



SUSTAINABLE DC PLAN

WHAT IS SUSTAINABLE DC?

Sustainable DC is a District Government-led plan to make the city the healthiest, greenest, and most livable city in the United States. It is a citywide initiative crafted for and by the city's diverse community with the ultimate goal of making DC more socially equitable, environmentally responsive, and economically prosperous.

BY 2032,

the District will be the healthiest, greenest, most livable city in the nation by using sustainability solutions to address core challenges.



JOB & THE ECONOMY: **3x** as many small businesses, **5x** as many jobs providing green goods and services.



HEALTH & WELLNESS: Cut the citywide obesity rate by **50%**; require ALL new housing to meet “Healthy by Design” standards.



EQUITY & DIVERSITY: Teach **50%** of DC children about sustainability; expose **100%** of District residents to Sustainable DC events and initiatives in their neighborhoods.



CLIMATE & ENVIRONMENT: Reduce greenhouse gas emissions by **50%**; plan for climate change impacts.





BUILT ENVIRONMENT:

Increase the population with **250,000** new residents; variety of amenities within **20**

minute walk; new construction and existing big buildings are net-zero



NATURE: Increase area of wetlands by **50%**; **40%**

tree canopy across the city; parks or natural space within **10** minute walk of all residents



TRANSPORTATION: Increase use of public transit, biking, and walking to **75%** of all

commuter trips; reduce commuter trips by car to **25%**; and achieve **ZERO** unhealthy air quality days



ENERGY: Cut citywide energy use by **50%**; increase

the use of renewable energy by **50%**; reduce annual power outages across the city



FOOD: **20** more acres of land growing food; **75%** of

residents within a **1/4** mile of healthy, local food; **25%** of the District's food from within a **100** mile radius of the city



WASTE: Send **ZERO**

solid waste to landfills; reduce total waste generation by **15%**; reuse **20%** of construction and demolition waste; and increase waste diversion rate to **80%**.



WATER: **100%** of District waterways fishable and swimmable; use **75%** of our landscape to capture rainwater for filtration or reuse.

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FROM MAYOR VINCENT C. GRAY

Washington, DC is a rapidly changing city. Construction cranes dot the skyline, new families are joining longtime residents in vibrant neighborhoods, and emerging businesses are adding new services and jobs. With this change comes the opportunity to grow our economy, create new jobs, and ensure that our children and grandchildren have the same or better quality of life than we enjoy today.

The Sustainable DC implementation plan faces our challenges in creating jobs and economic growth, improving health and wellness, increasing equity and opportunity, and protecting our environment and climate.

Based on broad public input, forward-thinking agencies, and best global practices, the plan offers specific solutions in the built environment, energy, food, nature, transportation, waste, and water to face our challenges.

The plan is the playbook that our team—city government, private sector, and residents—will use to move from vision to reality. We need everyone to take part; individual actions can—and will—add up to big change.



Mayor Vincent C. Gray"





A VISION FOR A SUSTAINABLE DC...

In just one generation—20 years—the District of Columbia will be the healthiest, greenest, and most livable city in the United States. An international destination for people and investment, the District will be a model of innovative policies and practices that improve quality of life and economic opportunity. We will demonstrate how enhancing our natural and built environments, investing in a diverse clean economy, and reducing disparities among residents can create an educated, equitable and prosperous society.



For more information and to get involved, please visit: www.sustainable.dc.gov. Please feel free to email sustainable.future@dc.gov or call **(202) 442-7600 with questions.**

