



This tour, meeting in the East Side Parkview lobby at 10:00am on Saturday June 21, will investigate a number of important infill projects in upper northwest DC., including residential, civic and institutional projects.

The first stop on the tour will be the **Oyster School**. This project is the result of a public/private partnership between the DC School system and a private developer, LCOR. Located in the heart of Woodley Park, one of several neighborhoods along the Connecticut Avenue corridor, the Oyster School is a public elementary school that offers a bilingual education. The site was recently rebuilt in a unique public/private partnership, which leveraged the cost of construction of the new school (the first new school to be built in the District in over thirty years) with the construction of an adjacent rental apartment building. Utilizing the rich tradition of neighborhood schools that exists in the District this site offers a model for mixed-use development as well as for design of successful elementary schools in compact urban conditions.



The next stop on the tour will be the **National Cathedral Close**. This magnificent campus is one of two significant projects developed by the Olmsted brothers in Washington (the other is the Capitol Grounds). The Cathedral Close is the home of the National Cathedral as well as eight other separate institutions, including three schools, the College of Preachers and St. Alban's church. With its rich collection of Gothic architecture and spectacular landscapes this site is one of the most significant places in all of DC. The tour will walk the Close grounds examining the many historic structures and landscapes, including the National Cathedral itself, as well as several significant new buildings, including an underground field house, that are the result of a recent Master Plan.



The tour will terminate at **Alban Towers**, located across Wisconsin Avenue from the National Cathedral. This site is also the result of a recent infill development that married a sensitive historic preservation project with a successful rental and for-sale development. Alban Towers is a mid-rise apartment building originally constructed in the 1930's in a gothic style reminiscent of the Cathedral grounds across the way. After suffering from substantial neglect in the seventies and eighties the building was recently renovated, returning it to its original splendor and completely renovating the building interior. A new parking garage behind the building was constructed to accommodate parking needs; a series of for-sale duplex houses were developed on top of this new parking structure. The project offers many insights into how preservation and development goals can go hand and hand as well as how to successfully design mixed-income, mixed-tenure urban residential blocks.

