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### Public Invited to Help Plan First Ecodistrict in Nation's Capital

*Next Step in Planning Process Re-Imagines the 10th Street and Maryland Avenue Corridors*

**Washington, DC** –Take a stroll along the 10th Street and Maryland Avenue corridors in Southwest DC and it won't take long to see how they are both visually and physically disconnected from the rest of the city. They also lack the residential, cultural, and retail uses of a lively community. But it doesn't have to be this way. The National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC), the District Office of Planning (DCOP), and other partners believe this area can be transformed into a vibrant, pedestrian friendly, and sustainable destination.

On Thursday, May 19, from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. NCPC and its partners will host the next public meeting for the Southwest Ecodistrict Initiative and DCOP's Maryland Avenue, SW Small Area Plan. Findings from the recently completed market study will be presented. The public is invited to help shape proposed revitalization alternatives to be studied, and share ideas on how this area can become a more sustainable and livable neighborhood.

The Southwest Ecodistrict Task Force, comprised of 15 federal and local agencies, will develop recommendations for the 10<sup>th</sup> Street and Maryland Avenue corridors based on public input and analysis by NCPC and DCOP. Additional information on the Southwest Ecodistrict, as well as the [meeting agenda](#), is available on [NCPC's website](#).

**Who:** National Capital Planning Commission, other federal agencies, and the District of Columbia Office of Planning

**What:** Southwest Ecodistrict Public Meeting

**When:** Thursday, May 19, 2011, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

**Where:** Waterfront Station  
2nd Floor Conference Room  
1100 4th Street, SW  
Washington, DC

**Note:** Free and open to the public, however a photo I.D. is required.

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