

December 2023

Benning Road Zero Waste Campus

DPW's Zero Waste Campus

DPW's zero waste campus will not only consolidate and transfer waste, but also support safe, efficient, and resident-friendly waste diversion activities including waste reduction, materials reuse, recycling, and composting activities.

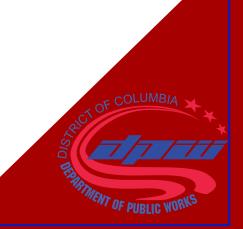
DPW hopes to also have a community education space where residents of all ages can learn about sustainable materials management.



History of Benning Road Transfer Station

- In 1968, the Kenilworth dump site was closed due to a tragic fire.
- In 1972, the Solid Waste Reduction Center #1 was constructed to handle the District's waste through incineration as opposed to the open landfill that was at the Kenilworth dump.
- In the early 90's, the Solid Waste Reduction Center #1 was temporarily retrofitted into the Benning Road Transfer Station.
- In 2006, the retrofit was completed for the proper tipping and loading operation of a transfer station.
- In 2021, the transfer station sustained damage from a massive fire that compromised the integrity of the building. This is what lead to today's construction of the District's new state-of-theart facility.





Draft Timeline

- Abatement Phase 1 & 2 Completion Dec 2023
- Community Advisory Council Launches January 2024
- Abatement Phase 3 Completion July 2024
- Building Demolition Begins July/August 2024
- Design Begins (Includes Community Engagement) Summer/Fall 2024
- Building Demolition Completion August 2025
- Construction Begins September 2025
- Substantial Completion Spring/Summer 2027
- Final Completion Summer/Fall 2027

Current Phase: Abatement

- DPW is currently working with a contractor to remediate any hazardous materials from the site.
- The site was surveyed by a hazardous waste contractor and their report was sent to the DC Department of Energy and Environment (DOEE) to review.
- DOEE has to approve plans prior to remediation work beginning.
- Remediation contractors carefully remove hazardous materials from the site and dispose of them in specified permitted locations outside of the District.

Community Engagement

- DPW will be launching a Community Advisory Committee made up of neighbors, stakeholders, sister agencies, Mayor/Council staff, etc.
 - This Committee will be updated regularly and serve as ambassadors to the larger community.
 - DPW will send around information on how to join in December.
- DPW will also host community sessions/focus groups around building design in Summer/Fall 2024.
- Starting in January, DPW's website will provide monthly project updates.
- For more information and/or to address concerns regarding the Benning Road Transfer Station please reach out to dpw@dc.gov.

