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Black Lives Matter Plaza

"There are people who are craving to be heard and to be seen, and to have their humanity recognized."

With these words Washington DC Mayor Muriel Bowser established a new landmark in our nation's capital city - Black Lives Matter Plaza. The BLM mural appeared on 16th Street NW, the street that leads to the White House, on June 5, 2020. Its 35-foot letters stretch nearly two city blocks, and with a little help from Planet Lab's Skysat you can read it from space. The paint-on-asphalt message was inscribed by the DC Public Works Department during protests over the death of George Floyd.

Once an ordinary city street, this functional symbol of the BLM movement now serves the community as a gathering site for political events and celebrations of African American culture. Washington DC's City Council ensured its future when it voted unanimously to make the dedication permanent in October of 2020.

Georgia Rep. John Lewis visited the site on June 7, a poignant moment that would turn out to be his last public appearance.



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