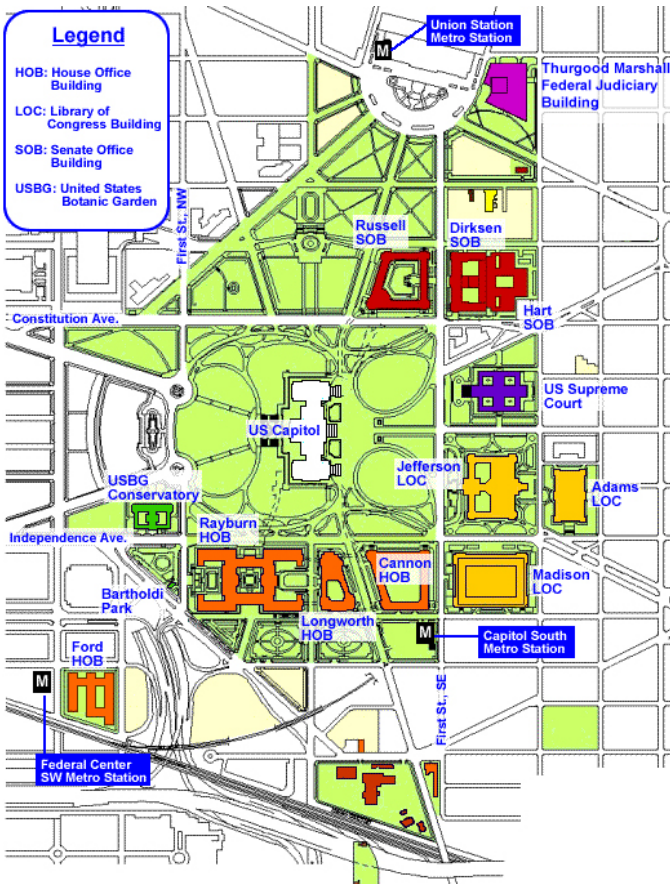


Capitol complex Map



The Architect of the Capitol is responsible to the United States Congress for the maintenance, operation, development, and preservation of the United States Capitol complex, which includes the Capitol, the Congressional Office Buildings, the Library of Congress buildings, the Supreme Court building, the U.S. Botanic Garden, and other facilities.



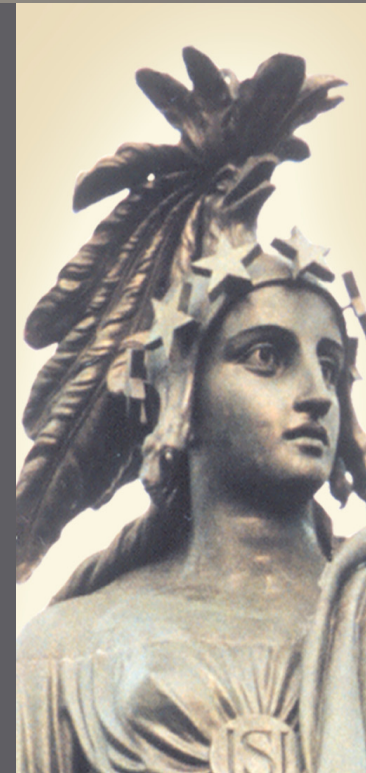
Using biobased products for a healthier nation

The Architect of the Capitol Preferred Procurement Program for Biobased Products is part of a long-term commitment to sustainability and the environment.

To find out more about AOC's procedures to purchase biobased products, please call 202-225-4043.



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Preserving

our

Freedom...

Naturally

Natural, renewable biobased products help preserve the U.S. Capitol complex



Statue of Freedom
U.S. Capitol Dome

The Architect of the Capitol goes biobased!

BIOBASED PRODUCTS... NATURALLY!

Biobased products typically are made from plants such as corn and soy beans. They are a natural and renewable resource. They also may be less toxic than chemical or petroleum-based products, contributing to a safer, healthier environment.



E-85 fuel, which contains 85% corn-based ethanol, will soon be available for vehicles used in the Capitol complex.

SUSTAINABLE ALTERNATIVES

Cleaning liquids, adhesives, fuel additives, paints, inks and lubricants are just a few examples of products that may be made with biobased ingredients. They are part of a growing number of sustainable alternatives to traditional products.

House and Senate elevator shops are using vegetable-based hydraulic fluid for their operations.



THE BIOBASED ADVANTAGE

In addition to being less toxic, biobased products help contribute to U.S. energy independence by providing a substitute for petroleum-based products. The use of products made from agricultural by-products also helps provide an economic boost to our nation's farmers and rural communities.



Plant containers made from rice hulls and biobased nutrients are being used to grow healthy plants at the U.S. Botanic Garden.