Explore Florida Market

"...a community charm that makes it a pleasure to treasure hunt or simply browse.”

HISTORY: PAST AND PRESENT

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Market past and present

The Florida Market (once called Union Market) is a wholesale market district, with restaurants, ethnic markets, and institutions as its primary customers. The Market is home to local farmers and small commercial district, and many of businesses also sell to retail customers. The Market has a rich history, with its origins dating back to the mid-19th century. It played a crucial role in the development of Washington, DC, and continues to be a vital part of the city's cultural and economic landscape.

Creation of the Florida Market District

When the city's main public market, the Market, was torn down in 1931 to make way for the National Archives, many of the businesses located there, as well as their customers. The Market is located on 24 acres near the rapidly changing crossroads of New York and Florida Avenues adjacent to what is now considered the NoMa neighborhood.

A place in the “country”

Originally housed in residential buildings, the Florida Market is located on land since owned by Robert Brent. The city's first mayor, William Brent, built the Brentwood Mansion at 24th and York Streets NE in 1817 for his daughter, Brentwood Mansion was the scene for many social gatherings. During World War II, the site served as a military training facility, Camp Meigs. After the War, the Hechinger Company, a leading regional company that grew into a large local chain, operated there.

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