

For the neighborhoods of **Bates/Truxton Circle**, **Bloomingdale**, **Eckington**, **Hanover**, **LeDroit Park**, **Sursum Corda**, and portions of **Edgewood and Stronghold**. The Small Area Plan framework also covers five major corridors: **Florida Avenue**, **New York Avenue**, **New Jersey Avenue**, **North Capitol Street**, and **Rhode Island Avenue**.

## Vision

To improve the quality of life by increasing the sense of place, enhancing neighborhood amenities, and protecting neighborhood character, while supporting a community of ethnically, economically, and generationally diverse residents.



DDOT Livability Study Boundary = Orange OP Small Area Plan Boundary = Blue

The Mid City East area sits near the center of the District of Columbia and showcases historic residential fabric and institutions, a rich diversity of residents, valued open spaces, and burgeoning retail amenities. The Mid City East Small Area Plan at its core is a community-based plan guided by market-based solutions and a shared vision and principles. The plan was developed through extensive on-the-ground and creative online community engagement and public participation process.

The Mid City East Small Area Plan builds from previous work and provides analysis and recommendations for land use, redevelopment of underutilized and/or underdeveloped sites, walkability, retail readiness along commercial corridors, and improvements to parks and open spaces. Concurrently, the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) initiated the Mid City East Livability Study, an in-depth companion study on transportation and the public realm to guide neighborhood-scale mobility improvements. The Mid City East Small Area Plan supports the recommendations in the Mid City East Livability Study.

The Final Plan was approved by DC Council on November 18, 2014. Plan Implementation is underway.





## **Plan Goals and Recommendations**

Overall, the community feedback guided the plan goals and recommendations which can be organized into six of the following themes:

*Neighborhood Character*. Retain historic and cultural diversity, preserve distinctive architecture, and reinforce neighborhood identity.

*Commercial Revitalization*: Revitalize commercial uses along key corridors as well as grow retail amenities and options.

*Redevelopment Opportunities and Housing:* Invigorate vacant and underutilized parcels with new uses but remain an inclusive community and retain housing affordability.

*Neighborhood Placemaking and Public Realm:* Reinforce neighborhood placemaking and improve the public realm. A key recommendation includes a comprehensive streetscape study of North Capitol Street.

*Parks, Green Space, and Stormwater:* Improve parks, program open space to accommodate multiple generations, create a safer Metropolitan Branch Trail, and utilize low impact development techniques.

*Connectivity:* Strengthen connectivity and crossings. Explore the opportunity for green decking over North Capitol Street.



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