



## DC Flood Task Force Action Plan Category # 5 – Flood Infrastructure (October 2022) Comments from the Committee of 100 on the Federal City

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Dear Deputy Mayor for Operations and Infrastructure Babers:

The Committee of 100 on the Federal City is a planning and preservation advocacy organization that was founded nearly a century ago. The Committee of 100 strongly supports capital spending for well-designed flood control studies and implementation of effective flood infrastructure. The District needs many capital projects, and infrastructure spending for flood control should be a high priority. While all the local-led projects listed in the project overview and timeline appear to be important and worthwhile, we support prioritizing the projects that will protect vulnerable populations and improve environmental conditions.

1. The District should set an ambitious goal for capital spending on flood control infrastructure, and designate a minimum percentage of the capital budget for flood control studies and projects. For example, Boston’s mayor advocated spending ten percent (10%) of the city’s capital budget over five years (\$30 million) for climate change adaptation.<sup>1</sup> We support giving great consideration to implementing the total estimated cost and cost breakdown table for local-led projects.

2. The District should prioritize projects that will effectively protect vulnerable populations, such as Greenleaf Gardens.

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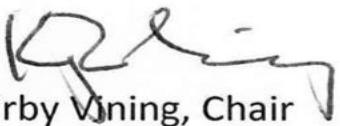
<sup>1</sup> Steven Mufson, “Boston thrived by the sea. Now, it fights rising water.” *Washington Post*, 20 Feb. 2020, A1.

3. The District should prioritize studies and projects to create and protect natural shorelines, including wetlands restoration. Examples include Oxon Run Stream and Wetlands Restoration, and SW Buzzard Point Living Shoreline.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on these important and much-needed proposals.

If you have any questions or require additional information, do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,



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