

# A Two-Tier Strategy for Public Safety around Banner Lane and Sursum Corda

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*An academic policy project pairing near-term environmental improvements with longer-term social investment, implementation ownership, and accountability.*

## PROBLEM

Concentrated neighborhood safety concerns cannot be addressed through policing or redevelopment alone. The memo frames safety as both an immediate environmental challenge and a longer-term problem of opportunity, health, and community capacity.

## OPTION ANALYSIS

The paper compares the status quo, Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design alone, and a combined strategy using secondary evidence, place-based problem definition, implementation sequencing, and evaluation planning.

## RECOMMENDATION

- Improve lighting, sightlines, maintenance, and greening.
- Pair those measures with youth employment, treatment access, and community violence intervention.

## IMPLEMENTATION

The proposed sequence assigns interagency ownership, creates a role for resident guidance, phases near- and longer-term actions, and uses public reporting to make progress and responsibility visible.

## EVALUATION AND EQUITY

- Track participation, safety indicators, delivery milestones, and unintended displacement effects.
- Use independent evaluation and transparent reporting to support course correction.

## STATUS AND LIMITS

This is a proposed policy strategy, not an implemented intervention or an evaluation of observed Banner Lane outcomes. Local conditions and resident priorities would need current validation before use.

## PORTFOLIO NOTE

Coursework structured for a D.C. Council audience. It was not commissioned by, submitted to, or endorsed by the Council.