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**Washington, DC's Benning Neighborhood Receives March 2016  
Location of the Month Distinction**

*Working class neighborhood provides a resourceful exterior film location*

**Washington, DC** – The DC Office of Cable Television, Film, Music & Entertainment is pleased to honor the Benning Neighborhood in Washington, DC as the March 2016 Location of the Month.

Benning Road is a major thoroughfare that connects Northeast Washington DC to Prince George's County Maryland but the neighborhood that surrounds the street is the real jewel.

The Ward 7 neighborhood is bound by East Capitol Street, Minnesota Avenue, and Benning Road, for which the neighborhood is named, and boasts an eclectic mixture of attached and detached single-family homes that includes 50s-style row houses. The Benning Road Metro station services the neighborhood along with a newly established streetcar transportation system that runs between H Street and Benning Road in Northeast Washington.

In the late 18th century, "Captain" William Benning came from Virginia and purchased 330 acres around the area where the neighborhood now exists. The Benning Bridge was built as a toll bridge in the 1830s and it became one of



the earliest crossings over the Anacostia River and an important entry point into the District. "Benning's Road" appears on maps as far back as 1861.

This neighborhood is perfect for productions that require a working class residential backdrop.

In 2011, DC's film commission, which is now part of the DC Office of Cable Television, Film, Music & Entertainment, launched the Location of the Month to bring attention to the wide range of cinematically compelling locations that are available to film and television productions. Former Location of the Month recipients include the Angelika Pop-Up at Union Market in Northeast, the National Museum of the U.S. Navy in Southeast, and the Mansion on O St in Northwest.

If you are interested in using Benning Neighborhood as a filming location, please contact us at [film@dc.gov](mailto:film@dc.gov).

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Do you have a business or location you would like to have featured as OCTFME's "Location of the Month"? If so, please forward your inquiry to [film@dc.gov](mailto:film@dc.gov).

### **About OCTFME**

The District of Columbia Office of Cable Television, Film, Music & Entertainment (OCTFME) is responsible for implementing, managing, and administering programs, initiatives, and services that support media industry economic activity, growth, and employment in the District of Columbia. Washington, DC's instantly recognizable landmarks, diverse neighborhoods, cultural amenities, and first-class accommodations are just some of the many features that make the nation's capital a venue of choice for media production. For more information, contact the Office of Cable Television, Film, Music & Entertainment at (202) 727-6608, visit us



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