



Ward 8 Development Summary

Fall 2011

The Ward 8 Development Summary represents a selection of major public and private sector development projects and investment project occurring in Ward 8. It does not reflect all development activity within Ward 8. The information included in this document was compiled from various sources. Please contact the appropriate developer, property owner, or government agency for the most up to date information regarding the project. For additional information on development activity in the Ward, please utilize the Development Search function on the Washington DC Economic Partnership website: www.wdcep.com or contact your Ward Planner, Evelyn Kasongo at 202.442.7613 and Evelyn.Kasongo@dc.gov.

Ward 8 Community Summit



On July 9th, 2011, District of Columbia Mayor Vincent C. Gray hosted a historic, Ward 8 Community Summit that addressed concerns about the unprecedented changes taking place in the Ward. As a result of meticulous planning and extensive public outreach, a cross-section of nearly 600 individuals, including residents from throughout Ward 8, as

well as community, business, and government leaders used state-of-the-art interactive voting technology to engage in a visioning work session that will shape investment priorities for the Ward.

On September 29th, 2011. The Mayor along with two panels of agency directors discussed the outcomes since the initial Summit. The panels discussed summit themes, which were condensed into two main topics: revitalization priorities and empowering people and businesses. Moving forward, there will be quarterly progress update meetings to discuss the outcomes that have been achieved so far.

Summit Community Action Groups

An inspiring group of *Table Captains* who volunteered at the summit have continued to meet on their own to develop and implement actions that advance these priorities at the community level. Three working groups have emerged: Beautification and Blight, Communications, and Workforce Development. These groups will continue to meet throughout the fall in preparation for the next quarterly progress meeting in January 2012. For more information, please visit www.dcbiz.dc.gov.

New to Ward 8

Dc Circulator Route With Service East Of The Anacostia River



On October 3rd, 2011 the Mayor and other key officials launched a new D.C. Circulator route, the first to ever provide service east of the Anacostia River. The new route runs from the

Potomac Avenue Metro Station to Skyland and the Good Hope Marketplace Shopping Center via Barracks Row. The *Potomac Avenue Metro to Skyland via Barracks Row* route will complement existing Metrobus routes with fast, limited-stop service bridging the Anacostia River. The new route operates on weekdays during the hours of 6am-7pm (October 1- March 31). For more information about all of the Circulator routes, please visit www.DCCirculator.com

ARTPLACE

The DC Office of Planning has received \$250,000 from the ArtPlace program for the Arts and Culture Temporium project in four target neighborhoods, which includes Ward 8's own Anacostia! OP plans to create Arts and Culture Temporia where vacant and/or underutilized storefronts and empty lots would be transformed into an artist showcase/village for 3-6 months. The Creative DC Action Agenda and results from the Ward 8 Summit will be leveraged to ensure the program's success. Anacostia's ArtPlace program is expected to launch in Spring 2012. For more information on the program, please visit www.artplaceamerica.org



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New to Ward 8 (continued)

Construction of the new Washington-Highlands Neighborhood Library is nearing completion. The new building will open in early 2012. The 22,000 square foot, environmentally-friendly design library will feature more than 40,000 books, 40 computers with free Wi-Fi Internet access, 100-person community room adjacent to a new outdoor patio and many other state-of-the-art features. While the new building is under construction, an interim location is open at 4037 South Capitol St., S.W. during construction. For more information about the new library, please visit www.dclibrary.org/

Capital Bikeshare



Capital Bikeshare has a lot to celebrate these days. In September 2011 the system had its first year

anniversary and hit a 1 million rides mark! The popular bikesharing system is also planning increase its presence in Ward 8 in November by added four new station locations:

- Good Hope and Minnesota Ave;
- Congress Heights Metro;
- Alabama Avenue and Malcolm X Avenue;
- W Street and MLK S.E.

With over 110 stations in region, the Bikeshare program is yet another green, convenient transportation alternative for area residents and visitors. For more information, please visit <http://www.capitalbikeshare.com/>

Planning Initiatives

St Elizabeths East Campus Master Plan

The Office of Planning (OP), in collaboration with the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development (ODMPED) and the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) are finalizing a Master Plan for St. Elizabeth's East Campus. Planning principles from the 2008 Framework Plan were used to achieve the District's redevelopment goals for the site. Full redevelopment of the East Campus will likely take 10-30 years and occur in multiple phases. This plan will guide the development process and will include:

- Identifying the first phase of development within a master plan that identifies community preferences for uses and amenities (Master Plan); and
- Finalizing the system of roads that will support the East Campus, connect to surrounding neighborhoods, and meet projected area growth in the next twenty years (Transportation Environmental Assessment).

For more information, please contact Evelyn Kasongo at evelyn.kasongo@dc.gov

Residential Development: Sheridan Station

There's no doubt about it, the massive construction of Sheridan Station is helping to transform Anacostia's landscape. The \$100 million project will provide 65 replacement housing units for Barry Farms residents, with 25 units to be delivered in 2011 and 40 units to be delivered in 2014. The project will be developed in 4 phases: Phase 1 - Multifamily Rental and Townhomes (114 Rental Units), Phase 2 - Townhomes (80 For-Sale Units), Phase 3 - Townhomes (65 Rental Units) and Phase 4 - Townhomes (85 For-Sale Units). The development is expected to be completed in 2012. For more information, please visit <http://dmped.dc.gov/DC/DMPED>



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