

Green Ribbon Committee Overview

Mission

The mission of the Sustainable DC Green Ribbon Committee is to aid in the development of an ambitious, implementable sustainability plan that increases the economic vitality of present and future Washingtonians, continues to reduce disparities across the District and grows an ever more inclusive One City, and preserves and enhances natural resources. Using the expertise and experience of its knowledgeable members, the Green Ribbon Committee will help build on the City's Comprehensive Plan and go further to develop an aspirational vision for a vital and sustainable future and provide valuable feedback on recommendations from working groups made up of District staff, subject matter experts and the public. The Committee will also look ahead to implementation of the plan and achieving Mayor Gray's goal of making the District of Columbia the most sustainable city in the nation.

The plan will include recommended actions that that can be implemented in the short-, medium-, and long-term, and will include an analysis of the feasibility of each recommendation as well as metrics that will enable successful implementation and evaluation.

Purpose

- Help frame the vision for a greener, healthier and more livable District of Columbia for current and future generations.
- Recommend ambitious but achievable short-term and long-term policies and actions that contribute to making the District the most sustainable city in the nation.
- Offer expertise and context to ensure the plan is coordinated with other public and private sustainability initiatives.
- Serve as ambassadors to peers and stakeholder communities to ensure that District residents and businesses are engaged throughout the planning process, and to increase constituent support and "buy-in" of plan recommendations.
- Assist in identifying and securing financing to promote sustainability implementation initiatives in the public and private sectors.
- Monitor final plan initiatives to keep implementation on schedule.

Member Responsibilities

- Support the Sustainable DC mission, goals, and committee charges.
- Provide input on proposed plan recommendations and draft documents and explore opportunities to leverage partnerships and financial resources to support planning and implementation.
- Actively serve on the committee by attending meetings and providing expert opinion (through email correspondence or other internet media) and recommendations while working on a strategy for DC's sustainable future. (The Committee will meet 4 times in the first 6 months and then shift to a quarterly schedule.)
- Commit to serve at least one (but no more than two) one-year terms, starting January 2012.