## Waterfronts and the World's Great Capital Cities

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# Legacy of Urban Waterfronts in the World

### Waterfronts in industrial age:

- Economic engines commerce and trade
- Transportation/trade centers
- Immigration hubs

### Impacts:

- Environmental damages
- Restricted waterfront access
- Limited waterfront land uses









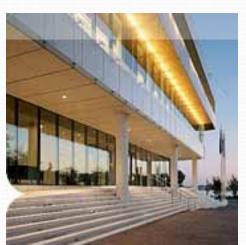
## Transformation of the Urban Waterfront

- Prime destinations entertainment, living, recreating, working.
- New waterfront access
- Restored environment
- Dynamic new neighborhoods
- Monumental civic spaces
- Enhanced open spaces and park connections
- Historic, cultural, and economic role of urban waterfronts















# The Past and Future of DC's Waterfront

### The Past: Washington as the Federal City

- Waterfront- fenced-off federal enclave
- 80% of the waterfront in public ownership
- Waterfront was a barrier across neighborhoods
- Limited recreation and accessible open space
- Environmental damage and loss of ecologic function









# The Past and Future of DC's Waterfront

### Future: DC as Waterfront City, Destination, Amenity

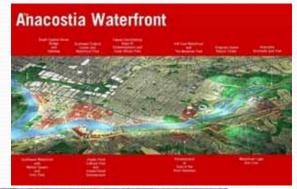
- Clean, accessible, amenity-rich waterfront
- City defined by waterfront and neighborhoods
- Connecting to and across neighborhoods

New economic functions: future hub for DC's Green

and Creative economies

 Recreation and open space systems

- Environmental and sustainability excellence
- Iconic architecture and design excellence











## Attributes of a Globally-Competitive City



#### Distinctive Neighborhoods and Districts

**Example:** Southeast / Capitol Riverfront Plan



#### Multiple Transportation Options, Including Transit

**Example: DC Circulator and Great Streets Program** 



#### A Walkable Urbanity

**Example:** Anacostia Riverwalk Trail









## Attributes of a Globally-Competitive City



#### Green and Sustainable Development Practices

**Example: AWI Environmental Standards** 



#### Shared Social and Economic Prosperity

**Example: AWI Affordability Requirements** 



#### Quality Environments and Access to Nature

**Example: Proposed Canal Blocks Park, Capitol Riverfront SE** 













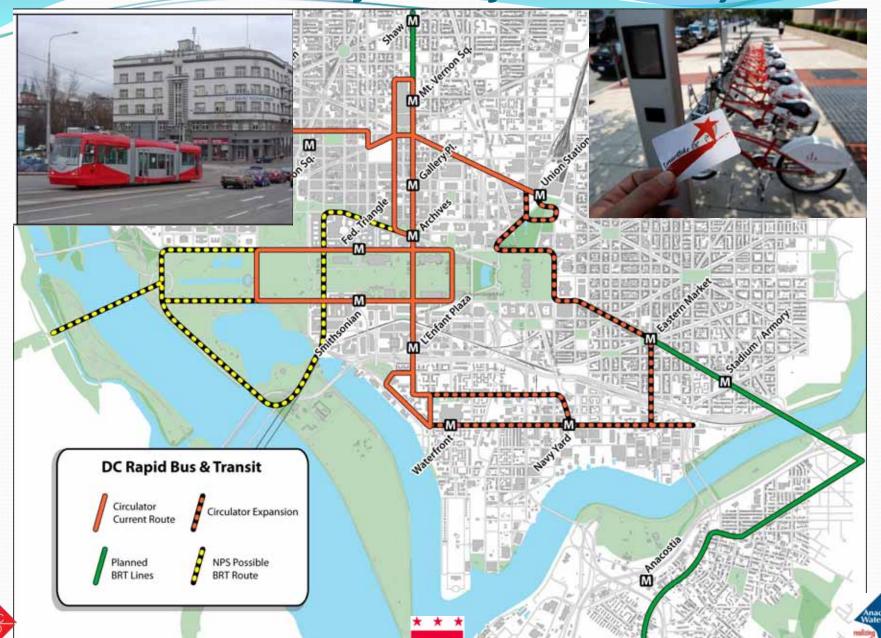
# **Distinctive Neighborhoods**







## The Future of Waterfront Mobility





## **Transportation & Development:**

#### **Premium Service for Transit Riders**

### Technological Innovation

- Launch of mobile device application for DC's Circulator Route – information in the user's hand (example of a quick launch, cost effective version)
- Integrated real time information

#### Multi-Modal Transportation Hubs

- Convergence of multiple lines/routes, modes and activity
- Locally and/or regionally significant
- Seamless transfers among and across modes
- Complete and real time information available
- Opportunity for increased retail activity









# The Future of Waterfront Mobility

#### **Banneker Overlook**

- Multi-modal transportation center for National Mall and Waterfront area destinations
- Potential facility for tour bus, commuter bus and private vehicle parking with premium amenities such as advanced reservations, driver waiting area and real time information
- Memorial opportunity
- Gateway between Mall and Waterfront









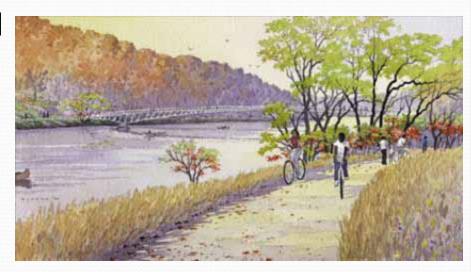




# Walkable Waterfront Urbanity

### **Anacostia Riverwalk Trail**

- A \$50 million, 20-mile multiuse trail along the east and west banks of the Anacostia River
- Connects major AWI and community destinations
- Recreation and mobility amenity
- Currently under phased construction









## **Quality Environments & Access to Nature**

## **Washington Canal Park**

- Centerpiece for approximately 10,000 office workers and 2,000 new dwellings
- Green pedestrian link between Capitol Hill and new Federal Center, SE and Anacostia Riverwalk
- Replaces three blocks of surface parking lots with gardens, water features, and sitting, play, and performance areas









# The Future of DC's Waterfront







# Thank You

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# Questions?

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