

# Capital pace: Planning a Brighter Future for Washington's Parks

CapitalSpace, a partnership of the National Capital Planning Commission, the National Park Service, and the District of Columbia government, has set an ambitious goal—to establish a comprehensive plan for all of the city's parks; those owned by the federal government as well as those owned by the District. Recently, CapitalSpace partners began work on a parks and open space framework plan that will map out a coordinated approach to managing the capital city's 637 parks, which currently fall under the jurisdiction of many authorities. This plan will outline strategies for coordinating a variety of agencies in meeting common objectives.

"CapitalSpace is giving us a complete picture of all of Washington's parks—large and small, national and local," said John Parsons, Associate Regional Director for the National Capital Region of the National Park Service. "It will lead to a cohesive plan for the future of our parks that protects Washington's openness and maximizes resources."

For example, CapitalSpace will help further efforts to link the Fort Circle Parks, a series of former Civil War forts that ring the city. If connected, they would provide a greenway around much of Washington. Another goal is to address the city's need for recreational space by identifying opportunities for new recreational facilities as well as ways to improve existing fields.

The CapitalSpace plan will help balance the intense demand for the city's parks, clarify appropriate uses for different parks, develop a system for coordinating management of open spaces, and make the most of scarce resources needed to design, operate, and maintain them.

The plan will offer a strategy for preserving and enhancing the variety of historic parks located downtown. Thirty percent of the city's future housing growth and 70 percent of its job growth is expected to occur downtown. The plan will offer creative solutions for meeting expected increases in demand without jeopardizing the parks' historic and cultural resources.



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## Parks in the Nation's Capital

In the spring, nearly 70 people gathered for a public preview of CapitalSpace at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Public Library. The event's question-and-answer session revealed public support for CapitalSpace as well as concern about environmental protection.

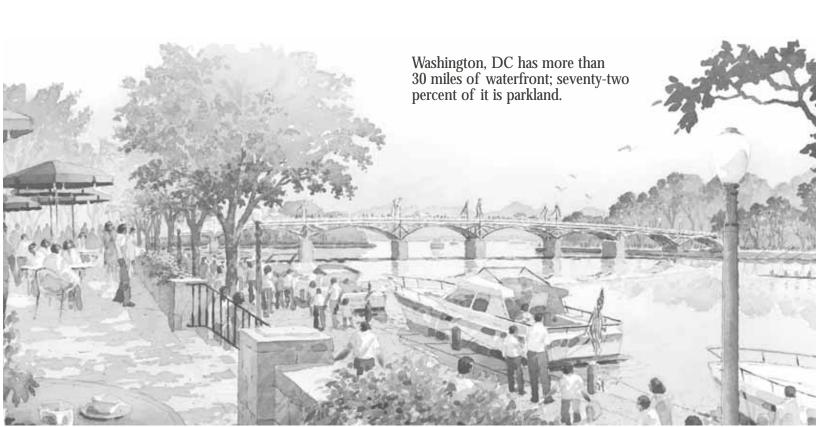
Current CapitalSpace efforts build on earlier work, including a comprehensive inventory of parks and open space in the nation's capital that was completed last year.

"This is the first such inventory of our parks in nearly 40 years," said Julia Koster, Director of NCPC's Planning Research and Policy Division. "The inventory included all federal and District parkland in the city, including major parks, public school grounds, recreational facilities, and small "pocket' parks."

A comprehensive needs assessment followed the inventory; both are informing the CapitalSpace framework plan and will be published in conjunction with the plan in the coming months.

#### **Did You Know?**

- The nation's capital is home to 9,300 acres of parkland.
- Washington, DC, has more than 30 miles of waterfront; seventy-two percent of it is parkland.
- Most of the parkland (nearly 80%) can be found in 22 large parks (more than 50 acres).
- More than 400 of the city's parks measure less than one acre.
- Washington, DC, leads the nation in the percentage of land devoted to parks.



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Marcel Acosta,
Acting Executive Director

# Greening the World's Capital Cities 2008

# Countdown to Capitals Alliance 2008

Capitals Alliance, a global forum for capital city planners and policymakers, will return to Washington, DC, when NCPC hosts "Greening the World's Capital Cities" from September 14 to 18, 2008. The sixth Alliance conference will feature influential policy leaders, designers, and scholars working to make urban environments greener and more sustainable.

"Capitals Alliance 2008 will enable us to learn how other capital cities are embracing sustainability," said NCPC Commissioner Jose Galvez, a member of the conference's steering committee. "And it will also allow us to demonstrate the progress we are making here in the nation's capital."

Each day of the conference will be devoted to a particular aspect of sustainability and capital city planning. Sessions will be a combination of keynote remarks, expert panel discussions, and workshops featuring presentations by the international delegates. Anticipated topics include:

"Making Sustainable Planning Work"—Cities are increasingly adopting sustainability as an urban planning goal, but competing development agendas and the imperatives of market forces often get in the way. Delegates will discuss how policymakers can work together to make progress toward a sustainable future.

"Getting People Involved"—Sustainable planning requires community support to succeed. This session will explore how to negotiate the complex relationship between communities and planners to ensure that the benefits of sustainable development are experienced by all citizens.

#### "Sustainable Promotion of Our Cultural

**Heritage"**—As repositories of world culture, capital cities often depend upon tourism to contribute to their economic vitality. But tourism itself is coming under scrutiny for its intensive use of resources. Experts will discuss how capital cities take the lead in promoting ethical tourism, while

ensuring that sites of national importance are accessible to all.

Capitals Alliance was established in 2001 as a global forum for capital city planners and policymakers to share information on the unique challenges facing national capitals. The founding members—Brasilia, Canberra, Ottawa, and Washington, DC—have hosted meetings on a rotating basis. Past gatherings focused on issues such as commemoration, security and urban design, and balancing the local and federal interests. Washington last hosted in October 2003, attracting delegates from ten capital cities.

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NCPC expects a very high turnout for the 2008 meeting given the importance of the subject matter worldwide. "This conference is hitting on all the right issues at the right time," said Marcel Acosta, NCPC's acting executive director. "Sustainability and environmental planning are rising to the top of city agendas around the globe."

Invitations will go out during the fall. Visit our website to learn more about "Greening the World's Capital Cities" as additional details become available. If you have questions or would like to receive an invitation, please email us at CapitalsAlliance@ncpc.gov.

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#### **Smithsonian to Host Worthy of the Nation Exhibit**

For the next four months, the Smithsonian Institution's S. Dillon Ripley Center will host NCPC's photo exhibit based on the second edition of *Worthy of the Nation: Washington, D.C. from L'Enfant to the National Capital Planning Commission.* 

The exhibit will be on display on the third level of the center from October 11 until February 14, 2008. The Ripley Center houses the International Gallery and the Smithsonian Associates program.

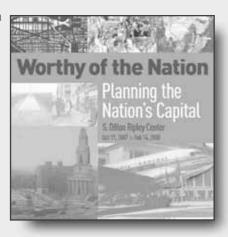
Worthy is the highly regarded scholarly work by Frederick Gutheim and Dr. Antoinette Lee, first published in 1977, and updated in 2006. The book chronicles Washington's long and colorful planning history. Dr. Lee, now a senior planner and historian with the National Park Service, revised the original text and added chapters describing contemporary planning in the capital.

The exhibit first opened for a three-week run in Union Station's West Hall on April 10, giving tens of thousands of visitors the chance to learn about the capital city and the planning efforts of NCPC. "The exhibit gave me a very good appreciation for the value of the Commission," wrote one visitor in the exhibit's comment book.

The Smithsonian exhibit will feature a center pedestal to display the three-dimensional model of the capital, based on NCPC's 1997 *Extending the Legacy* plan.

Eighty-five rare images and maps will recount actions taken by planners over the decades to oversee the building of the nation's capital. Visitors to the Ripley Center will trace the fascinating history of the capital from the 1791 vision of L'Enfant though the contemporary work of the National Capital Planning Commission.

The Ripley Center is open daily from 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Entrance is available through the copper-domed kiosk located between the Smithsonian Castle and the Freer Gallery of Art on Jefferson Drive.



#### **New NCPC Website Launched**

#### Site Offers New Features and Improved Functionality

The new NCPC website, launched in July with enhanced navigation and search capability, has been praised by users for its sophisticated new look and ease of accessing information. (www.ncpc.gov)

"Now users can search the site for information on any topic in our jurisdiction," said Lisa MacSpadden, Director of the Office of Public Affairs. "Most importantly, the new site enables our users to electronically access hundreds of NCPC's planning documents that previously were available only by hard copy."

The NCPC site includes more than 400 pages of information about NCPC operations, initiatives, publications, news, and archived activities.

"Our goal in redesigning the site was to make it easier for users to quickly find the information they were looking for," said Paul Jutton, NCPC's graphic illustrator who designed the look of the new site. "The old site wasn't nearly as user-friendly."

Feedback on the website has been positive with a number of users reporting they are impressed with the ease of navigation. "Federal agencies can submit projects to the Commission through the new website furthering NCPC's compliance with E-Government efforts," said MacSpadden. "In addition, users will find sections on the history of planning, an archive of agency documents and publications, a library of frequently requested images, and a posting of opportunities available at the agency."

Even though MacSpadden describes it as a

"comprehensive site," she is quick to emphasize that she considers it "a continuing work in progress," and encourages users to send e-mail suggestions for additions or improvements to info@ncpc.gov.

Planning Americas Capital

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The Commission commented favorably on concept site and building plans for the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency's new building complex at Fort Belvoir in Fairfax, Virginia. The facility will reside on 130 acres on the former Engineering Proving Grounds, immediately west of Interstate 95.

The new headquarters will consolidate 8,500 employees from seven sites throughout the National Capital Region as part of the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure Act (BRAC). The project includes plans for access roads, a visitor control center, a technology center, and parking, in addition to the main building. During its review, the Commission required the applicant to provide more information on several topics when the project is next submitted for review. These include a Transportation Management Plan, details on a planned bus drop-off, and a proposed parking garage. On the environmental front, the applicant must submit plans for mitigating disturbance to designated Resource Protection Areas, a reforestation plan, and plans for meeting and monitoring air quality to meet standards under the Clean Air Act for construction activities.

#### Fort Belvoir To Gain New Community Hospital

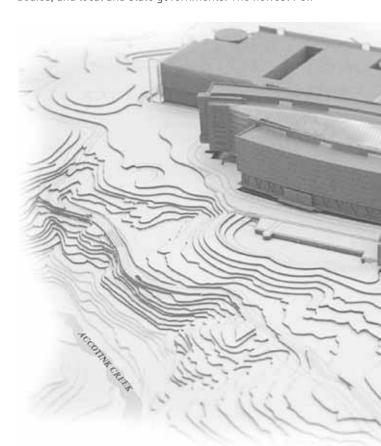
The Commission reviewed and commented favorably on the Army's concept site and building plans for a new community hospital at Fort Belvoir. The hospital will sit on 60 acres, south of Route 1. The complex will encompass more than 1 million square feet and include 125 patient beds, 2,600 parking spaces, a dental clinic, outpatient services, and administrative offices. Plans also include ancillary facilities such as a helipad and an ambulance shelter. The Commission requires the applicant to submit a Transportation Management Plan and additional information on a parking garage, pedestrian connections, and planned open space.

The Department of the Army reported that it is coordinating changes at Fort Belvoir with more than a dozen regional, state, and federal organizations to reduce the impact on the region as much as possible. NCPC anticipates additional submissions related to Fort Belvoir in the months ahead and will make every effort to accommodate the projects' accelerated timetables. (See page 7 for more information on BRAC-related changes at Fort Belvoir.)

#### Commission Adopts 2008 Federal Capital Improvements Program

The Commission adopted the Federal Capital Improvements Program for the National Capital Region, Fiscal Years 2008-2013 (FCIP). In the FCIP, NCPC evaluates and prioritizes the capital improvements projects of all federal agencies in the National Capital Region for their conformance with the plans and policies of the Commission, regional planning bodies, and local and state governments. The newest FCIP





contains 190 capital improvement projects submitted by federal agencies, totaling \$11.6 billion, as well as 34 projects submitted by NCPC for future programming. The Commission will submit the FCIP to the Office of Management and Budget to guide budgetary decisions for the President's annual budget.

#### INFORMATION PRESENTATION

#### Fort Belvoir Plans for Change

Fort Belvoir, an 8,500-acre Army base in Fairfax County, Virginia, will undergo numerous changes to accommodate an additional 19,000 people who will relocate there under



the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure Act. The campus currently serves a population of 23,000.

A decision on relocating an additional 6,200 people working for the Washington Headquarters Service (WHS) was deferred in a Record of Decision signed by the Army on August 7, 2007. A General Services Administration site near the Springfield Metro station is being studied as a possible alternative location for the WHS.

The Commission received a full briefing from the Department of Army on plans for Fort Belvoir, including a state-of-the-art hospital and a new headquarters for the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA). The Army is currently working on a revised master plan for the base and a Transportation Management Plan, which will come before the Commission for review. Following the Army's briefing, the Commission reviewed plans for both projects. (See opposite page)

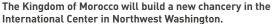


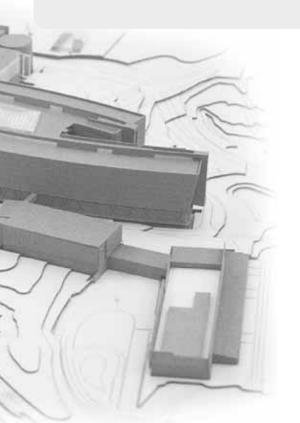
#### Commission Approves 'Elegant' Chancery for Kingdom of Morocco

The Commission approved preliminary site and building plans for a new chancery for the Kingdom of Morocco in the International Center in Northwest Washington. The U.S. Department of State submitted plans for a four-story building of nearly 48,000 square feet that will have three main components: a Chancery building, offices for the Ambassador, and a multipurpose hall connecting public and private areas.

In granting preliminary approval, the Commission required the applicant to consider adding more windows and traditional Moroccan design elements to the proposed guard booth and to reduce its footprint. The Commission also required additional information including a plan for tree-planting identifying existing and proposed tree canopies; evaluation of the effectiveness of the vegetative cover in minimizing the year-round visual impact of the complex from Reno Road; and complete material selection, including samples of wall and window materials.

The Commission commended the applicant and design team for a "well-developed and elegant" design for the Chancery of Morocco.









The Commission approved a new water treatment facility and related improvements at the Dalecarlia Water Treatment Plant operated by the Washington Aqueduct.

#### **Washington Aqueduct to Build New Facility**

The Washington Aqueduct, a division of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, operates the Dalecarlia and McMillan Water Treatment Plants in the District of Columbia. The plants provide drinking water to more than 1 million people in the District of Columbia and Northern Virginia.

In August, the Commission approved final site and building plans for the Department of the Army's Washington Aqueduct Water Treatment Residuals Management Building and related site improvements. The new facility will collect residual solid material at the Dalecarlia Water Treatment Plant and from the Georgetown Reservoir. The project also includes construction of three new pumping facilities required to pump residuals to a central processing facility, expansion of an existing power station, and installation of new pipelines.

With its approval, the Commission adopted language urging the Department of the Army to work with local transportation officials to mitigate the impact on surrounding neighborhoods caused by trucks hauling away residuals.



#### **Commission Hears Flood Forum Wrap-up**

Representatives of three federal agencies—NCPC, the General Services Administration (GSA), the Department of Homeland Security (DHS)—and the District of Columbia gathered to investigate the periodic flooding of the monumental core from June 12 to 13, 2007. NCPC staff briefed the Commission in August on the outcome of the forum.

More than 100 people from federal and District agencies attended the sessions, which focused on emergency response, stormwater management, and infrastructure challenges. Participants broke into working groups centered on these three topics, identified problems, and developed a series of recommendations and solutions to address these needs.

Forum participants reached consensus on the need for a thorough hydrology and sewer engineering study. The analysis would include models of various storm scenarios to determine sewer performance and estimate the cost to design and construct new infrastructure where needed.

NCPC will explore the possibility of establishing a stormwater management steering committee among the participating agencies. The committee would direct smaller working groups that are implementing the forum recommendations. NCPC also is conducting a study of flooding risks east of the Anacostia River. That study is underway, and results are expected soon.

#### Armed Forces Retirement Home Briefs Commission on Master Plan

The Chief Financial Officer of the Armed Forces Retirement Home (AFRH) briefed the Commission on the home's draft master plan. In March 2006, the Commission received a briefing on the draft plan and provided guidance on 10 issues at that time. In August, the AFRH reported on efforts to respond to all 10 items. For example, in response to the Commission's request, the total square footage of planned development has been reduced from 9 million square feet to 6.5 million. In addition, building heights have been scaled down to be more compatible with neighboring structures. The AFRH provided requested financial data, reported on the project's overall progress, and indicated that it expects to submit its master plan for the 272-acre campus to the Commission in the fall.

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#### "The Yards" Takes Shape at Southeast Federal Center

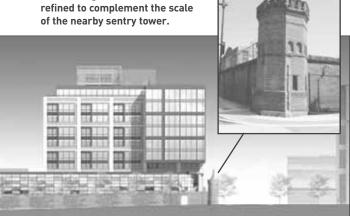
The Commission approved preliminary plans for the streetscape and landscape design of the former Southeast Federal Center, recently renamed The Yards. The site is adjacent to the Washington Navy Yard on the Anacostia River and includes several historic buildings. The General Services Administration (GSA) submitted the plans on behalf of Forest City SEFC, LLC, the site's developers.

A 2003 Memorandum of Agreement between GSA and NCPC established the Commission's design review procedures for this project. The memorandum states that the Commission will provide one-time review of the design for each development parcel when the design is 35 percent complete. On July 12, the Commission approved development plans for four parcels: E1, K, M, and D (composed of D1 and D2), which were 35 percent complete. In addition the Commission approved streetscape and landscape design and infrastructure development plans for the entire site.

The Commission found the plans consistent with the approved revised Master Plan for the site. However, the Commission recommended that the massing and scale of the building on Parcel D1 be refined and further articulated as the design proceeds, so the building more clearly acknowledges and complements the scale of the nearby historic sentry tower and brick wall along M Street.

The Commission commended GSA, Forest City, and the developers and architects of the individual parcels for the quality of the site development, landscape design, and treatment of historic buildings and remaining site fabric.

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#### INFORMATION PRESENTATIONS

#### District of Columbia Zoning Regulations to Allow Temporary Surface Parking Lots

NCPC reviewed, for its impact on federal interests, a zoning amendment that would allow temporary parking lots on South Capitol and M Streets in Southeast Washington. The Commission determined that the proposed amendment affects the following federal interests: the Anacostia Waterfront, the Southeast Federal Center, the U.S. Department of Transportation Headquarters, Washington Canal Park, and the South Capitol Street Corridor.

Based on the District of Columbia's commitment to require stormwater management measures for the permitting of the temporary parking lots, the Commission concluded that the proposed amendment to the zoning regulations would not adversely affect identified federal interests if:

- Section 1603.3 of the Zoning Regulations is amended to include temporary surface lots in order to maintain the 75-foot setback along the Anacostia Waterfront.
- Temporary surface lots are not permitted on U.S.
   Reservation 17, parcels B, C, and D, site of the planned
   Washington Canal Park.
- The final amendment indicates that the parking lots are not eligible for Board of Zoning Adjustment Special Exception review and, therefore, may not remain after April 1, 2013.
- The following language on requests for exception to the current cap of 3,775 parking spaces is added to Section 2110.2 of the proposed amendment:

"In reviewing requests for Special Exception, the Board of Zoning Adjustment will evaluate the proposal for its impacts to the Anacostia Waterfront and its effect on the use of public transit to the Washington Nationals Baseball Stadium."

#### **FHA Reports on White House Traffic Study**

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) briefed the Commission on the status of the White House Area Transportation Study, which is examining traffic problems in the vicinity of the White House. The goals of the study are to alleviate congestion caused by street closures and identify the full impact of street closures and traffic restrictions.

The study will identify six potential alternatives to current traffic patterns, examine the potential impacts of the alternatives, and provide long-range goals to improve traffic congestion. The Commission expects a final report in December.

Along with NCPC, the District of Columbia Department of Transportation and Distinct Office of Planning, the National Park Service, the U.S. Secret Service, Washington Metropolitan Area Transportation Authority, and the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments are guiding the effort.

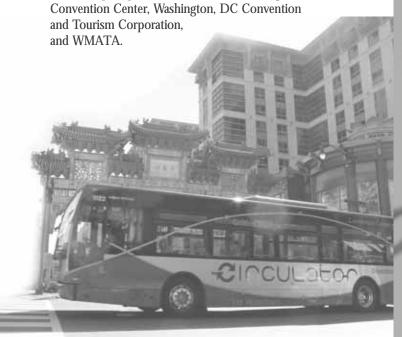
Since its introduction in July 2005, the Circulator has become an integral part of Washington, D.C.'s transportation network. Its success was marked during the third week of August when the Circulator carried its four-millionth rider.

Currently, the Circulator operates along three routes—Georgetown-Union Station, Convention Center—SW Waterfront, and Smithsonian/National Gallery of Art Loop.

Late night service on both segments will continue between Georgetown and Farragut Square. The late night service will run from 9:00 p.m. to midnight on Sunday through Thursday, and from 9:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. on Friday and Saturday.

In addition, beginning in November the Circulator's Smithsonian/National Gallery of Art Loop will run only on weekends from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. The Convention Center-SW Waterfront route will remain unchanged.

NCPC first envisioned the Circulator in its 1997 Legacy Plan, and a unique partnership developed the service. Joining in this endeavor are the District Department of Transportation, Downtown BID, Georgetown BID, Golden Triangle BID, Capitol Hill BID, Adams Morgan Partnership, Capitol Riverfront BID, Washington Convention Center, Washington, DC Convention



### CommissionNotes



#### STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

NCPC welcomes back Major **Mike Sherman** from a one-year assignment in the Middle East as part of his U.S. Army Reserve commitment. Mr. Sherman, previously the

director of the Technology Development and Application Division, now serves as Special Assistant to the Executive Director.

Athena Hernandez has joined the Office of Public Affairs as the agency's Communications Specialist. Athena has worked for nearly 15 years in media and community relations in the National Capital Region. Most recently she worked as the media relations manager for the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. Previously she served as the public information officer for the Prince George's County Public Schools system, as communications manager with the DC Lottery, and as a production assistant at WETA public television.

#### STAFF HONORS AND RECOGNITION

**Christine Saum**, director of the Urban Design and Plan Review Division, recently began her Loeb Fellowship at Harvard University's Graduate School of Design. The ninemonth program runs through June 2007. In her absence **David Levy** will serve as acting division director.

Historic Preservation Officer **Nancy Witherell** served as part of the selection panel for the 2007 *Save America's Treasures* grants. Managed by the National Park Service in conjunction with several other organizations, the program provides national recognition for important American preservation efforts.

#### NCPC SAYS GOODBYE TO SEVERAL KEY EMPLOYEES

Patricia Gallagher, who served as the agency's executive director since March 2001 resigned in late August to return to her hometown of Chicago. During her tenure at NCPC, Ms. Gallagher and staff worked on issues including security and urban design, historic preservation, the location and design of memorials and museums, and the agency's updated *Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital: Federal Elements*. Chairman John V. Cogbill, III named Ms. Gallagher's deputy, Marcel Acosta, as acting executive director.

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**John Mann**, a community planner in the Planning Research and Policy Division, departed NCPC to work for the U.S. Navy as a planner for their Washington, D.C. region. During his five years at the agency, Mr. Mann represented NCPC on the Board of Zoning Adjustment, assisted in the preparation of the Federal Elements of the Comprehensive Plan and oversaw NCPC's review of the District Elements, and worked on topics including foreign missions and interpretation of the Height of Buildings Act.

**Raksha Patel**, NCPC's management assistant and receptionist, has taken a new job with the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts. For the past few years, Raksha welcomed visitors at the front desk and helped direct phone calls. She also assisted in reorganizing NCPC's library. She began her NCPC career four years ago in the Office of Administration before moving to the front desk. We wish Ms. Patel well in her new position, where she will provide administrative and library support.

**LaWan Price-Rogers** recently left NCPC's Office of the Secretariat to continue her federal service at the Department of the Treasury. While at NCPC Ms. Price-Rogers prepared agendas for Commission meetings, assembled Commission members' meeting packets, and assisted in other Commission-related activities. At Treasury she will work as an administrative assistant with an emphasis on employee travel.

**David Zaidain** began his tenure with NCPC in 2002 as a member of the Urban Design and Plan Review Division, where he reviewed city projects including those related to the Anacostia waterfront. Later, as a member of the Plan and Project Implementation Division, Mr. Zaidain led NCPC's efforts on the RFK Stadium Site Redevelopment Study and the Rail Realignment Feasibility Study. Mr. Zaidain relocated to Chicago where he will work as a project manager for Skidmore, Owings & Merrill's Urban Planning and Urban Design Studio.

#### **DESIGN CLASS BRIEFED ON FRAMEWORK PLAN**

Twenty senior-year and graduate students from Assistant Professor Lisa Iulo's Design Studio at Penn State University visited NCPC on September 12. The students will create designs for the 10th Street, SW Corridor from Independence Avenue, SW to Banneker Overlook. Senior urban planner/designer Elizabeth Miller gave them an overview of the National Capital Framework Plan and its work in the area. NCPC also provided GIS data to assist their design efforts. The students will return in early fall for critique of their work and will present their final designs at the end of the semester.

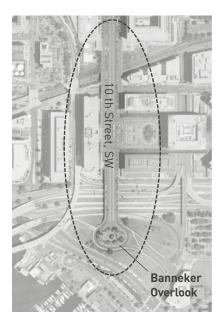


#### **EXCELLENCE IN GOVERNMENT FELLOWS VISIT NCPC**

On September 19 NCPC hosted nearly three dozen fellows from the Council for Excellence in Government. During a year-long effort, participating federal employees explore the responsibilities of numerous federal agencies. Acting Executive Director Marcel Acosta provided the group with an overview of the Commission and discussed the challenges of preserving the historical and natural resources that make Washington a great capital city. He was joined by Chief Operating Officer Barry Socks, Public Affairs Director Lisa MacSpadden, and other members of the Office of Public Affairs.

#### **NCPC Email List**

To receive a monthly email listing of NCPC's Tentative Agenda Items and upcoming events, please email info@ncpc.gov.



Banneker Overlook and the 10th Street corridor are part of NCPC's forthcoming National Capital Framework Plan

#### **Coming Soon**

#### October 11

**Worthy of the Nation** Exhibit Opens at the Smithsonian Institution's S. Dillon Ripley Center

#### November 16

NCPC to Participate in the **D.C. Economic Partnership's Development Showcase** at the Convention Center

#### December 6

Public Commission Meeting: NCPC Celebrates 10th Anniversary of its 1997 Extending The Legacy plan



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The Honorable Henry A. Waxman Chairman, House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

The Honorable Adrian M. Fenty Mayor of the District of Columbia

The Honorable Vincent C. Gray
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