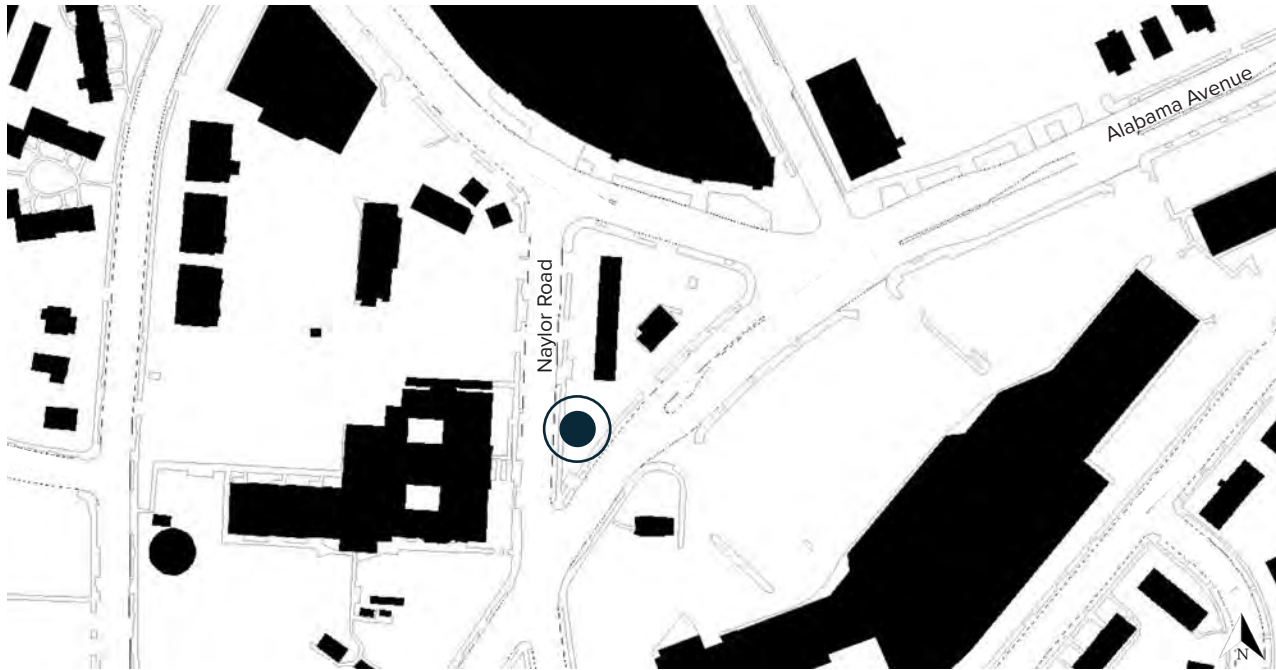
Historic District	None
Other	Highway Plan, 2M Plan

Site Access

Vehicular	Yes
MetroRail	Yes
MetroBus	Yes
Pedestrian	Yes
Parking	On Street

Ward 7: Alabama Avenue & Naylor Road SE

Site Map



Site Image



Profile

Jurisdiction/Ownership	District (DDOT)
ANC	7B
Reservation Number	None
Name	None
Thoroughfare	Parkway

Site Description Summary

This triangular space is on a winding parkway along a ridgeline connecting neighborhoods east of the Anacostia River and a long-established road that led to a 17th-century Anacostia River crossing. The site has a slight grade, is grassy, and encircled by sidewalks and street trees. The surrounding area includes a multi-neighborhood shopping center, elementary school, apartment buildings, and single-family homes.

Commemorative Opportunity

This space can accommodate a medium-scale commemorative work that defines a central area of the Alabama Avenue parkway system and the adjacent commercial area. It should be a dramatic, vertical element visible by passengers in vehicles and pedestrians, and amenities incorporated into the streetscape could add to the vitality of the commercial area.

Physical Characteristics

Acreage	+/- 1,777 sq. ft.
Configuration	Sidewalk
Overall Character	Landscaped
Terrain	Sloped
Adjoining Uses	Commercial, Residential

Urban Design Framework

Type	DC Faces and Places
Concept	Neighborhood Space

Historic and Cultural Resources

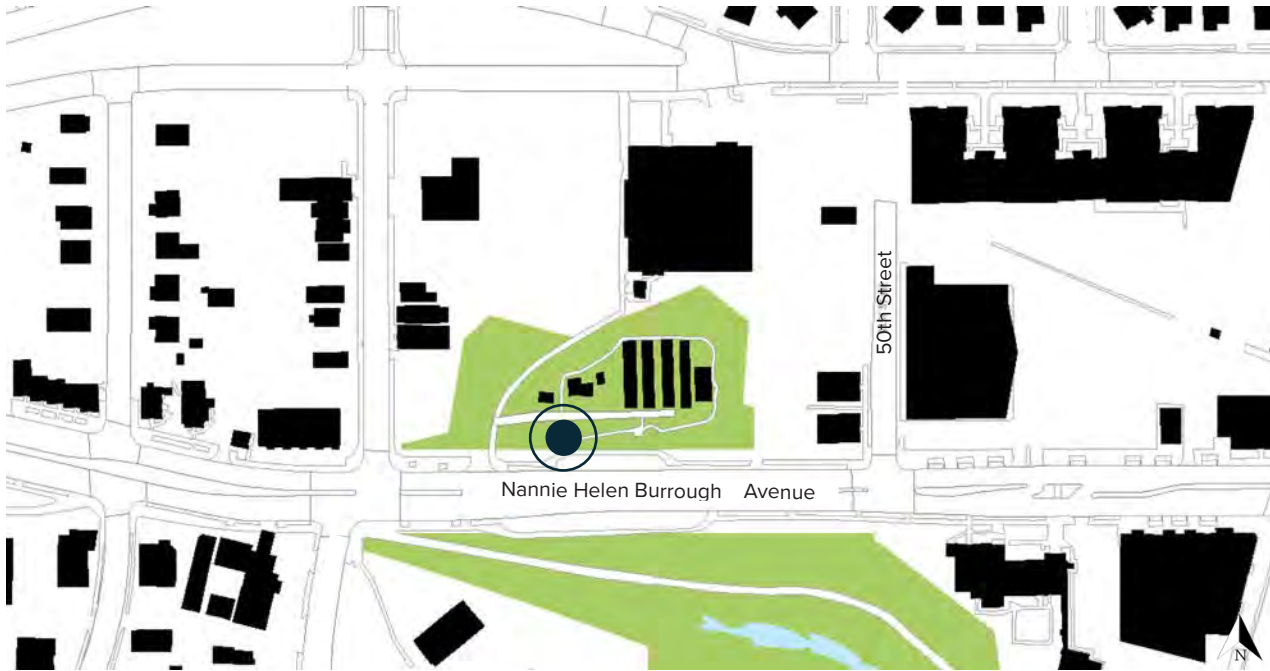
Historic District	None
Other	Highway Plan

Site Access

Vehicular	Yes
MetroRail	No
MetroBus	Yes
Pedestrian	Yes
Parking	On Street

Ward 7: Nannie Helen Burroughs Avenue & 50th Street NE

Site Map



Site Image



Profile

Jurisdiction/Ownership	District (DDOT)
ANC	7C
Reservation Number	None
Name	None
Thoroughfare	Long-Established Road

Site Description Summary

This site is outside a community garden and near Marvin Gaye Park. It includes green space between the sidewalk and curb with grass and trees designed to capture stormwater. The surrounding area is home to early African American suburbs and includes neighborhood retail, single family homes, townhouses, and apartment buildings. Nearby landmarks include the Strand Theater and the site of Suburban Gardens.

Commemorative Opportunity

This space can accommodate a small- to medium-scale commemorative work that marks the entrance to the adjacent community garden and defines the center of a neighborhood commercial area. Benches, playable art, or other neighborhood amenities could create a gathering place for residents and visitors to the adjacent commercial area.

Physical Characteristics

Acreage	+/- 1,000 sq. ft.
Configuration	Sidewalk, Tree Box
Overall Character	Landscaped
Terrain	Level
Adjoining Uses	Commercial, Residential

Urban Design Framework

Type	DC Faces and Places
Concept	Neighborhood Space

Historic and Cultural Resources

Historic District	None
Other	None

Site Access

Vehicular	Yes
MetroRail	No
MetroBus	Yes
Pedestrian	Yes
Parking	On Street

Ward 7: Minnesota Avenue & Benning Road NE



Profile

Jurisdiction/Ownership	District (DDOT)
ANC	7F
Reservation Number	None
Name	None
Thoroughfare	Parkway

Site Description Summary

This site is east of the Ethel Kennedy Bridge and part of a parkway system associated with Randle Circle. It includes wide sidewalks on Benning Road and a landscaped median. The surrounding area includes a regional commercial center, the Deanwood metro station, and commercial and high-density residential uses.

Commemorative Opportunity

This space can accommodate a commemorative work that defines the northern end of the Randle Circle parkway system and a gateway to neighborhoods east of the Anacostia River. The amount of traffic passing the site limits the type of commemoration that should be considered.

Physical Characteristics

Acreage	+/- 2,000 sq. ft.
Configuration	Sidewalk, Median
Overall Character	Landscaped
Terrain	Level
Adjoining Uses	Commercial

Urban Design Framework

Type	DC Faces and Places
Concept	Neighborhood Space

Historic and Cultural Resources

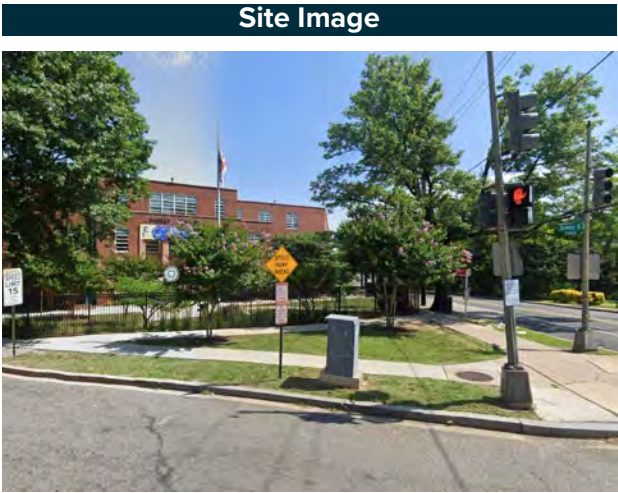
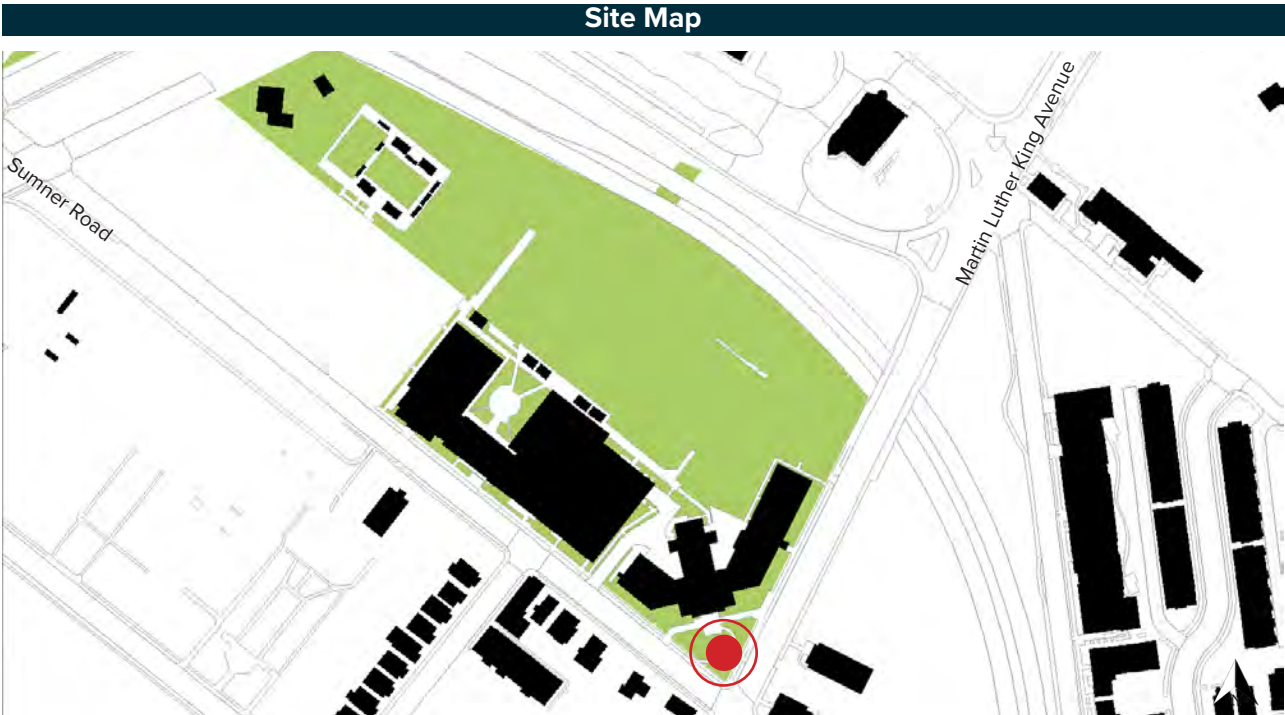
Historic District	None
Other	None

Site Access

Vehicular	Yes
MetroRail	Yes
MetroBus	Yes
Pedestrian	Yes
Parking	On Street

WARD 8 SITES

Ward 8: Martin Luther King Avenue & Sumner Road SE



Site Description Summary

This site is a small green triangle along a long-established road and adjacent to an entrance to Suitland Parkway. It includes a grassy space encircled with sidewalks, is adjacent to a public charter school, and surrounded by single-family homes and religious institutions. Barry Farm Dwellings is a nearby landmark.

Commemorative Opportunity

This park can accommodate a medium-scale commemorative work surrounded by landscape that complements the Suitland Parkway entrance. Its design should include a vertical element that increases its visibility for passengers in passing vehicles and pedestrian amenities could be coordinated with the entrance to the adjacent charter school.

Profile

Jurisdiction/Ownership	District (DCPS)
ANC	7E
Reservation Number	0474
Name	None
Thoroughfare	Long-Established Road

Physical Characteristics

Acreage	+/- 1,000 sq. ft.
Configuration	tRIANGLE pARK
Overall Character	Landscaped
Terrain	Level
Adjoining Uses	Commercial, Institutional

Urban Design Framework

Type	DC and the Nation
Concept	Ceremonial Space

Historic and Cultural Resources

Historic District	None
Other	None

Site Access

Vehicular	Yes
MetroRail	No
MetroBus	Yes
Pedestrian	Yes
Parking	Yes

Ward 8: Alabama Avenue & Martin Luther King Avenue SE

Site Map



Site Image



Profile

Jurisdiction/Ownership	District (DDOT)
ANC	8C
Reservation Number	None
Name	None
Thoroughfare	Parkway

Site Description Summary

This green space is on a winding parkway along a ridgeline connecting neighborhoods east of the Anacostia River. It includes a grassy space encircled with sidewalks and shade trees and is the center of the Congress Heights neighborhood commercial area. Nearby landmarks include the Congress Heights Firehouse and Congress Heights School.

Commemorative Opportunity

This space can accommodate a medium-scale commemorative work that defines the southern end of Alabama Avenue parkway system. The site's size and amount of traffic passing it limits the type of commemoration that should be considered. Reconfiguring pathways through the site could create a larger landscaped area around a commemorative work.

Physical Characteristics

Acreage	+/- 1,000 sq. ft.
Configuration	Sidewalk
Overall Character	Landscaped
Terrain	Level
Adjoining Uses	Residential, Commercial

Urban Design Framework

Type	DC Experiences
Concept	Shared Spaces

Historic and Cultural Resources

Historic District	None
Other	Highway Plan

Site Access

Vehicular	Yes
MetroRail	No
MetroBus	Yes
Pedestrian	Yes
Parking	On Street

Ward 8: South Capitol Street & Martin Luther King Ave SE

Site Map



Site Image



Profile

Jurisdiction/Ownership	District (DDOT)
ANC	8D
Reservation Number	0679
Name	None
Thoroughfare	Parkway

Site Description Summary

This site is a triangle park on a long-established road and associated with Shepherd Parkway. It includes a grassy space landscaped with shade trees and a narrow sidewalk. The surrounding area includes neighborhood retail, apartment buildings, and single-family homes. It is near the Fort Circle Parks Historic District and Fort Greble is a nearby landmark.

Commemorative Opportunity

This park can accommodate a large-scale commemorative work surrounded by landscape that defines an entrance to Shepherd Parkway. The amount of traffic passing the site limits the type of commemoration that should be considered. Its design should be visible for people passing in vehicles and pedestrians. The commemorative work can be a defining feature of the adjacent commercial area.

Physical Characteristics

Acreage	+/- 5,800 sq. ft.
Configuration	Triangle Park
Overall Character	Landscaped
Terrain	Level
Adjoining Uses	Residential

Urban Design Framework

Type	DC Faces and Places
Concept	Neighborhood Spaces

Historic and Cultural Resources

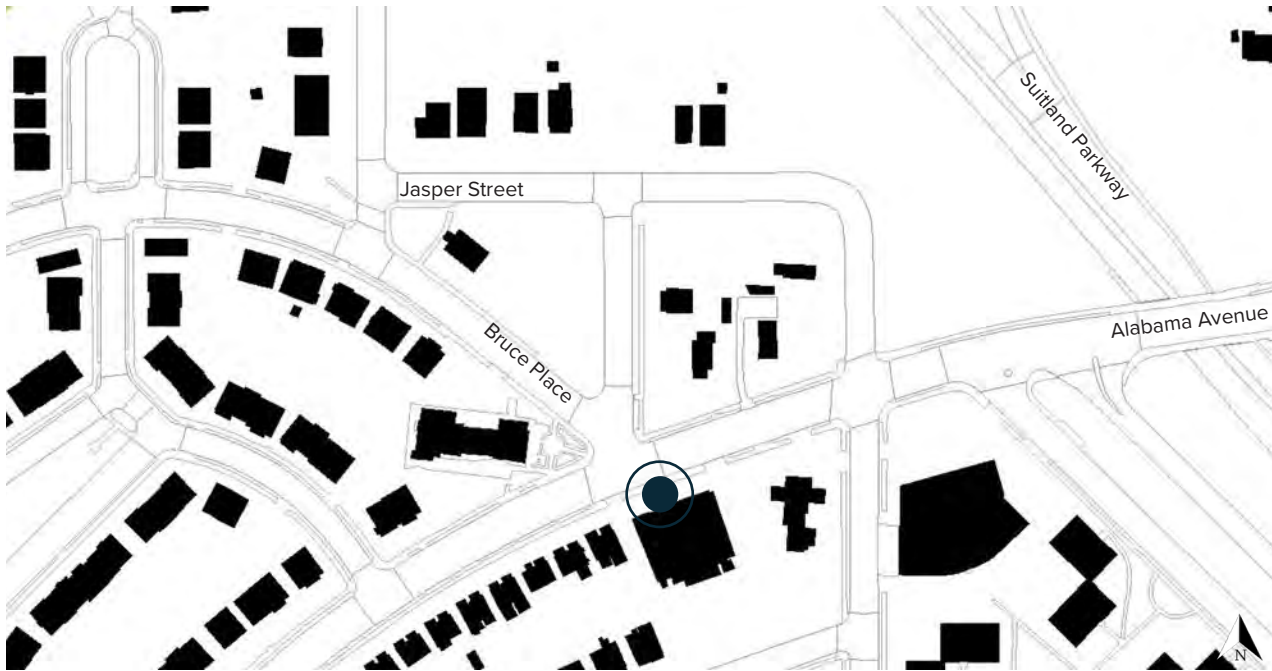
Historic District	None
Other	Highway Plan, 2M Plan

Site Access

Vehicular	Yes
MetroRail	No
MetroBus	Yes
Pedestrian	Yes
Parking	On Street

Ward 8: Alabama Avenue & 22nd Street SE

Site Map



Site Image



Profile

Jurisdiction/Ownership	District (DDOT)
ANC	8E
Reservation Number	None
Name	None
Thoroughfare	Parkway

Site Description Summary

This wide sidewalk is on a winding parkway along a ridgeline connecting neighborhoods east of the Anacostia River. It includes a sidewalk and an area of public space between the back of the sidewalk and adjacent property line intended to be landscaped. The surrounding area includes neighborhood retail, Douglass Community Center, duplexes, and single-family homes. Suitland Parkway is nearby.

Commemorative Opportunity

This space can accommodate a small- to medium-scale commemorative work. The amount of traffic passing the site and its size limit the type of commemoration. Removing paving behind the sidewalk could create a landscaped setting. Benches, playable art, or other neighborhood amenities could create a gathering place for residents and visitors to adjacent businesses.

Physical Characteristics

Acreage	+/- 500 sq. ft.
Configuration	Sidewalk
Overall Character	Paved
Terrain	Level
Adjoining Uses	Commercial

Urban Design Framework

Type	DC Faces and Places
Concept	Neighborhood Space

Historic and Cultural Resources

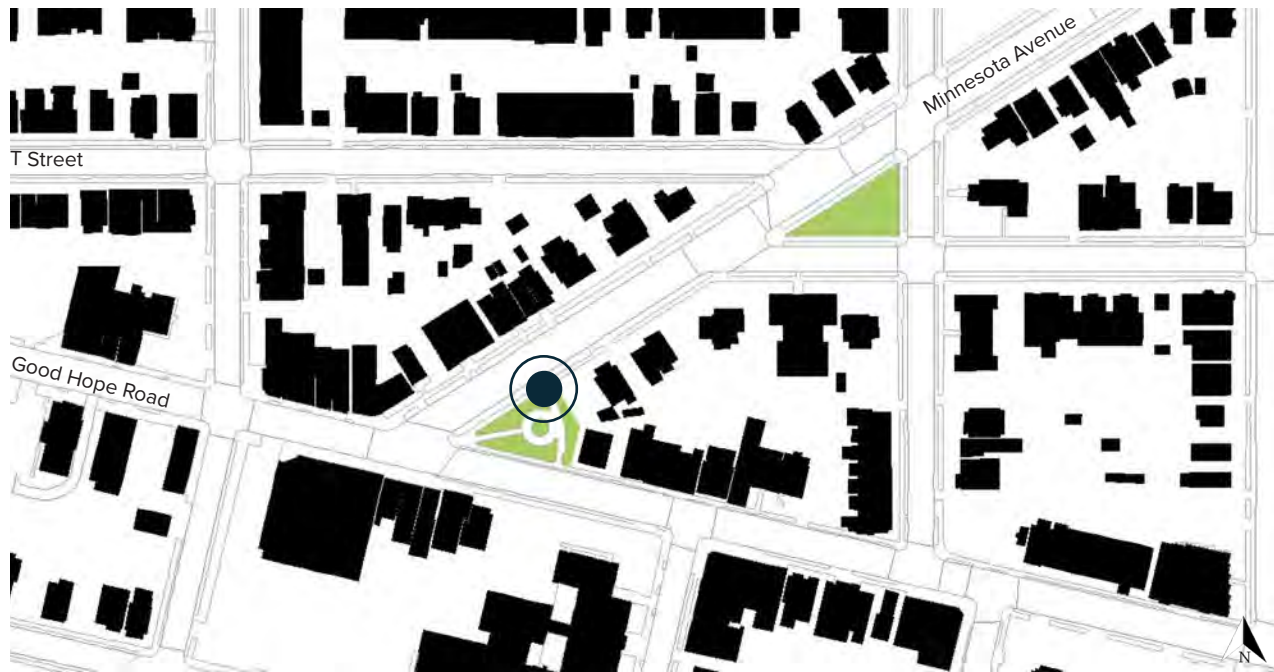
Historic District	None
Other	Highway Plan

Site Access

Vehicular	Yes
MetroRail	No
MetroBus	Yes
Pedestrian	Yes
Parking	On Street

Ward 8: Minnesota Avenue & Good Hope Road SE

Site Map



Site Image



Profile

Jurisdiction/Ownership	District (DPR)
	ANC 8A
Reservation Number	314C
Name	None
Thoroughfare	Parkway

Site Description Summary

This site is a triangle park that is part of the Randle Circle parkway system and one of a series of green spaces along Minnesota Avenue. It is landscaped with grass and flowering trees surrounding a circular planting area with benches. Surrounding uses include the Anacostia commercial district, religious and educational institutions, and residential areas. It is in the Anacostia Historic District.

Commemorative Opportunity

This park can accommodate a large-scale commemorative work that defines the southern end of the Randle Circle parkway system. A vertical feature could be in an existing circular bed at the center of the park. Benches, playable art, or other neighborhood amenities could create a gathering place for residents and visitors to the adjacent commercial area.

Physical Characteristics

Acreage	+/- 6,152 sq. ft.
Configuration	Triangle Park
Overall Character	Landscaped
Terrain	Level
Adjoining Uses	Commercial, Residential

Urban Design Framework

Type	DC Faces and Places
Concept	Neighborhood Space

Historic and Cultural Resources

Historic District	Anacostia
Other	Highway Plan

Site Access

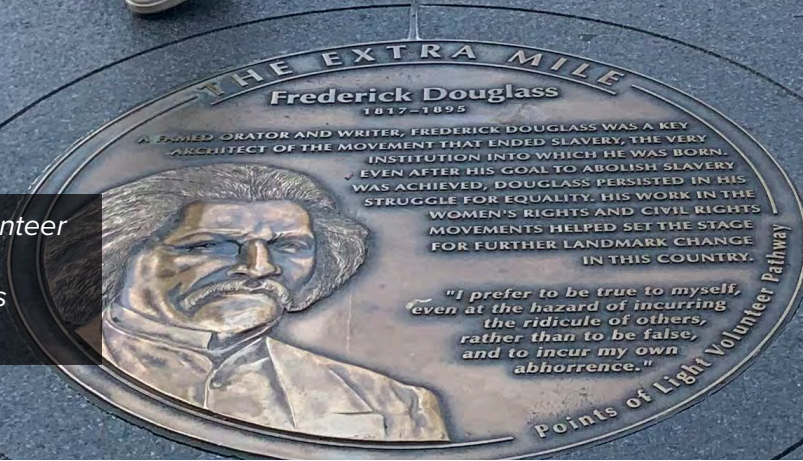
Vehicular	Yes
MetroRail	No
MetroBus	Yes
Pedestrian	Yes
Parking	On Street

03

BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT



"The Extra Mile – Points of Light Volunteer Pathway" is a national monument in downtown DC recognizing volunteers across the United States.



Identifying the Sites

Many of the sites identified in this location strategy are located along the gateway corridors, avenues, parkways, and long-established roads that cross the District of Columbia. The width and orientation of these thoroughfares form wide sidewalks, small triangle parks, and green spaces ideal for commemorative works. Together, thoroughfares and adjacent sites create dramatic points of entry into the District, parklike spaces that define neighborhoods, and connections between large parks and open spaces. Each site has a different character and context that is the result of its location in the District and the type of adjacent thoroughfare.

There are four types of thoroughfares with varying origins and purpose, each creating distinct places and experiences:

Gateway Corridors



Gateway corridors are green and landscaped entryways that begin at the District line, continue into the center of the District, and have a continuous landscaped median. All have a wide right-of-way, and several are embellished with parks, frame prominent views to the capitol dome and White House or are part of the District's identity as the nation's capital.

Avenues



Avenues are formal streets with wide rights-of-way lined with generous sidewalks or landscaped areas. The role they play in the District varies. Some have dramatic views to the capitol dome or serve as entrances to the District. All are embellished with open spaces like circles, squares, and triangle parks.

Parkways



Parkways are streets with formal and natural characteristics, meander through and around the District, and are lined with generous green space. Primary parkways can be embellished with formal circles, triangles, and medians and form a network connecting large parks and open spaces; secondary parkways wind through neighborhoods, are embellished with triangle parks and medians, and lead into large parks.

Long-Established Roads



Long-established roads have irregular alignments that follow topography and pre-date or were created very early in the District's history to connect communities outside of the L'Enfant City. Their rights-of-way have variable widths, some extend from the District line to downtown, and others are only short segments. All of them create triangle parks where their irregular alignments intersect with neighborhood streets.

Types of Sites

This location strategy includes a wide variety of sites controlled by different District agencies and of different sizes, contexts, and other site characteristics. Most sites identified in the location strategy are managed by the DC Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) and the DC Department of Transportation (DDOT). Some sites are on the grounds of public buildings or open spaces controlled by DC Public Schools (DCPS), DC Public Library (DCPL), or DC Department of General Services (DGS). A commemorative work sponsor must obtain the support of the District agency responsible for managing a site, meet the requirements of that agency, and complete additional reviews required by that agency. Some of the sites identified in the strategy are managed by a District agency but the underlying ownership is federal. In those cases, commemorative works proposed for those sites need to be reviewed by the National Capital Planning Commission and Commission of Fine Arts. If a site is in public space immediately adjacent to private property – including the Washington Area Metro Transit Authority - the property owner also needs to support the proposal.

Forty sites – five in each Ward – have been identified as preferred locations and have detailed information in an individual profile. Detailed profiles on additional sites will be added over time. This inventory includes many sites, but sites not identified in this location strategy can also be considered for potential commemorative works.

The commemorative works location strategy lists potential sites by category and Ward, based on 2022 Ward boundaries. All potential locations are under the control of a District agency.

There are seven types of sites identified in this location strategy:

- Triangle Parks and Open Spaces
- Medians
- Wide Sidewalks
- Civic Buildings and Spaces
- Large Parks
- Waterfronts
- Plazas

Triangle Parks and Open Spaces

Located at the intersection of thoroughfares and the District's traditional grid of streets, these spaces are typically along heavily travelled roadways and highly visible. These small sites can include memorials that are part of small neighborhood parks with seating, public art, and space for gatherings and passive recreation. These sites are typically managed by DPR or DDOT.



Unity Park in Adams Morgan is a triangle park designed with a feature that could be a commemorative work. Photo: Holt Jordan

Medians

These landscaped spaces are in the center of avenues and parkways that are gateway corridors into the District, wide avenues of the L'Enfant Plan, or lead to large parks and open space. They are good for small to medium size sculptures intended to be viewed by pedestrians or by passengers in a passing vehicle. These sites are managed by DDOT.



The New York Avenue Sculpture Project, between 12th and 13th streets NW, incorporates medium-scale sculptures into a median. Photo: Lee Stalworth

Wide Sidewalks

These areas of the public right-of-way between the curb and property line are more than 20' wide and include paved walkways and/or landscaped areas. They are ideal for incorporating memorials into a streetscape, like medallions in aww sidewalk or sculptural figures in landscaped areas. Wide sidewalks are usually found in neighborhood commercial districts, can include landscaped areas, and are managed by DDOT. Commemorative works in these locations need the support of the adjacent property owner as well as DDOT.



"Pillar of Fire" is an illuminated glass sculpture incorporated into the landscaped area of a sidewalk at the corner of 14th Street and S Street NW honoring Whitman-Walker Health (formerly Whitman-Walker Clinic) and the healthcare workers who assisted people living with HIV/AIDS.

Civic Buildings and Spaces

These sites include green spaces or highly visible areas at public buildings like entrances to schools, fire stations, police departments, recreation centers, and libraries. They vary greatly in size and scale, and examples of memorials appropriate for these spaces range from traditional statues surrounded by landscaping to sculptural elements incorporated into monumental stairs. These sites are managed by the District agency responsible for the adjacent building.



Aluminum sculptures at 300 Indiana Avenue NW (Henry J. Daly Building) are examples of monumental public art that could be a commemorative work incorporated into public facilities and building entrances. Photo: Washington Business Journal

Large Parks

Large multi-use parks that draw residents from across the District have multiple sites appropriate for commemorative works. They can be incorporated into recreational activities and areas of open space, recreation centers, athletic fields, group picnic areas, hiking trails, and other activity areas. Large parks are managed by DPR.



The Chuck Brown Memorial is a 42,000-square-foot public space in Langdon Park dedicated to “The Godfather of Go-Go”. Photo: Michael Marshall Design

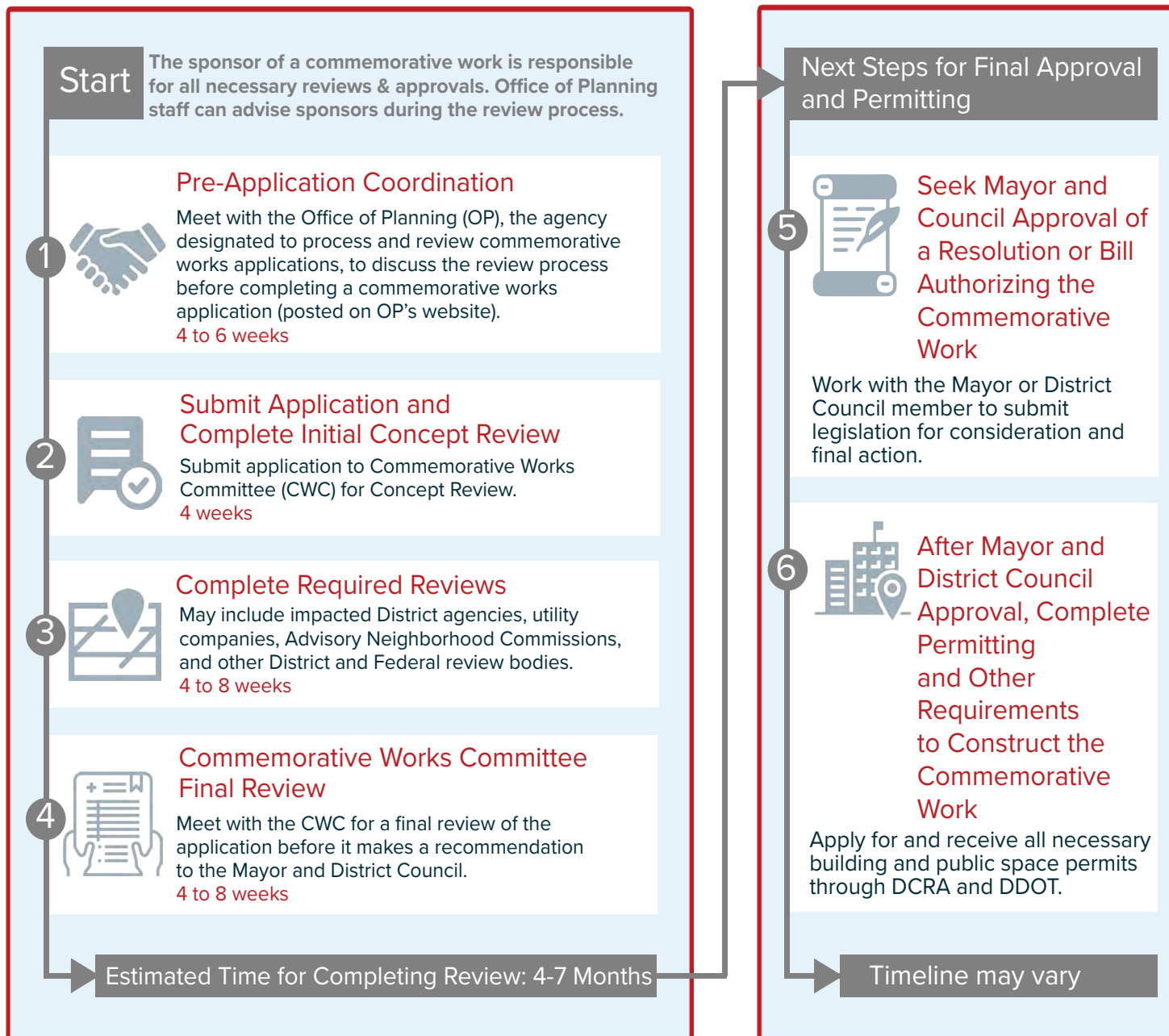
Plazas

These sites are large and small paved areas active with pedestrians in a commercial area or going to and from entrances to metro stations. Many plazas are controlled by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority or the private sector, but there is typically paved or landscaped areas adjacent to these plazas managed by DDOT.



A bust of George Washington is in a paved plaza on 23rd Street NW at the entrance to the Foggy Bottom metro station.

Commemorative Works Review Process



Location Strategy Public Engagement

The Office of Planning held a virtual public meeting in February 2021 to discuss the location strategy, themes for organizing sites, and specific sites to be profiled. During the meeting District residents participated in a public survey where they identified commemorative works as something that can create a sense of pride and community, as well as opportunities to educate new residents or children growing up in their neighborhood.

88 percent of residents surveyed as part of a public discussion of the location strategy in February 2020 said they were interested in having a commemorative work in their neighborhood. The strategy was also presented to the Commemorative Works Committee that reviewed and provided guidance on content and format.

Participation

62 attendees

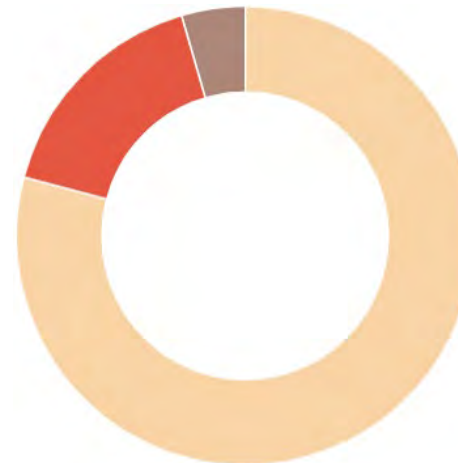
197 survey participants

251 comments



What are the most important neighborhood and public space benefits that should be designed as part of a commemorative work?

Are you interested in having a commemorative work in your neighborhood?



- 79% Yes. I would like a commemorative work in my neighborhood
- 16% Maybe. I'm not sure if I would like a commemorative work in my neighborhood
- 4% No. I would not like a commemorative work in my neighborhood

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Commemorative works located on many sites in this strategy further goals of legacy plans that shaped the District - like the L'Enfant Plan, Highway Plan, or Urban Renewal plans – and those of current planning efforts and initiatives including Small Area Plans (OP), DC Cultural Plan (OP), Age-Friendly DC (EOM), Ready2Play (DPR), moveDC (DDOT), Art in Transit (WMATA), Memorials for the Future (NCPC), and Memorials and Museums Master Plan (NCPC).

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Legacy Metro Memorial Park is dedicated to nine people who lost their lives in the deadly Metro crash of June 2009. Photo: Hunt Laudi Studio

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