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How the New Deal Transformed Greater Washington
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Speakers: Richard Walker, executive director of the Living New Deal project  
Isabelle Gournay, Architectual Historian  
Brent McKee, Living New Deal, Project Historian

The Living New Deal has published a map showing the immense contribution of the New Deal to Washington DC. A large-format map that folds to pocket size, it locates over 500 New Deal public works sites around the District of Columbia and highlights 34 notable sites, with descriptions on the back.

The nation’s capital was transformed by the Roosevelt Administration in one decade, 1933-42. The New Deal completed the Federal Triangle and Capital Parks, renovated the National Mall and Washington Monument, and constructed major buildings and monuments, like the Department of Interior and Jefferson Memorial. It helped rebuild the city's basic infrastructure of water, sewers, streets and bridges, and added numerous recreation, school and health facilities. And it enhanced the city with hundreds of artworks.

The New Deal was busy beyond the District, as well, and the map highlights 10 such sites, including the National Institutes of Health, Beltsville Agricultural Research Station, National Airport, The Pentagon and, of course, Greenbelt MD. Many more sites across Greater Washington can be found on the Living New Deal's online map at livingnewdeal.org.
As Living New Deal founder, Dr. Gray Brechin, says, “The New Deal’s work of building, renovating and modernizing Washington DC is largely unmarked and unrecognized, as in most of the country. It’s like finding a lost civilization that has been buried and forgotten.”

This virtual panel discussion sponsored by the Greenbelt Museum will feature architectural historian Isabelle Gournay, historian Brett McCabe, and Richard A. Walker, current executive director of the Living New Deal Project. The program is co-sponsored by the Art Deco Society of Washington.

**About the Presenters**

Richard A. Walker is Professor Emeritus of Geography at UC Berkeley, where he taught from 1975 to 2012. He is author of scores of articles and six books, including classics in economic geography and the development of California. His latest book is *Pictures of a Gone City: Tech and the Dark Side of Prosperity in the San Francisco Bay Area* (2018). Walker’s awards include Fulbright and Guggenheim Fellowships. He is currently executive director of the Living New Deal project.

Brent McKee is the Project Historian with the Living New Deal. He holds graduate degrees in history and public policy, and has been researching the New Deal since 2010.

Isabelle Gournay (Emerita - University of Maryland) received a professional degree in architecture from the Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Beaux-Arts, a certificate of museum training from the Ecole du Louvre and a doctorate in art history from Yale University.

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