



## Purpose and Need

The purpose of this project is to provide broad guidance and long-term strategies for management of the park, for protecting and restoring its resources, for facilitating public understanding and use of the park, and for promoting partnership opportunities that will support and complement management of the park.



An approved plan for Anacostia Park will direct future decision-making in a comprehensive manner that considers and balances the needs of all stakeholders and will help prevent reactive, piecemeal actions.

## The Management Plan Will:

- clarify minimum levels of resource protection and public use required for park management in an urban setting
- determine the best mix of resource protection and visitor experiences for the next 10 to 15 years
- establish the degree to which the park should be managed to preserve and enhance its natural and cultural resources, provide recreation, and control non-recreational traffic

## Previous Planning

In 2001, the NPS initiated a General Management Plan (GMP) for Anacostia Park. In 2002, the NPS moved ahead with the GMP process and presented to the public the draft statements of purpose, significance, and goals for Anacostia Park. Two action alternatives were developed at that time, as well as the “no-action” alternative, which would continue existing management. These alternatives were presented to the public in 2003 and further revised through 2005. An internal review draft GMP was prepared but never released for public review. In order to take advantage of the work that has been done and the public input that was received, this plan will revisit, adopt, evaluate, and/or update the concepts contained in the earlier planning effort.