

Connecticut Avenue Van Ness-UDC Commercial Corridor Enhancement Study



The Van Ness-UDC Metro Commercial Corridor Enhancement Study is funded by the 2011 Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Transportation Land-use Connections Grant. The District of Columbia Office of Planning (DCOP) has retained Rhodeside & Harwell Planners and Landscape Architects for this study.

Project Area

The project area is bounded by Albemarle Street to the north and Tilden Street to the south. The project area extends one block to both the east and west of Connecticut Avenue to incorporate adjacent, connecting streets.

Project Purpose

Using the following goals as guidance, and building upon the goals and community expectations expressed during the Neighborhood Sustainability Indicators Project (NSIP) Pilot (www.sustainable-dc.com), the project team will engage the community and institutions in creating a vision for the Connecticut Avenue corridor to:

- Explore Low Impact Development (LID) design techniques and identify implementation opportunities along the corridor to better manage storm water, better protect our creeks and waterways while enhancing the pedestrian experience on the Avenue.
- Establish streetscape typologies that will organize and improve the identity of the corridor.
- Provide recommendations for revitalizing public spaces along the corridor.
- Improve pedestrian and bicycle connections between the Van Ness-UDC Metro station, existing businesses, and adjacent communities and institutions.

Project Meeting Schedule

- Meeting #1: Government Stakeholders Meeting (November 30, 2010)
- Meeting #2: Stakeholders Meeting (February 8, 2011)
- Meeting #3: Public Design Charrette (March 14, 2011)
- Meeting #4: Public Open House (April 27, 2011)

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What is the problem?

Ubiquitous hardscapes and lack of green spaces create an unfriendly public realm that is not welcoming to pedestrians



What is the result?

Hard impervious surfaces create stormwater pollution and run-off problems that impoverish neighborhood creeks and create unfriendly streetscapes



What are the solutions?

Low Impact Development (LID) techniques that catch and filter stormwater or use it to water plants do a lot to improve the quality of our creeks and the beauty of our streets.

STORMWATER LID STREETSCAPES

