

# Goals for the National Capital Region

**The Greater Washington 2050 initiative is seeking regional coordination and commitment towards a shared vision based on goals for the National Capital Region.** To create a comprehensive vision, broad public consensus is needed by government, business, and nonprofit organizations. The Greater Washington 2050 Coalition has proposed the following regional goals for public discussion based on recent survey results and existing regional policy. These goals will seek to address new and existing challenges, advance regional collaboration, and leverage our assets to compete in the new, global economy.

## Land Use Goals

- We seek the enhancement of established neighborhoods of differing densities with compact, walkable infill development and preservation of open space, farmland and environmental resource land in rural areas.
- We seek transit-oriented and mixed-use communities emerging in regional activity centers that will capture new employment and household growth.

## Transportation Goals

- We seek a broad range of public and private transportation choices for our Region which maximizes accessibility and affordability to everyone and minimizes reliance upon single occupancy use of the automobile.
- We seek a transportation system that maximizes community connectivity and walkability, and minimizes ecological harm to the Region and world beyond.

## Environmental Goals

- We seek to maximize protection and enhancement of the Region's environmental resources by meeting and exceeding standards for our air, water, and land.
- We seek preservation and enhancement of our Region's open space, green space, and wildlife preserves.

## Climate and Energy Goals

- We seek a significant decrease in greenhouse gas emissions, with substantial reductions from the built environment and transportation sector.
- We seek efficient public and private use of energy region-wide, with reliance upon renewable energy and alternative fuels for buildings, vehicles, and public transportation.



## **Economic Goals**

- We seek a diversified, stable, and competitive economy, with a wide range of employment opportunities and a focus on sustainable economic development.
- We seek to enhance the economic prosperity of each jurisdiction and the Region as a whole through balanced growth and access to high-quality jobs for everyone.
- We seek to fully recognize and enhance the benefits that accrue to the region as the seat of the National government and as a world capital.

## **Housing Goals**

- We seek a variety of housing types and choices in diverse, vibrant, safe, healthy, and sustainable neighborhoods, affordable to persons at all income levels.
- We seek to make the production, preservation, and distribution of affordable housing a priority throughout the Region.

## **Health and Human Services Goals**

- We seek healthy communities with greater access to quality health care and a focus on wellness and prevention.
- We seek to provide access and delivery of quality social services to all residents.

## **Education Goals**

- We seek to provide greater access to the best education at all levels, from pre-kindergarten to graduate school.
- We seek to make our Region a pre-eminent knowledge hub, through educational venues, workforce development, and institutional collaboration.

## **Public Safety Goals**

- We seek safe communities for residents and visitors.
- We seek partnerships that manage emergencies, protect the public health, safety, welfare, and preserve the lives, property and economic well-being of the Region and its residents.

*Greater Washington 2050 is a regional initiative to improve the quality of life for Washington area residents by developing a vision for the future and inspiring leadership to enhance our region.*