

Washington Canal Park

A new public park on the site of the historic Washington Canal in the heart of the revitalized Capitol Riverfront

Washington Canal Park will be the first public park built as part of the Anacostia Waterfront Initiative through a unique public-private funding arrangement. Located on three narrow blocks along the route of the historic Washington Canal near the new Nationals stadium, the site was once a canal that connected the Anacostia River to the U.S. Capitol and the Potomac River. Washington Canal Park will be the centerpiece of an emerging high density, mixed-use, development district that includes the new U.S. Department of Transportation headquarters and the Capper Carrollsburg neighborhood. The park's design celebrates the history of the Washington Canal in a contemporary landscape that incorporates state-of-the-art best practices to control urban storm water runoff.



INVESTMENT PROJECTIONS

Neighborhood Investment

- Park will be centerpiece for approximately 10,000 office workers and 2,000 new dwellings
- Park will provide a green pedestrian link between Capitol Hill and new SE Federal Center and Anacostia Rivertrail
- Replacement of three blocks of surface parking lots with gardens, water features, and sitting, play, and performance areas
- A contemporary design reflecting and interpreting the history of Southeast Washington and the Washington Canal
- Developed with the input of residents of Capper Carrollsburg and Capitol Hill neighborhoods
- Public art projects are being incorporated into park with support of the DC Commission on Arts and the Humanities

Economic Opportunities

- \$10 million dollars of construction contracts with minimum 35% LSDBE participation
- Creation of 40 construction jobs with hiring preferences given to residents of Wards 6, 7, and 8
- Professional park maintenance and management opportunities
- Projected to create at least 40 construction jobs

Environmental Sustainability

- One of five projects selected by the US-EPA nationwide to highlight innovation in urban infrastructure design
- Park is designed to minimize discharge of polluted water into the Anacostia River
- Park will feature native-type and low-maintenance plants suited to the park area and micro-climate

City-wide Benefits

- Enhanced tourism and pedestrian connectivity between Capitol Hill and new Capitol Riverfront in Southeast Washington
- Area near park is key destination for food and beverage retail activities before and after baseball games

PROJECT MILESTONES

2005	2007	2007	2008	2008
Pre-Development ~2.5 years		Construction 1 year		Operation Ongoing
<u>Milestones</u>		<u>Milestones</u>		<u>Milestones</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Design Competition • Project Design • Agency Review & Approvals • Public-Private Financing • Relocation of existing parking uses 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enjoyment by the public • Maintenance agreement

PROJECT PARTNERS

Development partners: William C. Smith & Co.; JBG Co.; DCHA; US Environmental Protection Agency
Design team: Gustafson Guthrie Nichol, Ltd; Jeff Lee and Associates (LSDBE)
Key government entities: DDOT; Office of Planning; NCPD; US Commission of Fine Arts; DCCA; DOE
Neighborhood groups: Canal Park Development Association; Friends of Garfield Park; ANC-6B