

Raw Responses from the Eight Break Out Groups

Question 1 - What sustainability attributes does your neighborhood possess?

1. Transportation infrastructure
2. Bikeshare/bike infrastructure
3. Lanes, friendly, parking
4. Easy transportation access
5. Access to public transportation choice
6. Zipcar
7. Good transportation
8. Public transport options, zipcars
9. Public transit (access)
10. Biking, walking, etc.
11. Bicycle share (exercise, pollution)
12. Walkable, connected communities
13. Walkable/Sidewalks w/ good connectivity for pedestrians
14. Sidewalks
15. Mixed use (walkable ties into this)
16. Connectivity - nodes
17. Community - eyes on street
18. Involvement
19. Good communication/sense of community
20. High density
21. Meets needs
22. Energy initiatives
23. Solar installations
24. UG Utilities
25. Clean energy - local/renewable
26. Natural spaces
27. Clean Air
28. Tree canopy
29. Tree canopy (natural ecosystem soils, flora fauna)
30. Parks
31. Useful space
32. Natural beauty
33. Open space (water)
34. Food and urban agriculture
35. Community garden/open space
36. Urban gardening/community gardening
37. Farmers markets (local food)
38. Healthy food
39. Education and school-based initiatives
40. (Sustainable) Schools
41. Campus-based sustainability competitions
42. Competition amongst schools
43. Better education (city/community, neighborhood)
44. Waste, runoff, and municipal services
45. Public trash receptacles
46. Clean
47. Litter

48. Sewer
49. Recycling - What/Where
50. Municipal or community offerings of "Basic Green" services (eg recycling)
51. Composting - we have an actual neighborhood composting program that we put
52. together ourselves
53. Stormwater solution
54. Green roofs
55. Innovation and progressive thinking
56. Output = Input
57. Individual initiative (eg. personal gardens)
58. Green

Question 2 - What needs to change to make it better?

1. Improve infrastructure to support clean rivers/water systems
2. Address combined sewage overflow (CSO) problems
3. Install rain gardens
4. Clean rivers
5. New conservation legislation/enforcement of existing legislation
6. Work with nature
7. Improve infrastructure to incentivize green transportation, decentivize cars.
8. Add bike lanes
9. Improve pedestrian infrastructure - walkable, more pedestrian oriented streets that are less car friendly
10. Incentivize green transportation and increase usage (electric cars/mass transit)
11. Support greener transportation options that meet the needs of all
12. Increase access to and use of open space and parks
13. Maintain green spaces
14. Green infrastructure
15. Keep green/remove grey (hard scaped)
16. Better routes to green space/access to nature
17. Support community gardens
18. Improve our use of parks
19. Increase stability and continuity in our neighborhoods
20. Provide community and recreation centers
21. Church
22. Youth, elderly
23. Support community meeting needs
24. Central gathering spots/neighborhood centers
25. Build community that's conducive to diversity
26. Improve educational system - good, high-performing schools in every hood – treat them as community assets
27. Improve safety
28. Safe and secure routes to schools
29. Share resources (cars, tools, etc)
30. Create local jobs to “green” neighborhood blocks
31. Smart development
32. Increase self-sufficiency
33. Proximity and mixed land use
34. Neighborhood - scale improvement projects
35. Improve communication around sustainability efforts
36. Hold events based on common interests (eg children, dogs, dog parks)

37. Use public venues
38. Don't rely just on digital/social media, address digital divide/generational issues by spreading the word through face to face contact
39. Feedback on positive change/goals and measures
40. Help people understand impact, small changes they can make
41. Communicate economic benefits of sustainability /incentives
42. Increase competency for sustainability
43. Improve schools and make "green" part of the curriculum - active, experiential and contributing to the area
44. Form DC Conservation Corps
45. Take ownership of green initiatives (follow through)
46. Center for citizen sustainability
47. Cooperative with regional gov't/federal gov't
48. DC summer jobs - more empowering and productive
49. Improve waste services
50. Add recycling everywhere (recycling cans next to street trash cans)
51. Composting and infrastructure
52. Improve energy infrastructure
53. Make roofs solar
54. Efficiency of infrastructure
55. Get away from power from coal
56. Waste to energy
57. biofuels
58. biogas
59. Co-gen

Question 3 - What project will you spearhead?

1. Improve infrastructure to support clean rivers/water systems
2. Rain gardens
3. Potomac river cleaned (Anacostia River - save it)
4. Rain garden implementation
5. Improve infrastructure to incentivize green transportation, decentivize cars.
6. Green roads
7. Pedestrian infrastructure improvement
8. Bike lanes/Donations of bikes/Bike share
9. Creating/siting more bike lanes
10. bike donation program - "white bikes" Eugene OR, London
11. Bikes everywhere
12. Revenue - neutral Carbon Tax - Joe
13. Decrease car pollution
14. Increase access to and use of open space and parks
15. Natural resource conservation
16. Repurposing buildings/open spaces
17. Neighborhood = Campus
18. Natural resource conservation - rock creek
19. Parks/nature wilderness can be improved
20. Less light pollution
21. Increase stability and continuity in our neighborhoods
22. Clothing/Car/Tool/Other share
23. Community gardens

24. Identify Spaces and work to organize them as green, community meeting space abandoned to useful
25. Repurposing buildings
26. Farmers market
27. Community garden
28. Improve communication around sustainability efforts
29. Bilingual Communication
30. Organize Walk to School (community level)
31. Friendly neighborhood streets sidewalks, benches
32. Send mail to admin and policy leaders/Contact policy leaders with suggestions
33. Increase competency for sustainability
34. Mentor - teach - get youth empowered on projects of use
35. Hands-on outreach - local students
36. Youth/children involvement and training/neighbor involvement
37. Outreach and education for self and others
38. Connector for sustainability projects (green liaison)
39. Youth training
40. Green neighborhood education!
41. Healthy lifestyle/eating
42. Community - small build projects
43. Community - volunteer or civic engagement
44. Knock on my neighbors' doors and ask them to get involved in something
45. concrete
46. Summer jobs program
47. Veganism/animal population control
48. Improve waste services
49. User fee for trash/recycling and composting free
50. Composting/recycling
51. Community curbside recycling, composting, and clothing drop
52. Recycling (glass, brown glass, paper, etc.)
53. Improve energy infrastructure
54. Geothermal (both types)
55. Green Roofs - White Roofs
56. Changing lightbulbs
57. Residential solar panels
58. Solar company - paid PV on rooftops at UDC
59. Street lights

Top line Group Report Out

This is the consolidated list of top responses reported by the eight break out groups

Question 1

What is a sustainable neighborhood and what sustainability attributes does your neighborhood possess?

- Community garden/open space
- Good communication/sense of community
- Easy transportation access

- Campus-based sustainability competitions
- Farmers market
- Bikeshare/bike infrastructure
- Tree canopy
- Zipcar
- Composting - we have an actual neighborhood composting program that we put together ourselves
- Solar installations
- Sidewalks w/ good connectivity for pedestrians
- High density
- Natural beauty

Question 2

How do we advance DC's neighborhoods toward sustainability?

If your neighborhood was to become more sustainable, what would it look like and what would need to change?

- Bike lanes
- Green spaces
- Use of open space (increase access)
- Community gardens
- Better schools
- DC Conservation corps
- Digital divide/generational issues (face to face contact)
- Take ownership of green initiatives (follow through)
- Rain gardens
- Roofs are solar
- Recycling everywhere
- Electric Cars/Mass transit (incentivize green transportation and increase usage)
- CSO - Combined sewage overflow
- Smart development
- Green education
- Stability and continuity - education is key
- Increase consciousness/competency for sustainability
- Walkable
- Self-sufficiency
- Clean rivers
- Conservation legislation/enforcement of existing legislation
- Economic benefits of sustainability /incentives
- Feedback on positive change/goals and measures
- Safety
- Jobs

Question 3

What sustainability project would you be willing to invest your time in and work with others on?

- Repurposing buildings/open spaces
- Revenue via Carbon Tax
- User fee for trash/composting
- Geothermal

- Organize Walk to School (community level)
- Pedestrian infrastructure improvement
- Natural resource conservation
- Youth/children involvement and training/neighbor involvement
- Bike lanes/Donations of bikes/Bike share
- Green roads
- Less light pollution
- Contact policy leaders with suggestions
- Clothing/Stuff share
- Outreach and education for self and others
- Connector for sustainability projects (green liaison)
- Rain gardens
- Summer jobs program
- Veganism/animal population control
- Community gardens
- Composting/recycling
- Residential solar panels
- Bilingual Communication
- Changing light bulbs