

MID CITY EAST - DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS 9/26/2013

INTRODUCTION

The following recommendations support and further the vision and goals of the Mid City East Small Area Plan for the neighborhoods of Bates/Truxton Circle, Bloomingdale, Eckington, Hanover, LeDroit Park, Sursum Corda, as well as portions of Edgewood and Stronghold. They further support the District of Columbia's One City Action Plan, Comprehensive Plan, and Sustainable DC Plan.

The recommendations are arranged by the themes that cover the breadth of the Small Area Plan:

Theme 1 - Neighborhood Character

Theme 2 - Commercial Revitalization

Theme 3 - Redevelopment Opportunities and Housing

Theme 4 - Neighborhood Placemaking and Public Realm

Theme 5 - Parks, Green Space, and Stormwater

Sustainability is woven throughout the recommendations, and specific tie-ins to the Sustainable DC Plan are noted after specific recommendations (for example, * BE2.2). A list of the corresponding relevant Sustainability DC recommendations is located at the end of this section.



Mid City East Small Area Plan Boundaries

THEME 1 - NEIGHBORHOOD CHARACTER

VISION: The Mid City East area will retain historically and culturally diverse neighborhoods with distinctive architectural character and public spaces.

GOAL: Create the structure and engage the tools for pursuing neighborhood-led conservation efforts.

MCE 1.1 - Develop a community-led neighborhood conservancy to lead historic preservation efforts and build consensus around preferred preservation strategies in Bloomingdale.

MCE 1.2 - Explore options for designating Bloomingdale as an historic district or a pilot conservation district. After the designation, or completion of the pilot project, share lessons learned with other Mid City East neighborhoods.

MCE 1.3 - Develop a community-led neighborhood conservancy to lead historic preservation efforts and build consensus around preferred preservation strategies in Eckington.

MCE 1.4 – Explore options for designating Eckington as an historic district.

MCE 1.5 - Develop a community-led neighborhood conservancy to lead historic preservation efforts and build consensus around preferred preservation strategies in Bates/Truxton Circle and Hanover.

MCE 1.6 - Consider designating individual buildings under a multiple property document for the row houses on Bates Street, in an effort to preserve the cultural relevance of the sanitary housing movement.

MCE 1.7 - Prepare educational material that outlines the pros/cons associated with various preservation tools based on neighborhood models to inform and equip neighborhood conservancies.

MCE 1.8 - Promote commercial façade improvements and rehabilitations for properties along North Capitol Street guided by established programs, incentives, or guidelines including the District's *Thrive: A Guide to Storefront Design in the District of Columbia*, through outreach to property and store owners. *WS2.3

MCE 1.9 - Promote commercial façade improvements and rehabilitations for properties along Rhode Island Avenue guided by established programs, incentives, or guidelines

What is a Neighborhood Conservancy and what can it do?

A Neighborhood Conservancy is a community led organization that can advocate for cultural heritage and historic preservation, explore the implementation of existing preservation tools, or new preservation strategies to promote historic preservation and cultural heritage.

A Neighborhood Conservancy can:

- Consult with the Historic Preservation Office of the DC Office of Planning to learn about relevant preservation tools.
- Build consensus around preferred preservation strategies.
- Consider historic district designation. In Bloomingdale, also consider potential to pilot a conservation district.
- Pursue multiple property designations as a tool for protecting related properties.
- Explore private and grant funding to support survey and research efforts.
- Develop pattern books and other educational material to document varied architectural styles and neighborhood history to educate community about the benefits of compatible design and conservation of character defining architectural features.
- Coordinate with existing heritage education efforts such as Cultural Tourism DC Heritage Trails and the African American Heritage Trail to develop tours, both organized and self-led in MCE neighborhoods.

including the District's *Thrive: A Guide to Storefront Design in the District of Columbia* through outreach to property and store owners. *WS2.3

MCE 1.10 – Ensure that commercial property owners in MCE neighborhoods are knowledgeable about programs such as DC Main Streets and Great Streets.

GOAL: Reinforce and support neighborhood identity.

MCE 1.11 - Coordinate with DDOT and Cultural Tourism DC to augment existing signage programs or establish new neighborhood signage in LeDroit Park, Bloomingdale, Eckington, and Bates/Truxton Circle, and Hanover. Create unique designs including art, landscape, and/or streetscape and street furniture to identify the distinctive character of each neighborhood.

MCE 1.12 - Coordinate with DDOT to create markers to commemorate lost landmarks such as the former Truxton Circle and fountain that once served as a neighborhood anchor and landmark.

THEME 2 - COMMERCIAL REVITALIZATION:

VISION: Mid City East will be an attractive area with successful existing businesses, emerging small businesses, vibrant retail, and a growing neighborhood residential base. It will be well-served by retail, dining, and amenities along North Capitol Street and its other corridors.

One of the aims of commercial revitalization is to improve resident access to retail goods and services at key nodes throughout MCE, including expanding retail offerings to include a broader mix of neighborhood goods and services (e.g. drycleaner, pharmacy, convenience, daycare, beauty/personal care, neighborhood garden supply, etc.) and a diversity of quick service and casual dining options. Potential locations include: 1) blocks surrounding the intersection of Florida Avenue and North Capitol Street; 2) the commercial strip on New Jersey Avenue, between Franklin Street NW and Q Street NW; and 3) the intersection of Rhode Island Avenue NE and 4th Street NE. It will be important to reposition existing street-level commercial spaces and program the ground floor of new development to support expanded retail offerings, with the near term focus on upgrading existing spaces to accommodate the needs of small local tenants and start-up retail businesses. Ground floor space in new development, where available, should be designed with sufficient flexibility to provide larger retail bays that can accommodate more established businesses and regional/national credit tenants.

Goal: Improve resident access to healthy food and dining opportunities throughout Mid City East. * FD2.1 , FD2.3

MCE 2.3 – Building on the success of the Bloomingdale Farmer's Market, increase year round access to healthy food options for MCE residents by encouraging corner store owners to enroll in DC Central Kitchen's Healthy Corners, the Healthy Food Retail Program (administered by DSLBD), and similar programs to expand availability of fresh local produce and healthy prepared foods. Provide technical assistance to help accelerate the application process.

Goal: Strengthen and expand the dining cluster emerging at the intersection of Rhode Island Avenue and 1st Street NW, and the dining establishments along North Capitol Street.

MCE 2.4 - Reinforce the market positioning of the commercial cluster around Rhode Island Avenue and 1st Street NW as a dining destination that attracts patrons from neighborhoods outside MCE through attraction of

additional food service businesses and expanded marketing efforts in partnership with the Restaurant Association of Metropolitan Washington (RAMW.)

MCE 2.5 - Explore potential to host a “Taste of ...” or similar-type event on the vacant lot at Florida Avenue and North Capitol Street to highlight neighborhood food service operators and other small businesses, as well draw to attention to North Capitol as a viable commercial street.

MCE 2.6 – Identify opportunity for the development of a food service incubator that provides emerging entrepreneurs and caterers with access to shared kitchen and food preparation space which will in turn lower operational overhead and result in economies of scale through cooperative purchasing and increased market exposure.

MCE 2.7 - Support and coordinate with the efforts of the Rhode Island Avenue Main Streets organization.

Goal: Leverage Mid City East’s unique location along North Capitol Street to support commercial corridor vitality and local entrepreneurs. Build on existing efforts and explore new programs and incentives to improve and promote commercial areas, including the emerging creative economy cluster.

MCE 2.8 – Implement a nodal approach to commercial revitalization on North Capitol that builds on existing assets, fills market voids, and acknowledges limitations of North Capitol as a traditional retail street. Areas of opportunity include: the development of an entrepreneurial production and creative services cluster (New York Avenue to P Street); increased day-to-day goods and services (P Street to Quincy Street); and the expansion of neighborhood dining (Quincy Street to Randolph Street.)

MCE 2.9 - Inventory, monitor, and encourage development of “boutique/small” office space (10,000 square feet and less) along the North Capitol corridor, specifically focused on the segment south of P Street, that may offer appropriate space for arts uses, creative services companies, shared workspaces, and start-ups.

MCE 2.10 - Engage property owners in the light industrial/Production, Distribution, and Repair (PDR) portions of Eckington to retain and, where possible, expand warehouse/flex spaces that may offer appropriate space for arts uses and small-scale production tenants. *BE2.3

MCE 2.11 – Promote the MCE area to the creative economy community as a more affordable alternative to downtown and other high-rent office markets, but with the same level of access to transit and amenities.

MCE 2.12 – Expand the focus of North Capitol Main Street business recruitment efforts beyond traditional retail (consumer businesses) to include creative services, physical and graphic design companies, arts organizations, and technology-based start-ups (producer businesses.)

MCE 2.13 – Encourage property owners on North Capitol Street to upgrade and reposition upper floor spaces to provide affordable workspace.



MCE 2.14 – Market available arts and performance space (temporary and permanent) through DC Space Finder and other property listing channels that target the creative economy sector. *BE2.1

MCE 2.15 – Identify funding for a business plan competition to attract start-up companies and creative economy entrepreneurs to MCE. *BE2.2

MCE 2.16 - Provide assistance to North Capitol Main Street leadership to regularly evaluate and update the organization's business plan to help prioritize ongoing initiatives and allocation of funds.

MCE 2.17 - Continue to provide clean and safe services along North Capitol Street through the DSLBD-funded Clean Team.

MCE 2.18 - Develop a work plan to provide technical assistance to business and property owners in facilitating development approvals, licensing, and obtaining funds for physical property improvements (see also MCE 2.4b and MCE 2.4c)

MCE 2.19 - Develop a marketing and branding strategy around North Capitol Street's more residential scale and independent neighborhood character on the west side between the New York Ave. and Florida Ave. that is differentiated from and complementary to higher density development occurring in adjacent neighborhoods.

Goal: Improve the appearance and functionality of commercial properties in MCE through reinvestment in façades and interior spaces.

MCE 2.20– Using *Thrive: A Guide to Storefront Design in the District of Columbia*, conduct a study that demonstrates the visual impact of low cost façade improvements, such as paint, landscaping and improved signage, to encourage property owners to reinvest in commercial properties.

MCE 2.21 – Provide technical assistance to existing and new businesses in preparing applications for District grant funding (such as Great Streets) for storefront and interior improvements.

MCE 2.22 – Provide technical assistance to help facilitate the Certificate of Occupancy process for small property owners seeking a change of use. *JE1.1

THEME 3 – REDEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES AND HOUSING

VISION: Mid City East will grow as an inclusive area with strong neighborhood fabric, successful businesses, and vibrant residential neighborhoods with a variety of quality housing including affordable options.

GOAL: Support strategic land use designation changes on key sites and the redevelopment of publicly-owned properties.

MCE 3.1 - Pursue a land use designation change for the west side of North Capitol Street (north of New York Avenue and south of Florida Avenue) from low density residential/commercial to moderate density residential/commercial to encourage higher density, mixed-use residential development to support a thriving neighborhood edge with a welcoming physical environment.

MCE 3.2 - When development is achieved thru a Planned Unit Development (PUD) process, the ground floor of development on the west side of North Capitol Street in the study area should accommodate retail services or office space, providing new amenities for Mid City East residents. * BE1.1

MCE 3.3 - When development is achieved thru a Planned Unit Development (PUD) process, redevelopment of the vacant parcels and underutilized properties at four corners of the intersection of Florida Avenue and North Capitol Street within Mid City East should incorporate ground floor commercial uses with entrances facing sidewalks along or proximate to North Capitol.

MCE 3.4 – Ensure that new development enhances public space by requiring new development to use alleys for all vehicular access to the site and that mechanical equipment (i.e. transformers) are located on private property or alleys.

MCE 3.5 - Integrate energy efficient lighting on buildings and in sidewalk elements in new development and redevelopment.

MCE 3.6 - Solicit proposals to redevelop properties controlled by the District into creative mixed-use residential or commercial developments. * BE1.1, BE2.3, NA2.4, NA2.1, WT2.2, NA3.5

- **The DHCD property on the south side of Florida Avenue at Q Street NW** - Consider residential development with optional commercial uses on the ground level.
- **The Langston and Slater school buildings on P Street NW** - Adaptively reuse and redevelop both buildings together. Consider innovative business uses, including creative economy start-ups, to complement development along North Capitol Street and create a green neighborhood park, focal point or plaza in the space between the buildings.
- **The former Emery School site in Eckington** - As redevelopment opportunities arise for this site, and once existing uses are no longer needed, adaptively reuse the former Emery School building as part of a place-making redevelopment of the entire Emery School site for Eckington as a long-term future project. Encourage mixed use development to include neighborhood-scale retail, residential, amenities, public spaces, and green space.

GOAL: Encourage infill of privately-held vacant lots and increase site utilization to strengthen neighborhood fabric and create opportunities for new housing, unique retail offerings, and/or workplaces. * BE2.3, NA2.4, WT2.1, WT2.3

MCE 3.7 - Infill vacant parcels, redevelop underutilized parcels, or repurpose existing vacant buildings including:

- Properties at Rhode Island and Florida Avenues NW
- Small commercial property bounded by New Jersey Avenue and Q, 4th, and Franklin Streets NW
- Vacant Site at the corner of Rhode Island Avenue, and 3rd St. NE
- Vacant Site at the corner of Randolph Place and 3rd Street NE
- Vacant Sites along North Capitol Street NW at Bates Street and Hanover Place
- New York Pizza site at the intersection of North Capitol Street, Florida Avenue NE and Q Street NE
- Vacant site at the corner of Lincoln Road and Randolph Place NE
- Enlarge the low rise commercial buildings along North Capitol Street NW between Quincy Place and R Street NE (1625-1633 North Capitol Street NE)
- Vacant parcel between Hanover and O Street NW, along the west side of North Capitol Street
- Vacant parcel at the NE corner 1st & O Street
- Vacant parcel on the west side of Kirby Street at the intersection of New York Avenue (former DC Public Library kiosk site)

GOAL: Support the redevelopment of Sursum Corda

MCE 3.8 - Change the land use designation of the Sursum Corda area from low density residential to medium to high density residential. Development under the new land use designation, including the possibility of mixed-use commercial/retail should be achieved through a Planned Unit Development. Ensure that the development meets the following:

- Includes mixed-income housing units, in addition to the replacement of current Sursum Corda units.
- Is compatible in height and scale with neighboring development - stepping down toward 1st Street NW and stepping up toward North Capitol Street.
- Extend/ re-establish grid streets (L Street NW to North Capitol Street and Pierce Streets NW up to 1st Place NW).
- Include sustainable infrastructure, streetscape, pedestrian lighting
- Incorporate a multi-generational green/park space and community amenities. * *BE1.1, BE2.5, NA2.4*

GOAL: Maintain or increase the number of affordable housing units throughout MCE to better serve all household types, including families. *Notes BE1.1, BE2.5, BE3.1

MCE 3.9 - Use the DC Preservation Catalog of affordable units to develop early intervention techniques to preserve affordable units prior to expiration of affordability controls.

MCE 3.10 - Strengthen the Zoning Code to preserve the availability of the current supply of single family housing stock in MCE neighborhoods.

MCE 3.11 - Provide incentives to developers to include affordable units above and beyond the minimum required for inclusionary zoning.

MCE 3.12 – In the event of long-term future redevelopment of current public housing or private affordable housing developments, maintain or increase the number of affordable units on site.

THEME 4 - NEIGHBORHOOD PLACEMAKING AND PUBLIC REALM IMPROVEMENTS:

VISION: Mid City East neighborhoods and corridors will showcase a unique identity and enhanced sense of place. Sidewalks and public spaces will be high quality, safe and well-maintained.

GOAL: Enhance North Capitol Street to celebrate its importance and symbolic axial connection to the Capitol.

MCE 4.1 - Undertake a comprehensive streetscape design study for sidewalks and public spaces along North Capitol Street to celebrate the importance of the axial and visual connection to the Capitol. Design should build on existing guidelines, standards, and regulations identified in DC's Public Realm Design Manual and include new, sustainably designed paving, lighting, wayfinding signage, public art, trees, and vegetation. Expand green space and integrate LID and sustainable stormwater management. *Notes *EN1.3, NA2.2, WT2.2*

GOAL: Improve and maintain street trees. Increase tree cover throughout Mid City East.

MCE 4.2 - Maintain the health of existing street trees and plant additional street trees at identified locations along North Capitol Street to reinforce the axial and visual connection to the Capitol and provide additional shade and increased tree cover. *Note NA2.1. See also MCE 5.1

MCE 4.3 - Work with DDOT's Urban Forestry Administration and Casey Trees to maintain and protect trees and green spaces along city streets and neighborhoods throughout MCE.

MCE 4.4- Determine the existing tree canopy for neighborhoods, and set specific goals for increasing canopy. Work with Casey Trees and DDOT's Urban Forestry Administration to develop a strategy and timeline for planting street trees. *Notes NA2.1, NA2.4

MCE 4.5- Work with the Cherry Blossom Society to plant a minimum of 50 cherry trees in locations identified throughout MCE. *Note NA2.1

GOAL: Improve the appearance, walkability, safety and cleanliness of Mid City East streets and public spaces.

MCE 4.6 - Educate MCE residents about public space regulations, and the intent behind them.

MCE 4.7 - Engage the Clean Team of the North Capitol Street Main Street program to keep sidewalks along and near North Capitol Street consistently free of litter.

MCE 4.8 -Identify neighborhood groups and civic associations interested in developing strategies for maintaining streetscape and sidewalk cleanliness in other locations throughout MCE neighborhoods and corridors.

MCE 4.9 - Identify neighborhood groups to act as stewards to work with landowners to improve the appearance and walkability of the light industrial/Production, Distribution, and Repair (PDR) portions of Eckington.

MCE 4.10 - Provide required public realm and pedestrian facilities with any new development. Ensure that fences, curb cuts, show windows, and café seating areas comply with regulations. Refer to the District of Columbia's *Public Realm Design Manual* for specific requirements.

MCE 4.11 - Identify and restore sidewalks in need of repair throughout Mid City East neighborhoods.

MCE 4.12 - Increase pedestrian lighting around Sursum Corda.

MCE 4.13 - Improve neighborhood alley lighting throughout MCE.

MCE 4.14 - Improve pedestrian lighting in the light industrial/ PDR portions of Eckington.

MCE 4.15 - Engage in a dialogue with MPD to potentially increase police presence focusing on identified problem spots including parts of North Capitol Street, Hanover Place and the Park at LeDroit.

Did you know about the DC *Public Realm Design Manual*?

The Public Realm Design Manual is a summary of District of Columbia regulations and specifications for the design of public space elements. This document should be used by all property owners and developers to ensure that the design of...

- Roadways
- Sidewalks
- Landscaping and the Public Parking Area
- Building Projections

...meets the District's requirement. For more information see:

<http://dc.gov/DC/DDOT/Projects+and+Planning/Standards+and+Guidelines/View+All/DDOT+Public+Realm+Design+Manual>

GOAL: Celebrate the creativity of artists in the Mid City East area and throughout the District.

MCE 4.16 – Work with local arts organizations, artists, and residents to identify locations for and install public art throughout Mid City East. Focus efforts on identified locations including North Capitol Street, connections to Metrorail Stations, and underpasses, as well as other appropriate locations as determined by the community.

MCE 4.17 – Use public art as an opportunity in new development or redevelopment to celebrate the identity and vibrancy of Mid City East neighborhoods and corridors.

GOAL: Promote opportunities to enhance the sense of identity in the Eckington and Bates/Truxton Circle neighborhoods.

MCE 4.18 - Working with the Deputy Mayor's Office of Education (DME) and the Department of General Services (DGS), and once current uses are no longer needed in the existing buildings, create a "neighborhood-defining place" for Eckington at the location of the former Emery School buildings and site by creating a long-term future re-use and redevelopment project. Considerations to include:

- Extending Randolph Place NE and connect it to 1st Street NE, creating a complete block.
- Including neighborhood-scale retail, residential, a park/ green space, public spaces, and community amenities. * NA2.4, NA3.5
- Including an architectural feature or neighborhood gateway sign to identify the Eckington neighborhood.
- Once the current function is no longer needed, adaptively reuse the old Emery School building as part of the redevelopment.
- Create physical connections to the Harry Thomas Recreation Center and to the McKinley Tech campus.
- Create a green connection to North Capitol Street along Lincoln Road. * NA2.1, WT2.2
- Integrate LID and sustainable stormwater management. * WT2.2
- Include public art within the redevelopment.

MCE 4.19 - Work with the Truxton Circle community to find a way to celebrate the former Truxton Circle at the intersection of Florida Avenue and North Capitol Street. Pursue the possibility of salvaging, restoring, and incorporating the old Truxton Circle fountain as part of a park or open space on land near the intersection.

GOAL: Improve connectivity to, from and within Mid City East neighborhoods.

MCE 4.20 - Extend or reestablish the DC street grid with any future public or private development or redevelopment including:

- Quincy St. NW between 1st and 2nd Streets NE in the Bates/Truxton Circle area
- Randolph Pl. NE between North Capitol Street and 1st St. NE in Eckington
- L Street NW between North Capitol Street and 1st St. NW in the Sursum Corda area
- Pierce Streets NW to 1st Place NW in the short term in the Sursum Corda area, potentially continuing to North Capitol Street in the long-term future

MCE 4.21 - Work with McKinley Tech to explore creating terracing stair connections to the McKinley Tech campus from surrounding sidewalks at walled areas to improve connectivity to and from the school for students and public.

MCE 4.22 - Support the recommendations of DDOT's Livability Study to implement modifications to public streets and sidewalks to improve walkability, safety, and connectivity. These include:

- New York Avenue/ North Capitol Street/ N Street - street and sidewalk modifications and improvements.

- Florida/ North Capitol Street/ Q St./ Lincoln Rd. - street and sidewalk modifications and improvements.
- Florida/New Jersey/Rhode Island/S Street/4th Street - street and sidewalk modifications and improvements.
- New Jersey Avenue between N Street NW and Florida Ave. NW. -- street and sidewalk modifications and improvements.
- First Street NW Corridor - changes at unsignalized intersections including stop sign control and traffic mini-circles.
- Eckington Place NE Corridor - narrowing the roadway between Florida Avenue NE and R Street NE
- 5th Street and Rhode Island Avenue - Installing crosswalks and curb ramps across Rhode Island Ave. and median along the 5th Street NW alignment, and extending the existing 5th Street bike lanes from Rhode Island Ave. to Florida Ave.

THEME 5 - PARKS, RECREATION, GREEN SPACE AND STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

VISION: Mid City East will enjoy a variety of high-quality parks, green spaces, and recreation options. Flooding will be mitigated through the DC Clean Rivers project and the employment of low impact development stormwater management strategies.

GOAL: Improve the quality and accessibility of existing playgrounds, parks and green spaces

MCE 5.1 - New York Avenue Playground - Consider adding entries to the playground at appropriate points around the park's perimeter to encourage increased neighborhood access and use. Consider repurposing the baseball field for use as a soccer field, informal green space or community garden plots. Add shade trees where possible. *Notes HW1.1, NA3.3

MCE 5.2 - Howard Playground Consider adding entries at appropriate points around the park's perimeter to encourage increased neighborhood access and use. Consider repurposing the baseball field for use as a soccer field, informal green space or community garden plots. * HW1.1, NA3.3

MCE 5.3- Park at LeDroit - Improve the dog park at the Park at LeDroit. Add shade trees where possible. **Notes HW1.1, NA3.3

MCE 5.4 - Reservation 181 - Triangle park owned by the National Park Service (NPS) bounded by M Street, New York Avenue and 1st Street NW - Establish a local "friends" group that be responsible for making enhancements and maintaining features that go beyond typical park maintenance. Improvements could include incorporating green stormwater management techniques such as bioswales and rain gardens. * WS1.5

MCE 5.5 - Reservation 267-A - Shae Kims Park - owned by NPS Triangle Park bounded by Florida Avenue, 1st and R Streets NW. Establish a local "friends" group that would be responsible for making enhancements and maintaining features that go beyond typical park maintenance. Improvements could include creating a architectural gateway feature identifying Bloomingdale from the south, removing thick bushes, and adding native perennial plantings, lighting, and benches, and incorporating green stormwater management techniques. *Note WS1.5

MCE 5.6 - Reservation 190 -Triangle park owned by NPS bounded by New Jersey Avenue, 4th and Franklin Streets NW. Establish a local "friends" group that would be responsible for making enhancements and maintaining features that go beyond typical park maintenance. Improvements could include additional vegetation and seating, and connection of the property to the north by closing Franklin Street. * WS1.5

MCE 5.7 - Triangle park bounded by North Capitol Street and Lincoln Road NE at Quincy Place NE - Establish a local “friends” group that would be responsible for making enhancements and maintaining features that go beyond typical park maintenance. Improvements could include enhanced vegetation and native plantings. * *WS1.5*

MCE 5.8 – Metropolitan Branch Trail - Work with DDOT to improve wayfinding to the trail, and add vegetation, lighting, and public art to improve the trail’s aesthetics, enhance safety, and encourage increased use. * *HW1.1*

GOAL: Identify opportunities and sites for new parks, community gardens, green spaces and other recreation.

MCE 5.9 - P Street - Work with DDOT to extend the P Street Greenway through Mid City East.

MCE 5.10 - Community Academy PCS - Create a new green space for community and student use on part of the CAPCS parking lot with any future redevelopment of that site. Explore the possibility of incorporating a community garden. * *Notes HW1.1, NA3.5*

MCE 5.11 - Florida Avenue Park (Larsinda Banks Park) - Redevelop this park with increased tree cover and vegetation with any future long-term redevelopment of the Northwest Cooperative Homes. * *HW1.1, NA3.5*

MCE 5.12 - New Dog Park – Work with residents and landowners to identify an appropriate location and develop a dog park in Eckington. * *NA3.5*

MCE 5.13 - Community Gardens - Incorporate community gardens on appropriate sites with new parks and green spaces.

MCE 5.14 - Hydroponic Farm - Work with residents to find a location for a hydroponic farm within Mid City East.

MCE 5.15 - Green Deck over North Capitol Street- Support a community or privately led initiative to create a Green Deck over North Capitol Street between T Street and Rhode Island Avenue.

GOAL: Improve access to public recreational facilities within Mid City East.

MCE 5.16 - Working with the Deputy Mayor’s Office for Education (DME), create a coordinating committee consisting of DPR, DGS, DCPS and school leaders to provide guidance and develop policy that will inform the process regarding shared access to local school facilities for public use and recreational activity.

- Work with the coordinating committee to allow public access to new Dunbar School recreational and sports facilities for neighborhood residents during designated days and times. * *HW1.1*
- Allow public access to the McKinley Tech recreational and sports facilities for neighborhood residents during designated days and times. * *HW1.1, NA3.3*

GOAL: Decrease neighborhood flooding and improve stormwater management.

MCE 5.17 - Work with DC Water on a strategy for educating residents about the upcoming DC Clean Rivers Project initiatives in MCE that will be under construction, including the Northeast Boundary Tunnel and First Street Tunnel.

MCE 5.18 - Ensure that new development supports sustainability and contributes to flood-mitigation efforts.

MCE 5.19 - Prioritize implementation of Low Impact Development (LID) stormwater strategies in Bloomingdale to address flooding concerns.

MCE 5.20 - Support opportunities to implement LID stormwater strategies throughout Mid City East including DDOT’s Livability Study recommendations.

*** NOTES: SUSTAINABILITY DC TIE-INS**

Recommendations that tie into Sustainability DC Draft Recommendations (dated 7/15/2013)

JE1.1 – Complete a review of regulatory reform options to make it easier to do business in the District.

HW1.1 - Expand public park access and programming to promote healthy lifestyles through physical exercise.

BE1.1 - Increase affordable housing in the District.

BE2.1 - Ease permitting requirements for temporary arts, community, and business uses.

BE2.2 – Create a government-back revolving loan fund to support new businesses with a priority for those developed by District residents.

BE2.3 – Convert five vacant buildings into permanent cultural or business incubation centers.

BE2.5 - Locate new affordable housing in walkable neighborhoods.

BE3.1 - Rehabilitate all public housing to be green, healthy, and capable of meeting net-zero energy standards.

ED2.1 – Reach community members in their daily lives with sustainability information.

EN1.3 - Replace all street and public lighting with high-efficiency fixtures.

FD1.2 - Streamline the process to find and use land for community agriculture projects.

FD1.3 - Install educational gardens at 50% of DC Public Schools.

FD2.1 - Expand the DC Healthy Corner Store initiative.

FD2.2 - Introduce fresh food circulators and mobile vendors in neighborhoods with poor access to fresh foods.

FD2.3 - Expand the Produce Plus program to farmers' markets and corner stores citywide.

NA2.1 - Plant 8,600 new trees citywide per year until 2032.

NA2.2 - Replace 75% of public lighting with fixtures that reduce light pollution.

NA2.4 - Require trees and green space on all new development sites.

NA2.5 - Stipulate use of native plant varieties for District government plantings and landscaping.

NA3.3 - Renovate and improve all District playgrounds.

NA3.5 - Create small parks and green spaces in areas with inadequate open space.

TR2.1 - Develop a citywide, 100 mile bicycle lane network.

TR2.2 - Expand the Capital Bikeshare program by 200 stations.

WS1.5 - Implement Sustainable Sites Initiative (SITES) guidelines for park maintenance.

WS2.3 - Require the use of recycled and salvaged building materials

WT2.1 - Install 2 million new square feet of green roofs.

WT2.2 - Increase the use of green infrastructure along public rights of way.

WT2.3 - Build 25 miles of green alleys.