

MISSION STATEMENT

Capitalize on the incredible economic development potential of Poplar Point by transforming the site into an interconnected, world-class park system, by developing a sustainable community that strengthens and connects to existing neighborhoods, by establishing ecological functions, and by activating the waterfront with a range of experiences.

GOALS AND STRATEGIES

Create a World-class Park System

- Integrate continuous park space within Poplar Point into the larger Anacostia waterfront system
- Promote public safety
- Balance active and passive recreation opportunities
- Incorporate commemorative and cultural elements
- Provide interpretive and educational opportunities for the community and visitors
- Organize park amenities to emphasize existing features and restoration opportunities

Develop a Sustainable Community

- Ensure that proposed land uses benefit the community and economic health of Ward 8
- Orient development patterns around transit use, open space, walkability, and amenities
- Encourage bicycle and pedestrian mobility throughout the park and community
- Enhance connectivity with historic Anacostia and Barry Farm
- Celebrate both nationally and locally significant history, heritage, and culture
- Provide an economically viable mix of uses and amenities in each phase

Establish Ecological Functions

- Preserve highest quality wetlands
- Create or restore wetland habitat
- Enhance the ecological health of Stickfoot Creek
- Utilize state of the art “Green Building” principles
- Incorporate “Green Infrastructure” technology such as innovative stormwater reuse, filtration technologies, and energy-reduction measures
- Mitigate transportation-related impacts through Low Impact Development (LID) implementation strategies

Activate the Waterfront

- Connect existing neighborhoods to the water and incorporate amenities that serve local communities
- Create opportunities to incorporate regional attractions
- Link signature activities with the waterfront promenade
- Animate the riverfront with engaging development at appropriate locations
- Provide multiple opportunities for waterfront access and interaction
- Treat the waterfront edge in an environmentally sensitive manner