DECEMBER 2007/ JANUARY 2008 UPDATE

- The Interim report is posted on the project website.
- The following are some of the comments received at the first public meeting held in October:
  - Generally meeting attendees were in favor of 12th Street widening and the new St. Elizabeth Medical Facility and commented that it would bring much needed redevelopment into the area.
  - Linden Grove Cemetery was mentioned as being a very important community asset that can function as a well planned open space area if improvements are made.
  - A general lack and a need for community gathering spaces such as parks, community centers and so on were mentioned.
  - Several ideas were presented for the reuse of the 15th Street bridge and the importance of a mid-way east west connectivity.
  - The high rate of rental housing in the area and a lack of property upkeep and maintenance were mentioned.
- Staff is currently working on putting together recommendations for the study area.

Next steps:
- The task force will be meeting the last Thursday of every month from January to June to discuss study recommendations.
- The second public meeting to present the recommendations to the public is tentatively scheduled to be held in mid March.
- The project is slated to be completed in July 2008.