A VISION FOR A SUSTAINABLE DC

Mayor Gray's 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.

Sustainable DC Goals for 2032

Jobs: Increase by **5** times the number of jobs providing green goods and services

Health: Cut citywide obesity rate by **50%**

Built Environment: Attract and retain **250,000** new and existing residents

Climate: Cut citywide greenhouse gas emissions by **50%**

Energy: Cut citywide energy use by **50%**; increase use of renewable energy to **50%**

Food: Bring locally-grown food within a quarter mile of **75%** of the population

Nature: Cover **40%** of the District with a healthy tree canopy: Ensure **100%** of residents are within a 10-minute walk of a natural space

Transportation: Make **75%** of all trips by walking, biking, or transit

Waste: Achieve **ZERO** waste by consuming less and reusing everything else

Water: Make **100%** of District waterways fishable and swimmable; use **75%** of our landscape to filter or capture rainwater for reuse

Green Economy: Develop **3** times as many small District-based businesses; cut city-wide unemployment by **50%**

To view the full text of the* Vision for a Sustainable DC*, please visit www.sustainable.dc.gov

What Sustainability Means for You

Sustainability means balancing the demands of economic development, environmental protection, and community equity across our city. Ultimately, sustainability means good things for your wallet, your health, and your community:

- Sustainability means spending less on utility bills because it takes less energy to heat and cool your energy efficient home.
- Sustainability means saving thousands of dollars a year by walking, biking, and using transit more often, and not needing another car for your family.
- Sustainability means saving hundreds of dollars a year in grocery costs by growing your own food at home, in community gardens, or on a nearby urban farm.
- Sustainability means lower asthma rates because the air quality inside and outside your home is better.
- Sustainability means broader access to fresh and healthy food, and less obesity and chronic disease, because you can walk or bike to work or school, and be active in your neighborhood park in your free time.

How We Got Here and Where We're Going

Since Mayor Gray first announced his Sustainable DC initiative in July 2011, his planning team has met intensively with the community. Nine working groups focusing on the topics of the built environment, climate, energy, food, nature, transportation, waste, water, and the green economy met through Fall 2011 and Winter 2012. Consider the following outreach data:

- **125+** public meetings and events
- **1,600** registered email followers
- **400+** unique suggestions submitted online
- **700+** Working group participants
- **900+** Working group goals and actions

Moving forward, Sustainable DC will be reaching out to an even broader range of communities with a goal of reaching every District resident. Over the summer, we will be developing a draft implementation plan with a final plan expected in Fall 2012.

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Questions, or comments? Contact us at sustainable.future@dc.gov or 202-442-8809. You can also tell us what you think of the *Vision for a Sustainable DC* at www.sustainable.dc.gov.

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