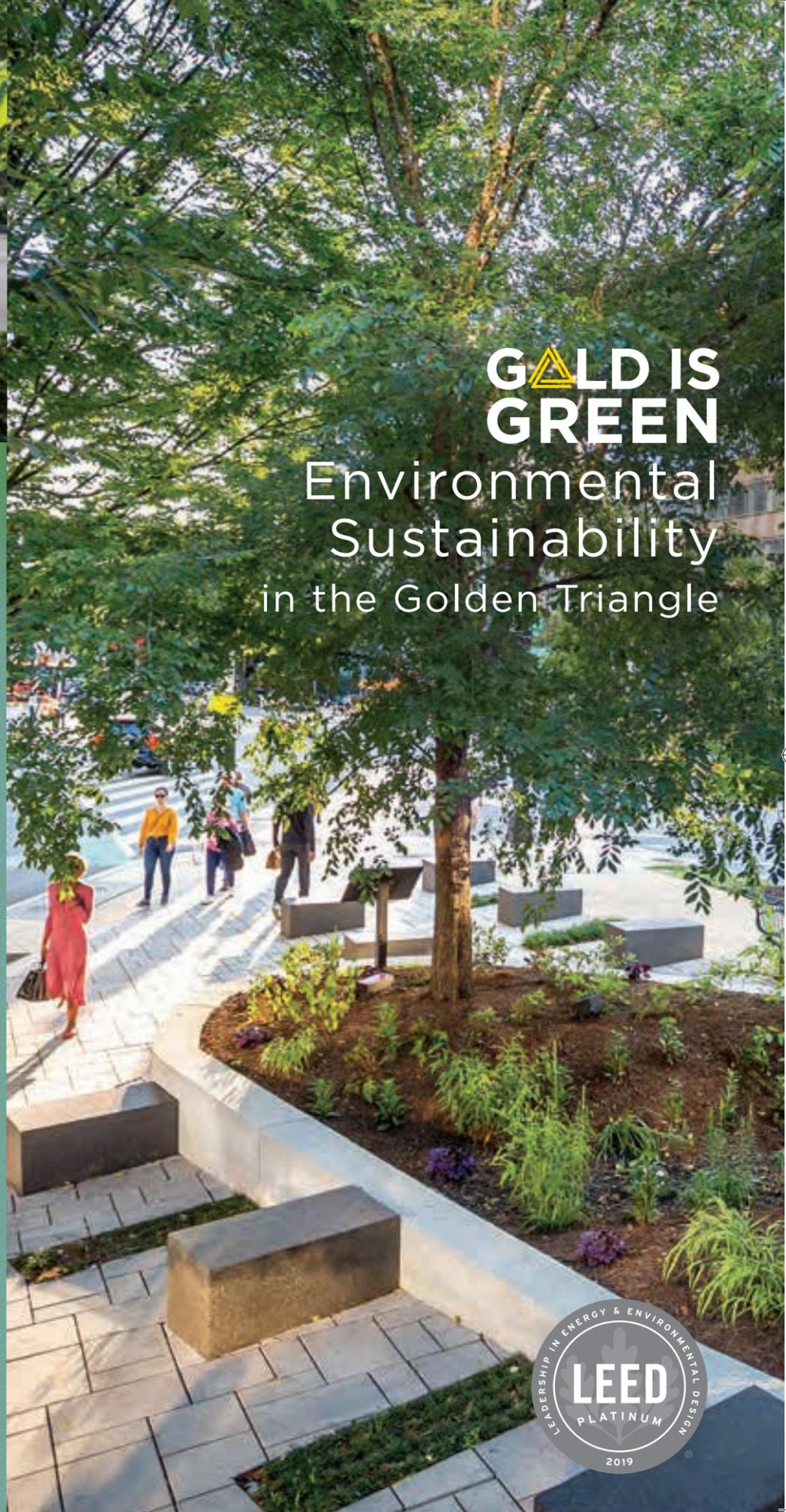




Pollinator garden
at Longfellow Park



19th Street
Rain Gardens



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Environmental Sustainability in the Golden Triangle

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ADDITIONAL KEY PROJECTS

- ▶ **Duke Ellington Park:** The BID redesigned the park to include permeable pavers, a rain garden, a rainwater harvesting system, and new landscaping. These green infrastructure practices prevent thousands of gallons of polluted stormwater from reaching Rock Creek each year.
- ▶ **Connecticut Avenue:** 9,000 square feet of impervious pavement were converted into green space with a beautifully landscaped median and new large tree boxes on the sidewalks. These efforts help reduce stormwater runoff, provide cooling shade, and offer habitat for birds and pollinators.
- ▶ **Green Practices on 19th Street:** The 14 rain gardens and 10 expanded tree boxes add 6,500 square feet of green space, treat thousands of gallons of stormwater runoff, provide urban wildlife habitat, and offer cooling shade. Custom seating provides opportunities for the public to relax and enjoy the 41 new trees and more than 600 native plants.
- ▶ **Penn West:** The BID led the re-envisioning of Penn West, Pennsylvania Avenue west of the White House. When completed, Penn West will include an acre of new green space, rain gardens, an expanded tree canopy, and a half-mile of protected bike lanes.
- ▶ **Pollinator Landscaping Competition:** The BID partnered with Smithsonian Gardens to present the theme *Pollinator Habitat* for the annual landscaping contest, Golden Streets. Buildings created pollinator-friendly gardens in more than 260 tree boxes, and Smithsonian Gardens installed pollinator habitats in two parks. The gardens provided colorful habitat for native species, beautified our streets, and created conversation about pollinators.

ABOUT THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

Formed in 1998, the Golden Triangle Business Improvement District (BID) enhances Washington, DC's central business district, the 43-square-block neighborhood stretching from the White House to Dupont Circle. Home to roughly 6,000 businesses, the BID provides a clean, safe, and vibrant environment for hundreds of thousands of workers, residents, and visitors, and encourages economic development through capital projects, public art, sustainability and events.

The Golden Triangle has been awarded LEED Platinum, the highest level of LEED certification, by the U.S. Green Building Council. It is the first BID in the world to be certified through the LEED for Communities program. The Golden Triangle Charitable Corporation (GTCC), an affiliate, 501(c)(3) organization, expands the BID's work in the arenas of sustainability, public art, placemaking, homeless services, safety and security.

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The BID has installed 14 rain gardens on 19th Street, which **filter stormwater** and provide habitat for native pollinators.

Ambassadors collect approximately **125,000 bags of trash and recycling each year**, which keeps our streets clean and prevents litter from polluting waterways.

The Golden Triangle features more than **400 recycling and garbage cans** and almost 100 cigarette receptacles.

The BID has installed more than **400 bike racks** on its sidewalks.

A comprehensive network of bike lanes **reduces car congestion** and greenhouse gas emissions, and improves public health. The Golden Triangle has protected bike lanes on L and M Streets with plans underway for two more corridors.

Walkability is a foundation of a sustainable neighborhood. With a **Walk Score of 97**, residents and visitors of the Golden Triangle have access to many nearby public transit options, businesses, restaurants, and entertainment venues.

SETTING THE STANDARD FOR GREEN STREETS

The Golden Triangle BID is advancing a portfolio of sustainability programs that create attractive, unique, and inclusive urban spaces. Green neighborhood elements such as those featured here helped the Golden Triangle to become the first BID in the world to be named a LEED Platinum certified community by the U.S. Green Building Council.