DC 2050

DC 2050 Comprehensive Plan

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Background

What is a comp plan?

- A comprehensive plan (comp plan) outlines a community's **long-range vision** and roadmap for growth and development.
- It guides where and how we build new housing, grow job opportunities, connect neighborhoods, preserve our rich history, and invest in public amenities.
- It includes **policies and priorities** for land, which guide the use, density, and form of buildings within the District, directly shaping the city as it changes and develops in the future.



DC 2050 Pop-Up at National Building Museum, October 2025

Background

DC 2050 Timeline

We anticipate releasing the draft plan for public comment in early 2027

Phase 1: Define Our Vision | March - August 2025
Gather public feedback on goals, priorities, and areas of interest for DC 2050.

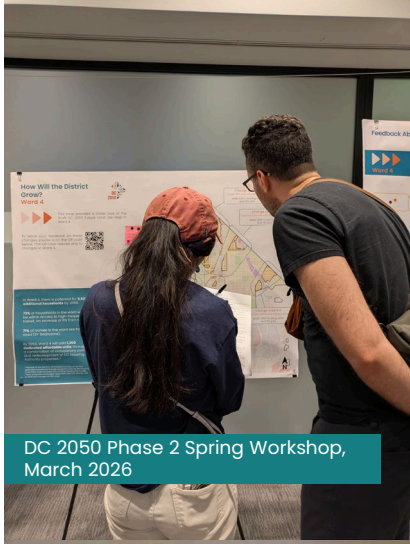
Phase 2: Explore Possible Futures | September 2025 – June 2026
Introduce and gather feedback on citywide growth scenarios.

Phase 3: Create Our Plan | October 2026 - June 2027
Introduce and collect public feedback on the draft of DC 2050.

We Are Here!

Phase 4: Legislative Approval | July 2027 - February 2028
DC Council, NCPC, and US Congress consider approval of DC 2050.

Phase 5: Make DC 2050 A Reality | 2028 – Future
District agencies, private sector, and the community take action to achieve the goals and priorities in approved DC 2050.



DC 2050 Phase 2 Spring Workshop, March 2026

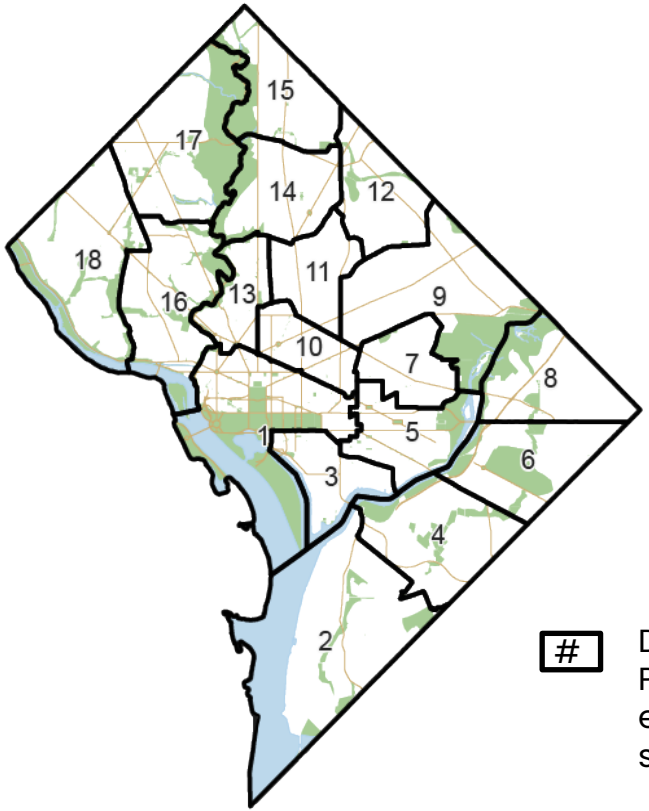

DC 2050 Listening Session (led by MLOV), April 2026

An Updated Small Area Planning Approach

Small Area Plans are an important tool for implementing the comprehensive plan. They advance community priorities for land use and economic development activity, public realm improvements, and neighborhood amenities.

As part of DC 2050, OP is looking at establishing small area plan boundaries that group neighborhoods together to cover larger areas.

Learn more by checking the storymap here.



DC 2050: 18 Planning Areas each to receive a small area plan

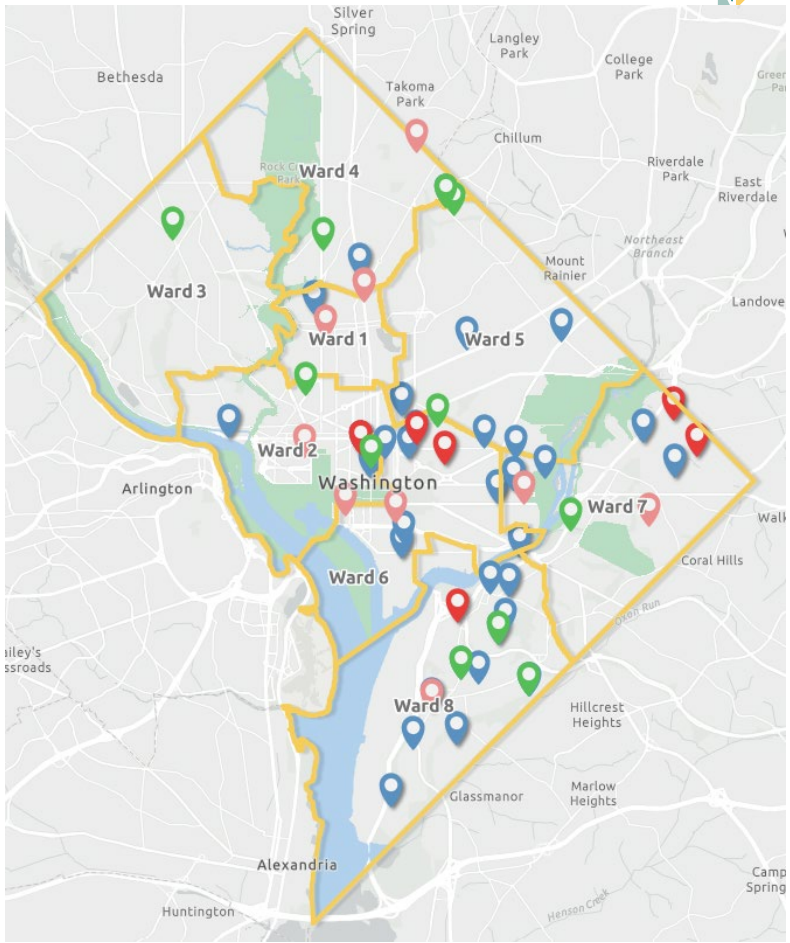
During Phase 2, OP has engaged more than **5,000 people** for the DC 2050 Comprehensive Plan

100+ in-person and online engagement events across all 8 wards including:

- **4 large workshops**
- **19 focus groups**
- **50+ briefings including ANCs and civic organizations**
- **20+ pop-ups and tabling**

OP awarded grants to 3 community-based organizations to help engage residents in Wards 5, 7, and 8 as well as residents who speak Spanish, Amharic, and Mandarin Chnese.

DC 2050 In-Person Engagement Events



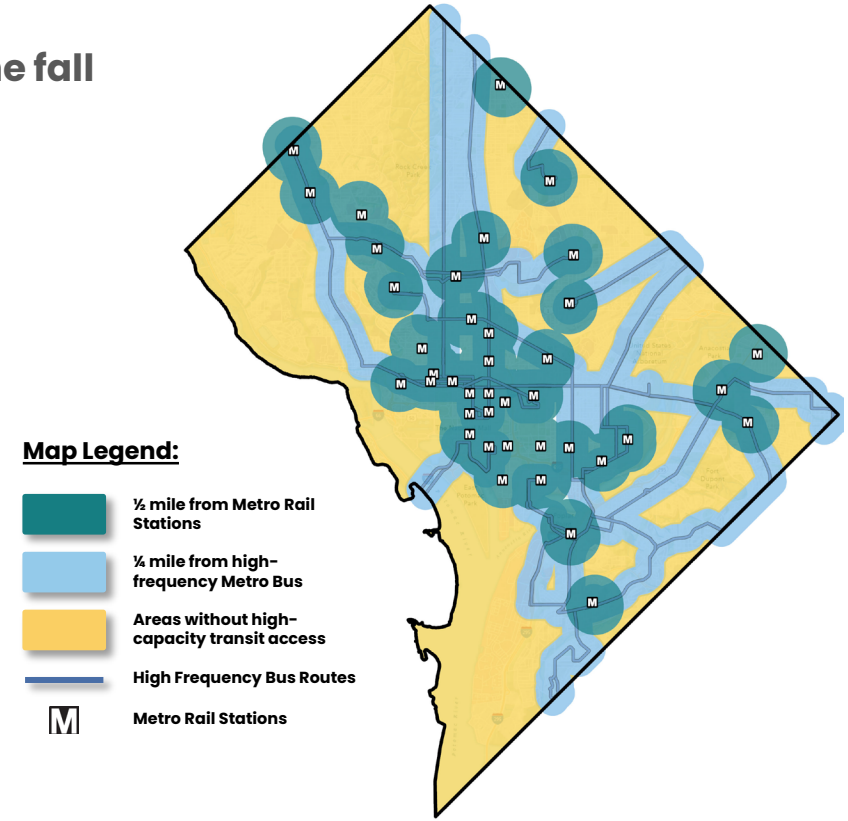
Phase 2 Findings – Growth Approaches

Among participants who shared feedback at the fall in-person and virtual workshops:

68% were in support of adding housing in **Downtown**

82% were in support of building up around **metro stations**

69% were in support of growing along **bus corridors**



Phase 2 Findings – Draft Future Land Use Map

At the citywide level:

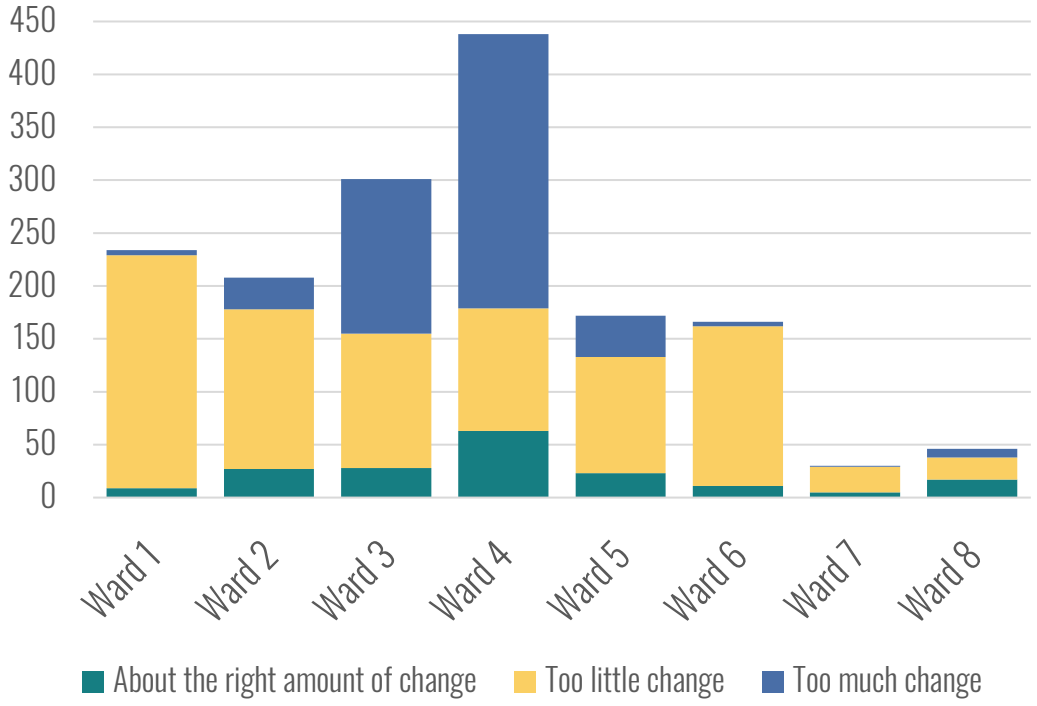
54% thought the draft map showed "too little change", noting:

- Concerns around housing becoming more expensive
- Desire for more mixed-use, accessible, and transit-oriented areas

28% thought the draft map showed "too much change", noting:

- Concerns about neighborhood character, infrastructure limits, and traffic issues.
- Questions whether more density would realistically make housing more affordable.

At the Ward level:



What's Next: Phase 3!

DC Office of Planning is hosting neighborhood tours and office hours this fall with an anticipated release of the draft plan in early 2027.

Neighborhood Tours:
(All tours will be held on Saturdays from 11-1)

10/24: Northeast Library

11/7: Turkey Thicket Recreation Center

11/14: Marshall Heights Community Development Organization

12/5: Cleveland Park Library

Office Hours: (virtual)

10/28, 12-1pm

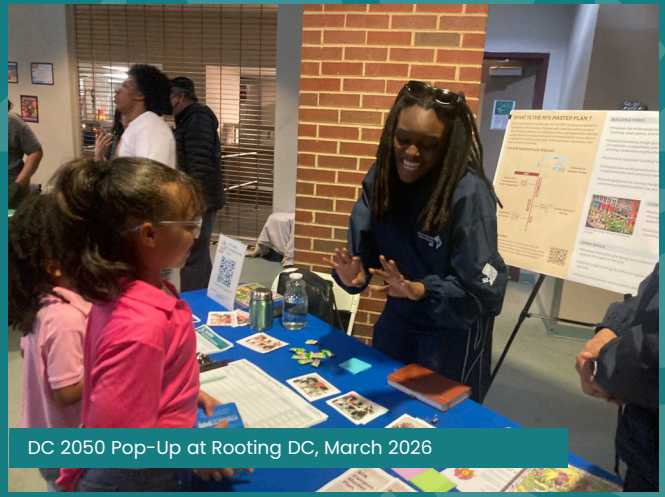
11/19, 6-7pm

12/2, 12-1pm

Scan the QR code to sign up for a neighborhood tour or a virtual office hours session !

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- Sign up for **DC 2050 newsletter.**
- Visit **DC2050.com** to view project resources and find additional ways to get involved.
- Follow our socials:
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DC 2050 Pop-Up at Rooting DC, March 2026



DC 2050 Phase 2 Spring Workshops, March 2026