

# RACIAL EQUITY LENSES IN THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

## Visions for Equity

The District of Columbia's Comprehensive Plan Update (known as the "Comp Plan") took effect in August 2021. The Comp Plan's Framework Element sets forth visions for...

### ...An Equitable District

"Equity exists where all people share equal rights, access, choice, opportunities, and outcomes, regardless of characteristics such as race, class, or gender. Equity is achieved by targeted actions and investments to meet residents where they are, to create equitable opportunities." 213.6

### ...Racial Equity

"As an outcome, the District achieves racial equity when race no longer determines one's socioeconomic outcomes; when everyone has what they need to thrive, no matter where they live or their socioeconomic status; and when racial divides no longer exist between people of color and their white counterparts." 213.9

## Racial Equity Lenses

The Comp Plan includes various racial equity lenses that will be used by the District to incorporate racial equity considerations to prioritize and target public investments, policies, and programs, and make decisions that create measurable improvements in the lives of residents, particularly those who have been most marginalized by systemic racism and structural inequity.

There are three specific racial equity lenses addressed in the Comp Plan's Implementation Element:

