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### Next Commission Meeting

April 7, 2011  
12:30 p.m.

The tentative agenda will be available March 18.

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### Public Outreach Continues on Southwest Ecodistrict Initiative

Following up on its public scoping meeting last month, planners from NCPC and the DC Office of Planning continue to seek public input on this important initiative.

The team wants to know your thoughts on the 10th Street and Maryland Avenue corridors. Tell us what you consider to be important strengths, critical weaknesses or constraints, and your vision for the area (don't be afraid to think BIG!).

[Post your comments on the online feedback forum >>](#)

[Learn more about the Southwest Ecodistrict Initiative >>](#)

### Comprehensive Plan Update

NCPC will soon begin updating the

## 2011 NCPC Speaker Series: Meet RIC The Homeland Security Regional Innovation Cluster

On March 29 NCPC will introduce the region's newest player, the Homeland Security Regional Innovation Cluster. Also known as RICs, Regional Innovation Clusters are geographic concentrations of related firms and industries that do business with each other. Widely recognized examples include California's Silicon Valley and North Carolina's Research Triangle Park.



As part of NCPC's Speaker Series, join us as state, local, and federal leaders explore how the new Department of Homeland Security Headquarters at St. Elizabeths might spur innovation and regional economic growth. (AICP CM 1.5) Forum starts at 6:30 p.m. at the U.S. Navy Memorial's Burke Theater.

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## NCPC's Outreach Efforts in the Region

As part of its regional outreach efforts, NCPC brought together planners from DC, Prince George's County, and the General Services Administration for a tour of St. Elizabeths and the Suitland Federal Center. The outing provided a chance to strengthen local and regional relationships and share information on initiatives along Metro's Green Line.



NCPC also organized a half-day meeting with the Fairfax County Planning and Zoning Department and representatives from several federal facilities located in the county. Topics of discussion included future development plans and sustainability initiatives. Staff from Fairfax County, NCPC, GSA, the National Park Service, Fort Belvoir, and the U.S. Postal Service attended.

[Watch a video about NCPC's involvement in regional planning >>](#)

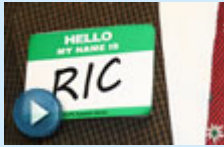
## NCPC Announces President's Park South

Federal Workforce Element of the Comprehensive Plan.

Pop Quiz: Can you guess how many federal employees work in the National Capital Region?

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## NCPC Cinema



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## Project Design Competition

As part of a joint planning project with the U.S. Secret Service and the National Park Service (NPS), NCPC will conduct a design competition for President's Park South. The area, located just south of the White House, includes E Street between 15th and 17th streets, NW, which has been closed to unauthorized traffic since 2001. The goal of the competition is to identify design concepts that can integrate the necessary security while preserving the historic cultural landscape. Public comment on the designs will be sought in early summer.



If you're interested in learning more, the NPS will host a public scoping open house on Thursday, March 31 as part of the Environmental Assessment process. The meeting will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the White House Visitor Center, located at 1450 Pennsylvania Avenue South, NW. For more details, contact the Office of the National Park Service Liaison to the White House at (202) 619-6344. Interested firms should stay tuned for an announcement in FedBizOpps in late March.

## Open Government Update

Later this month, NCPC will publish the final draft of its Open Government Plan following a 60-day public comment period.

The plan outlines initiatives the agency will undertake in the next two years to increase transparency, improve public participation, and encourage collaboration.



As part of its Open Government efforts, NCPC continues to expand its use of social media and web technology to better engage the public. This includes creation of an online forum to collect feedback on the Southwest Ecodistrict Initiative, the publication of videos on YouTube, and posting project materials in advance of Commission meetings.

[Read NCPC's Draft Open Government Plan >>](#)

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