

## **Stephanie Stair, 2023 EDI Fellow for Washington, DC**



### **Project Overview and Role (1-2 Paragraphs):**

This summer, I had the opportunity to work at the District's Department of Energy and Environment (DOEE). I was placed with the Urban Sustainability Administration to work on the third update to the city's Sustainable DC plan. I was tasked with gathering community feedback via our survey and engagement events in Wards 5, 6, 7, and 8, along with reviewing other reports and plans to gain insight into resident priorities.

In addition to working on the Sustainable DC update, I worked with the department's internal equity committee on the DOEE's Racial Equity Action Plan to outline steps the agency will take to reduce racial inequities around the city.

### **What did you learn from the project?**

I enjoyed getting to see what goes on behind the scenes. It made me more appreciative of the work that goes into getting projects and programs implemented. I learned about the bureaucratic processes and some of the obstacles associated with getting programs up and running. I also realized that a lot of government work is finding a way to balance different interests and priorities.

### **What was the impact of your work?**

Being that I was only there for the summer, I wasn't able to see the projects through to the end. Currently, they're in progress and undergoing the editing and approval process before the plans are finalized and released.

### **Any links to project deliverables?**

At this time, there are no external deliverables for this project.