

Small Area Plan Description

The Southwest Neighborhood Plan is a framework to shape the future of the neighborhood over the next five to ten years. It focuses on a Planning Area that extends from South Capitol Street, west to Maine Avenue SW, from P Street SW and north to the I-395 Freeway. It is a community based framework to enhance parks, pedestrian and street connections, bolster retail, integrate community amenities, enhance transportation choices and accommodate and guide the direction of future growth in the community. The Plan aims to provide residents and property owners with assurances of what future development may look like, including recommendations to preserve and enhance existing assets and ensure that Southwest retains social and economic diversity.

Vision Statement

“To create a thriving, active environment that preserves and enhances the Southwest neighborhood’s culture and character”



The Plan is organized around seven concepts:

Model Community: Southwest will remain diverse and inclusive.

Modernist Gem: Promote the preservation of its unique architectural legacy.

Green Oasis: Enhance existing parks and green spaces with sustainable practices.

Arts and Cultural Destination: Southwest will flourish as a premier arts and cultural destination.

Thriving Town Center: Continue to promote 4th Street development and retail options.

Optimized District Parcels: Prepare for future redevelopment of parcels with outdated public facilities.

Vibrant Connections: Southwest will accommodate multiple transportation modes and ease of access for all residents.

Project Milestones

- Fall 2012 - Spring 2013: Pre-planning work for the Small Area Plan
- May 2013: Team Formation/Advisory Committee and Stakeholder Meetings
- September 2013: Public Kick Off Meeting at Arena Stage
- September-June 2014: Plan Development and Community Engagement
- June 2014: Draft Recommendations
- November 2014: Draft Plan released
- Winter 2015: Mayors Transmittal of Plan to Council



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