



Eastern Market Main Street

Advocating for new funding through the DSLBD Clean Team program to increase trash and maintenance services to the the EMMS corridor.

The Clean Team program works to improve commercial district appearance to help increase foot traffic, and consequently, opportunity for customer sales; provide jobs for DC residents; reduce litter, graffiti, and posters, which contribute to the perception of an unsafe commercial area; maintain a healthy tree canopy, including landscaping, along the corridor; and support Sustainable DC goals by recycling, mulching street trees, using eco-friendly supplies, and reducing stormwater pollution generated by DC’s commercial districts.



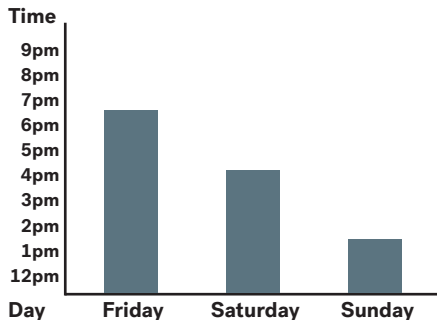
THE CURRENT SITUATION

The street outside the historic Eastern Market is closed on Saturdays and Sundays for various flea and farmer’s markets by Mayoral order – welcoming up to 9,000 additional visitors each weekend – but unfortunately no provisions were made for a correlated increase in maintenance services. With this increase of visitors coming to dine, shop, and experience the neighborhood businesses and weekend markets, the EMMS corridor sees a significant uptick in trash and other litter.



Currently, the Capitol Hill BID provides cleaning and maintenance services to the EMMS corridor as part of their overall Clean Team program coverage. Their hours of operation are 7 days a week, 7am to 3pm. However, this leaves the corridor neglected for at least 16 hours during the busiest times on the corridor. As a result, overflowing trash receptacles, litter, and other waste have been reported, contributing to an already sizable rat issue in the neighborhood.

Peak traffic and trash times on Eastern Market Main Street



WHAT DO WE NEED?

EMMS is requesting that Clean Team grant funds be made available for the Eastern Market area that would allow us to increase the trash and recycling services to the corridors, specifically in high-traffic times on the weekends. We have seen the success our neighbor, Barracks Row Main Street, has experienced by employing three additional team members dedicated to their corridor Friday through Sunday 12pm-8pm, who collect trash, monitor litter, and ensure that, even on the busiest days, visitors experience a clean Barracks Row.

NEXT STEPS

- DC Council earmarks FY20 funds for an Eastern Market Clean Team
- DSLBD issues NOFA in Summer 2019

