



‘ENDLESS SUMMER’

Washington, D.C.

THE NATION’S CAPITAL SWELTERS in the summer, and a changing climate is only making it worse. Near the busy, tree-less rail lines and commercial corridors of Northeastern D.C., temperatures can spike 17 degrees higher than greener parts of the city. Planner and artist Andrea Limauro’s 2,000-square-foot mural “Endless Summer” acts as a warning about the deadliest climate phenomenon in the country, a growing danger that hits vulnerable communities the hardest. The colorful artwork, located in an airy atrium that acts as a cooling refuge near the popular Metropolitan Branch Trail, also is a vital third space. In creating a beautiful, calming place to chill (quite literally) Limauro hopes users also will consider how urban design and architecture can be part of the solution.

Andrea Limauro, an artist who also is a resilience planner for the D.C. Department of Energy and the Environment, created “Endless Summer” as one in a four-part “Climate of Future Past” series. (Got a climate win-win that makes your Community Green? Tell us about it: email mstromberg@planning.org.)