Located along the Rhode Island Avenue corridor in northeast DC, the neighborhood of Brentwood is fast emerging as a major destination for retail and commerce with the Rhode Island Metrorail station at the epicenter of this transformation.

Considered a transit-oriented development, Rhode Island Row has become a trendy new town center that includes 274 apartments and 70,000 square feet of retail/restaurant space. The retail space is anchored by CVS, Chipotle, Carolina Kitchen, CK Burger, and Sala Thai. Directly adjacent to the development at the Metrorail station is the Rhode Island Place, a shopping center anchored by a Home Depot, Giant Food and T.J. Maxx.

As one of Pierre L’Enfant’s original streets, Rhode Island Avenue serves as a major commuter corridor, joining the heart of downtown to the heavily populated Maryland suburbs. Rhode Island Avenue is also a critical link connecting the neighborhoods of Shaw, Logan Circle, Truxton Circle, Bloomingdale, Edgewood, Eckington, Brookland, Brentwood, Langdon and Woodridge. Over 37,400 cars per day travel this grand tree-lined, four-mile corridor, linking Prince George’s County with DC’s downtown passing through a half-dozen culturally and economically distinct neighborhoods.

The DC Comprehensive Plan supports moderate density infill development to close the gaps in the fabric of the corridor. There is great demand by the neighborhoods surrounding Rhode Island Avenue for neighborhood serving retail and new businesses. Officially designated by the DC Council in 2012 as a “Great Street”, as local funds become available, Rhode Island Avenue will benefit from a multi-agency strategy utilizing both public and private resources to enhance storefronts, streetscape and transit along the corridor.