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What is "Sustainable DC"?
What is "Start in September"?

They are what we all will work together to help make the District a greener, healthier, and more livable city for us all.

We want your ideas to help make this vision a reality!

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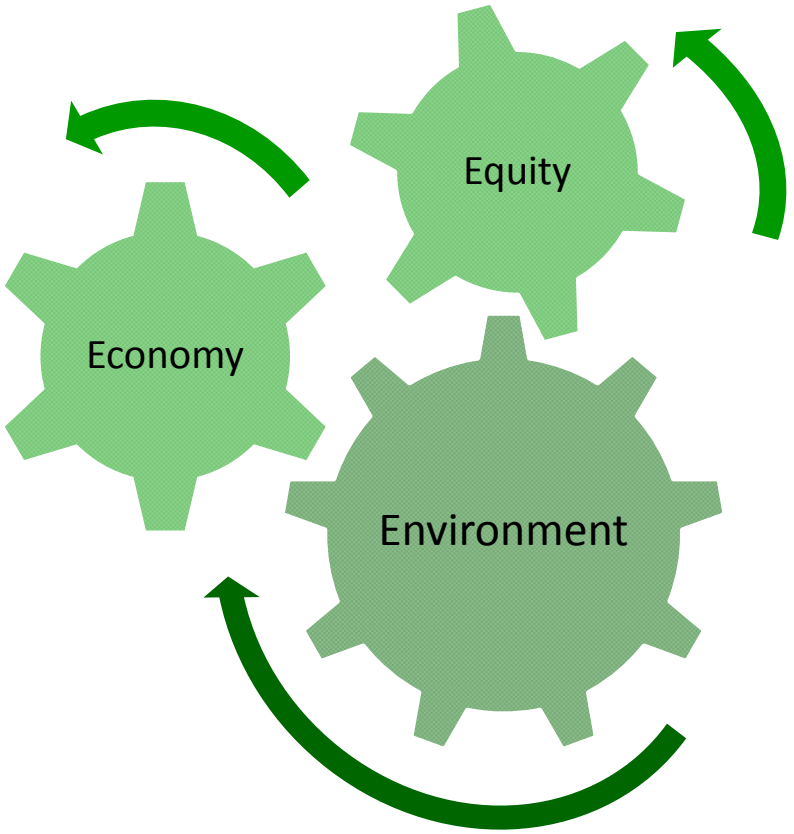
In July, Mayor Gray called for an *environmental strategy* to chart a greener future for our city

— a strategy that strengthens **economic vitality** and **community equity** to improve the lives of all District residents.

Proposed Focus Areas

- Climate/Energy
- Water
- Waste
- Transport
- Built Environment
- Nature
- Food
- Green Economy



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Where are we now?

DC is a leader in many areas of sustainability

- 1st nationally in purchasing green, renewable power
- 1st nationally in LEED green building pipeline
- 1st nationally in bike share participation
- *2011 U.S. and Canada Green City Index* Ranked DC 8th greenest city
  - We scored high in governance, green buildings, and land use
  - We scored low in waste and water quality

We are being measured against and compete with cities that have embraced green and sustainable initiatives

Mayor Menino – Boston

green BOSTON

Mayor Bloomberg – NYC

PlaNYC

Mayor Nutter - Philly

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What's next?

Sustainable DC

Develop a strategy to make DC a greener, healthier, more livable city for all.

Step 1: Start in September

Discuss our visions for a more sustainable DC, and submit ideas at www.sustainable.dc.gov

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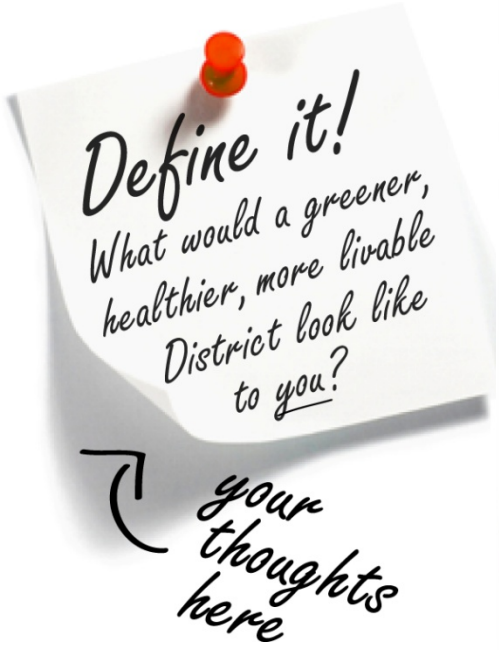
How can I get involved?



Visit the Sustainable DC webpage, where you can…

- Post ideas and read what others are saying
- Download a discussion guide to help you have a conversation with family members, neighbors, co-workers, friends or classmates
- Host a discussion event and announce it on the calendar
- Sign up to receive Sustainable DC updates

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