

## Working Groups Draft Vision Statements

### Overarching Sustainable DC

In 2050, the District of Columbia will be the healthiest, greenest, and most livable city in the United States. An international model of innovative policies and practices, the District will demonstrate how environmental performance, investments in a diverse economy, and strategies to reduce disparities among citizens create a prosperous and sustainable society. For every environmental achievement, the District will benefit from diminished inequity and a growing local economy that leverages its human and natural resources to their full potential, uplifting people across all neighborhoods and communities—residents, workers, tourists, and investors alike.

### Built Environment

The built environment of the District of Columbia will be diverse, vibrant and resilient, will respect and enhance the natural environment, and will reflect its values of social and economic equity, universal accessibility, innovation, and healthy and engaged citizens and communities.

### Climate

The District of Columbia will be a sustainable, just, equitable, inclusive, entrepreneurial, and resilient community that leads the world in bold action to mitigate and adapt to climate change; is committed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions to levels consistent with global CO<sub>2</sub> levels of 350ppm; and that leverages regional knowledge sharing and international best practices in sustainability and climate change adaptation and mitigation; and that extends the benefits of sustainability to all its people.

### Energy

During the course of the next two decades, the District of Columbia shall be the beacon for energy efficiency and independence in the United States. It is the city's right and duty to lead the nation in the transformational implementation of energy efficiency and generation strategies to sustain an affordable and socially responsible energy future. To secure this right, the District of Columbia shall exercise all of its environmental, economic, and social equity powers to ensure it is supporting aggressive, pervasive, and stable energy goals in reliable generation, efficient usage and citizen empowerment.

### Food

In 2030 DC will be a healthy city, because we will have an educated and employed population with equal access to a self-sustaining food production and distribution system.

#### *Principles*

- Education for all
- Equitable & affordable access
- Self-sustaining production & distribution food system

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The District of Columbia will increase the conservation, management, and health of the city's natural resources to enhance and improve the quality of life of its residents, and build a green city where our collective actions reflect an understanding and appreciation for nature.

### Transportation

The District of Columbia will create accessible, convenient and resilient modes of transportation to allow for a mobile population while reducing economic, social and environmental costs and improving overall quality of life.

### Waste

The District of Columbia will be a city where its people, businesses, and government work together to minimize waste and optimize resources.

*Overarching Goals:*

- By 2030, 75% of all waste generated in the city is recovered or recycled
- By 2030, achieve a reduction in waste generation of 25% from 2012 levels
- Eliminate litter by 2030
- Create a system of teaching environmental literacy

### Water

All water falling in and flowing through the District of Columbia will be clean and fully accessible to support a livable, healthy, innovative, and economically viable community that sets a standard for the world to follow.

### Green Economy

The District of Columbia shall lead America's cities in creating a sustainable urban economy that embraces people, planet and shared prosperity by creating jobs, businesses and institutions that protect and enhance the environment and meet the economic needs of today's generation and those of the future.