

DRAFT FY2024 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN AMENDMENT

**EAST OF THE ANACOSTIA RIVER
NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION
STRATEGY AREA (NRSA)**

DRAFT FY2024 Annual Action Plan Amendment

East of the Anacostia River Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (NRSA)

Purpose and Benefit

The D.C. Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) proposes to designate areas in the city as Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Areas (NRSAs). This designation will allow the city to target Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding that supports economic and community revitalization efforts. A NRSA must be approved by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and consistent with the District's 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan (Con Plan). A HUD-approved neighborhood revitalization area is defined in the strategic planning regulations at 24 CFR 91.215:

“(g) Neighborhood Revitalization. Jurisdictions are encouraged to identify locally designated areas where geographically targeted revitalization efforts are carried out through multiple activities in a concentrated and coordinated manner. In addition, a jurisdiction may elect to carry out a HUD-approved neighborhood revitalization strategy that includes the economic empowerment of low-income residents with respect to one or more of its areas.”

In [Notice CPD-16-16: NRSAs in the CDBG Entitlement Program](#) HUD identified outcomes that an NRSA must achieve:

“HUD believes that no effort will succeed without the support of all of the community actors. Successful neighborhood revitalization strategies bring together a variety of stakeholders in cross-sector partnerships that:

- lay the groundwork for community growth.
- make neighborhoods attractive for investment.
- ensure that the benefits of economic activity remain in neighborhoods for long-term development.
- support the use of neighborhood intermediary institutions (e.g., Community Development Corporations [CDCs] and Community Development Financial Institutions [CDFIs]) to bridge gaps between local government agencies, the business community, community groups, and residents; and
- foster the growth of resident-based initiatives to identify and address their housing, economic, and human service needs.”

Background

DHCD, as the responsible CDBG Entitlement grantee, will continue to partner with existing subrecipients to implement an NRSA, targeting neighborhoods in Wards 7 and 8, known as “East of the River.”

The District described and proposed a NRSA in the [2022-2026 Consolidated Plan \(Con Plan\)](#) and [FY 2022 Annual Action Plan \(AAP\)](#) as required by the CDBG regulations at 24 CFR 91.215(g). The NRSA designation will create opportunity in distressed neighborhoods by stimulating the investment of human and economic capital and economically empowering low-income residents.

On July 10, 2021, DHCD opened a 30-day public comment period to conduct a needs assessment for the 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan (Con Plan) and FY 2022 Annual Action Plan (Action Plan). Both plans were finalized at the end of 2021 and can be viewed at <https://dhcd.dc.gov/node/1546921>.

On July 27, 2021, a public hearing was held for the Con Plan and Action Plan, proposed NRSA areas, and the regional analysis of fair housing impediments for fair housing choice. Residents and stakeholders were encouraged to participate in a discussion on policies and programs for the following issues:

1. Affordable Housing
2. Housing for Special Needs
3. Housing for People Experiencing Homelessness
4. Homeownership
5. Community Development
6. Public Services

DHCD received community feedback regarding the plans, fair housing, and the NRSA. These assessment activities resulted in the formal request to seek the designation for the East of the River NRSA in the 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan.

Proposed Neighborhood Revitalization Strategic Areas

Two areas located east of the Anacostia River (East of the River communities) in Wards 7 and 8 were designated as proposed Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Areas (NRSAs):

- I. The Far Northeast communities along the Minnesota Ave and Benning Rd corridors Ward 7.**
- II. Historic Anacostia (HA) NRSA (Ward 8)**

Both NRSAs align with District plans for revitalization, including the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Economic Development (DMPED), the Office of Planning, HUD, and the U.S. Department of Treasury (Treasury) as listed below and a map of the low to moderate income census tracts in the District is attached.

- a. [2021 Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital District](#) (Comp Plan)
- b. [District of Columbia’s Opportunity Zones](#) (D.C. Opportunity Zones)
- c. [HUD and Treasury Department Opportunity Zones](#) (Opportunity Zones)

I. The Far Northeast NRSA (FarNE) NRSA (Ward 7)

The Far Northeast (FarNE) NRSA is in Ward 7 along the Minnesota Ave and Benning Road corridor; Benning, Marshall, and Lincoln Heights surround the Central NE neighborhood. This NRSA is the home of community organizations such as Marshall Heights Community Development Organization (MHCDO), East of the River Family Strengthening Collaborative (East River), and the new home of So Other’s Might Eat (SOME) Conway Center on Benning Road. The census tracts for the FarNE NRSA include 77.04, 77.05, 77.06, 77.09, 96.01, 96.02, 96.03, 99.01, 99.02, 99.03, 99.04, and 99.05.

Historically, Ward 7 has been a blue-collar, middle-class community mostly composed of Black or African American residents. Below are some demographics for Ward 7, as found on the [Office of Planning’s Demographic Data Hub Data Analysis & Visualization Resources](#):

Ward 7 Demographics	
Population	91,997
African American	85.7%
White American	7.8%
Other Races	6.5%
*Ward 7 Median Household Income	\$56,044
Unemployment Rate	15.8%
Poverty Rate	25%

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 *Per HUD, the DC Median Income in 2024 is \$152,100.

This NRSA addresses economic and community development in the ward and is aligned with the District’s Comp Plan and Opportunity Zones. An analysis of the difference between the AMI for Ward 7 households and that of the District is almost \$100,000. In 2007, the District strategically located the District’s Department of Employment Services (DOES) headquarters next to the Minnesota Ave Metro Subway Station. Since then, development has expanded across Interstate 295 (I-295) and includes new housing, schools (the Caesar Chavis Public Charter School), and

healthcare (Unity Healthcare) in the Parkside community. DHCD has supported affordable housing at the Grove at Parkside, almost opposite DOES and the Minnesota Metro station. Lastly, the District’s Department of General Services (DGS) relocated to 3924 Minnesota Avenue, NE, Washington, DC 20019, just two blocks from the Minnesota Ave and Benning Road corridor.

In the FarNE/NRSA, the District has added affordable housing in the Burrville community, Residences at 5200 Hayes, The Strand Residences, and the Senior Housing community at 1100 Eastern Ave NE known as 11Hundred Apartments. In Deanwood (abutting Marshall Heights and the Dorothy Irene Heights library), the new rental community known as St. Stephen’s was created with land donated by the U.S. Park Service.

The NRSA development strategy for the East of the River includes housing and commercial development, entrepreneurial training, and infrastructure improvements. A combination of projects and program activities has been identified in the NRSA. There has been a significant amount of investment by DHCD’s affordable housing development partners in Ward 7, rehabilitating and creating new affordable housing opportunities:

DHCD Ward 7 Housing Communities¹		
Project Name	Project Address	Affordable Units
1100 Eastern Ave NE	1100 Eastern Ave NE, Washington, DC 20019	63
28th Place, SE	28th Pl SE Washington, DC 20020	14
Fort Chaplin Park	4212 East Capitol St NE, Washington, DC 20019	549
Deanwood Hills	5201 Hayes Street, NE, Washington, DC 20019	150
Amber Overlook	4922 Call Pl SE, Washington, DC 20019	32
Crawford Landing Townhomes	11 49th St SE, Washington, DC 20019	28
Kenilworth 166 Phase 1	166 Kenilworth Avenue NE, Washington, DC 20019	166
Worthington Woods Apartments	4419 3rd St SE, Washington, DC 20032	394
4701 Benning Road SE	4701 Benning Rd SE Washington, DC 20019	29
3450 Eads St. NE	3450 Eads St NE, Washington, DC 20019	49
Total		1,474

¹ Data sourced from [DHCD - DFD Pipeline](#)

II. Historic Anacostia (HA) NRSA (Ward 8)

The Historic Anacostia NRSA focuses on economic and community development on Martin Luther King Ave (MLK) and Marion Barry Avenue (formerly known as Good Hope Road²). The Far Southeast/Southwest Planning Area includes these roads and encompasses 10.1 miles, as stated in the Comp Plan's [Far Southeast/Southwest Area Element](#). This NRSA's interconnections include longstanding and historic neighborhoods, community organizations, and City services. MLK and Marion Barry Avenue cut through the Historic Anacostia neighborhood, while Fairlawn, Hillside, Sheridan, Randle Highlands, Garfield Heights, and Fort Stanton surround it. This area is home to Ward 8's dedicated community organizations, such as Anacostia Economic Development Corporation (AEDC), Anacostia Coordinating Council (ACC), Far Southeast Family Strengthening Collaborative (FSEFSC), and ARCH Development Corporation.

Along Marion Barry Avenue Road is the Anacostia Arts Center, a community-centered space for small businesses, art, culture, and the creative economy. It features a theater, café, and The Hive, an incubator program. Lastly, new community neighbors, part of the MLK Gateway Project Phase One, include a new sit-down restaurant: Kitchen Savages and Enlightened, Inc., a HUBZone information technology (IT) and management consulting firm. The Capital One Café straddles Good Hope Road and MLK Road at the intersection of the Anacostia Gateway, where phase two construction of the MLK Gateway project is occurring directly across the street from DHCD's Housing Resource Center (where University Legal Services SE office is co-located).

Historically, Ward 8 has been a blue-collar, middle-class community primarily composed of African Americans. It was the home of the city's most celebrated mayor, Marion Barry, and is home to historical sites such as Barry Farms, Uniontown, the St. Elizabeth campus, Cedar Hill, the home of Fredrick Douglass, and several National Park Sites. Below are some demographics for Ward 8, as found on the Office of Planning's Demographic Data Hub Data Analysis & Visualization Resources:

Ward 8 Demographics	
Population	88,050
African American	84.1%
White American	9.3%
Other Races	6.7%
*Ward 8 Median Household Income	\$42,697
Unemployment Rate	15.8%
Poverty Rate	28.7%

² Good Hope Road SE in Wards 7 and 8 was renamed Marion Barry Avenue on November 18, 2023, in honor of the four-time mayor, Marion Barry.

*Ward 8 Median Household Income \$42,697

*Per HUD, the DC Median Income in 2023 is \$152,100.

An analysis of the difference between the AMI for Ward 8 households and federal AMI is like that of Ward 7 but starker at almost \$110,000. In addition to DHCD, the HA/NRSA is home to the new offices of DMPED's Great Streets and New Communities Initiative programs, located at the "Gateway of the Historic Anacostia," defined as east of I-295 and east of the Anacostia River.

During the pandemic, the renovation of the Bread for the City Ward 8 service center was completed and included a DHCD investment of \$3.6 million in CDBG. This facility is the [Michelle Obama Southeast Center](#), a three-story community service center providing medical, dental, vision, and behavioral health services. In addition, their location houses a jobs center, food and clothing distribution centers, legal offices, social services offices, and a fitness center with a locker room and showers.

The District, through DHCD, has developed affordable housing along the MLK corridor. Within blocks of the agency sits [Maple View Flats](#), a 114 newly constructed affordable housing development with retail space, including Starbucks and a new George Washington University Health facility, Cedar Hill Urgent Care. Across the street and further down MLK is [The Clara](#), a mixed-use development with 81 affordable housing units. Both communities are blocks from I-295, major north-to-south transportation routes connecting Maryland, Virginia, and downtown DC.

DHCD has been centrally located in the heart of HA/NRSA at the Anacostia Gateway for fifteen years and will move into a new facility as part of the [Anacostia Gateway](#) phase two in the spring of 2024. Similarly, in late February 2024, DC Health will relocate from 899 North Capitol Street NE, Washington, DC 20002, to Historic Anacostia at 2201 Shannon Place SE, Washington, DC 20020.

Lastly, construction started on the [11th Street Bridge Park \(Bridge Park\)](#) in September 2023. This will be D.C.'s first elevated public park (like The High Line in New York City) and will cross the Anacostia River. The 11th Street Bridge connects Capitol Hill, the Navy Yard, historic Anacostia, and the Fairlawn neighborhoods. The Washington Navy Yard (a federal Naval Facility) and Anacostia Park (National Park Service) will connect the Bridge Park to Wards 6 and 8. The Bridge Park will be located on the piers of the old 11th Street Bridge, with a space for recreation, environmental education, and the arts. The census tracts for the HA/NRSA include 74.04, 74.05, 74.06, 74.07, 74.08, 75.04, 75.03, 76.01, 76.04, and 76.05.

Although not located in Anacostia, part of the Far Southeast/Southwest Area Planning Area, significant development in Congress Heights and Saint Elizabeth's campus has occurred. In mid-2023, The Retail Village at Sycamore & Oak was launched on Saint Elizabeth's campus. The space will be home to 13 local, Black-owned businesses that reside in neighborhoods nearby and is a 23,000-square-foot temporary retail and community complex.

On October 5, 2023, Making Homes Possible (MHP) broke ground on the Worthington Woods preservation housing project in Congress Heights in Ward 8. The District closed on this project in June 2023 using the Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program (Section 108). When completed, the

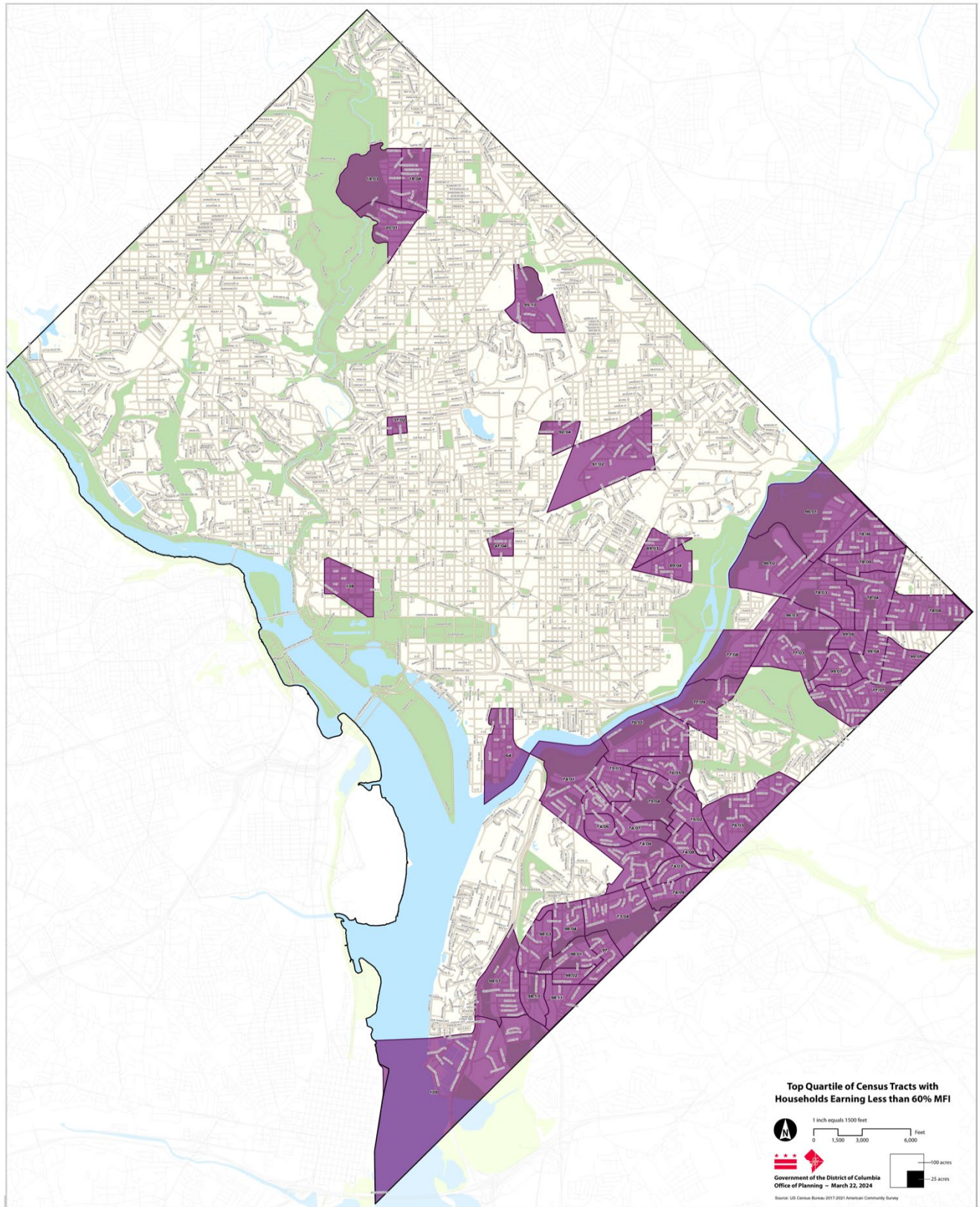
394-apartment home community will serve households at the 30%, 50%, and 60% MFI levels. The total development cost is \$133.7 million, of which DHCD provided \$38.8 million of Section 108 funds.

Like Ward 7, DHCD has made significant housing investments in Ward 8. Several of these affordable housing development communities are listed below.

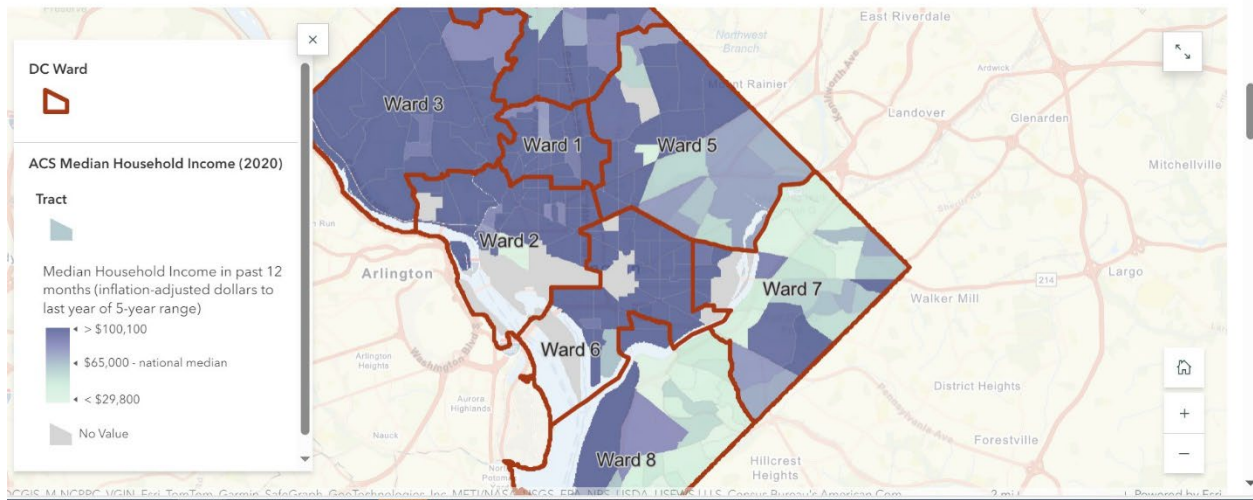
DHCD Ward 8 Housing Communities		
Project Name	Project Address	Affordable Units
The Bridge at 2442 MLK Jr. Ave	2442 Martin Luther King Jr Ave SE Washington, DC 20020	112
Anacostia Gardens Apartments	3600 Ely Pl SE, Washington, DC 20019	99
22 Atlantic Cooperative	22 Atlantic St SE Washington, DC 20032	15
Savannah Apartments II	3230 13th St SE, Washington, DC 20032	65
Mi Casa Rental Preservation Project (Phase I)	1847 Good Hope Rd SE, Washington, DC 20020	30
3719-3723 2nd Street SE	3723 2nd St SE, Washington, DC 20032	25
Historic Anacostia (2 new homes)	1928 15th St SE, Washington, DC 20020	2
Hanover Court	2412 Hartford St SE, Washington, DC 20020	41
Belmont Crossing Acquisition	4201 7th St SE, Washington, DC 20032	363
Pomeroy Gardens	2400 Pomeroy Rd SE, Washington, DC 20020	60
Stanton Square Apartments	2395 Pomeroy Rd SE, Washington, DC 20020	121
17 Mississippi Ave SE Apartments	17 Mississippi Ave SE, Washington, DC 20032	41
Cascade Park 9%	4297 4th St SE, Washington, DC 20032	73
Woodmont Crossing	2327 Good Hope Rd SE, Washington, DC 20020	176
Park Southern Apartments-Summer 2018	800 Southern Ave SE, Washington, DC 20032	334
Terrace Manor Apartments 2019 RFP	3301 23rd St SE, Washington, DC 20020	130
Belmont Crossing Redevelopment - Phase I	4201 7th St SE, Washington, DC 20032	169
Cascade Park 4%	4258 4th St SE, Washington, DC 20032	59
Villages of East River Apartments	1635 V St SE, Washington, DC 20020	202
2483 Alabama Ave SE	2483 Alabama Ave SE, Washington, DC 20020	86
Total Units		2203

Why NRSA?

The map on page 10, reflects the low to moderate census tracts in the District. Wards 7 and 8 have an overwhelming majority of the low to moderate income census tracts.



The map above reflects why the District chose the census tracts in Wards 7 and 8. Focused assistance is needed in these areas to assist the low to moderate income community. The map below is from <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/fa41e5dc4336473ca7420c1b96af5128>, which highlights the unequal access to resources for people living in Wards 7 and 8.



DHCD currently uses CDBG funding for the following activities district-wide; 25% of this funding supports activities in Wards 7 and 8:

1. Smalls Business Technical Assistance (SBTA)
2. One to One Housing Counseling (HC)
3. Group Housing Counseling/Housing Services
4. Façade Improvement (Storefront Improvement Program)
5. Home Purchase Assistance Program (HPAP)
6. Rental Rehabilitation of Multi-Family Developments

Designating Wards 7 and 8 as an NRSA would allow the District to invest CDBG funds into the community by benefiting from a relaxed statutory requirement for public service activities. CDBG funds used for public service activities are subject to a 15 percent statutory cap, Section 105 (a) (8) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. Examples of public service activities include but are not limited to:

- housing counseling,
- 100 percent downpayment assistance,
- subsistence payments,
- employment,

- crime prevention,
- childcare,
- health and drug abuse education,
- energy conservation,
- welfare or recreation needs if the unit of general local government did not provide such activities before starting.

DHCD provides Group Housing Counseling as the Agency’s sole Public Service activity, and the Agency funds Group Housing Counseling at the statutory budget cap. With an approved NRSA, the Agency could fund Group Housing Counseling based on need and not invest in the activity based on a statutory limit.

DHCD identifies the need for Group Housing Counseling based on the following factors:

1. Sections I and II of the NRSA showcase the income disparities between communities East of the Anacostia River and west of the Anacostia River.
2. Feedback from citizens and stakeholders.
3. The continued impact of COVID-19 identified by the District’s Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) is affecting our extremely low-income residents and seniors.

In addition, DHCD funds downpayment assistance programs using CDBG. CDBG can only fund up to 50 percent of a home buyer’s down payment per 24 CFR 570.201(n). However, once the NRSA is approved, DHCD could fund up to 100 percent of a home buyer’s down payment.

Potential Challenges

Below is a summary and list of conditions and challenges for the proposed NRSAs as stated in the District’s portion of the [Metropolitan Washington Regional Fair Housing Plan](#).³

Racially or Ethnically Concentrated Areas of Poverty (R/ECAPs)

R/ECAPs are areas with high poverty and non-White populations, defined by HUD based on census tract data. In Washington, D.C., poverty thresholds are adjusted due to lower poverty rates. Black individuals predominantly inhabit R/ECAPs in D.C. due to historical racial disparities. Residential location impacts health, education, crime exposure, and economic opportunities. Residential segregation exacerbates racial inequality. While concentrated poverty can lead to challenges, living in R/ECAPs may offer proximity to job centers and community support for immigrants. Identifying R/ECAPs helps understand segregation and poverty patterns.⁴ Census

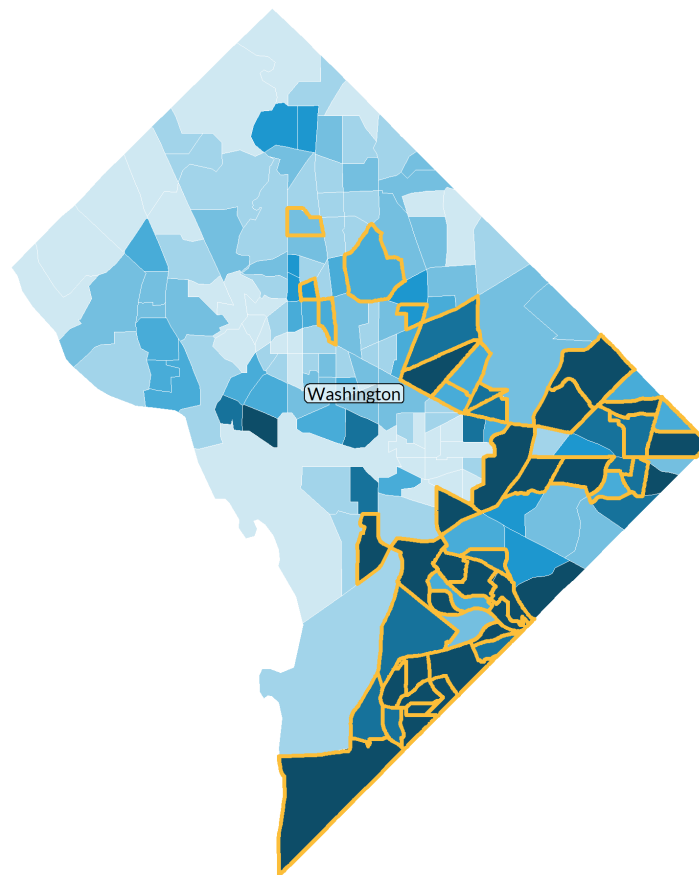
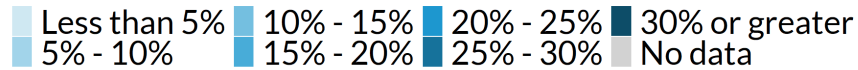
³ The Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (2023, November 5). *Metropolitan Washington Regional Fair Housing Plan*. Retrieved February 14, 2024, from https://www.mwcog.org/assets/1/28/DC_final_withcover1.pdf.

⁴ Pages 43-45 of *Metropolitan Washington Regional Fair Housing Plan*.

data from 2011-2016 highlights R/ECAPs (in the map below) in the Regional Fair Housing Plan (RAI), which demonstrates the concentration of poverty east of the river, where 95% of residents are Black⁵. Lastly, about 25 of the City's Opportunity Zones are in Wards 7 and 8.

Poverty Rates by Census Tract in District of Columbia

R/ECAPs Highlighted in Yellow



Source: 2015–2019 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

As discussed in the RAI a myriad of social, health and economic conditions are associated for residents living in R/ECAPs or economically and historically disadvantaged communities.

⁵ Page 48 of *Metropolitan Washington Regional Fair Housing Plan*.

Affordable Housing

Most households that hold a Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) are in Wards 7 and 8, where most of the city's affordable housing (publicly supported housing units) are already disproportionately located. A significant portion of the city's public housing is also sited east of the river.

Housing Conditions

On pages 114 to 120 of the RAI, HUD-designated housing problems are analyzed, which households of color in the District disproportionately experience. Households of color, including Black households in R/ECAPs such as the proposed NRSAs, are more likely to experience the following conditions:

1. Overcrowding
2. Lack of complete plumbing facilities
3. Lack of complete kitchen facilities
4. Housing cost burdens (50% or more of household income spent on housing)

Persons with Disabilities

A significant portion of adult DC residents with disabilities live in poverty, according to census data- 36.6%⁶ and most older adults with disabilities live in Wards 7 and 8⁷. Furthermore, these residents are disproportionately represented in publicly assisted affordable housing, particularly the HCV program and public housing, but not project-based Section 8 communities. See page 166 of old AI.

Building Conditions

A disproportionate amount of deteriorated and abandoned buildings is in Wards 7 and 8. ⁸ See below a map of the Department of Buildings (data)⁹ for the NRSAs.

⁶ <https://www.dchealthmatters.org/indicators/index/view?indicatorId=6553&localeId=130951>

⁷ Page 169 of the *Metropolitan Washington Regional Fair Housing Plan*.

⁸ Page 195 of the *Metropolitan Washington Regional Fair Housing Plan*.

⁹ https://dataviz1.dc.gov/t/OCTO/views/DOBPUBLICDashboard/VacantProperties?%3AshowAppBanner=false&%3Adisplay_count=n&%3AshowVizHome=n&%3Aorigin=viz_share_link&%3Aembed=yes&%3Atoolbar=no

AGENCY PERFORMANCE	PERMIT OPERATIONS	INSPECTIONS	VIOLATIONS AND ABATEMENT	ENFORCEMENT	VACANT PROPERTIES	DOB INDEX	CUSTOMER SERVICE
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* If you suspect a property to be vacant and it does not appear on the Vacant Building Map, please [click here](#) to Report an Inspection online so that its occupancy status may be confirmed.

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NRSA Goals for 2024

WE NEED AN INTRO STATEMENT consistent with the 2022-2026 Con Plan

The anticipated accomplishments and goals are listed in the table below.

Goal	Preserve Existing Supply of Affordable Housing Development
Lead Entity	DHCD
Goal Description	<p><i>“Preserve Existing Supply of Affordable Housing”</i> is accomplished in two ways, through rehabilitation and housing subsidies. Housing rehabilitation is a project where an <u>existing building/structure</u> is preserved for affordable housing to households earning less than 80 percent of the AMI. Rehabilitation project costs include, but are not limited to acquisition, hard costs, soft costs, finance costs, Green energy improvements, etc. Housing subsidies are financial tools used to make a unit affordable to the existing or potential occupant. Recipients of housing subsidies must earn 80 percent or less of the AMI. Preservation of existing supplies of affordable housing include owner occupied and/or renter occupied opportunities.</p> <p>Throughout this Consolidated Planning period, the Consolidated Notice of Funding Availability will prioritize projects that increase the stock of permanent supportive housing, housing for families, housing restricted to households who earn less than 50 percent of the area median income, housing for older adults, persons with disabilities, mentally ill, victims of domestic violence, persons with HIV/AIDS, and other underrepresented groups.</p>
2024 Goals	<p>Financing affordable housing developments in the NRSA.</p> <p>2023 Consolidated RFP allows for up to 25 points for development applications located in Ward 7 & 8.</p> <p>See page 43 in the 2023 Consolidated RFP for Affordable Housing, found at this link: https://dhcd.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/dhcd/publication/attachments/2023%20Affordable%20Housing%20RFP%2007282023_2.pdf</p>
Goal	Expand the Affordable Housing Stock
Lead Entity	DHCD
Goal Description	<p><i>“Expand the Affordable Housing Stock”</i> is accomplished in two ways, through new construction and housing subsidies. Housing new construction is a project where the District <u>creates</u> new affordable housing units for households earning less than 80 percent of the AMI. New construction project costs include, but are not limited to acquisition, hard costs, soft costs, finance costs, green energy installation, etc. Housing subsidies are financial tools used to make a unit affordable to the new occupant. Recipients of housing subsidies must earn 80 percent or less of the AMI. Expanding the affordable housing stock can include owner occupied and/or renter occupied opportunities.</p> <p>Throughout this Consolidated Planning period, the Consolidated Notice of Funding Availability will prioritize projects that increase the stock of permanent supportive housing, housing for families, housing restricted to households who earn less than 50 percent of the area median income, housing for older adults, persons with disabilities, mentally ill, victims of domestic violence, persons with HIV/AIDS, and other underrepresented groups.</p>
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Goal	Strengthen Homeownership/Tenancy Among Households Earning 80% or Less of AMI.
Lead Entity	DHCD
Goal Description	<p><i>“Strengthen Homeownership/Tenancy Among Households Earning 80% or Less of AMI”</i> Includes activities that increases access to homeownership and maintains homeownership for households earning 80 percent or less of AMI. Activities include, but are not limited to, financial assistance to purchase a home, rehabilitate a home (emergency repairs, repairs as a result of natural disaster emergencies, remove barriers to accessibility, weatherization, renewables deployment, and energy and water efficiency measures) housing/foreclosure prevention counseling education, and fair housing enforcement and education.</p> <p><i>“Strengthen Tenancy Among Households Earning 80 percent or Less of AMI”</i> refers to preventing homelessness and evictions. Activities include, but are not limited to, rent and utility assistance, tenant counseling/eviction prevention education, and fair housing enforcement and education. This goal also promotes funding for residents to exercise their right to purchase their property under DC’s local TOPA program. DHCD will also ensure Limited/No English Proficiency tenants understand their rights under the TOPA program and fair housing law.</p>
2024 Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct Housing Counseling Workshops Conduct Financial Literacy Workshops Conduct Homeownership Workshops Conduct Tenancy Workshops
Goal	Foster Small and Local Business Development
Lead Entity	DHCD
Goal Description	<p><i>“Foster Small and Local Business Development”</i> targets commercial revitalization efforts and support for energy-efficiency that reduces the cost-burden of small businesses, technical assistance that increases economic opportunity and greater access to capital for low- and moderate-income entrepreneurs that increase the diversity of business services and amenities. Funds are targeted to commercial corridors in low- and moderate-income neighborhoods.</p>
FY 2024 Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct Entrepreneurial training. Conduct Small Business management and training Conduct Small Business Counseling for Minority and Women Owned Businesses
Goal	Enhance/Improve Access to Amenities Near Affordable Housing
Lead Entity	DPW
Goal Description	<p><i>“Enhance/Improve Access to Amenities Near Affordable Housing”</i> targets neighborhood investments that provide safe and accessible pedestrian modes of transportation to persons with disabilities and the elderly from affordable housing communities to its neighborhood amenities and public transit. Activities may also promote crime prevention through environmental design standards, such as better street lighting or landscaping. These activities lead to added neighborhood amenities relevant to neighborhood residents that enhance the quality of life, increased economic opportunities, and support fair housing outcomes.</p>
FY 2024 Goals	Resurfacing/Redevelopment of Sidewalks and Infrastructure

Consultation

DHCD has held the following public hearings soliciting stakeholder feedback and cited the NRSA in the following documents. To date, there have been no objections. After a 15-day public comment period and publication of the document, additional stakeholder feedback will be solicited and summarized in this section.

Activity	Date	Time	Location	Page Numbers
2022-2026 Consolidated Plan & FY 2022 Annual Action Plan Needs Assessment Public Hearing	May 26, 2021	6:30 pm	Webex	N/A
FY 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan Surveys	July 1-July 15, 2021	N/A	Posted Online	N/A
2022-2026 Consolidated Plan & FY 2022 Annual Action Plan Public Hearing	July 27, 2021	6:30 pm	Online. https://dhcd.dc.gov/page/consolidated-plan-fy-2022-2026	N/A
FY 2023 Annual Action Plan Public Hearing	July 27, 2022	6:30 pm	https://publicinput.com/D56341	N/A
FY 2024 Annual Action Plan Needs Assessment Public Hearing	April 11, 2023	6:30 pm	https://publicinput.com/Portal/T1274#events or https://engage.dc.gov/F11500	N/A
FY 2024 Annual Action Plan Public Hearing	July 18, 2023	6:30 pm	Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Library 901 G Street Washington, DC 20001	N/A
2022-2026 Consolidated Plan	N/A	N/A	https://dhcd.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/dhcd/publication/attachments/HUD_PC_0.pdf	136, 138, 145
FY 2022 Annual Action Plan	N/A	N/A	https://dhcd.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/dhcd/publication/attachments/FY%202022%20Annual%20Action%20Plan.pdf	55
FY 2023 Annual Action Plan	N/A	N/A	https://dhcd.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/dhcd/publication/attachments/DHC_D%20Action%20Plan%20Public%20Comment.pdf	39, 59, 60