



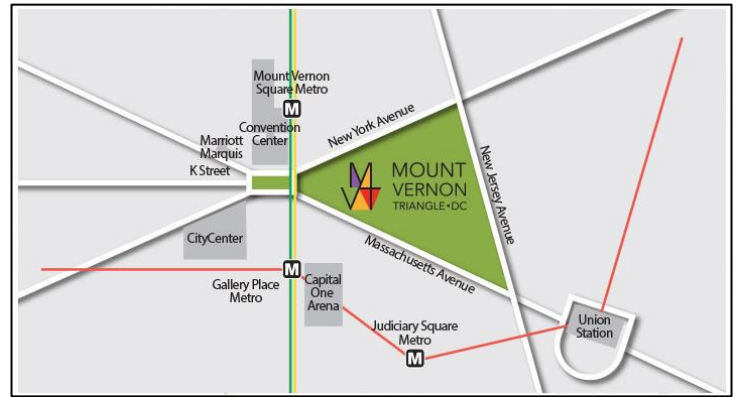
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MVT CID TAX FAQs

What is the MVT CID? The Mount Vernon Triangle Community Improvement District (CID) is a private, 501(c)(6) nonprofit organization established in 2004 to enhance the overall quality of life for residents, workers and patrons, and to increase commercial opportunities for business and property owners, in Mount Vernon Triangle. Under District law, the CID is legally defined as one of DC's 11 Business Improvement Districts (BID).

Who are the Other 10 BIDs? They include these prominent DC neighborhoods that you may visit or travel through on a regular basis:

- Adams Morgan Partnership BID
- Anacostia BID
- Capitol Hill BID
- Capitol Riverfront BID
- DowntownDC BID



- Dupont Circle BID
- Georgetown BID
- Golden Triangle BID
- NoMa BID
- Southwest BID

What are the MVT CID's boundaries? The MVT CID encompasses 17 city blocks bounded by 7th Street NW to the west, Massachusetts Avenue NW to the south, New York Avenue NW to the north, and New Jersey Avenue NW to the east. See the top-right image on this page for a picture of the MVT CID boundary map.

Why CID and not BID? Although legally defined as a BID, our organization was the first to include both commercial and residential properties in our funding structure—hence the intentional use of the word **community** in our name. This structure was also considered essential for creating the vibrant new downtown mixed-use neighborhood envisioned in the Mount Vernon Triangle Action Agenda (published 2003). In other words, what you see today.

Why is there a tax? The CID's operations are funded by a supplemental real property tax on all non-exempt properties within our boundaries. Established concurrent with start-up of the CID upon consent by a majority of property owners, the tax is collected by the District of Columbia and all revenues are provided to the CID. As an official District tax, properties with outstanding balances could be subject to tax lien (and eventual sale) by DC's Office of Tax and Revenue (OTR). This important enforcement mechanism helps to ensure that the CID's services are funded fairly and equitably by all who benefit from them.

What do you do with the money? The CID uses the proceeds to invest in neighborhood cleaning, safety and landscaping programs; streetscape and public realm improvements; planning, transit and economic development efforts; stakeholder advocacy; homeless outreach; and events that support community-building.

But the neighborhood has been "improved"—why is the tax still necessary? Yes, Mount Vernon Triangle has come a long way and significant progress has been made. However, the neighborhood has yet to achieve full build-out. And while we continue to focus on the core programs mentioned above, we've also increased our impact to include other efforts such as: advancing commercial and retail attraction and retention initiatives; activating our limited yet highly desired parks and open space resources; enhancing marketing and community events; spearheading artistic and cultural activities and transportation planning initiatives; and securing assistance for our neighbors who are experiencing homelessness or otherwise are unstably housed. These efforts are funded through your BID tax investment all contribute positively to increased property value and enhanced quality of life. Indeed, much more work remains to be done.

How do I pay the tax? You can pay online, by check, or in-person. Please see the full instructions on our website at mvtcid.org/bidtax or the bill that you received from OTR. Thank you.