

VACANT TO VIBRANT DC

A FIVE-POINT ACTION PLAN THAT WILL TRANSFORM VACANT SPACE IN THE DISTRICT

Vacant to Vibrant DC is Mayor Muriel Bowser's five-point action plan that will transform vacant space in the inventory of the DC Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) into workforce housing and creative green and play space, and spur economic development.

Overview

Vacant to Vibrant DC expands Mayor Bowser's track record as a national leader and innovator who uses creative tools to produce and preserve affordable housing and create homeownership opportunities.

The city is setting the bar higher by using more of its assets to build pathways to homeownership for residents. Through Vacant to Vibrant DC:

- Over 40 sites in DHCD's property inventory will be transformed into nearly 70 units of workforce housing, representing over 150 residents.
- The city will spur more \$5 million in economic development for small businesses.

More Points

- **Action 1—Auctioning Off to Gain Affordability:** Thirty-three sites were auctioned by [Alex Cooper Auctioneers](#) to produce approximately 50 workforce housing units.
- **Action 2—Supporting Small Business to Spur Homeownership:** Participants in the [District's Certified Business Enterprise \(CBE\) program](#) will bid on contracts to turn up to eight sites into affordable housing.
- **Action 3—Building Homes Through HIP:** The Housing Investment Platform, an innovative program from the [DC Housing Financing Agency \(DCHFA\)](#) will turn two sites into workforce housing.
- **Action 4—Expanding Green Space:** This partnership with [Casey Trees](#) will expand and preserve green space in Ward 8.
- **Action 5—Seeing a Tiny Home in Action:** One site will house a tiny home demonstration and community education project in partnership with the [DC Students Construction Trades Foundation](#), featuring the Minim House built by students in the Academy of Construction and Design at IDEA Public Charter School in Northeast DC.

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Action 1
Auctioning Off to Gain Affordability

Action 2
Supporting Small Business to Spur Workforce Housing

Action 3
Building Homes Through HIP: DCHFA's Innovative Housing Investment Platform

Action 4
Expanding Green Space

Action 5
Seeing a Tiny Home in Action

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