

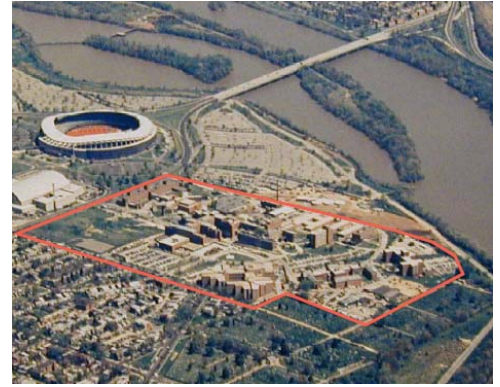
Reservation13/Hill East Draft Master Plan

When Congress signaled its willingness to transfer ownership of the 67-acre federal parcel designated in the 1790s as "Reservation 13" to the District of Columbia, the DC City Council directed the Office of Planning to prepare a draft master plan of the entire site.

The challenge of an aggressive delivery schedule was further compounded by the presence of a significant body of stakeholders who, dissatisfied with Mayor Anthony Williams's decision to close the DC General Hospital, made the draft master planning process their venue for expressing their insistent objections.

JSA's first task was to document the broadest possible expression of current concerns and future aspirations for the site. The second task was to fully acquaint neighbors and other stakeholders with the entire parcel in order to convey its capacity for programming many potential future uses beyond health and corrections-related uses. The final task was to engage the nearby residents and interested public and private stakeholders in a thorough, but by necessity, fast-paced visioning process and evaluation of concept ideas.

To accomplish such an evaluation, JSA facilitated small and large group discussions that produced a draft vision statement and development principles. Utilizing site tours, open houses, neighborhood presentations, an in-depth project web site, extensive documentation, and numerous large public meetings, JSA's team managed to build consensus around development principles and build some agreement for the creation of a new, mixed use, mixed income urban waterfront neighborhood on the Anacostia River.



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