



**District of Columbia Government  
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A  
Agenda for March 13, 2025**



**Second (2<sup>nd</sup>) Thursdays at 7:00 pm**

**Virtual Meeting via Zoom**

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**Public Meeting - All are welcome**

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| 7:00 pm | <b>Call to order</b>  |               |
| 7:01 pm | <b>Adoption of Agenda and Approval of Minutes</b>   |               |
| 7:02 pm | <b>Community Presentations</b><br><b>Zoning Regulation Change Affecting Ability to License Group Homes for Foster Youth over the Age of 18</b><br>Priscilla Hall, Resource Development Specialist, Office of Planning, Policy and Program Support, Child and Family Services Agency |               |
| 7:20 pm | <b>RiverSmart Homes - DC's Residential Stormwater Management Program</b><br>Skye Webster, RiverSmart Homes Environmental Protection Specialist, Department of Energy & Environment  |               |
| 7:45 pm | <b>Consent Agenda</b><br><b>Transportation and Public Space (TPS)</b><br><b>Recommendation:</b> ANC 6A and ANC 6B send a joint letter to DDOT requesting a traffic study around Lincoln Park.   | <b>pg. 47</b> |
| 7:50 pm | <b>Officer Reports</b><br>1. Accept Treasurer's Report  | <b>pg. 49</b> |
| 7:55 pm | <b>Standing Committee Reports:</b><br><b>Community Outreach (COC)</b><br>1. No report. Committee did not meet in February 2025.<br>2. Next meeting: March 24, 2025 (4 <sup>th</sup> Monday)   | <b>pg. 52</b> |
| 8:00 pm | <b>Alcohol Beverage and Cannabis (ABC)</b><br>1. No report. Committee did not meet in February 2025.<br>2. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, March 25, 2025 (4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday)   | <b>pg. 53</b> |
| 8:05 pm | <b>Transportation and Public Space (TPS)</b><br>1. Accept February 2025 committee report.<br>2. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, March 17, 2025 (3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday)   | <b>pg. 54</b> |
| 8:10 pm | <b>Economic Development and Zoning (EDZ)</b><br>1. No report. Committee did not meet in February 2025.<br>2. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, March 19, 2025 (3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday)   | <b>pg. 56</b> |



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- 8:15 pm      **New Business** **pg. 57**  
**Suggested Motion:** ANC 6A send an official Letter of Appeal to the Director of OANC asking for reconsideration of the denial of ANC 6A's 2024 grant of \$1,000 to Guerilla Gardeners. The purpose of the grant was to hold a public, community event to plant Tulips around the periphery of Sasha Bruce House. The appeal letter should capture the public benefits of this grant.
- 8:20 pm      **Single Member District reports** (2 minutes each)
- 8:35 pm      **Community Comments** (2 minutes each)
- 8:50 pm      **Adjourn**



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### Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A Minutes Zoom Meeting February 13, 2025

**Present:** Commissioners Dave Wethington, Amber Gove, Mike Velasquez, Roberta Shapiro, and Paul Spires were present. Commissioners Jeff Giertz and Stephen Kolb were absent.

The meeting convened virtually via Zoom at 7:25 pm - there was a technical Zoom glitch which caused a delay.

Commissioner Dave Wethington called the meeting to order and noted the presence of a quorum. The minutes for the ANC 6A January 2025 meeting were accepted subject to any minor or technical corrections approved by the Secretary and the agenda for the February 2025 meeting was accepted by unanimous consent.

The community received meeting notice via listservs, the Hill Rag, ANC website, X, and Facebook.

#### **Consent Agenda:**

The following items were adopted by unanimous consent:

#### **Community Outreach (COC) Alcohol Beverage and Cannabis (ABC)**

- ANC 6A protest the license application of Dumpling Hot Pot Beyond, (ABRA-126111) unless a Settlement Agreement is reached between the ANC and the license applicant prior to the protest deadline. Committee member Blumenthal is appointed to represent the ANC along with the Chair and Vice Chair of the ANC.
- ANC 6A protest the license application of Dreamy DC (ABRA-130754) unless a Settlement Agreement is reached between the ANC and the license applicant prior to the protest deadline and ABCA confirms applicant is within allowed distance from another licensed establishment. Committee member Blumenthal is appointed to represent the ANC along with the Chair and Vice Chair of the ANC.
- ANC 6A send a letter to the Chair of the City Council, with copies to all members of the Council and the Mayor, requesting the city council to pass legislation creating a provision for a moratorium zone for cannabis licenses equivalent to the provision for a moratorium zone for alcohol licenses.

#### **Transportation and Public Space (TPS)**

- ANC 6A send a letter to DDOT in support of the planned street closures for the 2025 Capitol Hill Classic.
- ANC 6A send a letter to DDOT requesting all-way stops and other traffic calming along Tennessee Avenue from D, 14<sup>th</sup> & E Streets.
- ANC 6A send a letter to DDOT requesting they extend the protected bike lane project at 14th and H Streets south through Maryland Avenue and also examine ways to prioritize the B2 bus in this area.



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- ANC 6A send a letter to DDOT requesting they expand the FY25Q2
- prioritization of 11th and F Street NE to re-examine traffic calming along 11th Street NE from Florida Avenue to East Capitol Street.
- ANC 6A send a letter to DDOT in support of the Maury Color The Curb project (and that the art have some connection to the color the curb from Hill Family Biking).
- ANC 6A send a letter to DDOT suggesting and requesting safety improvements to the 16th Street/C Street/North Carolina Avenue NE corridor.
- ANC 6A send a letter to DDOT requesting they expand the FY25Q2 prioritization of 14th Street and Ames Place NE to calm traffic along 14th Street from North Carolina Ave to East Capitol Street.

### Economic Development and Zoning (EDZ)

- Recommendation: ANC 6A to send a letter of support to the BZA re: case 21254: Request for Special Exceptions from the:
  - (a) The minimum vehicle parking requirements of Subtitle C § 701
  - (b) The rear yard requirements of Subtitle G § 207.1
  - (c) The eating and drinking establishment use requirements of Subtitle H §6007.1(e)(2)
  - (d) The fast-food establishment use requirements of Subtitle U § 513.1(f) to combine five lots (2 facing H street NE, 3 facing alley) and convert to a retail and eating and drinking establishment use an existing, semi-detached, mixed-use building in the NMU-4/HA and MU-4 zones.
- ANC 6A to send a letter of support to the BZA re: case 21253: Request for Special Exceptions from the
  - (a) The rear addition requirements of Subtitle E § 207.5
  - (b) The lot occupancy requirements of Subtitle E § 210.1to construct a two-story plus cellar rear addition, to an existing, attached, two-story with cellar, principal dwelling unit in the RF-1 zone.
- ANC 6A to send a letter of support to the DOB and the BZA re: case 20554A: Request for Time Extension, asking them to expedite requests associated with bringing the facility at 1022 Maryland Avenue NE into compliance with updated zoning regulations, given Sasha Bruce Youthwork's commitment to working with the community liaison committee on any ongoing plans related to the building, particularly any external work.

### Officer Reports:

1. Commissioner Roberta Shapiro reported that as of February 10, 2025 the National Capital Bank signature cards are fully executed and ANC 6A will soon be able to execute electronic payments. As of February 1, 2025 OANC was withholding about \$8,000 in allotment funds from ANC 6A due to stale or uncashed checks or lack of documentation for expenditures. Because of this, there was a discrepancy of \$1,562.65 between the bank's balance and funds reflected as available in OANC's system. After working with an OANC staff member, the Commissioner has been able to reduce the discrepancy to only \$1. OANC is withholding \$6,870 from ANC 6A's allotments due to mis-documented grants but the Commissioner believes most of that has been cleared up and will be distributed. As of February 11, the





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balance at NCB is \$20,734.68 and there is \$100.05 in savings. The Treasurer's report was approved by unanimous consent.

2. Commissioner Wethington moved and Commissioner Amber Gove seconded the motion that ANC6A approve the Fiscal Year 2025 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Report. The motion passed 5-0.
3. Commissioner Wethington moved and Commissioner Gove seconded the motion that ANC 6A approve the amended Fiscal Year 2024 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report. The motion passed 5-0.
4. Commissioner Wethington moved and Commissioner Gove seconded the motion that ANC 6A approve the amended Fiscal Year 2024 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Report. The motion passed 5-0.

### **Standing Committee Reports:**

#### **Community Outreach (COC)**

3. The January 2025 committee report will be submitted soon.
4. Next meeting: February 24, 2025 (4th Monday)

#### **Alcohol Beverage and Cannabis (ABC)**

1. The January 2025 committee report was accepted by unanimous consent.
2. The Committee recommended and Commissioner Mike Velasquez seconded the motion that ANC 6A send a letter of support for a stipulated Class C restaurant license for Tigo's at 1322 H Street NE (ABCA-130994).  
Tigo's is a Peruvian chicken restaurant that has recently changed management; the new management team does not intend to change the hours of operation or add a sidewalk café, but they do want to start selling alcohol to compliment the newly extended menu. The establishment asked for a delivery and carry-out endorsement, meaning that customers would be able to add alcoholic drinks to their to-go and delivery food orders. The motion passed 5-0.
3. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, February 25, 2025 (4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday)

#### **Transportation and Public Space (TPS)**

1. The January 2025 committee report was accepted by unanimous consent.
2. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, February 18, 2025 (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday; usually 3rd Monday)

#### **Economic Development and Zoning (EDZ)**

1. The January 2025 committee report was accepted by unanimous consent.
2. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, February 19, 2025 (3rd Wednesday)

#### **New Business**

1. Commissioner Shapiro moved and Commissioner Gove seconded the motion that ANC 6A approve edits to the ANC 6A grant application documentation, including clarification of grantee responsibilities and update to contact information.

After working to recover the distributed grant funds from last year, the Commissioner feels it would be useful to make the reporting and documentation requirements clearer to the grantee at the time of application. The 60-day report, 90-day report, interim reports and granular level of payment documentation need to be made clear, as should the stipulation that the ANC can call back the funds if this documentation is not provided. The motion passed 5-0.



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- Commissioner Wethington moved and Commissioner Paul Spires seconded the motion that ANC 6A authorize Commissioner Dave Wethington (6A05) to submit written testimony on behalf of the Commission to the DC Council Committee on Transportation and the Environment regarding sidewalk safety and other DDOT related public safety concerns in ANC 6A. <https://lims.dccouncil.gov/hearings/hearings/666>

### Commission Business

#### Single Member District reports

Commissioner Spires (6A01) reported the occurrence of petty crime, specifically on the intersection of 12<sup>th</sup> and I Streets. There is a potentially blighted property that has been damaged and package thefts continue to be a problem. There is some success with storefronts - Hiraya has a Valentines Day menu this weekend and On the Rocks will soon be opening their third floor. Sunday morning meetups are keeping the neighborhood clean and the Commissioner hopes the weather holds up for neighbors to do the cleanups outside.

Commissioner Velasquez (6A02) noted a spat of tire thefts and an arrest made for the shooting and subsequent death across from Pilgrim Baptist Church; community impact statements are being solicited. The Commissioner is impressed with DPW's trash collection after the snow, especially after their struggle during the last storm.

Commissioner Shapiro (6A03) attended a frustrating webinar with DPR; \$1.4M had been allocated over a year ago to external capital improvements at Sherwood Recreation Center; after a year construction started but it is taking a very long time to complete the project. The tennis and basketball courts have been resurfaced but lines have not been repainted and they will not be open for use until May. Playground repairs are delayed until mid-March. The field surface has been redone and the soccer field is ready. The budget currently is \$1.3M, \$100K lower than the allocation, and the Commissioner hopes this will be used for landscaping. The Commissioner also reported that someone has removed 'no parking' signs that DDOT had put up on F Street to assist with a difficult alley egress; DDOT came back out to stripe the area and install new signs only to be removed again. DDOT has now come back again and installed bollards. The Commissioner is also working on having DPW do an area-wide repair or replacement of damaged or missing trash can lids to prevent rodents.

Commissioner Gove (6A04) reported that several traffic calming measures will be installed where Ronnie Clark was killed at 16<sup>th</sup> and C Streets as well as a study of the corridor in the spring. This Saturday there will be a Hill Family Biking event from Stanton Park to Sherwood to Rosewood. MPD and DPW collaborated to find and boot a high-ticket vehicle and the Commissioner recommends all other Commissioners report these types of vehicles to DPW.

Commissioner Dave Wethington (6A05) noted that there continues to be a water problem from the snow and salt at 13<sup>th</sup> Street NE and Duncan Place NE - the water surfaces then freezes, becoming a dangerous area; Councilmember Allen has gotten involved again. The Commissioner listened to the recent ABCA training and recommends it and passed along some notes from MOCR Marcus Manning: Cedar Hill Hospital in SE DC is set to open on April 15; there are tax services



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available at [www.disb.dc.gov](http://www.disb.dc.gov); Mayor Bowser conducted a press event of the Rental Act which helps protect affordable housing and strengthen local housing.

### Community Comment

Ms. Jen DeMayo announced that it is oversight season and there are several hearings still scheduled, more information here: Hearing at: <https://lims.dccouncil.gov/hearings/>

The Council anticipates a potential increase in federal workers who might lose their employment and has been proactively checking in with the Department of Employment Services to see if the unemployment insurance portal is prepared for this potential increase and for the plethora of questions and concerns they will soon receive. There are two important tax benefits that residents and businesses should be aware of: DC parents who earn between \$50K-\$60K or less are eligible for a tax return through the Federal and DC earned income tax credit simply through filing their taxes. Small and local businesses in the district can check if they are eligible for \$10K rebate based on property taxes.

Earned Income Tax Credit info: <https://eitc.dc.gov/>

Small business tax rebate: <https://otr.cfo.dc.gov/page/small-retailer-property-tax-relief-credit-frequently-asked-questions-faqs>

This week Councilmember Allen reintroduced his fair housing practices bill, which would ban large apartment buildings from assessing common area usage fees outside of lease agreements. Ms. DeMayo can be reached at [jdemayo@dccouncil.gov](mailto:jdemayo@dccouncil.gov)

Community member Ashley Blake reported that Free DC is planning a Ward 6 kickoff meeting on Sunday, March 2, 2025 and there will be more information and social media posts to come.

Community member Leigh Simms shared concerns about H Street business closures and would like more information.

The meeting adjourned at 8:48 pm.



## **Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A Community Presentations**



### **Zoning Regulation Change Affecting Ability to License Group Homes for Foster Youth over the Age of 18**

Priscilla Hall, Resource Development Specialist, Office of Planning, Policy and Program Support, Child and Family Services Agency

### **RiverSmart Homes - DC's Residential Stormwater Management Program**

Skye Webster, RiverSmart Homes Environmental Protection Specialist, Department of Energy & Environment





**Welcome**  
**CFSA ANC Presentation**



**CFSA petitioned  
before the  
Zoning  
Commission to  
Amend the  
definition of a  
Youth  
Residential Care  
Home**





## Child and Family Services Agency

CFSA is the District agency responsible for:

- Child welfare
- Care and placement of the District's foster children



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In the District, children can remain in foster care until age 21

Generally, until they

1. Attain Permanency
2. Leave Foster Care
3. Age out (turn 21)



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While in care, we provide  
our older youth with:

Opportunities to develop  
life skills

Gain access to housing

Supports to make their  
transition into adulthood



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## Current Zoning Barrier

CFSA licenses youth  
residential facilities  
for youth in care  
under the **Youth  
Residential Facilities  
Licensure Act of  
1986**

In this act, the  
definition of a child is  
**inclusive** of foster  
children under the  
age of 21

Before CFSA can  
license a group  
home, it needs a  
**Certificate of  
Occupancy** from the  
Department of  
Buildings.

In 2023, DOB  
informed CFSA that it  
**could not** issue a  
**Certificate of  
Occupancy** for group  
homes serving foster  
youth between the  
ages of 18 and 20

DOB said the zoning  
definition of youth  
residential care home  
**only** applies to  
individuals under the  
age of 18.

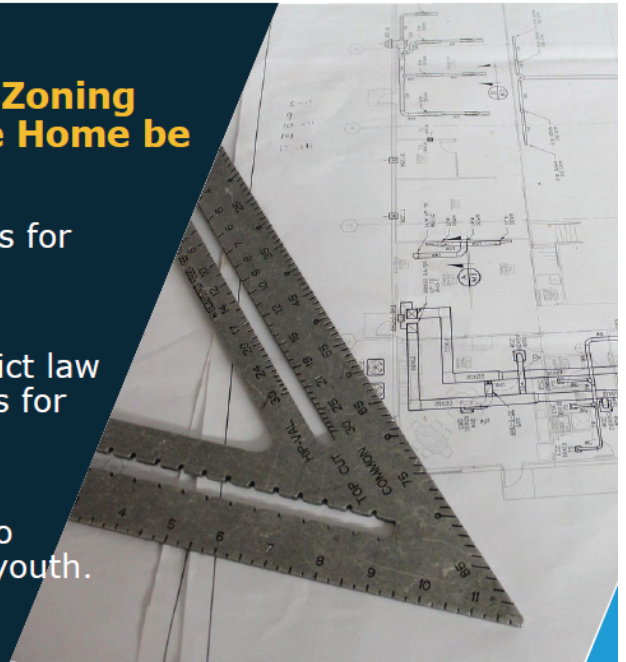
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## Why is CFSA requesting that the Zoning Definition of Youth Residential Care Home be amended?

- Allow CFSA to continue licensing group homes for older youth.
- It will align the Zoning Regulations with District law which allows for the licensure of group homes for older youth.
- It will allow CFSA to fulfill its statutory duty to provide for the care and well being of foster youth.



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## Youth Residential Care Home

### Current Definition

- A facility providing safe, hygienic, sheltered living arrangements for one (1) or more individuals less than 18 years of age, not related by blood, adoption, or marriage to the operator of the facility, who are ambulatory and able to perform the activities of daily living with minimal assistance.

### Proposed Definition

- A facility providing safe, hygienic, sheltered living arrangements for one (1) or more children, not related by blood, adoption, or marriage to the operator of the facility, who are ambulatory and able to perform the activities of daily living with minimal assistance. **For purposes of this definition, a child means any individual who is: a. Under 18 years old; or b. 18 to 20 years of age and in the care and custody of the Child and Family Services Agency or its successor agency**



**CFSA Needs Your Support**

**Help Us Help Our Older  
Youth in Care**

**They ARE The FUTURE!**

**THANK YOU**







## Do You RENT OR OWN? BECOME A RIVERSMART HOME!



## SIGN UP TODAY!

Sign up for **RiverSmart Homes** and help reduce the amount of pollution going to the Anacostia, Potomac, & Rock Creek.

Get your **FREE** assessment and qualify for native plant gardens, rain barrels, shade trees, or hard surface removal.



SCAN TO VIEW APPLICATION

[bit.ly/riversmarthomesapplication](https://bit.ly/riversmarthomesapplication)





# RIVERSMART HOMES

## WHAT IS RIVERSMART HOMES?

RiverSmart Homes is a District-wide program offering incentives to residents to reduce stormwater runoff from their properties. Residents receive a stormwater assessment to determine their eligibility for financial and technical assistance to install one or more of the following features: rain barrels, shade trees, rain gardens, BayScaping (native plant garden), permeable pavers, and re-vegetation. This program is administered by the Department of Energy and Environment (DOEE).

## STORMWATER RUNOFF AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Stormwater runoff is rainwater that flows off impervious surfaces (rooftops, parking lots, patios, etc.) into sewers and streams, picking up pollutants like debris, chemicals, oil, lawn fertilizer, bacteria, and pet waste.

## BENEFITS OF RIVERSMART HOMES

### To the participants

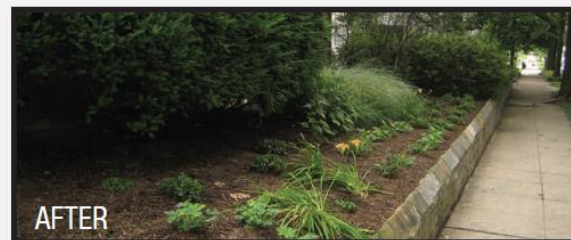
- Beautifies your home
- Saves on your utility bills
- Improves yard drainage

### To the District

- Improves the quality of local streams and waterways
- Minimizes use of herbicides, pesticides and fertilizer
- Stabilizes soils to reduce erosion

## WANT TO BECOME A RIVERSMART PARTICIPANT?

1. Apply by completing an online application at [bit.ly/riversmarthomesapplication](https://bit.ly/riversmarthomesapplication) or by calling (202) 535-2252.
2. Have a site assessment conducted to determine what features are appropriate for your home
3. Let DOEE know what features from your audit you want installed
4. Work with DOEE partners to have your features installed
5. Maintain and enjoy your features







# RIVERSMART HOMES

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### Am I eligible for the RiverSmart Homes program?

All residential homes in the District with four units or fewer are eligible to participate. Renters who have permission from their landlord are eligible to apply for the program as well. Some homes that have already participated in the program may not be eligible for additional funding.

### Is becoming a RiverSmart Home going to cost me money?

Participants make a co-payment for each of the following RiverSmart Homes features installed on their properties (DOEE subsidizes the rest of the cost). The co-payments are as follows:

- Rain barrels = \$50 per rain barrel, depending on rain barrel type (limit two)
- Shade trees = \$0 per shade tree (no limit)
- Rain gardens = \$100 per 50 sq. ft. of rain garden (limit two depending on audit recommendation)
- BayScaping = \$100 per 120 sq. ft. of BayScaping (limit two depending on audit recommendation)
- DOEE provides a rebate of up to \$15/sq.ft. for removing and replacing impervious surface with permeable pavers and/or a \$8/sq.ft. rebate for removing and replacing impervious surface with vegetation. Only properties within the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4), Ward 7, and Ward 8 are eligible for this rebate. For eligible properties, there is a rebate limit of \$6,000.

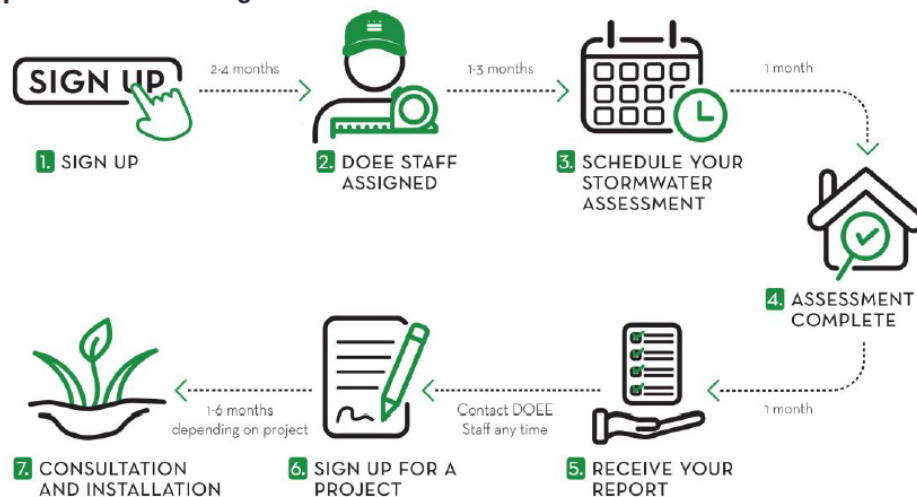
### How and when do I make a co-payment for my RiverSmart Home feature?

Participants make co-payments directly to the nonprofit partner or contractor coordinating the installation of your RiverSmart Home feature. The timeline for these co-payments will vary by feature.

### How long does it take to become a RiverSmart Home?

After an audit of your property (see below for audit details) is completed, contractors should complete work on your property on average within six to eight months.

### What is the process of becoming a RiverSmart Home?





# RAIN BARRELS

Rain barrels capture and store the rainwater running off a rooftop. The harvested rainwater can be stored for later use, released slowly over time, or used immediately for watering lawns and landscaped areas, or washing cars.

RiverSmart Homes offers two types of rain barrels for installation: RainGrid's RiverSides rain barrel and StormWorks' Hydra rain barrel. These barrels are enclosed to eliminate the chance for mosquitoes to breed and have an overflow port to move excess water away from the foundation of your house. If you are interested in installing a different rain barrel, please see information about the Rain Barrel Rebate Program on the back of this flyer.



- 132-gallon capacity
- Made with recycled plastic & UV-treated to resist fading, warping, and cracks
- Includes spigot and 30-foot soaker hose
- Diverter box to bypass or collect rainwater depending on season/need
- Weighs approximately 35 lbs. when empty
- 116-gallon capacity
- UV-treated to resist fading, warping, and cracks
- Includes spigot and 30-foot soaker hose
- Automatic overflow connection
- Manual diverter to bypass or collect rainwater depending on season/need
- Weighs approximately 58 lbs. when empty

**\$50 co-payment per rain barrel (limit two per property)**

## MAINTAINING YOUR RAIN BARREL

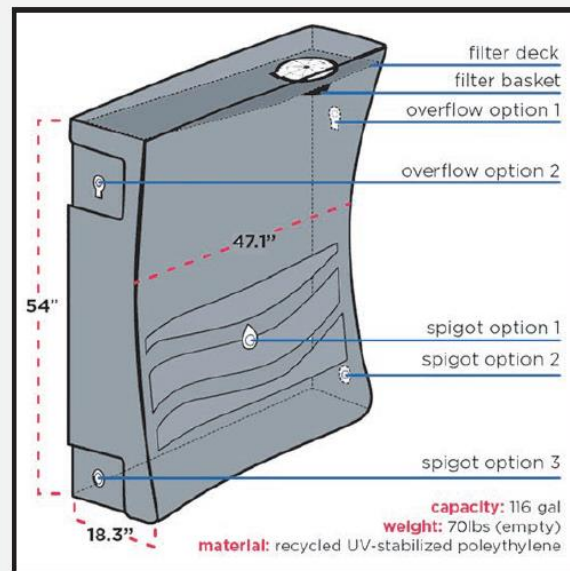
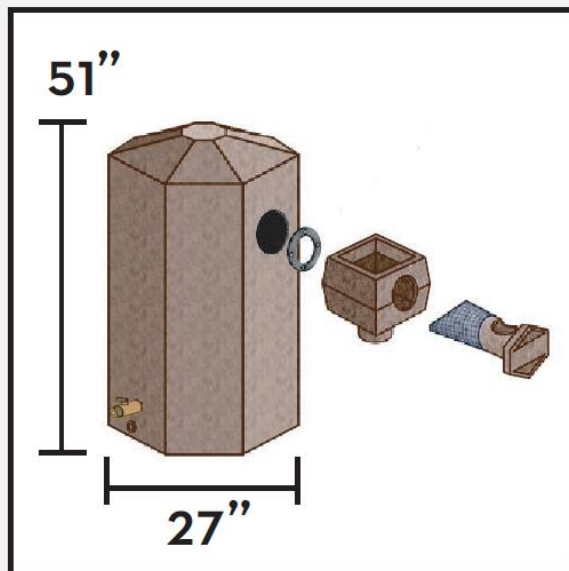
Rain barrels will need to be drained between rainstorms to maximize the rainwater it can capture. The filter will need to be regularly cleaned and rinsed to prevent clogging. To prepare the barrel for winter, empty the barrel, switch diverter to bypass mode, and leave the spigot open. For more maintenance information and how-to videos, visit [riversmarthomes.org/rainbarrels](https://riversmarthomes.org/rainbarrels).







# RAIN BARRELS



## NEXT STEPS

If you are interested in a rain barrel, please do the following:

1. Become eligible for a rain barrel through a RiverSmart Homes assessment
2. If you are eligible, let your assessor know you want a rain barrel(s) installed
3. Make your copayment and have your rain barrel(s) installed
4. Maintain your rain barrel

## INTERESTED IN MORE THAN TWO RAIN BARRELS OR WANT A DIFFERENT MODEL OF RAIN BARREL?

Rebates are available for participants who purchase and self-install eligible rain barrels. Rebates are issued as a direct reimbursement of \$2 per gallon stored by the rain barrel or cistern. Rebates can be used in combination with RiverSmart Homes funding.

The minimum capacity required is 50 gallons, which would provide up to a \$100 rebate.

Rebates may not exceed \$1,000 per property.

Visit [doee.dc.gov/rainbarrelrebates](https://doee.dc.gov/rainbarrelrebates) to review the Participant Guide and Rebate Application.







## SHADE TREES

Shade trees are trees with widespread, dense canopies. Commonly planted shade trees in the District include oaks, maples, and evergreens. Shade trees absorb stormwater and allow water to infiltrate naturally. In addition to these stormwater benefits, shade trees can help insulate your home and help reduce utility bills.

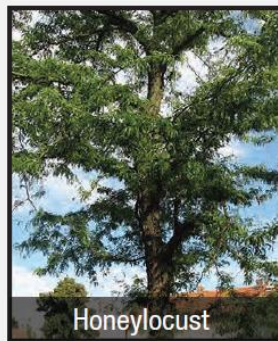
Things to consider when planting a shade tree in your yard include the location of utility wires (both above ground and buried), sun exposure, and the distance from your house, sidewalks, fences, and other trees.



American Holly



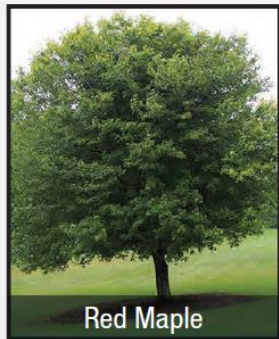
Blackgum



Honeylocust



Oak



Red Maple



River Birch



Southern Magnolia



Yellowwood

**\$0 co-payment per shade tree (no limit per property)**

## MAINTAINING YOUR TREES

Trees need to be watered regularly, especially during the first two years after planting. Use the watering bag provided with the tree to keep it hydrated. Allow the soil to dry out completely between waterings. Apply mulch around the base of the tree in a three foot radius, no greater than three inches deep and three inches away from the trunk. For more maintenance information and how-to videos, visit

[www.riversmarthomes.org/shadetrees](http://www.riversmarthomes.org/shadetrees).







# SHADE TREES



## NEXT STEPS

If you are interested in shade trees, please do the following:

1. Become eligible for a tree through a RiverSmart Homes audit
2. If you are eligible, let your assessor know you want shade tree(s) planted
3. Work with the arborist to develop a planting plan
4. Have your tree(s) planted
5. Maintain your tree(s)

## INTERESTED IN PLANTING A TREE SOONER OR WANT A DIFFERENT KIND OF TREE?

Rebates are available for participants who purchase and plant eligible trees on their property. Rebate amounts vary (\$50 or \$100) depending on the species of tree planted. Rebates are issued as a direct reimbursement to the participant. Species noted for their large canopy and significant environmental benefits qualify for rebates up to \$100 per tree. Rebates can be used in combination with RiverSmart Homes funding. Casey Trees administers the tree rebate on behalf of DOEE.

Visit [caseytrees.org/resources/tree-rebate](https://caseytrees.org/resources/tree-rebate) for the eligible species list and application information.



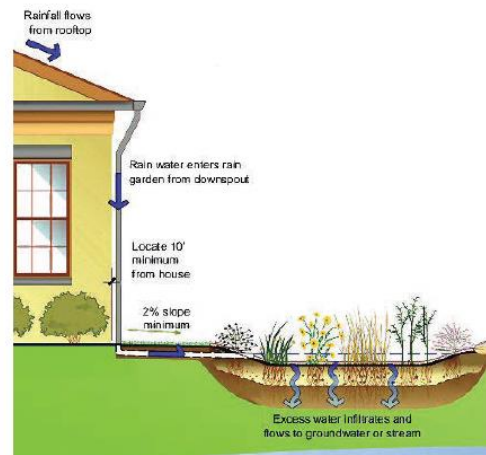




# RAIN GARDENS

A rain garden is a landscaped area strategically placed and connected to a downspout to collect and absorb stormwater from your rooftop. Connecting the downspout to the rain garden directs stormwater away from your home's foundation and holds it there until it can naturally infiltrate into the ground. The rain garden dips slightly into the ground and has engineered soil that increases infiltration. In addition to improving drainage, rain gardens also help keep polluted runoff out of local streams.

Rain gardens are designed to be site specific. They are customized to meet individual site characteristics, factoring in topography, soils, drainage patterns, and sun exposure. The standard rain garden size is approximately 50 square feet.



**\$100 co-payment for a 50 sq. ft. rain garden (limit two landscaping projects per property)**  
If a property qualifies for both a rain garden and BayScaping, a rain garden must be installed first.

## MAINTAINING YOUR RAIN GARDEN

Rain gardens require watering, weeding, and mulching, especially during the first two years. Maintain the rain garden's raised edge, known as a berm, to keep rainwater inside of the garden and weeds out. The downspout connection should be regularly cleaned to prevent clogging. Homeowners are responsible for replacing dead or dying plants. For more maintenance information and how-to videos, visit [riversmarthomes.org/raingardens](https://riversmarthomes.org/raingardens).





# RAIN GARDENS

## NEXT STEPS

If you are interested in a rain garden, please do the following:

1. Become eligible for a rain garden through a RiverSmart Homes audit
2. If you are eligible, let your auditor know you want a rain garden installed
3. Make your copayment and have your rain garden installed
4. Maintain your rain garden



Mature rain garden



Downspout inlet to rain garden



Newly-planted rain garden

## INTERESTED IN AN ADDITIONAL OR LARGER RAIN GARDEN?

Rebates are available to treat runoff from additional impervious surfaces with a rain garden.

Rebates can be used in combination with RiverSmart Homes funding.

Rebates are issued as a direct reimbursement at a rate of \$42 per square foot of garden area.

Gardens are designed with a 1:10 ratio of garden area to impervious area. The minimum impervious area that must be treated is 400 square feet, and the minimum garden size must be 50 square feet. The maximum rebate available is \$3,000.

Visit [doee.dc.gov/service/raingardenrebate](https://doee.dc.gov/service/raingardenrebate) to review the Participant Guide and Rebate Application.

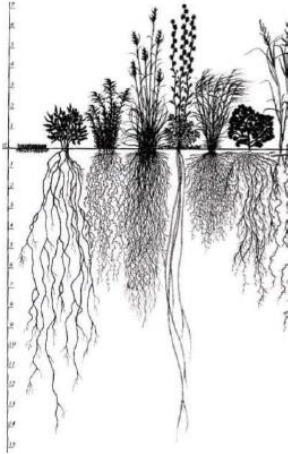
Visit [riversmarthomes.org/diy](https://riversmarthomes.org/diy) to find construction and maintenance resources for designing your own rain garden.







# BAYSCAPING



BayScaping is a landscaping practice that replaces grass or bare soil with plants native to the Chesapeake Bay region to manage stormwater runoff. Native plants have deeper root systems that absorb more stormwater, reduce erosion, increase infiltration, and are more drought resistant than grass. BayScaping also provides beneficial habitat for pollinators like butterflies and honey bees.

BayScaping is a low-cost alternative to traditional landscaping. It is customized to meet individual site characteristics, factoring in topography, soils, drainage patterns, and sun exposure.

Areas with existing plant material cannot be recommended for BayScaping.



BEFORE



AFTER

**\$100 co-payment for a 120 sq. ft. BayScaping (limit two landscaping projects per property)**  
If a property qualifies for both a rain garden and BayScaping, a rain garden must be installed first.

## MAINTAINING YOUR BAYSCAPING

BayScaping requires watering, weeding, and mulching seasonally, especially during the first two years. Participants are responsible for replacing dead or dying plants. For more maintenance information and how-to videos, visit [riversmarthomes.org/bayscaping](https://riversmarthomes.org/bayscaping).







# BAYSCAPING



## NEXT STEPS

If you are interested in BayScaping, please do the following:

1. Become eligible for BayScaping through a RiverSmart Homes audit
2. If you are eligible, let your auditor know you want BayScaping installed
3. Make your copayment and have your BayScaping installed
4. Maintain your BayScaping



## CREATE YOUR OWN BAYSCAPE

Rebates are not available for BayScaping projects; however, installing BayScaping on your own is easy. Check out these resources to create your own BayScaping project:

- Chesapeake Bay Native Plant Center's Database: [nativeplantcenter.net](http://nativeplantcenter.net)
- Pollinator Gardening Resources: [doee.dc.gov/pollinators](http://doee.dc.gov/pollinators)
- The Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay's Yard Design tool: [stormwater.allianceforthebay.org/yard-design](http://stormwater.allianceforthebay.org/yard-design)
- More Resources: [riversmarthomes.org/diy](http://riversmarthomes.org/diy)





## PERMEABLE PAVERS & RE-VEGETATION

Permeable pavers are a self-draining system that allows rainwater to seep around the pavers, through the gravel in between and underneath of them, and soak naturally into the ground below. Re-vegetation entails replacing impervious surfaces with vegetation, including native plants or grass. An impervious surface is an area that does not allow water to soak into the ground.

To be eligible, you must remove and replace an existing large patio, driveway, or parking area. Walkways are not eligible. Only properties within the Municipal Separate Stormwater Sewer System (MS4), Ward 7, or Ward 8 are eligible for this rebate. There is a rebate limit of \$6,000 per property. Permeable pavers are more expensive than conventional paving but can last longer. The total installation cost depends on site specifics and materials. Refer to the specifications below:

### Permeable Pavers

- 100 square-foot minimum area
- Costs range from \$40-\$50 per square-foot on average

### Re-Vegetation

- 200 square-foot minimum area
- Costs range from \$10-15 per square-foot on average



**Permeable Pavers:**  
**\$15 Rebate Per Square Foot**



**Re-Vegetation:**  
**\$8 Rebate Per Square Foot**

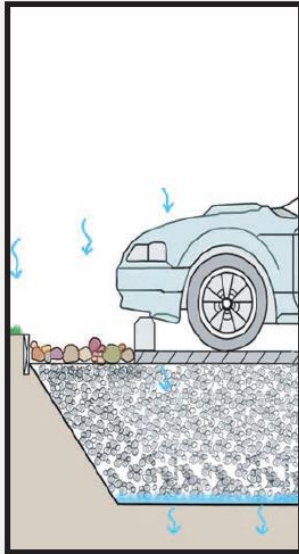
## MAINTAINING YOUR PAVERS

It is crucial that you keep debris from accumulating between the gaps in the pavers, because it can cause clogging. Sweep or vacuum your pavers regularly to prevent build-up. For more maintenance information and how-to videos, visit [riversmarthomes.org/permeablepavers](https://riversmarthomes.org/permeablepavers).





## PERMEABLE PAVERS & RE-VEGETATION



### NEXT STEPS

If you are interested in permeable pavement or re-vegetation, please do the following:

1. Review the Permeable Surface Rebate Applicant Guide and Application
2. Select a contractor or determine the equipment you will need if you will be performing the work yourself
3. Submit the Rebate Application and schedule a pre-construction inspection
4. Notify us when the construction is complete and schedule a post-construction inspection
5. Receive a rebate check four to six weeks after post-construction approval

Visit [doee.dc.gov/service/permeablesurfacerebate](https://doee.dc.gov/service/permeablesurfacerebate) to review the Applicant Guide, Contractor List, and Rebate Application.



Above photos show impervious surface removal and replacement with vegetation.







# FERTILIZER



The District of Columbia's fertilizer law applies primarily to landscape professionals, but it also provides important guidance for District homeowners and residents on how, when, and where to apply fertilizer to lawns. Fertilizers help create lush green lawns, but also have the potential to contaminate our local streams, rivers, and groundwater. Improper application of fertilizer can be harmful to your lawn, the environment, and human health.

Proper lawn care can reduce or eliminate the need for fertilizer. Keep your lawn at least three inches tall; taller grass has deeper, healthier roots, prevents weed infestations, and is more tolerant to drought. When you do mow, mulch the clippings back into your lawn to add nitrogen to your soil.

## WHAT'S IN FERTILIZER?

All fertilizers are labeled with three numbers that show the percentage, by weight, of key nutrients that contribute to plant growth and health. These nutrients, when over-applied, can cause serious environmental harm:

**N - Nitrogen** – Nitrogen contributes to the growth of healthy, green leaves. Only apply a fertilizer that contains nitrogen if it is at least 20% slow release. An overabundance of nitrates in our waterways can contribute to algal blooms, cause plants/lawns to suffer from nitrogen burning, and contaminate our groundwater supply.

**P - Phosphorus** – Phosphorus encourages root development, but it also contributes to rapid growth of algae and weeds, depleting the oxygen in our waterways and seriously harming fish and other aquatic wildlife. Do not use fertilizers that contain phosphorus unless a test shows that the soil is deficient.

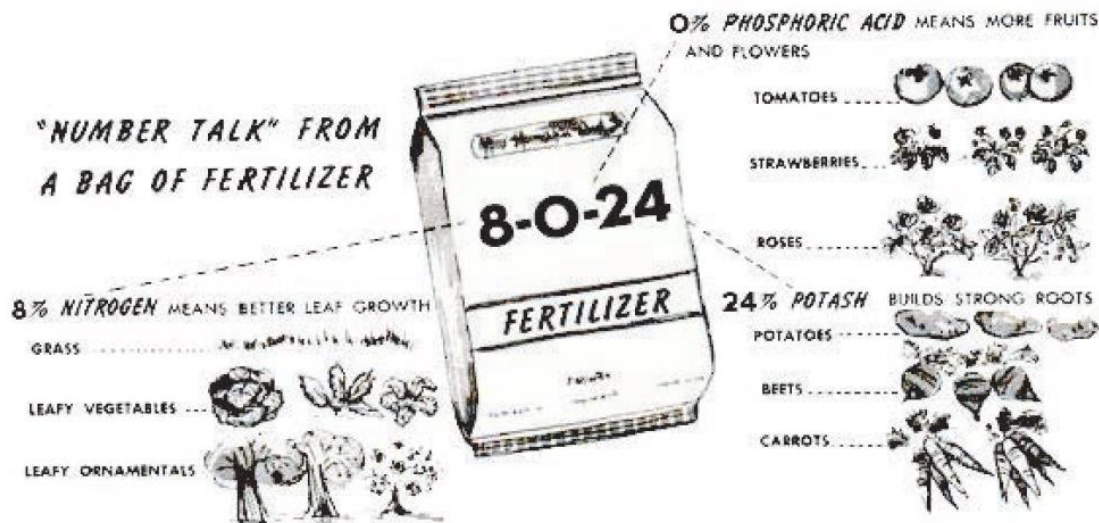
**K - Potassium** – Too much potassium in the soil interferes with the plant's ability to uptake other nutrients, which can cause a variety of visible effects to the plant. Excess potassium can decrease a plant's ability to tolerate stress and disease.







# FERTILIZER



Use organic fertilizer when possible – food and yard waste can be composted to make your own organic fertilizer at home. Remember, fertilizer that washes off your yard and into the street enters the storm drain system, which often leads directly to the Potomac, Rock Creek, and Anacostia Rivers.

## WHEN AND WHERE TO FERTILIZE

- Do not apply fertilizer within 15 feet of a waterbody or near a storm drain or drainage ditch. A waterbody is a creek, stream, river, wetland, or other similar water resource.
- Do not apply fertilizer between November 15 and March 1. Fertilizer applied to dormant plants or dry or frozen ground is not taken up and instead runs off into nearby creeks and streams.
- Do not apply fertilizer when it is raining. Wait at least 24 hours after a rain storm before fertilizing.

## HOW TO FERTILIZE

- Test your soil before applying any fertilizer. Local nurseries and university labs can conduct soil nutrient tests for a fee. Only apply the nutrients recommended by a soil test.
- Calibrate your fertilizer spreader appropriately. Each fertilizer will come with detailed application instructions specific to that product, including recommended spreader settings.
- Overlap fertilizer by spreading half of the fertilizer in one direction and the rest in the opposite direction to ensure even application.
- Turn off the spreader when walking over sidewalks or driveways. Never apply fertilizer to impervious surfaces. If you accidentally apply fertilizer to walkways, clean it up with a broom and not a hose.





# INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT



Integrated Pest Management (IPM) is an effective and environmentally sensitive approach to pest management that relies on a holistic set of practices.

The goal of IPM is to manage pests at acceptable levels rather than trying to eliminate them. Insecticides and pesticides should not be relied upon as a primary means of pest control because the residual components of these chemicals can persist in the environment for days, weeks, or months. IPM involves an understanding of all factors in plant growth such as soil, water, air, nutrients, weather, and insects.

The main principles of IPM are prevention and monitoring. Many pest-control problems in a garden are a result of pre-existing stressors. Pests are not always the cause of a plant's decline, but are usually a symptom of poor plant selection, placement, insufficient nutrients, or lack of or too much moisture.

## PREVENTION

Stressed plants are more susceptible to insects, fungi, and viruses. Select plants that will grow well in the Washington, DC region and under the soil, water, and light conditions of your yard. To prevent unwanted guests in the garden take the following steps:

- Select native and disease-resistant varieties
- Water and fertilize plants according to their individual species needs
- Remove problem or diseased plants
- Increase air circulation to minimize certain diseases
- Build soil fertility by using plenty of organic matter and avoid over-fertilization with synthetic fertilizers
- Mulch to help retain moisture, suppress weeds, and prevent soil erosion





# INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT

## MONITORING

Monitor plants each week and be familiar with the insects, bacteria, and fungi. Examine leaves, stems, and the crevices of bark. Look for organisms by appearance and their effect on plants. Try to identify pests in each stage of its life cycle. Pest identification assistance is available through the Maryland Home and Garden Information Center at <http://extension.umd.edu/hgic>.

### Know beneficial insects from harmful insects

Many organisms do not harm plants and should not be eliminated. Other organism considered pests are not harmful in small numbers. These pests should be monitored to ensure their populations do not “explode.” For example, a small infestation of scale will not prevent azaleas from thriving. Some organisms are beneficial because they consume pest species. When beneficial organisms are present, do not apply a pesticide.

### Plants can thrive with insects, fungi, and bacteria for a long time

- A tree can lose up to 30% of its leaf canopy because it experiences stress
- Roses and peonies are highly tolerant to Powdery Mildew

## WHEN TO ACT

Organism populations may reach a point at which the plant cannot tolerate damage. Through careful monitoring, each resident can determine an action threshold based on individual needs and health of their plants.

## WHAT TO DO

If monitoring and action thresholds indicate that pest control is required, choose a control method based on effectiveness and risk.

### Mechanical Controls

- Physical removal – pick pests off by hand or remove by pinning infected branches
- Pheromone and sticky strip traps – trap pests in their flying stage

### Biological controls

- Beneficial organisms – release beneficial organisms such as ladybugs and nematodes to prey on harmful insects
- Bt (*Bacillus thuringiensis*) – this bacteria releases toxins in the stomachs of susceptible insects

### Chemical Controls

- Insecticidal soap – soap penetrates the insect’s outer covering and causes the cells to collapse
- Horticultural oil – the oil coats and suffocates insects







# COMMON INVASIVE PLANTS

Invasive plants are those that cause harm to the environment, economy, or public health. Invasive plants often grow in dense patches, causing them to outcompete native plants and reduce the biodiversity and available habitat found throughout the District. Many residents within the District have invasive plants in their yards without even knowing it.

## Harmful Impacts

Invasive plants can affect the District's biodiversity and your yard by:

- Reducing food and habitat resources for native animals since invasive plants are often inedible or not palatable
- Altering soil chemistry, ecosystems, nutrient cycles and local hydrology
- Overtaking and causing harm to already-established trees and landscaping

## SIMPLE REMOVAL TECHNIQUES

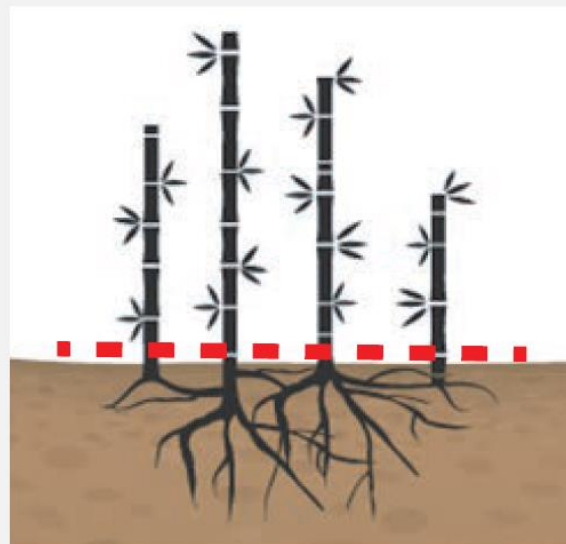


### English Ivy

Use pruners to remove a section from the vine around the entire trunk of all infested trees, about 2 feet above the ground. Large vines will require the use of loppers or saws.

Once cut, leave ivy on the tree. Do not pull it off because that could harm the tree. The vine will dry out within 6 months, making it easier to remove. Pry cut and dried vines off the tree. Pull all ivy vines from the ground, clearing a 2 foot ring around the base of the tree. This will save the tree from future infestations.

Ivy will gradually die and fall off.



### Common Bamboo

1. Using a pruner or saw and, being as thorough as possible, cut all shoots at ground level (red line).
2. Monitor the area and remove new shoots or growth as soon as possible. Continue doing this until new growth stops.





## COMMON INVASIVE PLANTS



### Porcelainberry:

A woody vine with green lobed leaves. In mid-summer, there are tiny greenish-yellow blooms that are followed by clusters of bright blue, pink, and purple berries. The best control method for this plant is to cut or pull the vines.



### Multiflora Rose:

A multistemmed, thorny shrub with clusters of white to pinkish flowers that have 5 petals each and are about 1 inch wide. The leaves have serrated edges. An effective form of control for this plant is repeated cutting or mowing (about 4-6 times per growing season) over the course of 2-4 years.



### Japanese Knotweed:

Best recognized by zig-zag stems that resemble soft bamboo. The leaves are green and heart-shaped in the summer, and clusters of small white flowers appear in early autumn. Repeated cuttings and herbicide applications over several seasons is the best approach to eradication.



### Bush Honeysuckles:

There are several different types of bush honeysuckles in the DC area. These plants grow as bushy shrubs with leaves that are pointed or oval. Small, tubular flowers also occur annually. These species tend to re-sprout when cut, so a combination of cutting and herbicides is used for best control.



**Japanese Stiltgrass:** A grass that grows to about 2-3 feet tall and resembles a small bamboo. The leaves are a pale green, about 3 inches long, and taper to a point at the ends. This plant looks very similar to a lot of native grasses, so make sure to properly identify Japanese Stiltgrass before removing it. Removal can be done through hand-pulling or by using a mower or weed-wacker.



**Tree-of-Heaven:** A tree with fairly smooth grey bark and long leaflets consisting of individual leaves. In the summer, the tree has large clusters of yellow, orange, or red winged seeds that turn beige by early winter. Control is best achieved by removing tree trunks and killing the root system to prevent regrowth. This can be done through manual removal and basal bark herbicide applications.

## DISPOSING OF INVASIVE PLANTS

Once you remove invasive plants from your yard, it is important to properly dispose of them. For woody plants, remove them and leave them to rot, or add them to yard waste once they have dried out. For other invasive plants, you can place them in the regular trash that goes to landfill.

For more information on invasive plants in the Mid-Atlantic and tips on how you can remove them, visit: [www.invasive.org/alien/pubs/midatlantic/midatlantic.pdf](http://www.invasive.org/alien/pubs/midatlantic/midatlantic.pdf)







## Commission Correspondence of February 13, 2025 Meeting



District of Columbia Government  
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A  
PO Box 15020  
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February 13, 2025

Director Sharon Kershbaum  
Mr. Zack Gambetti  
District Department of Transportation  
Via email and the ANC Resolutions Website

Re: ANC 6A Support for NOI-24-352-CPD, 14th Street NE

Dear Director Kershbaum and Mr. Gambetti:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting<sup>1</sup> on February 13, 2025 our Commission voted 5-0-0 (with 4 Commissioners required for a quorum) to support DDOT's Notice of Intent NOI-24-352-CPD.

This Commission believes that this project will improve safety and mobility for all users of the road, including pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists. The proposed changes will close a critical gap in the protected bike lane network and make the newly installed Florida Avenue NE bike lanes more functional and safe for cyclists.

This is a critical stretch of protected bike lanes. Crossing H Street NE on a bike is often a dangerous proposition, so creating the first protected crossing for cyclists is an achievement to be celebrated. The plan proposed in the NOI is a great step forward, but the Commission would ask you to consider extending the protected bike lanes to G Street NE instead of ending them at Maryland Avenue NE. Many neighbors have witnessed dangerous and erratic driving behavior at 14th, Maryland and G Streets due to traffic around the Chick-Fil-A and the 2-way stop at 14th and G Streets. Extending the protected bike lanes to G Street would only require relocation of 2 Zipcar-dedicated spots and would make this road segment even safer for all road users.

The Commission recognizes that this proposal will also further impact the ability of the WMATA B2 Route to traverse from Bladensburg Road to the 14th Street NE stop south of H Street NE. This commission requests an analysis to determine the best way to prioritize this essential route either to continue on its current route, be able to merge onto H Street NE then turn left onto 14th Street NE, or have a dedicated bus lane during peak periods.

Thank you for giving great weight to the recommendations of this Commission. I can be contacted at [6A05@anc.dc.gov](mailto:6A05@anc.dc.gov), and Transportation and Public Space Committee Chair Patrick Bloomstine can be contacted at [6ATPSChair@gmail.com](mailto:6ATPSChair@gmail.com).

On behalf of the Commission,

Dave Wethington  
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

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February 24, 2025

Director Sharon Kershbaum  
District Department of Transportation  
*Via email and the ANC Resolutions Website*

Re: Safety Concerns along 11th Street NE/TSI 24-00515046 & 24-00277322

Dear Director Kershbaum:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting<sup>1</sup> on February 13, 2025 our Commission voted 5-0-0 (with 4 Commissioners required for a quorum) to urge DDOT to renew its focus on the 11th Street NE corridor from Florida Avenue to East Capitol Street. According to DDOT's FY25 Q2 prioritization dashboard, part of this area is under investigation for speed issues (TSI 24-00515046 & 24-00277322).

Concerns about this corridor have persisted for some time, including a June 2023 letter from ANC 6A (<https://anc6a.org/wp-content/uploads/ANC6A-Support-for-traffic-calming-11th-Street-NE.pdf>), detailing that residents have long requested vertical traffic calming and automated traffic enforcement to slow drivers. In response to this letter your agency replied (on July 7, 2023) that they planned to install 10 speed humps along the corridor. This promise was later rescinded for reasons we still do not fully understand. In the ensuing months there were several crashes, including one into a corner store at 11th and C Street NE. One resident had three cars parked on the street totaled by dangerous drivers.

In October 2024, ANC 6A sent a letter to DDOT requesting an update on plans to make this corridor safer (<https://anc6a.org/wp-content/uploads/ANC-6A-support-for-traffic-calming-on-11th-Street-NE.pdf>). While the inclusion of the corner of 11th and F Streets NE in DDOT's FY25 Q2 prioritization is a welcome step, we urge DDOT to reinstate the plan to install speed humps and raised crosswalks along the entire corridor which sees heavy and fast-moving traffic due to it feeding into I-695 in Southeast DC.

Thank you for giving great weight to the recommendations of this Commission. I can be contacted at [6A05@anc.dc.gov](mailto:6A05@anc.dc.gov), and Transportation and Public Space Committee Chair Patrick Bloomstine can be contacted at [6ATPSCchair@gmail.com](mailto:6ATPSCchair@gmail.com).

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February 18, 2025

Mr. Clint Osborn, Director  
District of Columbia Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency  
2270 Martin Luther King, Jr. Ave SE  
Washington, DC 20032

### **Re: ANC 6A Support for the 2025 Capitol Hill Classic Races**

Dear Interim Director Osborn,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting<sup>1</sup> on February 13, 2025 our Commission voted 5-0-0 (with 4 Commissioners required for a quorum) to support the 2025 Capitol Hill Classic 10K and 3K races and Children's Fun Run.

ANC6A supports this race because it is well-organized and supports the Capitol Hill Cluster School DC Public Schools that serve children from ANC6A and other nearby communities. Each year, the race organizers work closely with MPD to devise safe bump-cross routes to be used during the race to allow drivers to cross when runners are not approaching. We value the close collaboration between race organizers and our community.

Thank you for giving great weight to the views of ANC 6A. Should you wish to discuss this letter with the Commission, please feel free to reach out to me at [6A05@anc.dc.gov](mailto:6A05@anc.dc.gov).

On behalf of the Commission,

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February, 24 2024

Honorable Phil Mendelson, Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW,  
Washington, DC 20004

Re: Legislation Establishing Moratorium Zones for Medical Cannabis

Dear Council Chair Mendelson:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting<sup>1</sup> on February 13, 2024, our Commission voted 5-0-0 (with 4 Commissioners required for a quorum) to support the request for legislation to revise to Chapter 16B of Title 7 of the Code of the District of Columbia to provide for moratorium zones for medical cannabis retailer licenses.

Based on a compelling public interest, DC statutes and municipal regulations allow for the establishment of moratorium zones for alcoholic beverage licenses. However, we noticed that no similar provisions exist for medical cannabis retailer licenses. This may have been an oversight when the Council established a framework to legalize the sale of cannabis licenses, and then made subsequent improvements to that initial framework. We appreciate the Council's work to date.

However, we remain concerned with the concentration of cannabis establishments within certain areas of the city. Take H Street NE as an example. For years illegal I-71 shops proliferated H Street, at one point numbering nearly 20 establishments along a 12-block stretch. Despite the efforts of ABCA and MPD to enforce DC laws, many still operate. At the same time, several establishments have applied for and received medical cannabis licenses. The concentration of cannabis establishments, legal and illegal, far exceed the national average. Nationally, there is one cannabis establishment for approximately each 23,000 persons; in zipcode 20002 these 20 establishments (legal or otherwise) equate to one cannabis retailer per 3400 residents. (Sources: Pew Research Center and U.S. Census Data.)

Our principal goal is to distribute these licenses across the city, rather than have them concentrated in a few areas of the city. To achieve this goal, we request the Council to consider and pass legislation to provide for moratorium zones for medical cannabis retailer licenses parallel to those in place for alcoholic beverage licenses, Title 25 of the Code of the District of Columbia. Doing so would provide citizens a methodology to request limits on concentrations. It would also benefit those legally compliant establishments by geographically distributing the competition.

We look forward to working with you to support, and if desired, draft, the appropriate language.

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cc: Honorable Brianne Nadeau, Ward 1 Councilmember  
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Honorable Matthew Frumin, Ward 3 Councilmember,  
Honorable Janeese Lewis George, Ward 4 Councilmember  
Honorable Zachary Parker, Ward 5 Councilmember  
Honorable Charles Allen, Ward 6 Councilmember  
Honorable Vincent C. Gray, Ward 7 Councilmember  
Honorable Trayon White, Sr., Ward 8 Councilmember  
Honorable Kenyan McDuffie, Chair Pro Tempore of the Council of the District of Columbia  
Honorable Anita Bonds, At-Large Councilmember  
Honorable Christina Henderson, At-Large Councilmember  
Honorable Robert White, At-Large Councilmember



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February 24, 2025

Director Sharon Kershbaum  
District Department of Transportation  
*Via email and the ANC Resolutions Website ‘*

Re: ANC 6A response to FY25 Q2 Prioritization of TSI 24-00431299

Dear Director Kershbaum:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting<sup>1</sup> on February 13, 2025 our Commission voted 5-0-0 (with 4 Commissioners required for a quorum) to send comments in support of DDOT's quarterly prioritization of TSI 24-00431299, which requests mitigation of issues related to speeding near the 1400 block of Ames Place NE. Vertical traffic calming including speed humps and raised crosswalks would be welcome additions to the area in response to this TSI.

Previous Commission requests related to traffic calming in the adjacent 100 blocks of 14th and 15th Streets include requests for all-way stops at the intersections of A Street NE at both 14th Street and 15th Street and at 15th Street and Constitution Ave NE. We reiterate our long-standing requests for all-way stops at these three locations as a means to slow driver speed in the area. All-way stop signs have been installed at other 6A intersections that were previously denied by DDOT, including 11th and F Streets NE (NOI # 23-157-TESD), which share similar characteristics in terms of an imbalance in traffic volume and proximity to a traffic signal.

Prior correspondence with reference to TSI numbers can be found here.  
<https://anc6a.org/wp-content/uploads/ANC6A-to-DDOT-Local-Local-All-Way-Stops.pdf>  
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District Department of Transportation

*Via email and the ANC Resolutions Portal*

**Re: ANC 6A Support for Urgently Requested Traffic Calming and Public Safety Measures in the vicinity of Intersections of 14th St NE, Tennessee Ave NE, and E St NE**

Dear Director Kershbaum,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting<sup>1</sup> on February 13, 2025 our Commission voted X-0-0 (with 4 Commissioners required for a quorum) to support the urgently request safety measures described herein. Specifically, the Commission requests:

- the addition of an all-way stop at the intersection of Tennessee Avenue and E Street NE
- the addition of an all-way stop at the intersection of Tennessee Avenue and 14<sup>th</sup> Street NE
- the restoration of a raised crosswalk on 14th Street, immediately south of its intersection with E Street NE, which was removed to accommodate roadway improvements, and has not been reinstalled
- the restoration of painted bike lane markings along 14th Street NE, just south of E Street NE

In addition, our Commission reiterates long-standing requests for traffic safety, focused on the need to reduce speeding and add stop signs at this location. (TSIs 24-00711721 for 14th and D Street NE and 24-00486759 for Tennessee & E Street NE.)

Thank you for giving great weight to the views of ANC 6A. Should you wish to discuss this letter with the Commission, please feel free to reach out to me at [6A05@anc.dc.gov](mailto:6A05@anc.dc.gov).

On behalf of the Commission,

Dave Wethington  
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

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District of Columbia Government  
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A  
PO Box 15020  
Washington, DC 20003



February 24, 2025

Director Sharon Kershbaum  
District Department of Transportation  
*Via email and the ANC Resolutions Website*

Re: Safety Concerns at 16th/NC Ave/C St NE

Dear Director Kershbaum:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting<sup>1</sup> on February 13, 2025 our Commission voted 5-0-0 (with 4 Commissioners required for a quorum) to urge DDOT to take swift action to improve safety at 16th/C/NC Ave in the wake of a pedestrian death at the hands of a reckless driver who fled the scene on Christmas Eve 2024.

In addition to the recent pedestrian death, this area is still plagued with chronic speeding issues through a residential neighborhood with lots of pedestrian use - much of which is associated with Elliot-Hine Middle School and Maury Elementary School. Despite improvements to the area, we have seen repeated episodes of drivers that hit the curb, jump onto the sidewalk, and damage infrastructure, including bus benches, light poles and signs. Since June 1, 2023, there have been seven crashes resulting in injury along this stretch of road, plus the fatality mentioned above. As of the date of this letter, there are 14 pending traffic safety input requests (TSIs) for this area pending investigation by DDOT.

The tactical improvements made to the area at 16th/C/NC Ave in November 2024 have made this intersection much safer, but issues still persist as evidenced by the tragic loss of life on Christmas Eve. To that end, we have crafted the suggestions detailed below which, if implemented, will improve safety for all road users on

### Safety Improvement Suggestions:

1. **Re-installation of a speed cameras upstream on C St facing westbound traffic.** Prior to completion of the C St project a speed camera for westbound drivers was located in the 1700 block. This was effective in reminding drivers to slow down as they transitioned from highway to neighborhood driving. Placing cameras at or near 21st Street and again at 17th Street might be good locations as drivers approach the intersection in question. There is a clear discrepancy in westbound travel speed due to the two travel lanes vs eastbound with one, so a speed camera could help make this corridor more neighborhood friendly as intended by the initial C St NE redesign.
2. **Raised crosswalks at 16th St.** Raising the unsignaled crosswalks at 16th Street across C St and NC Ave would be another way to slow drivers as they approach this intersection and improve pedestrian and cyclist safety at this intersection. There has been some discussion of a hawk signal. We believe a hawk signal only slows some traffic when a pedestrian requests to cross the street and would not have saved our neighbor's life like a raised crosswalk might have. He was on the sidewalk parallel to C St NE, not attempting to cross it. We want to thank DDOT for already planning to implement the raised

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- crosswalk across C St. This will help make the area safer. We continue to believe there should also be a raised crosswalk across NC Ave.
3. **Shorten the dedicated right turn lane on C St.** Currently, the right-turn only lane extends almost the entire 1500 block of C St NE. Moving the parking lane over for the first quarter of the block would narrow the visual field for drivers as they approach the block and hopefully slow them down right at the section where the Christmas Eve pedestrian death occurred. This suggestion would still allow for right hand turn queueing at 15th and C and space for buses to approach the bus stop on the block.
  4. **Protect the painted bike lanes on the 1400 and 1500 blocks of NC Ave.** The safety improvements installed in November narrows NC Ave to one lane for a quarter of the 1500 block and then opens it back up to two travel lanes until the split with Constitution. Drivers are regularly seen drag racing these blocks and running the red light at 15th Street after the pinch point putting pedestrians, cyclists and other drivers at risk. Many people on bikes opt to use the south side bike path for wrong way (west bound) travel rather than risk the unprotected lane. Removing one of these vehicle travel lanes and protecting the bike lane would close the gap in the protected bike lanes from Oklahoma Ave NE to 13th St NE and extend the traffic calming effect of the November 2024 improvements. The C Street/North Carolina Ave bike lanes are often heralded as some of the best in the country and regularly visited by transportation planners except for this section of painted bike lanes, which tarnishes that reputation.

We would encourage you to review [this slide deck](#), as it visually diagrams these suggestions on maps of the area. Additionally, ANC 6A also requests that DDOT provide information about speed and traffic data that has been gathered for this corridor since the completion of the initial traffic safety project.

This slide deck was also presented to ANC 6A TPS Committee January 2025 meeting given the area in question overlaps both 6A and 7D and a motion to send a letter to DDOT reflecting these suggestions was passed unanimously.

Thank you for giving great weight to the recommendations of this Commission. I can be contacted at [6A05@anc.dc.gov](mailto:6A05@anc.dc.gov), and Transportation and Public Space Committee Chair Patrick Bloomstine can be contacted at [6ATPSChair@gmail.com](mailto:6ATPSChair@gmail.com).

On behalf of the Commission,

Dave Wethington  
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A



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February 24, 2025

Director Sharon Kershbaum  
District Department of Transportation  
*Via email and the ANC Resolutions Website*

Re: ANC 6A support for FY25 Color the Curb installations near Maury Elementary School

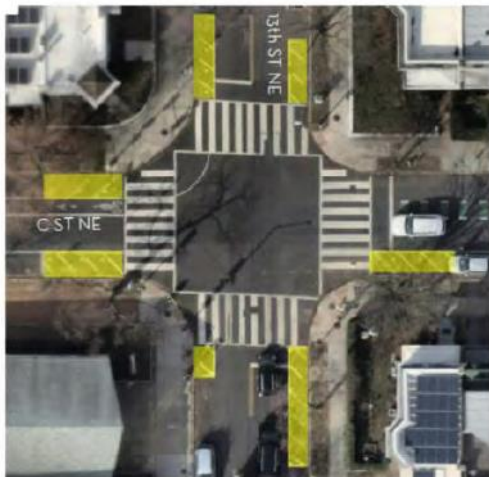
Dear Director Kershbaum:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting<sup>1</sup> on February 13, 2025 our Commission voted 5-0-0 (with 4 Commissioners required for a quorum) to send comments in support of DDOT's selection of four intersections (see images below) near Maury Elementary School for the FY25 Color the Curb program.

The Commission appreciates DDOT's attention to pedestrian safety in the C Street corridor, which continues to experience deadly crashes due to reckless and dangerous driving. We request that the mural designs harmonize with the themes of the crosswalk mural installed on 13th Street at Tennessee Avenue NE and that the tactical to permanent project at 13th Street and Constitution Avenue NE be considered as a future potential mural site, should conditions allow.

### Maury Elementary Locations

13th STREET NE & C STREET NE



TENNESSEE AVENUE NE & C STREET NE



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### Maury Elementary Locations

14th STREET NE & C STREET NE



14th PLACE NE & C STREET NE



Thank you for giving great weight to the recommendations of this Commission. I can be contacted at [6A05@anc.dc.gov](mailto:6A05@anc.dc.gov), and the Transportation and Public Space Committee Chair Patrick Bloomstine can be contacted at [6ATPSChair@gmail.com](mailto:6ATPSChair@gmail.com).

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February 24, 2024

Ms. Keara Mehlert  
Secretary of the Board of Zoning Adjustment  
Board of Zoning Adjustment  
441 4<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Suite 210  
Washington, DC 20001

Re: ANC 6A BZA #21253 Support for Special Exceptions (1232 Maryland Avenue, NE)

Dear Ms. Mehlert:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting<sup>1</sup> on February 13, 2024, our Commission voted 5-0-0 (with 4 Commissioners required for a quorum) to support the request for a Special Exception for relief from the rear addition requirements of Subtitle E § 207.5, the lot occupancy requirements of Subtitle E § 210.1 in order to construct a two-story plus cellar rear addition, to an existing, attached, two-story with cellar, principal dwelling unit in the RF-1 zone.

The design has taken measures to ensure that the addition is in the character of the neighborhood and it will not disrupt the privacy, air and light of neighbors. The owners have proven that the Special Exception criteria has been met through submission of architectural drawings and discussions with neighbors. The ANC believes that this development will not substantially visually intrude upon the character, scale, and pattern of houses in the neighborhood.

Please be advised that Joal Mendonsa, Michael Cushman, and I are authorized to act on behalf of ANC 6A for the purposes of this case. I can be contacted at [6A05@anc.dc.gov](mailto:6A05@anc.dc.gov), Mr. Cushman at [michael.cushman@gmail.com](mailto:michael.cushman@gmail.com), and Joal Mendonsa at [joal.mendonsa@gmail.com](mailto:joal.mendonsa@gmail.com).

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Mr. Brian Hanlon  
Director, District of Columbia Department of Buildings (DOB)  
1100 4th Street SW  
Washington, DC 20024

Re: ANC 6A BZA #20554A Support for Special Exceptions (1022 Maryland Avenue, NE)

Dear Ms. Mehlert and Mr. Hanlon,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting<sup>1</sup> on February 13, 2024, our Commission voted 5-0-0 (with 4 Commissioners required for a quorum) to support the request for a Time Extension to Board of Zoning Adjustment Order Number 20554.

The ANC is satisfied that the Time Extension criteria has been met through discussions with neighbors and that approval of the request is in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the Zoning Regulations and Map, and it will not tend to adversely affect the use of neighboring property. BZA Case 20554, 1022 Maryland Avenue, N.E., represents a request to permit the continuation of a Youth Residential Care Home for up to 15 youth.

Further, we ask that you expedite all valid requests associated with this facility in order to bring it into compliance with updated zoning regulations and Certificate of Occupancy requirements. In particular, Mr. Hanlon, we ask that you give special attention to Sasha Bruce Youthwork's application for a Certificate of Occupancy at 1022 Maryland NE in order to reduce any further delays. In adding its support to this request, ANC6A reiterated the original agreement between Sasha Bruce and the ANC to maintain a Community Liaison Community, and subsequent agreements to involve the ANC in review of planned alterations to the building, in particular the external aspects of the building.

Please be advised that Joal Mendonsa, Michael Cushman, and I are authorized to act on behalf of ANC 6A for the purposes of this case. I can be contacted at 6A05@anc.dc.gov, Mr. Cushman at michael.cushman@gmail.com, and Joal Mendonsa at joal.mendonsa@gmail.com.

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Board of Zoning Adjustment  
441 4<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Suite 210  
Washington, DC 20001

Re: ANC 6A BZA #21254 Support for Special Exceptions (1355-1359 H Street, NE)

Dear Ms. Mehlert:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting<sup>1</sup> on February 13, 2024, our Commission voted 5-0-0 (with 4 Commissioners required for a quorum) to support the request for a Special Exception for relief from the minimum vehicle parking requirements of Subtitle C § 701, the rear yard requirements of Subtitle G § 207.1, the eating and drinking establishment use requirements of Subtitle H § 6007.1(e)(2), and the fast food establishment use requirements of Subtitle U § 513.1(f) in order to combine five lots (2 facing H Street NE, 3 facing alley) and convert to a retail and eating and drinking establishment use an existing, semi-detached, mixed use building in the NMU-4/HA and MU-4 zones.

The design has taken measures to ensure that the addition is in the character of the neighborhood and it will not disrupt the privacy, air and light of neighbors. The owners have proven that the Special Exception criteria has been met through submission of architectural drawings and discussions with neighbors. The footprints of the buildings are unchanged making it unlikely that an exception to the rear yard requirements will create negative outcomes for the neighboring properties. The corridor is well served by transit, negating the need for any additional parking. The neighbors have also generally expressed support for the eating and drinking/fast food use on the property, understanding the character of the intended tenants to be fundamentally different from typical fast food and more in line with vendors at nearby Union Market.

Please be advised that Joal Mendonsa, Michael Cushman, and I are authorized to act on behalf of ANC 6A for the purposes of this case. I can be contacted at [6A05@anc.dc.gov](mailto:6A05@anc.dc.gov), Mr. Cushman at [michael.cushman@gmail.com](mailto:michael.cushman@gmail.com), and Joal Mendonsa at [joal.mendonsa@gmail.com](mailto:joal.mendonsa@gmail.com).

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## Consent Agenda



### Transportation and Public Space (TPS)

**Recommendation:** ANC 6A and ANC 6B send a joint letter to DDOT requesting a traffic study around Lincoln Park.



## Consent Agenda



March xx, 2025

Director Sharon Kershbaum  
District Department of Transportation  
*Via email and the ANC Resolutions Website*

Re: Traffic Study at Lincoln Park

Dear Director Kershbaum:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting<sup>1</sup> on March 13, 2025 our Commission voted X-0-0 (with 4 Commissioners required for a quorum) to urge DDOT to conduct a comprehensive traffic study of the area around Lincoln Park.

Similarly, at a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting on [INSERT DATE] ANC 6B voted to urge the same action from DDOT.

The park is a wonderful meeting place for much of our community, but the wide roads around it can lead to speeding. Making it difficult for children to access the park alone. At present, there are 16 TSIs open for consideration along Lincoln Park for issues like commuter traffic, speeding, and pedestrian safety. And since January 1, 2023, there have been 28 recorded crashes in and around Lincoln Park.

In Fall 2023, ANCs 6A and 6B worked with DDOT on Vision Zero hardening around the intersection of 11th and East Capitol Streets. At that time, we believe there was discussion of a traffic study of the surrounding area. The improvements made at that time have made the stretch of 11th Street much safer. A comprehensive traffic study of all of Lincoln Park could lead to safety improvements that have the same effect for the surrounding area.

Thank you for giving great weight to the recommendations of both Commissions 6A and 6B. We can be contacted at [6A05@anc.dc.gov](mailto:6A05@anc.dc.gov), [Placeholder for ANC 6B Chair], ANC 6A Transportation and Public Space Committee Chair Patrick Bloomstine can be contacted at [6ATPSCChair@gmail.com](mailto:6ATPSCChair@gmail.com) and ANC 6B Transportation and Public Space Committee Chair Karen Hughes can be contacted at [6B09@anc.dc.gov](mailto:6B09@anc.dc.gov).

On behalf of the Commissions,

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## Officer Reports - Treasurer



TO: ANC6A  
FROM: Roberta Shapiro, Commissioner 6A03, Treasurer  
Date: March 3 , 2025  
Subject: Treasurer's Report

1. As of the end of February 2025, the ANC 6A balance at NCB was \$20,734.68 . This cash balance remained unchanged as of March 6, 2025 and matches, with a discrepancy of a mysterious \$1. The OANC Available Funds number, contained in the OANC-generated Treasurer's report copied below, includes numerous administrative adjustments made by OANC, in the ANC's favor, after resolving documentation issues.
2. ANC6A successfully used electronic funds transfer (EFT) for the first time in March 2025, combined with using Box to electronically secure the two officer sign-offs on OANC Form 103 required for EFT use.
3. With significant help from the OANC staff, we have been able to cure a fairly large number of reporting deficiencies that had resulted in the withholding of ANC payments. As of March 6, 2025, the ANC's financial Status is estimated as follows.

<b>March 1 Checking Acct Opening Balance</b>		<b>\$20734.68</b>
Payments for Services (Uncleared)		-75
		-300
		-846.19
Q1 Allocation Restored/Not Deposited by OCFO Yet		4624.95
Q2 Allocation Restored/Not Deposited by OCFO Yet		3624.95*
<b>Est Total Checking Funds After Deposits and Check Clearing</b>		<b>\$27763.39</b>

\*OANC has disallowed a 2024 grant for \$1000, which resulted in the diminishment of the Q2 Allotment. A motion is before the Commission to formally appeal this decision to the OANC Director.

Also, in March we expect OANC to release the full Q3 Allotment of \$4624.95

4. In addition, ANC 6A has a checking account balance of \$100.05
5. New Service Agreements with the ANC Administrator and Recorder, for the period January-December 2025, have been executed.



ANC 6A Monthly Treasurer's Report

Month:

February

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2025

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Opening Report Balance:

\$19,171.03

Closing Report Balance:

\$20,733.68

Change:

\$1,562.65

Transactions

Check/Dep ↑↓	Date ↑↓	Payee/Payor	Cat ↑↓	Income	Expense
	2025-02-05	Admin Adjustment	D-O	\$59.35	
	2025-02-05	Admin Adjustment	D-O	\$59.35	
	2025-02-05	Admin Adjustment	D-O	\$59.35	
	2025-02-05	Admin Adjustment	D-O	\$250.00	
	2025-02-05	Admin Adjustment	D-O	\$59.35	
	2025-02-05	Admin Adjustment	D-O	\$59.35	
	2025-02-05	Admin Adjustment	D-O	\$15.90	
	2025-02-05	Admin Adjustment	D-O	\$1,000.00	



ANC 6A Monthly Treasurer's Report

Month:

March

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2025

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Opening Report Balance:

\$20,733.68

Closing Report Balance:

\$20,733.68

Change:

\$0.00

Transactions

Check/Dep ↑↓	Date ↑↓	Payee/Payor	Cat ↑↓	Income	Expense
No transactions found.					





## **Committee Reports**

### Community Outreach Committee (COC)



No report. EDZ did not meet in February 2025.



## **Committee Reports**

### **Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis (ABC)**



No report. EDZ did not meet in February 2025.



## Committee Reports

### Transportation and Public Space (T&PS)



#### Minutes

#### ANC 6A Transportation & Public Space Committee Meeting

Tuesday, February 18, 2024 at 7:00 pm

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

- I. Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm.
- II. Introductions & Announcements. Committee members present: Patrick Bloomstine (Chair), Caitlin Rogger (Secretary), Jeff Fletcher, Mark Sussman, and Shaun Lynch. Commissioners present: Amber Gove (6A04), Steven Kolb (6A07), and Paul Spires (6A01).
- III. Old Business.
  - a. TSI Pending Field Installation: 24-00166427. DDOT has evaluated the traffic safety concerns regarding both pedestrian and vehicle safety at the intersection of 14th Street NE and Tennessee Avenue NE. There was no discussion of this topic beyond its introduction
  - b. Lincoln Park Traffic Safety. Committee. Committee member Mark Sussman attended the ANC 6B TPS committee meeting in February to discuss working with them on traffic safety around Lincoln Park. Previously ANC 6A and 6B worked together on vision zero hardening at 11<sup>th</sup> and East Capitol Streets. He proposed a joint letter requesting a traffic study. He also proposed a joint task force with ANC 6A and 6B to work with DDOT to improve traffic safety around Lincoln Park. Committee member Caitlin Rogger asked if there had been a joint task force formed before. Committee member Shaun Lynch referenced the Florida Avenue streetscape project which was kept as old business to encourage quarterly updates. He proposed alternating task force sessions as part of the regular ANC 6A and 6B TPS committee meetings. He also spoke in favor of the joint letter requesting a traffic study from DDOT. Commissioner Vince Mareino of ANC 6B07 (and current Chair of 6B) joined the call and spoke to the procedures that 6B is used to. 6B wants to work with 6A on Lincoln Park and said they do not have a strong preference for how to work with other ANCs so long as the final products end up in front of the full ANC for a vote. Commissioner Amber Gove and Commissioner Mareino discussed whether the temporary task forces still published public minutes and the answer was yes. Commissioner Gove also proposed alternating a standing agenda item for task force meetings at the respective ANC TPS Committees on a quarterly basis. Chair Bloomstine and committee member Lynch spoke in support of this plan. Committee member Sussman made a motion to send a joint letter with ANC 6B to DDOT requesting a traffic study of Lincoln Park. Commissioner Gove seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- IV. New Business
  - a. TSI Pending Field Installation: 24-00418052. DDOT has evaluated the Traffic Safety Input for the intersection of 13th and F Streets NE regarding traffic and pedestrian safety concerns. DDOT determined that installing curb extensions will decrease pedestrians' crossing distance and help manage traffic speed. There was no discussion of this topic beyond its introduction.





## Committee Reports

### Transportation and Public Space (T&PS)



#### V. Community Input

- a. Commissioner Paul Spires expressed concern with the portrayal of the Lincoln statue in Lincoln Park and suggested a potential replacement with a monument to Edwin Stanton. Committee member Rogger affirmed Commissioner Spires's concerns.
- b. Chair Bloomstine encouraged community members to participate in TranspoBingo. Committee member Sussman announced that Hill Family Biking would have its annual cleanup ride from Stanton Park to Sherwood Recreation Center to Rosedale Recreation Center and invited community members to attend (and earn early extra credit in TranspoBingo).

#### VI. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm EST.



## **Committee Reports**

### **Economic Development and Zoning Committee**



No report. EDZ did not meet in February 2025.



## New Business



**Suggested Motion:** ANC 6A send an official Letter of Appeal to the Director of OANC asking for reconsideration of the denial of ANC 6A's 2024 grant of \$1,000 Guerilla Gardeners. The purpose of the grant was to hold a public, community event to plant Tulips around the periphery of Sasha Bruce House. The appeal letter should capture the public benefits of this grant.





## New Business



March xx, 2025

Director Kent Boese  
Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW - Suite 11  
Washington, DC 20004

Re: Request for Appeal for Denial of 2024 grant to Guerilla Gardeners

Dear Director Boese:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting<sup>2</sup> on March 13, 2025 our Commission voted X-0-0 (with 4 Commissioners required for a quorum) to send of Appeal to the Director of OANC asking for reconsideration of the denial of ANC 6A's 2024 grant of \$1,000 to Guerilla Gardeners. The purpose of the grant was to hold a public, community event to plant Tulips around the periphery of Sasha Bruce House. We respectfully urge OANC to consider the following points:

1. The planting event "Tulipoolza" was an open event to which the entire community was invited, and also highlighted the work of Guerilla Gardeners interns who are at -risk youth in the community and the work of Sasha Bruce. (The event was widely publicized to the community.)
2. The planting was done on property deemed "Public Parking" by City Code. This property is under the ultimate control of DDOT, NOT by the adjacent property owner.
3. The visual impact of the flowers is enjoyed by the entire community and is visible by people in cars, pedestrians, and bikers on Maryland Avenue, 11th and F Streets NE and from the triangle park and playground on 11<sup>th</sup> Street NE.
4. The adjacent property is owned by a 501c3 that is a contractor to the City of DC to provide interim housing to adolescents
5. The property where the bulbs were planted can be accessed by anyone from the F Street and Maryland Avenue sides or by an entrance on 11<sup>th</sup> Street NE.
6. The local public school's students, School within School @ Goding (SWS), have participated in the beautification and ongoing maintenance process as have many community volunteers. In fact a repeat community Tulipoolooza is scheduled for April 5, 2025.
7. Finally, should the property to conveyed to a private owner, the periphery would remain in DDOT control, but the bulbs could be reclaimed and replanted on

Thank you for giving great weight to the recommendations of the Commission. I can be contacted at [6A05@anc.dc.gov](mailto:6A05@anc.dc.gov) and Commissioner Roberta Shapiro at [robertafor6a03@gmail.com](mailto:robertafor6a03@gmail.com).

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