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NCCPC Accepts SW Ecodistrict Plan

Commission also Comments on Proposed Zoning for Old Post Office

Washington, DC – At its monthly meeting today the National Capital Planning Commission (NCCPC) accepted the *SW Ecodistrict Plan*. The plan proposes to transform a 15-block predominantly federal precinct located just south of the National Mall into a highly sustainable, walkable neighborhood and workplace that connects the National Mall with Washington’s southwest waterfront, and becomes a national showcase of sustainable urban development and the site for major new museums, memorials, and events.

The *SW Ecodistrict Plan* is based on the idea that planning, implementing, and operating at a neighborhood (or district) scale results in increased environmental and economic benefits than a traditional building by building approach. The plan proposes a development scenario where projects can be prioritized and implemented over a 20 year period as they become economically viable and align with federal and local investment priorities.

Following the Commission’s action, NCCPC will utilize the plan when evaluating and making recommendations for development proposals in the SW Ecodistrict, as well as use it to guide input on federal, local, and private planning studies and reports prepared for the area. While not formally applicable to District or privately-owned land, representatives are looking at ways to incorporate the plan’s concepts into their own projects.

Additional information, including a release focused exclusively on this action, are available at <http://www.ncpc.gov/swecodistrict/media>.

In its second action the Commission advised the Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia on a proposed zoning map and text amendment for the Old Post Office and Pavilion Annex located at 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. The Zoning Commission referred the map and text amendment which will establish zoning on the site (Square 323 Lot 800, and Parcels 1, 2, and 3 of Squares 349 and 350).

In its comments NCCPC said that the proposed zoning amendment would not adversely affect the federal interest. The Commission also noted that while the General Services Administration plans to redevelop the Old Post Office and Pavilion Annex through a public-private partnership with Trump Old Post Office LLC, the buildings and the property on which they sit will remain federally owned and under federal jurisdiction. Thus, GSA’s planned redevelopment of the Old Post Office and Pavilion Annex will remain subject to NCCPC’s review authority over federal projects in the District of Columbia.

Before adjourning the Commission heard an information presentation. Staff updated the Commission on NCCPC’s climate adaptation-related work. This was followed by a presentation by Mr. Kim Toufexis and Dr. Cynthia Rosenzweig on NASA’s work in the emerging field of climate adaptation planning. No action is taken on information presentations.

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This month's agenda also included four consent calendar items (no presentations given):

- Authorization to release the draft policies in the Federal Visitors Element of the *Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital* for a 60 day public review and comment period (CP01E);
- Temporary renewal of preliminary and final site and building plans for a public telescope and observatory at the National Air and Space Museum, Washington, DC (6890);
- Approval of preliminary site and building plans for a Metrorail station and aerial alignment at Dulles International Airport as part of Phase 2 of the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project, Fairfax County, Virginia (7168);
- Approval of a modification to the General Development Plan for the Anacostia Stream Valley Park located in Hyattsville, Maryland (MP35).

In addition, the Executive Director approved six items under authorities delegated by the Commission. The final agenda, staff recommendations, and project materials are available on [NCPC's website](#).

The National Capital Planning Commission is the federal government's central planning agency in the District of Columbia and surrounding counties of Maryland and Virginia. The Commission provides overall guidance for federal land and buildings in the region. It also reviews the design of federal projects and memorials, oversees long-range planning for future development, and monitors capital investment by federal agencies.

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