

Mall-Related Planning 2007

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The various Mall-related planning initiatives include these :

1. **National Park Service (NPS): The National Mall Plan** (previously called the Comprehensive Mall Management Plan) seeks to improve management of those portions of the Mall's open space under NPS jurisdiction, individual monuments, and Pennsylvania Avenue between 3rd and 15th Streets. This is an update of its 1960s-era management plan and focuses on maintenance of grass, trees, and restrooms. The NPS has asserted that it alone is given authority by Congress to plan for the Mall, although at least six agencies and eight committees in Congress have jurisdiction over parts of the Mall.



2. **NPS: The DC Visitor Transportation Study**, begun in 2003, is "planning for future visitor transportation services for the National Mall and Surrounding Park Areas." Since 1969 the Tourmobile concession has provided this service; its contract expires in 2007. The scope of the plan appears to be determined by existing Tourmobile service. A public comment session was held December 4 at the Old Post Office Building.

3. **National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC): The National Capital Framework Plan** (right) proposes to make federal land and properties (in purple) near the Mall more "Mall-like" so memorial sponsors will choose off-Mall locations. This program is in response to the Coalition's proposal for Mall expansion. This Plan furthers the goals of NCPC's **Legacy Plan and Memorials and Museums Master Plan**.



4. **NCPC's CapitalSpace initiative:** Working with DC Parks and Recreation and NPS to enhance a system of city-wide parks, **not** including the National Mall.

5. **Architect of the Capitol (AOC):** An updated master plan for areas under jurisdiction of the AOC (see areas outlined in the NPS map above) has been in process since 2003.

6. **DC OP Comprehensive Plan:**
 - o **Parks and Open Space Element**

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 - o **Federal Elements**

8. **DC Office of Planning (OP) and the Downtown Business Improvement District (BID):** Its Center City Action Agenda (right) seeks to build upon its 1980s-era Center City plan to now include the Mall and the Southwest Waterfront. For the first time, the Mall, instead of marking the southern edge of the "Center City," is now at the middle of it.

