**Cooperatives enterprises and housing in the District of Columbia**

*A partial list compiled by the* ***DC Cooperative Stakeholder Group***

coopdevcenter.org

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Thanks to **CoopDC.org** for providing much of the information contained here.

Please visit https://coopdc.org/coop-directory/ for their more complete list of cooperatives in greater DC region, including in the adjacent suburbs of Virginia and Maryland.

### Art [Gallery Co-ops](http://www.artmagic.org/resources/coopgalleries.html)

Foundry Gallery

Gallery A

Studio Gallery

Washington Printmakers Gallery

### Community Exchange Co-ops

### The Electric Maid

**Credit unions (consumer owned banks)**

DC is home to approximately 75 credit unions with an estimated 150,000 customer-members.

DGE Federal Credit Union

Lafayette Federal Credit Union

PenFed Credit Union

State Dept. Federal Credit Union

Transportation Federal Credit Union

**To find one convenient for you go to**

mapping.ncua.gov/

See also the MD │ DC Credit Union Assoc.

www.mddccua.org/

**Other consumer-owned co-op businesses**

### Takoma Park Silver Spring Food Co-op

REI

### Daycare and Preschool Co-ops

There are currently at approximately 10 child care cooperatives operating within the city, owned and managed by the participating families. Together they help to care for more than 200 children.

Capitol Hill Babysitting Co-op

Capitol Hill Cooperative Nursery School

Capitol Hill Learning Group

Capitol Hill Cooperative Play School

DC Special Education Co-op

**Daycare co-ops (cont’d)**

G Street Cooperative Playgroup

DC Childcare Collective: *a small all-volunteer group, is founded on the belief that mothers, women of color, and people from low-income backgrounds are critical leaders of social justice movements.*

Jenkins Hill Child Development Center

Semillitas Childcare Co-op *(is also a worker co-op)*

### Energy Co-ops

Capitol Hill Solar Co-op

Cleveland Park Energy Co-op

DC Solar United Neighborhoods

Mt. Pleasant Solar Co-op

Palisades Solar Co-op

Save our Sky Home-Heating Cooperative

Ward 7 Solar Co-op

Ward 8 Renewable Energy Co-op

**Housing co-ops**

There are two types of housing co-ops: **limited equity** and **market-rate**.

DC has the 2nd largest number of housing co-ops in the nation, with over 5,000 residents living in approximately 120 cooperatively owned buildings.

Here are a few of them:

Beecher Cooperative

Benning Heights Cooperative

Benning Road Cooperative

Brandywine Chesapeake Housing Corp.

Claiborne Cooperative

Duncan Cooperative, *Petworth*

Ella Jo Baker Intentional Community Cooperative

East Capitol Gardens

**Housing Co-ops (cont’d)**

Martin Luther King Jr. Latino Co-op

Norwood Co-op *Logan Circle*

Peoples’ Coop *Elvans Road SE*

Watergate *(yes, that Watergate)*

There are too many housing co-ops to list them all here, so please see: **https://coopdc.org/housing-co-ops/**

or

**The Potomac Association of Housing Cooperatives** www.potomacassoc.org

or

**the DC Cooperative Housing Coalition**

https://coopsdc.org/

### Producer-owned Co-ops

### Ward 8 Farmers’ Market

**Purchasing/marketing cooperatives**

Logan Hardware (*aka* A Few Cool Hardware Stores, *aka* your local Ace Hardware store)

Health Industry Group Purchasing Association

Community Purchasing Alliance (*aka* CPA)*:*

*a cooperative of faith and community based organizations that jointly purchase products and services to save money to further their organization’s mission.*

### [Worker Co-ops](http://tangoitalia.com/coops/)

The Bike House: *bicycle repair*

Brighter Days Collective: *dog walking*

La Cooperativa Madre Tierra*: landscaping and urban agriculture*

Dulce Hogar *(Sweet Home)* Cleaning Co-op

St Mark’s Yoga Center: *yoga on Capitol Hill*

Stone Soup Films

Teen Farming Co-op (Sunflower Field School) Tightshift Laboring Cooperative: *moving and landscaping services - DC’s only employee-owned business founded by returning citizens)*

Little Weaver Web

Zenful Bites*: catering*

**National cooperative organizations in the District**

The city is home to at least six national cooperative associations, including:

National Cooperative Business Association (*aka* NCBA-CLUSA)

National Cooperative Bank (*aka* NCB)

Credit Union National Association

National Association of Housing Cooperatives

National Council of Farmer Cooperatives

National Cooperative Services Corporation

### Organizations Helping Co-ops

The DC Cooperative Stakeholders Group

**https://coopdevcenter.org/**

Beloved Community Incubator

Black Workers Center

Capital Impact Partners

Community Wealth

DC Cooperative Housing Coalition

DC Credit Union

Democracy@Work DC

Dreaming Out Loud

Grassroots Economic Organizing (GEO)

Solidarity Economy DC

U.S. Overseas Cooperative Development Council

Wacif (Washington Area Community Investment Fund)