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**ROCK CREEK GI PROJECT B (RC-B)  
PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

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# 1 Introduction

## 1.1 Purpose

The District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority (DC Water) is implementing a Long-Term Control Plan (LTCP), also referred to as the DC Clean Rivers Project (DCCR), to control combined sewer overflows (CSOs) to the District of Columbia's (District) waterways. DCCR is comprised of a variety of projects to control CSOs, including pumping station rehabilitations, targeted sewer separation, Green Infrastructure (GI), and a system of underground storage/conveyance tunnels. DCCR is being implemented in accordance with a first amendment to the Consent Decree (Amended Consent Decree), entered on January 14, 2016, which amends and supersedes the 2005 Consent Decree (Consent Decree).

In 2020, DCCR published the Rock Creek Practicability report. The report determined that it would be impracticable to utilize green infrastructure alone in the Rock Creek Sewershed (CSO 049), and instead proposed a hybrid gray/green approach to achieve the required storage volume (9.5 million gallons) in the CSO 049 sewershed by the March 23, 2030 deadline with a combination of GI and a storage facility (the "Hybrid" Approach) consisting of: (1) a 4.2 million gallon storage facility, (2) GI, targeted sewer separation, and downspout disconnection controlling at least 92 acres to the 1.2" retention standard (3.0 million gallons), and (3) credit for other GI-controlled acres in the CSO 049 sewershed. In 2020, EPA approved the Hybrid approach and a Joint Stipulation of Non-Material Modification to Consent Decree (Joint Stipulation) was agreed upon between the parties amending Appendix F to the Decree that allows for the hybrid green-gray solution to control CSO 049. Construction of the remaining GI in the Rock Creek sewershed will occur under three separate projects. The Amended Consent Decree requirements are outlined in Section 1.2 and are provided in Appendix A, including the 2020 Joint Stipulation.

The purpose of this document is to demonstrate compliance with the Amended Consent Decree requirement as stated in the First Amended Appendix F of the Joint Stipulation, which states "Six months prior to the award of contract for construction for each of the projects listed in this section, DC Water shall submit a Project Description to EPA for review and comment."

This project description for the second project in the Rock Creek sewershed, Rock Creek GI Project B, includes the required information for the CSO 049 area within the Rock Creek sewershed; GI control measures and their locations, estimated acreage that will be controlled to a 1.2" retention standard, schedule for GI implementation, estimated cost of each type of GI control, total project cost, and post-construction monitoring and modeling program, as required by the First Amended Appendix F of the Joint Stipulation of Non-Material Modification to the Consent Decree.

## 1.2 Amended Consent Decree Joint Stipulation Requirements

The Joint Stipulation of Non-Material Modification to the Consent Decree, as executed December 2020, specifies the required volume of runoff to be managed by GI, and the schedule for implementation of the DCCR GI projects. As indicated in the Joint Stipulation, DCCR shall place in operation GI, which may include targeted sewer separation and downspout disconnection in the CSO

049 sewershed area, which discharges during overflow conditions to Piney Branch, a tributary to Rock Creek, to manage 92 impervious acres to the 1.2” retention standard. The 1.2” retention standard is defined as the volume of runoff equivalent to 1.2” of rain falling on an impervious surface. The GI implementation area within the Rock Creek sewershed is known as the Rock Creek GI Area, which is broken down into several project areas, which will be phased for planning and construction. Table 1-1 lists the four projects planned to satisfy the requirements of the Amended Consent Decree within the Rock Creek GI Area.

**Table 1-1. Rock Creek Sewershed Project Requirements in Amended Consent Decree<sup>1</sup>**

<b>Project No.</b>	<b>Impervious Acres to be Managed to 1.2”</b>	<b>Award Contract for Construction</b>	<b>Place in Operation</b>
1	20	March 30, 2017	March 30, 2019
B	22	January 23, 2022	January 23, 2024
C	25	March 23, 2025	March 23, 2027
D	25	March 23, 2028	March 23, 2030

<sup>1</sup>Source: Adapted from Joint Stipulation (2020).

## 2 Rock Creek GI Project B (RC-B)

This section includes details on the following items, as required by the First Amended Appendix F of the Amended Consent Decree Joint Stipulation:

- Identification of sewershed (CSO) area where Rock Creek GI Project B will be implemented
- Types of GI controls to be employed and the rationale for their use
- Approximate locations of GI controls
- Estimated acreage to be managed to a 1.2” retention standard
- Schedule for implementation of GI control measures for Rock Creek GI Project B
- Estimated cost for each type of GI control to be employed
- Total costs of Rock Creek GI Project B
- Post construction monitoring and modeling program for Rock Creek GI Project B to demonstrate the capture efficacy of the GI controls to be implemented.

### 2.1 Rock Creek GI Area

Figure 2-1 shows the various CSO sewersheds in the district. CSO 049, within the Rock Creek sewershed, is in the northeast corner.

The Rock Creek sewershed is comprised of 2,329 total acres, of which 52% is impervious (1,215 impervious acres). The CSO 049 outfall structure, which is located north of Piney Branch Parkway and 17<sup>th</sup> Street NW, discharges combined sewage to Rock Creek when the capacity of the system is exceeded during rainfall events.

As part of the Joint Stipulation, DC Water GI implemented in the CSO 049 drainage area in Rock Creek, must manage the equivalent volume of runoff produced by 1.2” of rain falling on 92 impervious acres in the sewershed. DC Water GI controls will be constructed to manage the stormwater volume required in the Joint Stipulation primarily in the public right-of way (ROW), allowing for some implementation on District and private property.

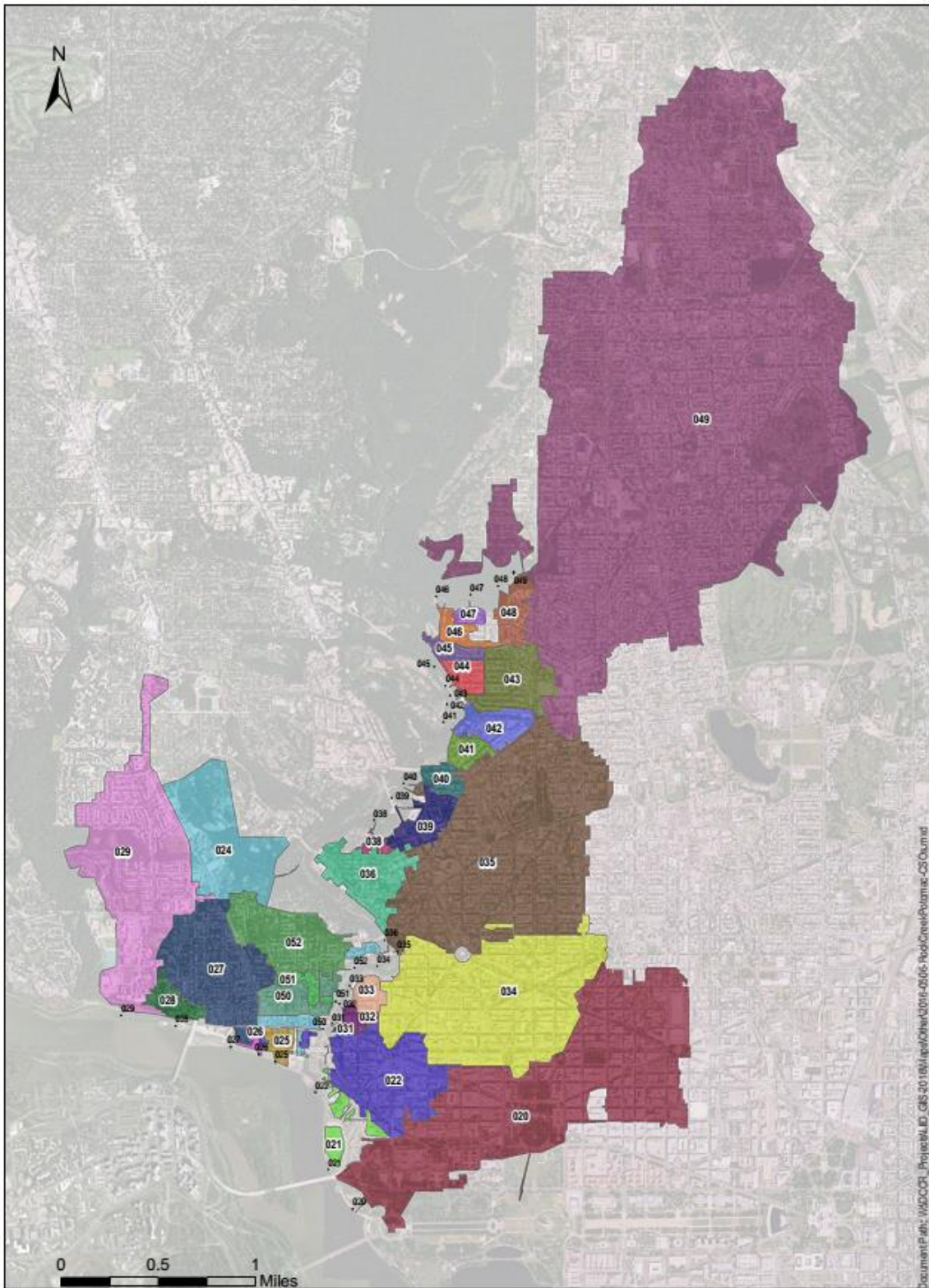


Figure 2-1. Rock Creek and Potomac River Sewersheds and CSO Outfalls

Source: DC Water (2015)



## **2.2 Rock Creek GI Project No. B Location**

GI facilities constructed under Rock Creek Project B (RC-B) will be located throughout the sewershed in the public rights-of-way (i.e., street planters and alleys) as shown in Figures 2-3 thru 2-8. The boundaries for RC-B (Figure 2-2) were selected for their feasibility of design and construction, cost effective implementation, and ability to meet the required stormwater volume capture. Specific GI technologies to be implemented under the Project include bioretention in street planters and permeable pavements in alleys.

The GI facilities in this project will not be located on Federal properties. Sensitive historical or archeological sites will be avoided, as necessary.

### **2.2.1 RC-B Project Area 1**

The project area is mostly residential in nature and comprised of 76 acres with a mixture of residential row houses and low-density commercial properties in the Columbia Heights neighborhood of northwest Washington, DC with some high-density residential apartments and mixed-use commercial properties along 14th Street NW, 11th Street NW, Georgia Ave NW, and Park Road NW. The project area is bounded by Spring Road NW and Monroe Street NW to the north and south, respectively, and Warder St NW and 14th Street NW to the east and west, respectively (refer to Rock Creek Project B: Area 1 as shown in Figure 2-3). This area is densely populated with heavy pedestrian and vehicle traffic particularly along the 14th Street corridor and Georgia Avenue NW with very few single-family detached units.

### **2.2.2 RC-B Project Area 2**

The project area is mostly residential in nature and comprised of 48 acres of row homes in the Takoma neighborhood of northwest Washington, DC with all residential zoning. The project area is bounded by Van Buren Street NW and Rittenhouse Street NW to the north and south, respectively, and 5<sup>th</sup> Street NW and 8<sup>th</sup> Street NW to the east and west, respectively (refer to Rock Creek Project B: Area 2 as shown in Figure 2-4). This area is directly southwest of the large 39-acre Takoma Community Center and is very uniform with each residential building typically containing two attached dwelling units and low vehicular and pedestrian traffic.

### **2.2.3 RC-B Project Area 3**

The large project area is mostly residential in nature and comprised of 93 acres of single-family detached homes in the Sixteenth Street Heights neighborhood of northwest Washington, DC with primarily residential zoning except for some commercial properties along the eastern boundary near Georgia Avenue NW. The project area is bounded by Longfellow Street NW and Emerson Street NW to the north and south, respectively, Georgia Avenue NW and Colorado Avenue NW to the east and west, respectively (refer to Rock Creek Project B: Area 3 as shown in Figure 2-5). This area contains very long blocks with single-family properties with large front and backyards. The streets are lined with mature trees in the planting strips adjacent to the sidewalk with very wide alleys between streets. Most vehicular and pedestrian traffic is residential in nature apart from the portions along the 14<sup>th</sup> Street NW and Georgia Avenue corridors. The area also contains West Elementary School at the southwest boundary, which is currently under construction.

#### **2.2.4 RC-B Project Area 4**

The project area is mostly residential in nature and comprised of 75 acres with primarily residential row houses in the Grant Circle neighborhood of northwest Washington, DC and is in the Northeast portion of the area known as Petworth. The project area surrounds Grant Circle and is bounded by Webster Street NW and Taylor Street NW to the north and south, respectively, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street NW and Kansas Avenue NW to the east and west, respectively (refer to Rock Creek Project B: Area 4 as shown in Figure 2-6). This area contains some commercial properties at the west boundary of the project area at the intersection of Kansas Avenue NW and Upshur Street NW. Several churches are located directly adjacent to Grant Circle Park in the middle of the project area and Petworth Community Center is another notable feature located in the southwest boundary of the project area at the intersection of Georgia Avenue NW and Taylor Street NW.

#### **2.2.5 RC-B Project Area 5**

The project area is mostly residential in nature and comprised of 42 acres with primarily residential row houses in the Sherman Circle neighborhood of northwest Washington, DC and is located northeast of Sherman Circle and directly south of RC-B Project Area 6. The project is bounded by Farragut Street NW and Crittenden Street NW to the north and south, respectively, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street NW and Illinois Avenue NW to the east and west, respectively (refer to Rock Creek Project B: Area 5 as shown in Figure 2-7). The project area is uniform, consisting almost entirely of residential row homes with small yards and medium-sized blocks. There are no commercial properties, and the area vehicular and pedestrian traffic is residential in nature.

#### **2.2.6 RC-B Project Area 6**

The project area is mostly residential in nature and comprised of 82 acres with primarily residential row houses in the Brightwood Park neighborhood of northwest Washington, DC and is located directly north of RC-B Project Area 5. The project is bounded by Longfellow Street NW and Farragut Street NW to the north and south, respectively, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street NW and Illinois Avenue NW to the east and west, respectively (refer to Rock Creek Project B: Area 5 as shown in Figure 2-8). The area is very uniform consisting almost entirely of residential row homes with medium yards and long blocks with wide alleys except for Kennedy Street NW, which is mostly commercial. Apart from the Kennedy Street NW corridor, this project area receives low amounts of vehicular and pedestrian traffic.

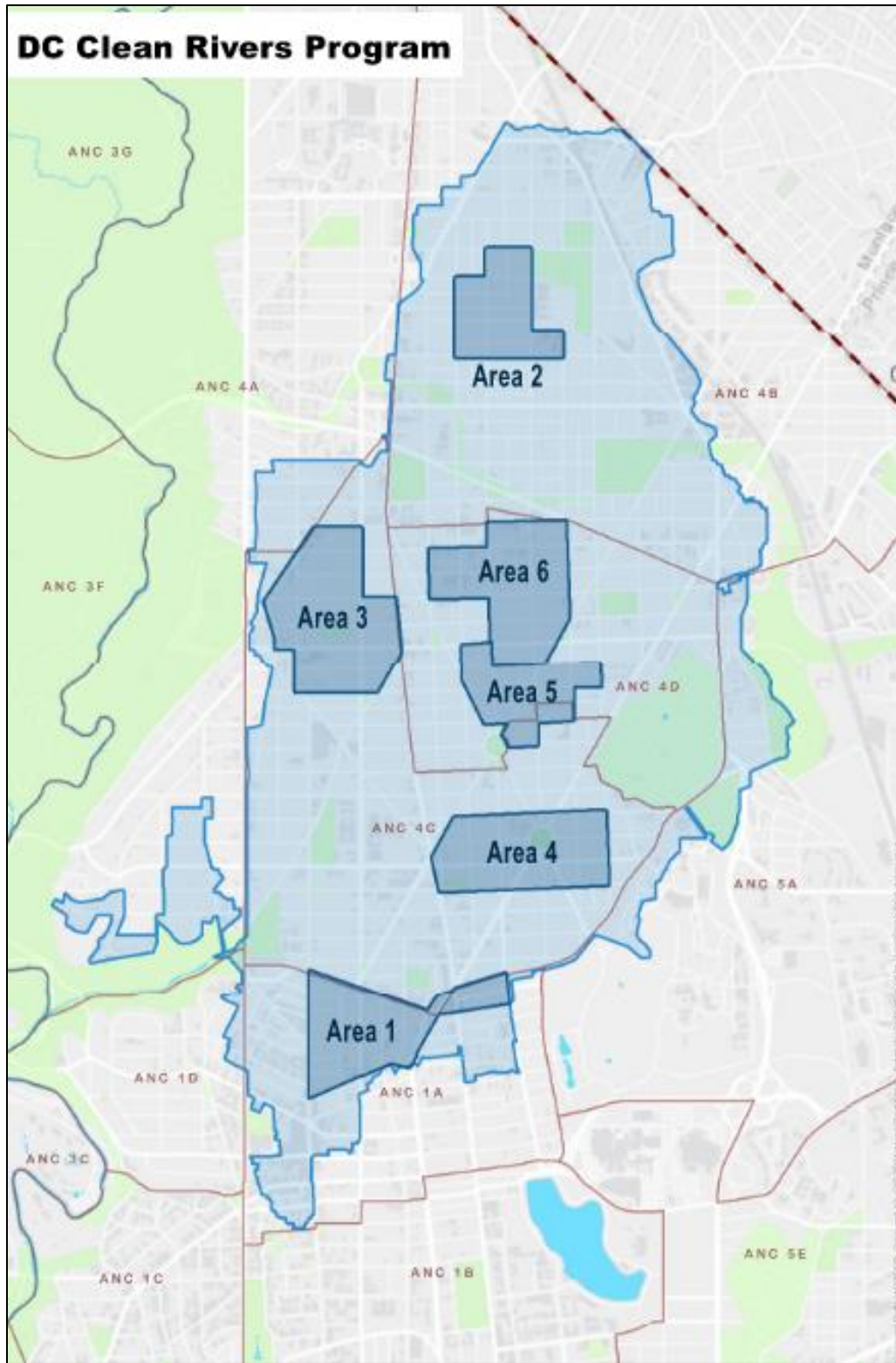


Figure 2-2. Rock Creek GI Area and Rock Creek GI Project No. B



Figure 2-3. Rock Creek Project B: Area 1



Figure 2-4. Rock Creek Project B: Area 2

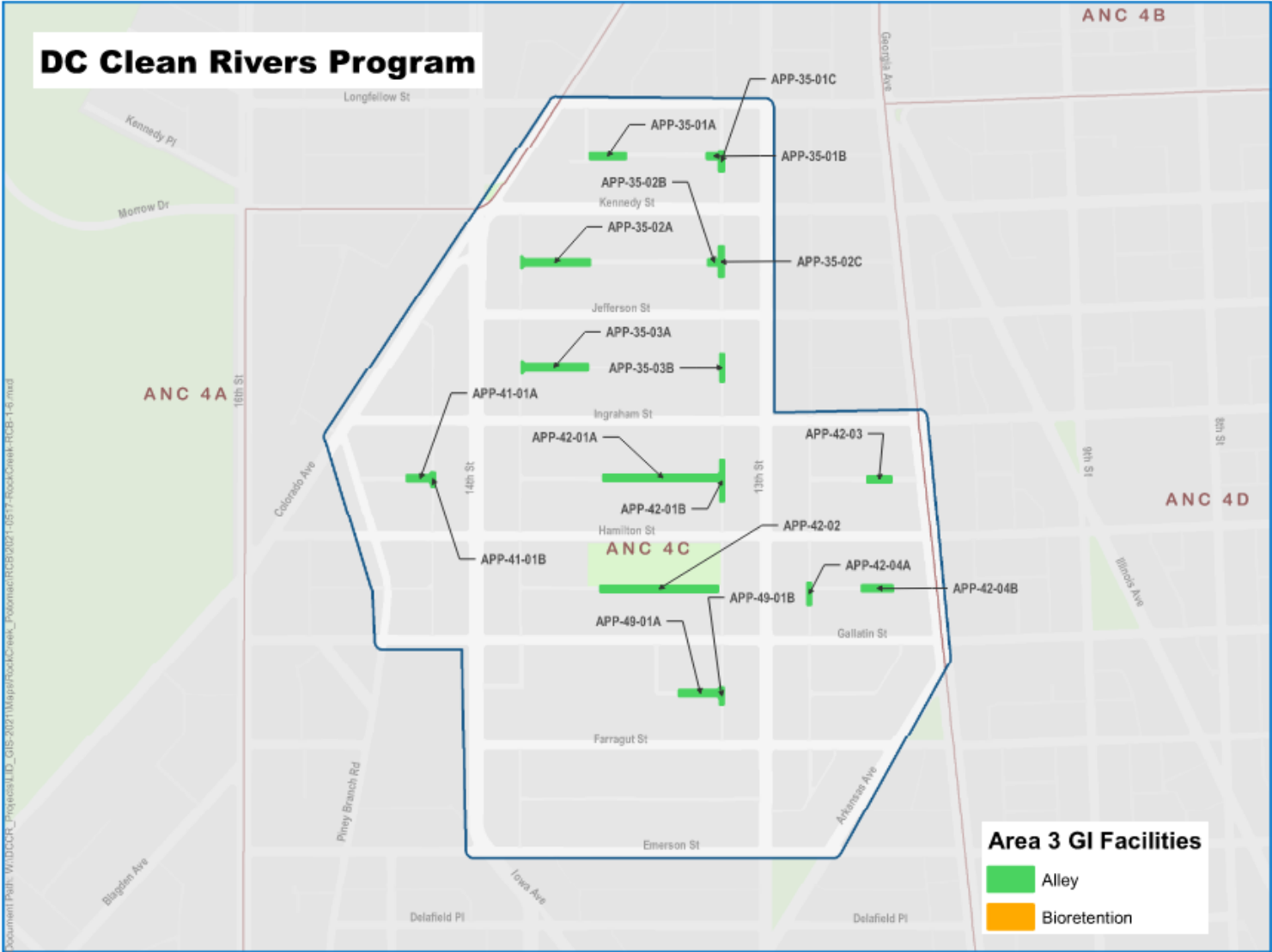


Figure 2-5. Rock Creek Project B: Area 3

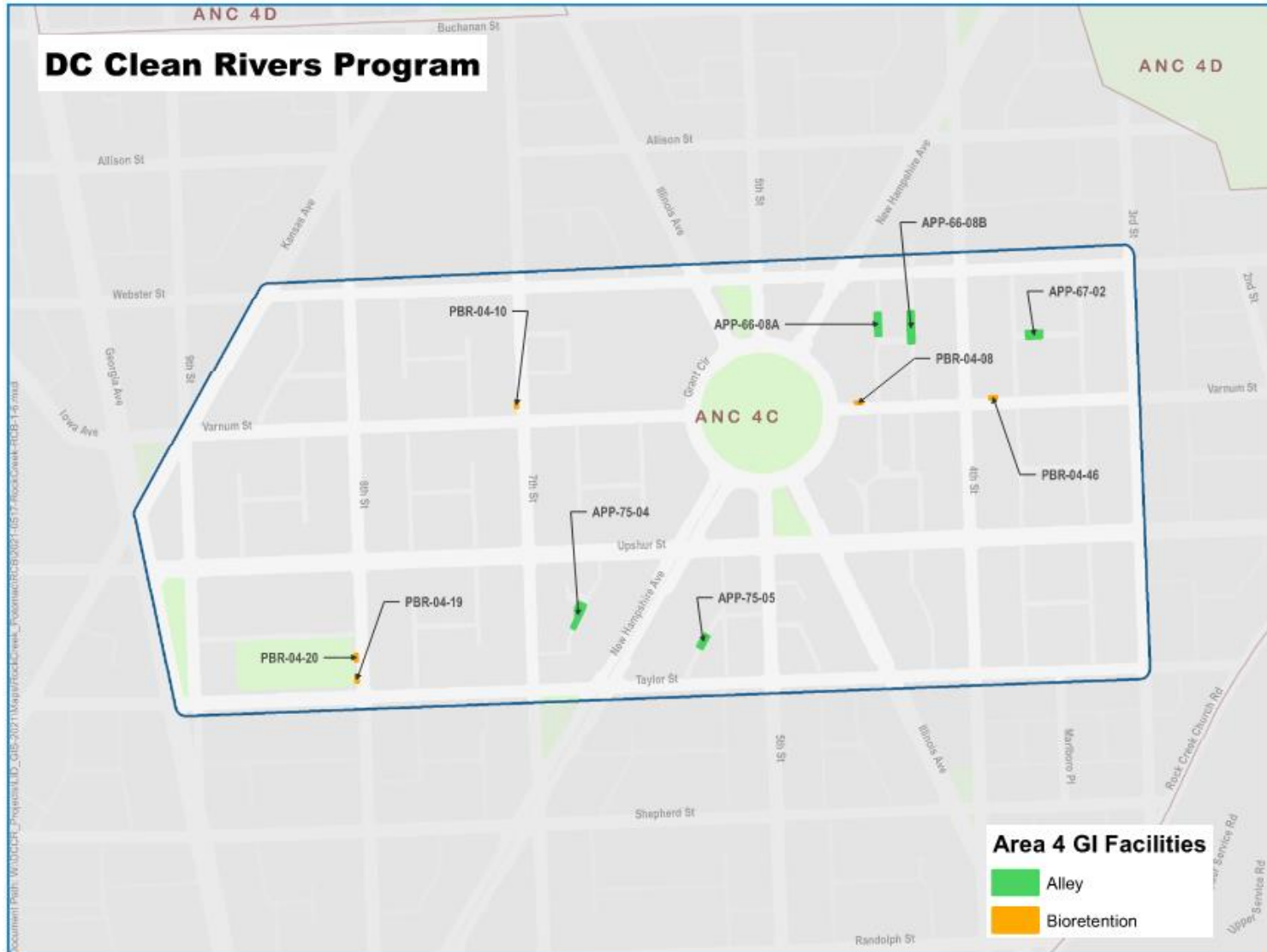


Figure 2-6. Rock Creek Project B: Area 4



Figure 2-7. Rock Creek Project B: Area 5





Figure 2-8. Rock Creek Project B: Area 6

## 2.3 GI Control Measures

The GI control measures designed within Rock Creek GI Project B will include planter bioretention (PBR) and alley permeable pavement (APP) in the ROW and downspout disconnection on private properties.

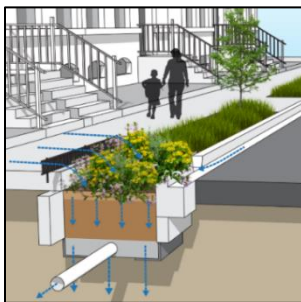
Planter bioretention facilities collect runoff in shallow, vegetated depressions. They then filter and temporarily store the runoff before allowing it to infiltrate the in-situ soils or convey it to the sewer system.

Alley permeable pavement systems will be used to replace (or in lieu of) traditional impervious pavements as they offer similar functionality with respect to vehicle and pedestrian traffic. Facilities will include perforated underdrains tied to the existing underground sewer infrastructure.

Downspout disconnection is a rooftop collection practice that contributes to addressing peak volume and delaying the release of stormwater runoff (DOEE, 2015). Rooftop runoff collection practices may include disconnecting to a bioretention, infiltration, storage, or rainwater harvesting solution such as a rain barrel or cistern, to maximize detention.

### 2.3.1 Opportunities in the Public Right-of-Way

Planter bioretention and alley permeable pavement in Rock Creek GI Project B are planned to be constructed in the public ROW. Some GI controls will be implemented on private properties, specifically downspout disconnections.

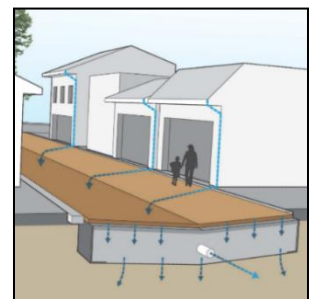


**Planter Bioretention**

Planter bioretention facilities will be located between the curb and sidewalk. These control measures will include shrubs, perennials, and groundcover plantings. Planter bioretention control measures will have a step-out zone located between the facility and the curb when parallel parking is adjacent to bioretention facilities. Facilities will include perforated underdrains tied to the existing underground sewer infrastructure.

A typical location for subsurface storage is under sidewalks. Subsurface storage under sidewalks can run the width of the sidewalk, the length of the bioretention, and up to 4 feet deep. The storage layer contains a perforated underdrain that connects to a solid pipe at the conclusion of the subsurface storage control measure, where it connects to the existing sewer system.

Permeable pavement will be used to replace (or in lieu of) traditional impervious pavements in alleys as they offer similar functionality with respect to vehicle and pedestrian traffic. Permeable pavement control measures will include perforated underdrains tied to the existing underground sewer infrastructure. Permeable pavement installations in alleys include either a



**Alley Permeable Pavement**

permeable interlocking unit paver or a red clay brick paver. Red clay brick pavers will be used when the existing alley surface was constructed using a similar material.

### 2.3.2 Opportunities on Private Properties

The 2021 Downspout Disconnection project area (Figure 2-9) contains approximately 2,265 homes, with 2 to 7 downspouts per home. The goal is to disconnect as many downspouts as practicable, through working with private property owners. The estimated cost per downspout disconnection is estimated to be in the range of \$100 to \$700, including both direct and indirect costs. This does not include inspections and maintenance after the original installation.



Figure 2-9. 2021 Downspout Disconnection Area

Future downspout disconnections will be evaluated in the upcoming years, and additional areas within Rock Creek Sewershed may be added to this program at that time.

## 2.4 Impervious Area Managed

The Rock Creek GI Project B is designed to meet the Joint Stipulation requirement to manage 1.2” of stormwater runoff from at least 22 impervious acres, as outlined in Table 1-1. Table 2-1 shows the estimated range of volume capture for each type of GI control measure.

**Table 2-1. Volume Capture by GI Control Measures**

Minimum Impervious Acres Managed	Equivalent Volume Required by Amended Consent Decree at 1.2” (MG)	Approximate Location <sup>1</sup>	Approximate Mix of GI Technologies <sup>1,2</sup> (% of Impervious Acres Managed) – all values ± 20%				
			Bioretention	Permeable Pavement	Subsurface Storage in ROW (Parking Lane, Sidewalk, etc.)	Targeted Sewer Separation	Downspout Disconnections
22	0.72	Figure 2-2	10%	90%	-	-	<1%

<sup>1</sup> Approximate project location area is identified, and approximate GI technologies and application rates are shown. Other GI technologies may be evaluated during design and construction and application rates will be adjusted accordingly.

<sup>2</sup> Per Consent Decree Appendix F, Sections II.E. and V, DC Water will track and report on additional stormwater controls constructed in Piney Branch pursuant to the District’s stormwater regulations to determine if crediting of additional acres is warranted.

RC-B is planned to include sixty-eight (68) facilities. The mix of planned practices (Table 2.2) in each of the project boundaries as shown in Figures 2-3 to 2-8.

**Table 2-2. Number of Facilities per Project Area**

Project Area	Planter Bioretentions (#)	Alley Permeable Pavement (#)
1	0	3
2	2	5
3	0	18
4	5	5
5	10	4
6	3	13

Table 2-3 provides a list of facilities by their identification (ID) number. Facility ID’s that begin with the letters “APP” designate an alley permeable pavement facility, while facility ID’s beginning with PBR designate a planter bioretention facility.

Table 2-3. Facility ID List

No.	Facility ID	Project Area
1	APP-92-01	1
2	APP-92-03	1
3	APP-88-07	1
4	PBR-02-01	2
5	PBR-02-02	2
6	APP-13-01	2
7	APP-13-02	2
8	APP-13-03A	2
9	APP-13-03B	2
10	APP-17-04	2
11	APP-35-01A	3
12	APP-35-01B	3
13	APP-35-01C	3
14	APP-35-02A	3
15	APP-35-02B	3
16	APP-35-02C	3
17	APP-35-03A	3
18	APP-35-03B	3
19	APP-41-01A	3
20	APP-41-01B	3
21	APP-42-01A	3
22	APP-42-01B	3
23	APP-42-02	3
24	APP-42-03	3
25	APP-42-04A	3
26	APP-42-04B	3
27	APP-49-01A	3
28	APP-49-01B	3
29	PBR-04-10	4
30	PBR-04-19	4
31	PBR-04-20	4
32	PBR-04-08	4
33	PBR-04-46	4
34	APP-66-08A	4
35	APP-66-08B	4
36	APP-67-02	4
37	APP-75-04	4
38	APP-75-05	4
39	PBR-05-02	5
40	PBR-05-03	5

No.	Facility ID	Project Area
41	PBR-05-24	5
42	PBR-05-27	5
43	PBR-05-28	5
44	PBR-05-29	5
45	PBR-05-32	5
46	PBR-05-36	5
47	PBR-05-40	5
48	PBR-05-43	5
49	APP-43-07	5
50	APP-51-02	5
51	APP-51-05	5
52	APP-52-01B	5
53	PBR-06-12	6
54	PBR-06-24	6
55	PBR-06-31	6
56	APP-37-01	6
57	APP-37-02A	6
58	APP-37-02B	6
59	APP-37-02C	6
60	APP-37-04	6
61	APP-37-05B	6
62	APP-37-05C	6
63	APP-37-06	6
64	APP-44-01	6
65	APP-44-08A	6
66	APP-44-08B	6
67	APP-44-04A	6
68	APP-44-04B	6

## 2.5 Implementation Schedule

Rock Creek GI Project B will meet the project implementation schedule as set forth in the Joint Stipulation:

- Award Contract for Construction: No later than January 23, 2022
- Place in Operation: No later than January 23, 2024

The downspout disconnection program will start prior to contract award for Rock Creek GI Project B.

## 2.6 Estimated Cost

### 2.6.1 Cost of GI Controls

Table 2-4 summarizes the construction cost in dollars per impervious acre treated at 1.2” for each type of GI control measure included in the above project designs. These costs include labor using prevailing wage rates in Washington, D.C., all contractor mark-ups (overhead, general conditions, bonding, insurance), and contractor’s contingency. The costs do not include ongoing maintenance.

**Table 2-4. Estimated Costs for Types of GI Controls**

GI Control Measure	GI Control Measure Location	Construction Cost
Bioretention	Planter	\$700K/acre - \$1M/acre
Permeable Pavement	Alley	\$700K/acre - \$1M/acre

Section 2.3.2 above gives a cost range for installation of a downspout disconnection.

### 2.6.2 Total Project Cost

The total construction cost for Rock Creek GI Project B is currently estimated to be in the range of \$15 to \$22 million (in 2021 dollars).

## 2.7 Post-Construction Monitoring and Modeling Approach

The monitoring and modeling approach for RC-B has been developed based on the lessons learned in the first Rock Creek GI Project, RC-A. The following are the key lessons learned on RC-A associated with monitoring and modeling:

- EPA suggested increasing the number of rain gages considering the *CIWEM Code of Practice for the Hydraulic Modelling of Sewer Systems* (2002). One rain gage was used in RC-A monitoring.
- The use of sewer flow meters to assess GI was challenging. Temporal rainfall and sewage variability can mask the effect of GI. The RC-B project will construct GI over a relatively large area. The density of the application of GI will be lower, making it impractical to use flow meters in sewers to assess GI performance. In addition, upstream sheds in Piney Branch flow through downstream sheds, further making it impractical to use sewer meters.
- In RC-A, the analysis of level-sensor data proved to be an effective way of evaluating GI performance, since many of the same assumptions of practice performance (especially related to underdrain and infiltration rates) applied for both flow- and level-based data analysis.

### 2.7.1 RC-B Post Construction Monitoring and Modeling Approach

The approach for RC-B monitoring and modeling incorporates the lessons learned from the RC-A project described above. This includes the type and quantity of monitoring as well as the type of modeling being conducted to assess the GI effectivity and compare it to the facility design. In detail, this includes the following:

- Three (3) rain gages will be installed and operated for approximately twelve (12) months with a 5-minute logging interval. The rain gages will be installed in Project Area 1 (the southernmost area), Project Area 2 (the northernmost area), and Project Area 5 (the middle of all planned facility installation areas). This leads to a maximum aerial distance between a rain gage and every practice of approximately 1 mile.
- Water level sensors will be installed in 10% of all practices (both APP and PBR practices). A mix of practices will be chosen to cover all variations of installations or practice conditions. Water level loggers will be operated for approximately 12 months with a 5-minute logging interval.
- Sewer metering data will not be collected or used due to the lessons learned during the RC-A project as described above.
- A SWMM runoff model will be used to evaluate the performance of monitored practices. This model will consist of the runoff area for each practice (the contributing drainage area (CDA)) as well as the practice itself. The modeling process will include the following steps:
  1. Setup of SWMM runoff model for planned practice drainage areas based on CDA drawing sets (pre-construction scenario).
  2. Setup and parameterization of GI in SWMM model based on facility drawing sets (design scenario).
  3. Calibration of the GI facility parameters using observed rainfall, water level logger data as well as information from the facility testing (calibrated scenario).
  4. Application and comparison of the pre-construction scenario, the design scenario, and the calibrated scenario. For this evaluation, the model will be run for the LTCP average years 1988-1990. Runoff differences between the pre-construction scenario and the design scenario will be compared with the differences between the pre-construction scenario and the calibrated scenario to compare the performance of the installed practices with the design performance.

## 2.8 Public Comment Period

DC Water launched a robust outreach program to ensure the public was aware of the planning of the RC-B GI project. The focus of this outreach was to provide ample opportunities for the public to provide comments on the Draft Project Description document and for DC Water to make any necessary changes to the project if necessary.

The public comment period opened on March 29, 2021 and ran through May 7, 2021. During that period, DC Water advertised the Draft Project Description document and the public comment period through a variety of channels and methods. These included:

- Sent direct mail pieces to approximately 4370 residents in the proposed project areas,
- Posted the Project Description document to the DC Water website which included an interactive map of all proposed facilities,
- Distributed press releases in early April 2021,
- Hosted two community meetings,
- Presented at Advisory Neighborhood Commissions (ANC) monthly meetings,
- Presented at local Environmental Group Discussion Forum,
- Distributed over 1500 site-specific fact sheets through door-to-door canvassing to residents adjacent to proposed facilities.



Table 2-5 provides a detailed dated list of the RC-B outreach efforts through May 7, 2021, when the comment period closed.

**Table 2-5. Outreach Efforts by Date**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Outreach Effort</b>
3/10/2021	Project announcement and meeting request email to Wards 1 & 4 Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRs), Councilmembers, and ANC Commissioners.
3/22/2021	RC-B Mailer sent to residents in project areas informing of project, meeting, and public comment period.
3/22/2021	Reminder emails to Wards 1 & 4 MOCRs, Councilmembers, and ANC Commissioners to inform of upcoming public comment period and provide meeting reminder.
3/23/2021	Meeting posted to DC Water's meeting website and to GI Website.
3/29/2021	RC-B Website with interactive map launched.
3/29/2021	Project Description Posted to GI Website. Public comment period open from 3/29/21-5/7/21.
3/30/2021	Reminder emails to Wards 1 & 4 MOCRs, Councilmembers, and ANC Commissioners to inform of start of public comment period and provide meeting reminder.
3/30/2021	Announce project, public comment period, and meetings to environmental groups and stakeholders.
4/1/2021	April 7 Meeting announcement on DC Water social media (Twitter/Facebook/Instagram).
4/4/2021	RC-B Press Release Distributed.
4/5/2021	DC Water RC-B GI Briefing for Ward 1 Councilmember Nadeau's Office.
4/6/2021	April 7 Reminder meeting announcement on DC Water social media (Twitter/Facebook/Instagram).
4/6/2021	DC Water RC-B GI Briefing for Mayor's Office (Wards 1 & 4 MOCRs).
4/6/2021	DC Water RC-B GI Briefing for Ward 4 Councilmember George's Office.
4/7/2021	Meeting posted to NextDoor (Wards 1 & 4)
4/7/2021	RC-B Public Webinar 1 at 6:30 pm
4/8/2021	RC-B Public Webinar 1 presentation posted to website.
4/9/2021	Site visit meeting with 2 residents that submitted public comments and attended 4/7 Meeting.
4/14/2021	ANC 4C Monthly Meeting
4/14/2021	ANC 1A Monthly Meeting

Date	Outreach Effort
4/15/2021	DC Water RC-B GI Briefing for DOEE
4/20/2021	Door-to-door outreach to 1,517 homes begins
4/21/2021	Follow-up Meeting with ANC 1A08 Commissioner Boese
4/21/2021	ANC 4D Monthly Meeting
4/26/2021	ANC 4B Monthly Meeting
4/26/2021	May 4 Meeting announcement on DC Water social media (Twitter/Facebook/Instagram).
4/27/2021	RC-B Presentation at Rock Creek Conservancy Discussion Forum
5/1/2021	Door-to-door outreach to 1,517 homes completed.
5/3/2021	May 4 Reminder meeting announcement on DC Water social media (Twitter/Facebook/Instagram).
5/4/2021	RC-B Public Webinar 2 at 6:30 pm
5/5/2021	RC-B Public Webinar 2 presentation posted to website.
5/7/2021	End of public comment period.

Through the in-person canvassing and virtual meetings, as well as phone calls and emails, DC Water received a variety of feedback including appreciation for the outreach efforts, support for the project, requests for additional facilities, and suggestions for future facility locations. Additionally, residents were interested in how the proposed locations were selected, when to expect construction to begin, and inquiries if this project was intended to prevent localized flooding.

In total, DC Water received 21 official comments via the public comment submittal process. DC Water responded to all submitters by confirming that the comment was received and acknowledging that it would be considered when finalizing the Rock Creek Project B Description document and when evaluating future green infrastructure projects under RC-C and RC-D.

The 21 public comments fell into three categories.

- Eighteen of the comments expressed general support as well as requests for additional facilities within and/or outside of the proposed project areas. Many of these comments noted that green infrastructure could help with localized flooding.
- Two comments expressed hesitation to specific proposed facility locations due to existing localized flooding issues or concerns of construction damage.
- One comment requested that the overall green infrastructure project use a higher retention standard and new modeling standards. The commenter also noted the importance of maintenance.

Over 85% of the comments received were in favor of the proposed locations. Several residents were extremely excited and enthusiastic about green infrastructure being installed in their neighborhoods, as expressed by the following resident in Project Area 4:

“I live and own a home within Area 4 of Project B, on Upshur Street NW. I strongly support the project and encourage DC Water to install as much bioretention and permeable alley surfacing as it has the budget to construct and maintain. I look forward to having these features installed in my neighborhood. I also would like to emphasize the importance of consistent and sustained maintenance, since poorly maintained green infrastructure is almost

as bad for the environment, and much worse for building and sustaining public support, as no green infrastructure at all. Finally, I would like to encourage DC Water to take a close look at the east side of 8th Street NW from Shepherd to Taylor Streets NW. Although this exact site does not appear to be included in the current project area, a combination of topography and poorly located storm sewer openings causes enormous volumes of water to pool along the curbs during rain events, creating hazards and inconveniences for pedestrians - especially disabled pedestrians and pedestrians with strollers, who depend on curb cuts.”

The Design team evaluated each comment to assess concerns and evaluate if requests met the overall design and program criteria. Based on public comments the design team added two bioretentions in Project Area 2 that were not included in the draft project description. A detailed compilation of all comments received, as well as a summary document with comment responses is available in Appendix B.

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# Appendix A Amended Consent Decree

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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

**ANACOSTIA WATERSHED SOCIETY, et al., )  
Plaintiffs, )**

**v. )**

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA WATER AND )  
SEWER AUTHORITY, and THE DISTRICT )  
OF COLUMBIA, )  
Defendants, )**

**Consolidated  
Civil Action No. 1:00CV00183TFH**

**and )**

**THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )  
Plaintiff, )**

**v. )**

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA WATER AND )  
SEWER AUTHORITY, et al., and THE )  
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, )  
Defendants. )**

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**FIRST AMENDMENT TO CONSENT DECREE**

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WHEREAS, on February 2, 2000, the Plaintiffs, Anacostia Watershed Society, Kingman Park Civic Association, American Canoe Association, Friends of the Earth, Sierra Club, and Mary Stuart Bick Ferguson (“Citizen Plaintiffs”) filed an action, Civil Action No. 1:00CV00183TFH, against the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority (hereinafter “DC Water”) and its then General Manager, Jerry Johnson, pursuant to Sections 309(b) and (d) and 505 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended by the Clean Water Act of 1977 and the Water Quality Act of 1987 (“Clean Water Act” or “the Act”), 33 U.S.C. §§1319(b) and (d), and 1365;

WHEREAS, on December 20, 2002, Plaintiff, the United States of America, on behalf of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”), filed a Complaint against DC Water and the District of Columbia (“District”), which case was consolidated with the pending matter against DC Water for the alleged violations of the Clean Water Act;

WHEREAS, the Complaints alleged that DC Water violated the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. §§1251 et seq., by failing to comply with the District of Columbia Water Quality Standards, effluent limitations and other conditions established in the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (“NPDES”) Permit No. DC0021199 issued to DC Water by EPA under Section 402 of the Act, 33 U.S.C. §1342, and by failing to properly manage, operate and maintain all collection, pumping facilities, treatment and/or combined sewer overflow (“CSO”) control facilities or combined sewer systems (“CSS”) owned and/or operated by DC Water;

WHEREAS, the United States further asserted, inter alia, a claim against the District of Columbia pursuant to Section 309(e) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. §1319(e), and Fed. R. Civ. P. 19(a);

WHEREAS, the United States, the Citizen Plaintiffs, and DC Water have resolved the claims for alleged violations of the Nine Minimum Controls and for the performance of certain

projects in a partial consent decree, entered by the Court on October 10, 2003 (“Partial Consent Decree”);

WHEREAS, in that Partial Consent Decree, DC Water agreed to pay a civil penalty and to perform Supplemental Environmental Projects and a Citizen Community Project;

WHEREAS, on April 26, 2004, Plaintiffs and Defendants entered into a stipulation which provided in essence that Defendants would not contest their liability for certain claims; that Plaintiff United States waived its claims for any additional civil penalties and dismissed with prejudice its claims under Count Three of its Complaint; and that Citizen Plaintiffs also waived their claims for civil penalties;

WHEREAS, DC Water submitted a draft Long Term Control Plan to EPA in June, 2001. Thereafter, DC Water finalized the Long Term Control Plan in July 2002 (“LTCP”) and submitted it to EPA in August, 2002;

WHEREAS, DC Water provided for public participation in development of the Long Term Control Plan through public hearings at various locations throughout the District of Columbia, stakeholder meetings, and other means;

WHEREAS, the recommended control plan in Section 13 of the LTCP provides for, inter alia, three or more underground storage tunnels to hold up to 193 million gallons of the combined wastewater and stormwater during wet weather and to thereby reduce CSOs significantly;

WHEREAS, the Parties and the Citizen Plaintiffs stipulated and agreed and on September 22, 2004, the Court ordered, that issues pertaining to the scope of Section 402(q) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1342(q), including whether the measures proposed in DC Water’s August, 2002 LTCP conform to the water quality standards of the District of Columbia, would

not be addressed in this consolidated action, but rather EPA agreed to address such issues outside the context of this lawsuit in, inter alia, the modification of DC Water's NPDES permit that was pending at that time;

WHEREAS, EPA is the permitting agency and noticed an NPDES Permit containing Phase II conditions for public comment on March 18, 2004. EPA issued the final version of the Permit on December 14, 2004. The Fact Sheet to the final permit states that EPA has determined that, "based upon current information, including but not limited to documentation in the LTCP and the District of Columbia Department of Health's analysis and interpretation of its water quality standards, DC Water has demonstrated, pursuant to Section II.C.4.b of the 1994 CSO Policy, that the CSO control program will not preclude the attainment of water quality standards or the receiving waters' designated uses or contribute to their impairment." The Fact Sheet further provides that this determination is subject to post-construction monitoring adequate to verify compliance with water quality standards, in accordance with Section II.C.4.b and II.C.9 of the 1994 CSO Policy;

WHEREAS, because DC Water is unable to comply with the water quality based CSO effluent limits in the Phase II conditions of its NPDES Permit until such time as it has completed implementation of the CSO controls in its LTCP, the Parties entered into a consent decree, entered by the Court on March 23, 2005 ("2005 Consent Decree"), to establish a judicially enforceable schedule for implementation of the CSO controls in the LTCP;

WHEREAS, in a March 19, 2008 ruling on a permit appeal, the EPA Environmental Appeals Board ruled that District of Columbia water quality standards required that any compliance schedules for attainment of effluent limits for total nitrogen ("Total Nitrogen Limit") and phosphorus must be included in DC Water's NPDES Permit;

WHEREAS, on August 31, 2010, EPA re-issued DC Water's NPDES permit. The re-issued permit requires DC Water to design, construct and Place in Operation (as defined below) the facilities needed for DC Water to attain the Total Nitrogen Limit in the re-issued NPDES permit, and sets forth a schedule for DC Water to place such facilities into operation and to attain compliance with the Total Nitrogen Limit;

WHEREAS, in 2008, DC Water prepared a first revision to its LTCP which is called "DC Water's Total Nitrogen Removal/Wet Weather Plan" ("TN/Wet Weather Plan"). The TN/Wet Weather Plan sets forth DC Water's proposal and schedule to attain the Nitrogen Limit and related limits for phosphorus in its NPDES Permit, to satisfy its wet weather treatment obligations, and to optimize operations at Blue Plains (as defined below). On September 23, 2008, DC Water submitted to EPA the Anacostia River Facility Plan summary report and detailed implementation schedule ("Summary Report"). The Summary Report, which was approved by EPA on July 27, 2010, provides plans for implementing the wet weather aspects of the TN/Wet Weather Plan. The Summary Report is attached as **Appendix D** to this First Amendment to Consent Decree ("Consent Decree");

WHEREAS, the plans for reconfiguring and enlarging the Anacostia River tunnels and related facilities have been expanded upon by DC Water in accordance with the Summary Report, and these facilities are now under design and construction;

WHEREAS, DC Water has also completed a number of additional CSO control projects since the Partial Consent Decree was entered, including, but not limited to, projects to separate combined sewers in the Anacostia and the Rock Creek sewersheds, rehabilitate the Main & O, East Side, and Poplar Point Pumping Stations, improve regulators, eliminate outfalls, and install Green Infrastructure at multiple sites throughout the District;

WHEREAS, the 2005 Consent Decree calls for DC Water to control CSOs in the Potomac River and Rock Creek sewersheds by implementing Gray CSO Controls, including storage tunnels in each sewershed with combined storage capacities of 67.5 million gallons in the aggregate, rehabilitation of the existing Potomac Pumping Station, constructing a new Potomac Tunnel dewatering pumping station, and CSO outfall diversion, consolidation, and separation;

WHEREAS, in 2013, DC Water prepared and submitted to EPA a second revision to its LTCP which proposed substituting Green/Gray CSO Controls in the Potomac sewershed and Green CSO Controls in the Rock Creek sewershed for the corresponding Gray CSO Controls proposed in the LTCP. The new controls proposed in the second revision to the LTCP are summarized and depicted in **Appendix E** to this Consent Decree. The analyses submitted by DC Water in support of the second revision to the LTCP demonstrated that these Green/Gray CSO Controls and Green CSO Controls are projected to provide a degree of control equivalent to the Gray Controls in the LTCP. Following EPA's response to the second revision to the LTCP, DC Water filed a request to modify the affected CSO controls and deadlines pursuant to Section VII of the 2005 Consent Decree (Modifications to Selected CSO Controls and Schedules).

WHEREAS, as required by Section XXII of the 2005 Consent Decree (Modification), DC Water conducted a public participation process prior to submitting its modification request. The public participation process also included the proposed amendments to incorporate the reconfigured and enlarged Anacostia tunnels and related facilities according to the Summary Report and the more efficient designs for the Anacostia River Selected CSO Controls;

WHEREAS, the Parties have agreed to enter into this Consent Decree to reflect the above-described changes to the Selected CSO Controls and Schedules;

WHEREAS, DC Water contends that, pursuant to Section 202 of its enabling legislation,

which provides, with certain exceptions not applicable here, that DC Water is subject to all laws applicable to offices, agencies, departments, and instrumentalities of the District government, DC Water is subject to the requirements of the Anti-Deficiency Act, 31 U.S.C. §§1341 et seq., to the same extent as other agencies of the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, the Parties agree, without adjudication of facts or law, that settlement of this matter in accordance with the terms of this Consent Decree is in the public interest, and have agreed to entry of this Consent Decree without trial of any issues, and the Parties hereby stipulate that, in order to resolve the claims for alleged violations of water quality standards stated in the Complaint of the United States, and to provide for compliance with the water quality-based effluent CSO limits in DC Water's modified NPDES permit, this Consent Decree should be entered;

WHEREAS, the Court, upon consideration of the judicial record before it and review of this Consent Decree, also finds that settlement of this matter and entry of this Consent Decree is fair and in the public interest and will address the underlying causes of the violations. The Court also finds that it should exercise continuing jurisdiction over this matter to resolve disputes and, should the need arise, to modify the obligations in this Consent Decree;

AND WHEREAS, settlement and entry of this Consent Decree does not constitute an admission of liability by DC Water or the District of Columbia;

NOW THEREFORE, before taking any testimony, and without any adjudication of any fact or law, it is hereby ORDERED, ADJUDGED, and DECREED as follows:

**I. JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

1. This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action, and over the Parties hereto, pursuant to Sections 309 and 505 of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. §§ 1319, 1365, and 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331, 1345, 1355, and 1367. Venue is proper in the District of Columbia

pursuant to Section 309 of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1319, and 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391 and 1395(a).

## **II. APPLICATION AND SCOPE**

2. The provisions of this Consent Decree shall apply to and be binding upon the Parties to this action, and their agents, employees, successors and assigns, as well as to all persons acting under the direction and/or control of DC Water, including but not limited to third party firms, corporations, consultants, and contractors.

3. DC Water shall provide a copy of this Consent Decree to any consultant and contractor selected or retained to perform any activity required by this Consent Decree upon selecting or retaining such consultant or contractor.

4. No later than thirty (30) days prior to transfer of any ownership interest, operation, management, or other control of the CSS (as defined below), DC Water shall give written notice and provide a copy of this Consent Decree to any such transferee or successor in interest. DC Water shall require, as a condition of any such sale or transfer, that the purchaser or transferee agree in writing to be bound by this Consent Decree and submit to the jurisdiction of this Court for its enforcement. DC Water shall also notify, in writing, EPA Region III, the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, and the United States Department of Justice, in accordance with Section XXI (Form of Notice), of any such planned transfer at least thirty (30) days prior to the transfer.

## **III. OBJECTIVES**

5. It is the express purpose of the Parties in entering this Consent Decree to further the objectives of the Act, as enunciated at Section 101 of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1251. All plans, reports, construction, and other obligations in this Consent Decree or resulting from the activities required by this Consent Decree shall have the objective of achieving full compliance with the



Clean Water Act, all applicable Federal and local regulations, and the terms and conditions of DC Water's NPDES Permit, and to meet the objectives of the 1994 CSO Policy (as defined below).

#### IV. DEFINITIONS

6. Unless otherwise defined herein, the terms used in this Consent Decree shall have the meaning given to those terms in the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. §§ 1251 et seq., the regulations promulgated thereunder, and EPA's 1994 CSO Policy.

7. The following terms used in this Consent Decree shall be defined as follows:

"Blue Plains" means the District of Columbia advanced wastewater treatment plant at Blue Plains.

"Collection System" means both the separate sanitary sewer and combined sewer systems within the District of Columbia.

"Combined Sewer Collection System" or "CSS" means the pipelines, pumping stations, treatment facilities and appurtenances in the District of Columbia which are designed to convey wastewaters and stormwater through a single pipe system to combined sewer overflow outfalls and/or treatment works. It includes the CSS and CSO facilities described in the NMC Report (as defined below), as well as any future additions or modifications required by this Consent Decree and the Partial Consent Decree.

"Combined Sewer Overflow" or "CSO" means a discharge from the CSS at a CSO outfall designated in the Permit.

"2005 Consent Decree" means the consent decree entered by the Court in this action on March 23, 2005.

"Consent Decree" or "Decree" means this First Amendment to Consent Decree, which amends and supersedes the 2005 Consent Decree.

“Consolidation” or “Outfall Consolidation” means elimination of a permitted CSO outfall by routing the discharge so that it is joined with one or more other permitted CSO outfall(s), or by connecting it with a storage/conveyance tunnel. Consolidation of outfalls does not reduce the volume of the overflow but does allow its location to be changed.

“Contract Award” or “Award Contract” means the date on which a contract is signed by both DC Water and the other party to the contract.

“Construction” means the act of building a facility.

“1994 CSO Policy” means EPA’s April 19, 1994 CSO Control Policy, published at 59 Fed. Reg. 18,688, and incorporated into the Clean Water Act pursuant to the Wet Weather Water Quality Act, Section 402(q) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1342(q).

“DC Water” means the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority and any successors thereto.

“Detailed Design” means the final stage of preparing contract documents to be used to receive bids for construction of a facility.

“District” means the Government of the District of Columbia.

“Effective Date of the First Amendment to the Consent Decree” means the date on which this First Amendment to Consent Decree is approved and entered by the Court.

“Enhanced Clarification Facility” or “ECF” means those facilities at Blue Plains which are to replace the excess flow treatment facilities at Blue Plains. The ECF includes a combination of process units located on the end of the Blue Plains Tunnel (“BPT”), designed to empty the BPT and distribute flow from the BPT. Flows treated in and distributed from the ECF will be discharged as a CSO Bypass from Outfall 001 and/or Outfall 002 as provided in the NPDES Permit. Disinfection by chlorination will be followed by de-chlorination.

“Facility Plan” or “Facility Planning” means preparing an engineering study to develop additional definition of the Selected CSO Controls as may be necessary for preliminary design. Examples of Facility Planning activities include, but are not limited to, planning level geotechnical investigations, developing proposed alignments for the tunnels, identifying land acquisition and required approvals, establishing bases for design, establishing system hydraulics, siting shafts, regulators and pumping stations, and other elements needed to define the function and interaction of the Selected CSO Controls in the LTCP.

“Final Nitrogen Limit” means a limit on the discharge of total nitrogen from Blue Plains as specified in the NPDES Permit.

“Gray CSO Controls” means structural facilities, including but not limited to combined sewer separation, pumping stations, pipelines and conveyance and treatment facilities to control CSO discharges.

“Green CSO Controls” means the use of Green Infrastructure to control CSO discharges.

“Green/Gray CSO Controls” means the use of combinations of Green Infrastructure and Gray CSO Controls.

“Green Infrastructure” or “GI” means both LID and LIDR.

“Long Term Control Plan” or “LTCP” means the plan for controlling CSOs from DC Water’s CSS that was prepared by DC Water pursuant to the 1994 CSO Policy and submitted to EPA as a final report in August, 2002, and all supplements thereto.

“Low Impact Development” or “LID” means design and techniques that store, infiltrate, evaporate and detain runoff, including, but not limited to, practices that mimic predevelopment site hydrology as identified in the District’s stormwater management regulations and guidebook and in “Greening CSO Plans: Planning and Modeling Green Infrastructure for Combined Sewer

Overflow (CSO) Control”, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, March 2014, Publication # 832-R-14-001.

“Low Impact Development Retrofit” or “LIDR” means the modification of an existing site to accomplish LID goals. In this Decree, LIDR refers to both LID and LIDR.

“MGD” means million gallons per day.

“NMC Report” means the report entitled District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority, EPMC III-Sewer System, “Combined Sewer System Nine Minimum Controls Summary Report”, Draft, July 1999 (Engineering Program Management Consultant III, Greeley and Hansen, Program Manager).

“NPDES Permit” means National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (“NPDES”) permit number DC0021199 issued to DC Water pursuant to Section 402 of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1342, and any future, extended, modified or reissued permit.

“Partial Consent Decree” means the Consent Decree in this consolidated action entered by this Court on October 10, 2003, resolving, inter alia, Plaintiffs’ claim for failure to implement Nine Minimum Controls.

“Parties” means the United States of America, DC Water and the District of Columbia.

“Person” means an individual, corporation, partnership, association, State, municipality, commission, or political subdivision of a State, or any interstate body.

“Place in Operation” means to achieve steady state operation and to operate consistently in such a way as to accomplish the intended function, even though all construction close-out activities (such as completion of a punchlist and resolution of contract disputes or close-outs) may not yet be completed.

“Required Approvals” means approvals and/or permits required from agencies of the

District of Columbia government (other than DC Water itself), the federal government or any other governmental or private entity or person.

“Selected CSO Controls” or “Selected Controls” means the controls and projects that are comprised by the recommended control plan in Section 13 of the LTCP as subsequently modified and enumerated in Section VI (Selected CSO Controls and Schedules).

“Separation” or “Sewer Separation” means separation of sewers carrying stormwater and sanitary wastes, so that stormwater and sanitary wastewater each are conveyed through a separate system of pipes. For those portions of the CSS that are separated pursuant to this Decree or that were separated pursuant to the 2005 Consent Decree, the permitted CSO outfall may remain as a discharge point but shall discharge only stormwater after its separation. For Sewer Separation, in areas targeted for Green Infrastructure, the area managed by sewer separation may be accounted for as achieving the 1.2” retention standard for that area.

“Settling Defendants” means DC Water and the District of Columbia.

“Summary Report” means the Anacostia River Facility Plan summary report and detailed implementation schedule submitted by DC Water to EPA on September 23, 2008, and approved by EPA on July 27, 2010.

“The 1.2” Retention Standard” means the volume of water runoff produced by 1.2 inches of rain falling on an impervious surface.

## **V. OVERVIEW**

### **A. Selected CSO Controls from the LTCP**

8. The LTCP provides for control of CSO discharges to the Anacostia River, the Potomac River, and to Rock Creek and its Piney Branch tributary (“receiving waters”). The Selected CSO Controls comprise a system of underground storage tunnels and pumping stations designed to reduce CSO discharges to the receiving waters and to convey stored combined flow

to Blue Plains for treatment. Other elements of the LTCP include LIDR, Sewer Separation, Outfall Consolidation, CSO monitoring, public notification, intercepting sewers, regulator improvements and improvements to excess flow treatment facilities at Blue Plains.

**B. Total Nitrogen/Wet Weather Plan-Related Changes to the Selected CSO Controls for the Anacostia Sewershed**

9. The Summary Report (**Appendix D**) embodies certain changes to the Selected CSO Controls that implement the wet weather aspects of DC Water's TN/ Wet Weather Plan. Those changes, which are herein memorialized, include the use of enhanced clarification for treatment of certain wet weather flows consistent with the terms and conditions of DC Water's NPDES Permit, design and construction of a tunnel from the Main and O Street Pumping Station site to Blue Plains (the "Blue Plains Tunnel"), a 225 mgd Blue Plains Tunnel Dewatering Pumping Station, a 225 mgd Enhanced Clarification Facility ("ECF") to provide high-rate treatment of certain wet weather flows at Blue Plains, and other modifications to the Selected CSO Controls derived from the facility planning work summarized in the Summary Report.

**C. Green/Gray CSO Control-Related Changes to the Selected CSO Controls and Schedules for the Potomac and Rock Creek Sewershed.**

10. This Consent Decree also incorporates changes to the Selected CSO Controls and related schedules to incorporate substitution of Green/Gray CSO Controls in the Potomac sewershed and Green CSO Controls in the Rock Creek sewersheds as set forth in the second revision to the LTCP and summarized at Appendix E.

11. **Green/Gray CSO Controls for the Potomac Sewershed.** The Green/Gray CSO Controls in the Potomac sewershed are designed to take advantage of and build upon the additional conveyance and treatment capacity provided by the Blue Plains Tunnel, the Blue Plains Tunnel Dewatering Pumping Station, and the ECF. For Outfalls 025, 026, 027, 028 and 029, DC Water will implement a combination of targeted Sewer Separation and Green

Infrastructure for these outfalls. For Outfalls 020, 021, 022 and 024, DC Water will reduce the capacity of the Potomac Tunnel from 58 million gallons to 30 million gallons. Accordingly, the Green/Gray CSO Controls for the Potomac sewershed incorporated in this Consent Decree include substituting a smaller Potomac tunnel for the larger tunnel in the Selected CSO Controls from the LTCP, connecting the Potomac Tunnel to the Blue Plains Tunnel, the Green Infrastructure Program in **Appendix F** to this Decree, and targeted Sewer Separation. Because the Potomac and Anacostia Tunnel Systems will be interconnected, the total system storage available will not be less than 187 million gallons. The analyses submitted by DC Water in support of the second revision to the LTCP demonstrate that these Green/Gray CSO Controls and Green CSO Controls are projected to provide a degree of control equivalent to the Gray Controls in the LTCP.

12. **Green/Gray CSO Controls for the Rock Creek Sewershed.** DC Water will substitute Green Infrastructure for the Piney Branch Storage Tunnel. Accordingly, the Green CSO Controls for the Rock Creek sewershed incorporated in this Consent Decree include substituting the Green Infrastructure Program in **Appendix F** to this Decree for the Piney Branch Storage Tunnel.

## **VI. SELECTED CSO CONTROLS AND SCHEDULES**

DC Water agrees to and is ordered to implement the following Selected CSO Controls, which shall be operated in accordance with the NPDES Permit and shall have the minimum elements and capacities set forth below. Nothing herein shall be deemed to supersede the NPDES Permit and, in the event of a conflict, the NPDES Permit shall control.

### **A. Anacostia River Projects**

DC Water shall plan, design, and Place in Operation the following projects to control CSO discharges to the Anacostia River, at any time up to, but no later than, the schedules set

forth below, and thereafter operate them.

13. DC Water commenced work required under the Facility Plan for the Anacostia River Projects on April 4, 2005. On September 18, 2008 DC Water submitted the Summary Report to EPA pursuant to Section X of the 2005 Consent Decree (EPA Approval of Plans and Submissions). EPA approved the Summary Report and detailed implementation schedule on July 10, 2010. Except for the milestones in this subsection VI.A (Anacostia River Projects), the deadlines in the detailed implementation schedule approved on July 10, 2010, shall serve to track and report progress, but shall not be enforceable obligations of this Consent Decree.

14. **Rehabilitation of Main, “O” Street, and Eastside Pumping Stations.** DC Water has certified that these projects have been completed pursuant to the requirements of the Partial Consent Decree.

15. **Separate Fort Stanton Drainage Area (Outfall 006).** On April 1, 2010, DC Water certified that it had separated the combined sewer area tributary to CSO Outfall 006 on the east side of the Anacostia River, eliminating it as a CSO outfall.

16. **Storage/Conveyance Tunnel from Blue Plains to CSO 019.** DC Water shall construct a Storage/Conveyance Tunnel from Blue Plains to CSO 019 which shall store and convey combined sewer flow from the Main and O Street Pumping Station site and other CSOs along the Anacostia River in accordance with DC Water’s NPDES Permit. This tunnel will be designed and operated to provide CSO storage and conveyance for CSO Outfalls 005, 007, 009, 010, 011, 011a, 012, 013, 014, 015, 016, 017, 018, and 019 on the Anacostia River. The storage capacity of the tunnel shall be at least 105 million gallons. The location of the tunnel shall be finalized during final design but its approximate location is depicted in the Summary Report. After the tunnel and its appurtenances are Placed in Operation, discharges to the Northeast



Boundary Facility may be discontinued and the Facility may be abandoned or demolished in accordance with applicable law. After the tunnel is Placed in Operation, in the event of weather causing the tunnel to be used for storage, DC Water shall dewater the tunnel to the CSS as soon as practicable, but in no event longer than 59 hours from the end of the last rainfall event, and shall convey the contents of the tunnel to Blue Plains for treatment in accordance with its NPDES permit. DC Water shall plan, design, construct, and Place in Operation the tunnel at any time up to, but no later than, the following schedule:

- a. Award Contract for Detailed Design: Completed
- b. Award Contract for Construction: Completed
- c. Place in Operation: March 23, 2018

17. **Poplar Point Pumping Station.** Under the Partial Consent Decree, DC Water is required to make certain interim improvements to the existing Poplar Point Pumping Station. In addition, DC Water shall replace the existing Poplar Point Pumping Station with a new pumping station, which shall have a firm pumping capacity of not less than 45 MGD. DC Water shall design, construct and Place in Operation the new pumping station at any time up to, but no later than, the following schedule:

- a. Award Contract for Detailed Design: Completed
- b. Award Contract for Construction: Completed
- c. Place in Operation: March 23, 2018

18. **Northeast Boundary Storage/Conveyance Tunnels.** DC Water shall construct: (1) a Storage/Conveyance Tunnel generally in the Northeast Boundary area, and (2) a Branch Tunnel from the Storage/Conveyance Tunnel in the area of First Street NW and Rhode Island Avenue. The purpose of these tunnels is to provide additional storage and conveyance for

combined sewer flow and to relieve street and basement flooding in the Northeast Boundary area. The tunnels shall capture and store the combined sewer flow, in accordance with DC Water's NPDES permit. After the tunnels are Placed in Operation, in the event of wet weather causing the tunnels to be used for storage, DC Water shall dewater the tunnels to the CSS as soon as practicable, but in no event longer than 59 hours from the end of the last rainfall event, and shall convey the contents of the tunnels to Blue Plains for treatment in accordance with DC Water's NPDES permit. The sum of the storage capacities of the Storage/Conveyance Tunnel from Blue Plains to CSO 019 and the Northeast Boundary Storage/Conveyance Tunnels shall be at least 157 million gallons. The locations of the tunnels will be finalized during final design but their approximate locations are depicted in the Summary Report. DC Water shall design, construct and Place in Operation the tunnels at any time up to, but no later than, the following schedule:

- a. Award Contract for Detailed Design: January 2, 2016
- b. Award Contract for Construction: March 23, 2020
- c. Place in Operation: March 23, 2025

19. **M Street (CSO 016 and CSO 017) and 018 Diversion Sewers.** DC Water shall consolidate and direct all combined sewer flow from Outfalls 016, 017 and 018 in the vicinity of the Anacostia Marina to the Storage/Conveyance Tunnel from Blue Plains to CSO 019 by way of diversion sewers, thus eliminating Outfalls 016, 017 and 018 except in those rare cases where use of those outfalls is required to isolate the tunnels or their appurtenances for service or repair. DC Water shall consolidate these outfalls at any time up to, but no later than, the following schedule:

- a. Award Contract for Detailed Design: Completed

- b. Award Contract for Construction: Completed
- c. Place in Operation: March 23, 2018

**B. Potomac River Projects**

DC Water shall plan, design, construct, and Place in Operation the following projects on the Potomac River to control CSO discharges to that river, at any time up to, but no later than, the schedules set forth below, and thereafter to operate them.

20. DC Water shall start the Facility Plan for the Potomac Storage Tunnel and the Potomac Tunnel Dewatering Pumping Station no later than January 1, 2017. No later than December 31, 2018, DC Water shall submit to EPA pursuant to Section X (EPA Approval of Plans and Submissions) a summary report and detailed implementation schedule for the Potomac Storage Tunnel. That detailed implementation schedule shall set forth anticipated completion dates for stages of work and shall include appropriate deadlines for filing all applications for all permits that DC Water knows will be necessary, and dates for notices to proceed with work and construction starts. Except for the milestones in this subsection VI.B (Potomac River Projects), the deadlines in the detailed implementation schedule that is submitted no later than December 31, 2018, shall serve to track and report progress and shall not be enforceable obligations of this Consent Decree.

21. **Rehabilitation of the Existing Potomac Pumping Station.** The existing Potomac Pumping Station is being rehabilitated pursuant to the Partial Consent Decree in this consolidated action.

22. **Potomac Storage Tunnel.** DC Water shall construct a Potomac Storage/Conveyance Tunnel which shall store combined sewer flow from CSO Outfalls 020, 021, 022, and 024 in accordance with DC Water's NPDES Permit. The storage capacity of the tunnel will be at least thirty (30) million gallons. The location of the tunnel will be finalized

during facility planning and design but its approximate location is depicted in **Appendix E** to this Decree. The tunnel will be dewatered by gravity to the Blue Plains Tunnel. After the tunnel is Placed in Operation, in the event of wet weather causing the tunnel to be used for storage, DC Water shall dewater the tunnel as soon as practicable, but in no event longer than 59 hours, and will convey the contents of the tunnel to Blue Plains for treatment in accordance with DC Water's NPDES permit. DC Water will design, construct and Place into Operation the tunnel at any time up to, but no later than, the following schedule:

- a. Award Contract for Design: July 1, 2021
- b. Award Contract for Construction: September 30, 2023
- c. Place in Operation: March 23, 2030

23. **CSO Outfall Separation.** DC Water shall separate the CSS tributary to CSO Outfalls 025 and 026 and eliminate them as CSO outfalls at any time up to, but no later than, the following schedule:

- a. Award Contract for Detailed Design: March 23, 2019
- b. Award Contract for Construction: March 23, 2021
- c. Place in Operation: March 23, 2023

24. **Environmental Impact Statement for the Potomac Storage Tunnel.** DC Water has certified that it has awarded a contract for preparation of the Environmental Impact Statement ("EIS") required by the National Park Service for the Potomac Storage Tunnel. DC Water shall proceed to complete preparation of the EIS in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act and applicable National Park Service regulations.

25. **Green Infrastructure Program.** DC Water shall implement the Green Infrastructure Program for the Potomac sewershed in accordance with the requirements and

schedules in **Appendix F** to this Decree.

**C. Rock Creek Projects**

26. **Green Infrastructure Program.** DC Water shall implement the Green Infrastructure Program for the Rock Creek sewershed in accordance with the requirements and schedules in **Appendix F** to this Decree.

27. **CSO Outfall Separation.** DC Water has certified pursuant to the Partial Consent Decree that it has separated the Luzon Valley CSS tributary to CSO Outfall 059. DC Water has also certified that it has separated the combined sewer areas tributary to CSO outfalls 031, 037, 053 and 058, and that the separation has eliminated them as CSO outfalls.

28. **Monitoring at CSO Outfalls 033, 036, 047 and 057.** DC Water represents that it has conducted hydraulic monitoring at CSO Outfalls 033, 036, 047 and 057 to obtain data to further characterize the overflows on Rock Creek, including their frequency and volume. DC Water submitted its monitoring data to EPA on April 15, 2005, and EPA approved the data on November 23, 2005. Subsequently, DC Water submitted its plan for controlling CSOs 033, 036, 047 and 057 on May 19, 2006 in a report titled *Control Plan: Rock Creek CSO Outfall Nos. 033, 036, 047 and 057*, Final, May 2006 (“Control Plan”). EPA approved the Control Plan on October 4, 2007. The Control Plan calls for diversion structure improvements and sewer construction to control CSOs 033, 036, and 057. Based on the monitoring, the Control Plan determined that CSO 047 was not predicted to overflow in the average year and that no additional controls were required. The location, sizing, and extent of improvements were finalized during final design. DC Water shall plan, design, construct, and Place in Operation the measures in the Control Plan at any time up to, but no later than, the following schedule:

- a. Award Contract for Detailed Design: Completed
- b. Award Contract for Construction: Completed

- c. Place in Operation: Completed

29. **Piney Branch Diversion Structure Improvements.** DC Water shall modify diversion Structure No. 70 at Piney Branch to improve diversions to the interceptor system at any time up to, but no later than, the following schedule:

- a. Award Contract for Detailed Design: March 23, 2016
- b. Award Contract for Construction: March 23, 2018
- c. Place in Operation: March 23, 2020

**D. Blue Plains Wastewater Treatment Plant Projects**

DC Water shall plan, design, construct, Place in Operation and operate the following projects at Blue Plains, at any time up to, but no later than, the schedules set forth below.

30. **Blue Plains Tunnel Dewatering Pumping Station (“TDPS”) and Enhanced Clarification Facility (“ECF”).** The locations of the ECF and TDPS will be finalized during the final design. Their approximate location is depicted in the Summary Report. DC Water shall design, construct, and Place in Operation the TDPS and ECF at Blue Plains at any time up to, but no later than, the following schedule:

- a. Award Contract for Detailed Design: Completed
- b. Award Contract for Construction: Completed
- c. Place in Operation: March 23, 2018

**E. Public Notification**

31. A visual notification system shall be installed as part of the construction of the tunnel storage projects for the Anacostia River, the Potomac River and for Rock Creek. The system shall be installed at a minimum of three locations on each receiving water at public access locations. The system shall be designed to notify the public of the occurrence of overflows based on flow monitoring at representative CSO outfalls on each receiving water. The

system shall comprise a series of colored lights, flags or pendants that shall operate as follows:

- a. Color A shall be displayed as long as flow is detected from the representative outfall;
- b. Color B shall be displayed for 24 hours after flow is no longer detected from the representative outfall;
- c. When operational, the visual notification system shall be described and explained on DC Water's web site.

32. DC Water shall finalize the details of the public notification system (e.g., selection of representative outfalls, locations, warning devices, and colors) during Facility Planning for each receiving water. DC Water shall submit its plan with the final details to EPA for approval pursuant to Section X (EPA Approval of Plans and Submissions).

#### **VII. MODIFICATIONS TO SELECTED CSO CONTROLS AND SCHEDULES**

33. DC Water agrees that the original 20 year implementation schedule and the work set forth in Section VI of the 2005 Consent Decree (Selected CSO Controls and Schedules) remain feasible and equitable, based on current information, assumptions and financial and other projections. Some of the information originally available to DC Water and its original assumptions and projections are set forth in, inter alia, the LTCP appended at **Appendix A**. DC Water's original financial assumptions and projections for the 20 year implementation schedule are set forth in, inter alia, **Appendix B**.

34. The Parties recognize that the information currently available to DC Water as well as DC Water's current assumptions and projections may change during implementation of the Selected CSO Controls. The schedule and/or the Selected CSO Controls in Section VI (Selected CSO Controls and Schedules) may be modified based on a significant change in the information currently available to DC Water, or in DC Water's current assumptions or

projections, whether or not such change is anticipated, that renders the Consent Decree no longer feasible and equitable. Unless the Parties otherwise agree, a request for modification shall not relieve DC Water of its obligations pursuant to Section VI (Selected CSO Controls and Schedules) and DC Water shall continue with implementation of the Selected CSO Controls until the request for modification is either agreed to by the Parties, approved by the Court, or ruled on by the Court under Section XXII (Modification). Any dispute as to whether or not implementation of the Selected CSO Controls should continue during the pendency of the modification request shall not be subject to judicial review or to dispute resolution.

35. The United States on behalf of EPA has accepted the Selected CSO Controls and the 20 year schedule. **Appendices A, B, D and E** are not stipulations, however, and the United States reserves its right to disagree with or to contest particular statements or facts contained therein. In the event that DC Water seeks a modification to extend the schedule based upon a significant increase in costs or other changes in financial circumstances, DC Water shall provide to EPA an update of the information contained in **Appendix B** and, at EPA's request, an update of the key financial variables listed at **Appendix C**.

36. The failure of DC Water and/or the District to seek, approve, or enact timely and adequate rate changes or to obtain bond or other financing to implement the work according to the schedule contained herein based on current information, assumptions and projections shall not constitute a significant change in circumstances under this Section nor shall such failure by itself justify any change in or reassessment of the interim milestones or the 20 year schedule in this Decree.

37. **Grant Funding**. The schedules contained herein assume no federal appropriations, grants, or funding from sources other than DC Water for performance of the



work described in Section VI (Selected CSO Controls and Schedules). In the event that DC Water receives grant funding from federal or other sources for such work, it shall report to EPA in writing the source, amount, and timing of any such grant funding when it learns that it will be appropriated or otherwise received. DC Water has the option but is not required to accelerate the schedule contained in Section VI (Selected CSO Controls and Schedules) based on grant funding.

38. Modifications made pursuant to this Section shall follow the procedures set forth in Section XXII (Modification).

39. In the event that DC Water, after consultation with the District, requests a modification to the schedule or to the Selected CSO Controls, and the United States does not agree to the proposed modification, DC Water and/or the District may invoke the dispute resolution procedures of Section XIV (Dispute Resolution).

40. If DC Water, after consultation with the District, requests a modification because it has decided that it needs to rebid a contract to construct a project, and if DC Water has made best efforts to communicate with the appropriate personnel at EPA Region 3 to obtain a response to a request for modification and has promptly responded to any requests for information from EPA Region 3 related to the requested modification, but EPA does not act on the request for modification within sixty (60) days after receiving the modification request, DC Water may initiate informal dispute resolution and issue a notice of the dispute under the dispute resolution procedures. For all other requests for modification, if DC Water has made best efforts to communicate with the appropriate personnel at EPA Region 3 to obtain a response to a request for modification, and has promptly responded to any requests for information from EPA Region 3 related to the requested modification, but EPA does not act on the request for modification

within one hundred twenty (120) days after receiving the modification request, DC Water may initiate informal dispute resolution and issue a notice of the dispute under the dispute resolution procedures.

41. Compliance with the terms of this Decree is not conditioned upon the receipt of federal or state grant funds and DC Water's failure to comply is not excused by the lack of federal or state grant funds, or by the processing of any applications for the same, subject solely to a force majeure event due to the Anti-Deficiency Act provisions in Section XIII (Force Majeure).

**VIII. CONTROL SYSTEM COMPLIANCE AND POST-CONSTRUCTION MONITORING**

**A. Individual Construction Project Certification.**

42. Within sixty (60) days of Placing in Operation each project required under Section VI (Selected CSO Controls and Schedules), DC Water shall certify under Section XX (Certification of Submissions) that such project has been designed, constructed and will be operated in accordance with the terms of this Consent Decree and its NPDES permit.

**B. Post-construction monitoring.**

43. When the Selected Controls set forth in Section VI (Selected CSO Controls and Schedules) have been Placed in Operation, DC Water shall comply with the post-construction monitoring program set forth in its NPDES permit.

44. Following the Effective Date of the First Amendment to the Consent Decree, DC Water shall include with its next application for NPDES permit renewal proposed revisions to the post-construction monitoring program to reflect the modifications to the Selected CSO Controls for the Potomac River and Rock Creek.

**IX. LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT RETROFIT**

45. DC Water shall promote LIDR in the District of Columbia by performing projects as set forth in this Section. Such projects shall constitute additional work that DC Water agrees to perform in addition to the injunctive relief set forth in Section VI (Selected CSO Controls and Schedules).

46. As set forth in the LTCP, DC Water shall incorporate LIDR techniques into new construction or reconstruction on DC Water facilities for demonstration projects up to a total expenditure of \$3 million and shall maintain the LIDR projects for at least five (5) years after each project is Placed into Operation. DC Water shall monitor such projects to obtain data regarding the effectiveness of LIDR in reducing run-off reaching combined sewers and surface waters. These LIDR projects shall be in addition to those constructed as a Supplemental Environmental Project or financed as a Citizen Environmental Project pursuant to the Partial Consent Decree.

47. DC Water submitted a plan to EPA for approval and a schedule for implementing and monitoring LIDR on its own property, which plan and schedule have been approved by EPA. DC Water Placed in Operation all LIDR projects by March 18, 2014. DC Water shall monitor the LIDR projects for twelve (12) months after Placing in Operation all LIDR facilities.

**X. EPA APPROVAL OF PLANS AND SUBMISSIONS**

48. After review of any plan, report, or other item that is required to be submitted pursuant to this Consent Decree (with the exception of requests for modification pursuant to Section VII (Modifications to Selected CSO Controls and Schedules)), EPA shall in writing: (a) approve the submission; (b) approve the submission upon specified conditions; (c) approve part of the submission and disapprove the remainder; or (d) disapprove the submission.

49. If the submission is approved, DC Water shall take all actions required by the plan, report, or other item, as approved. If the submission is conditionally approved or approved

only in part, DC Water shall, upon written direction of EPA, take all actions required by the approved plan, report, or other item that EPA determines are technically severable from any disapproved portions, subject to DC Water's right to dispute only the specified conditions or the disapproved portions, under Section XIV (Dispute Resolution).

50. If the submission is disapproved in whole or in part, DC Water shall, within 45 days or such other time as the Parties agree in writing, correct all deficiencies and resubmit the plan, report, or other item, or disapproved portion thereof, for approval. Any Stipulated Penalties applicable to the original submission, as provided in Section XII (Stipulated Penalties), shall accrue during the 45-day period or other specified period, but shall not be payable unless the resubmission is untimely or is disapproved in whole or in part; provided that, if the original submission was so deficient as to constitute a material breach of DC Water's obligations under this Decree, the Stipulated Penalties applicable to the original submission shall be due and payable notwithstanding any subsequent resubmission.

51. If a resubmitted plan, report, or other item, or portion thereof, is disapproved in whole or in part, EPA may again require DC Water to correct any deficiencies, in accordance with the preceding Paragraphs of this Section, subject to DC Water's right to invoke Dispute Resolution and the right of EPA to seek Stipulated Penalties, as provided in the preceding Paragraphs of this Section.

## **XI. REPORTING**

52. Progress reports are to be provided at quarterly intervals for all milestone events one year or longer in duration. Each progress report shall summarize the status and progress of work required for completion of the next milestone and the impact of any delays on completion of said milestone, and shall be submitted on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of the month following each calendar quarter.

53. Beginning with the first CSO Quarterly Report due after the Effective Date of the First Amendment to the Consent Decree, and for every calendar quarter thereafter until this Consent Decree terminates in accordance with Section XXVI (Termination), DC Water shall submit written status reports to U.S. EPA, certified pursuant to Section XX (Certification of Submissions), and post them on the DC Water website. In each report, DC Water shall provide the following:

a. a statement setting forth the deadlines and other terms that DC Water is required by this Consent Decree to meet since the date of the last quarterly statement, whether and to what extent DC Water has met these requirements, and the reasons for any noncompliance;

b. a statement tracking DC Water's progress against the detailed implementation schedules required to be submitted under Section VI (Selected CSO Controls and Schedules) upon the completion of Facility Planning for each receiving water, whether there have been any delays, the reasons for the delays, and the actions DC Water is taking or intends to take to overcome the delays.

c. a general description of the work completed within the three-month period, and a projection of work to be performed pursuant to this Consent Decree during the next three-month period. Notification to U.S. EPA of any anticipated delay shall not, by itself, excuse the delay.

## **XII. STIPULATED PENALTIES**

54. DC Water shall be liable for stipulated penalties for the failure to satisfactorily achieve any deadline for the start of Facility Planning, submission of a detailed implementation schedule and summary report on Facility Planning, Award of Contract for Detailed Design and the Award of Contract for Construction in Section VI (Selected CSO Controls and Schedules), as

follows:

<u>Period of Noncompliance</u>	<u>Penalty Per Day Per Violation</u>
1 <sup>st</sup> to 30 <sup>th</sup> Day	\$ 500
31 <sup>st</sup> to 59 <sup>th</sup> Day	\$ 1,000
60 <sup>th</sup> day until submitted	\$ 1,500

55. DC Water shall be liable for stipulated penalties for the failure to satisfactorily Place in Operation any of the required projects by the final deadline set forth for that project in the schedules in Section VI (Selected CSO Controls and Schedules), as follows:

<u>Period of Noncompliance</u>	<u>Penalty Per Day Per Violation</u>
1 <sup>st</sup> to 30 <sup>th</sup> Day	\$ 1,000
31 <sup>st</sup> to 59 <sup>th</sup> Day	\$ 2,000
After 60 Days	\$ 5,000

56. DC Water shall be liable for stipulated penalties for each failure to properly perform the CSO monitoring required in its NPDES Permit after the Selected Controls are Placed in Operation, as follows:

<u>Period of Noncompliance</u>	<u>Penalty Per Day Per Violation</u>
1 <sup>st</sup> to 30 <sup>th</sup> Day	\$ 1,000
31 <sup>st</sup> to 59 <sup>th</sup> Day	\$ 2,000
60 <sup>th</sup> day until submitted	\$ 2,500

57. DC Water shall be liable for stipulated penalties for failure to timely submit any progress or completion report required in Section XI (Reporting) , as follows:

<u>Period of Noncompliance</u>	<u>Penalty Per Day Per Violation</u>
1 <sup>st</sup> to 30 <sup>th</sup> Day	\$ 500
31 <sup>st</sup> to 59 <sup>th</sup> Day	\$ 1,000
60 <sup>th</sup> day until submitted	\$ 2,000

58. Other Violations: If DC Water fails to comply with a requirement or provision of this Decree not expressly listed above, it shall be liable for stipulated penalties as follows:

<u>Period of Noncompliance</u>	<u>Penalty Per Day Per Violation</u>
1 <sup>st</sup> to 30 <sup>th</sup> Day	\$ 500
31 <sup>st</sup> to 59 <sup>th</sup> Day	\$ 1,000
60 <sup>th</sup> day until submitted	\$ 2,000

59. General Provisions. Stipulated civil penalties shall automatically begin to accrue on the first day DC Water fails to meet any of the schedules required by this Consent Decree or to satisfy any obligation or requirement of this Consent Decree and shall continue to accrue each day until DC Water achieves compliance with such schedule, obligation or requirement; provided, however, that if DC Water submits an appropriately documented request for modification under Section XXII (Modification) 180 days prior to an affected deadline or compliance date, and EPA does not act on such request for modification prior to the deadline or compliance date, stipulated penalties shall not accrue for DC Water's failure to satisfy the deadline or compliance date until EPA's approval or disapproval. This provision shall not apply if DC Water does not have a reasonable basis to make the request for modification or if the request is made for purposes of delay. In the event EPA approves or disapproves DC Water's request for modification after passage of the affected deadline or compliance date, stipulated penalties shall begin to accrue from the time EPA acts on the request for modification.

60. Failure to Meet Award of Construction Contract Deadlines Due to Rebidding. If DC Water elects to rebid a construction contract for a project described in Section VI (Selected CSO Controls and Schedules), it may request a modification under Section VII (Modifications to Selected CSO Controls and Schedules). In the alternative, DC Water may rebid and elect to have any stipulated penalties for failure to meet the Award of Construction Contract deadline due and owing but to defer their payment. If DC Water meets its deadline for Placing in Operation the specific project for which penalties were deferred, stipulated penalties for failure to meet the deadline for Award of Construction Contract will be excused. If DC Water fails to meet the deadline for Placing in Operation the specific project for which penalties were deferred, stipulated penalties for the failure to meet both the Award of Construction Contract and the

Placing in Operation deadlines will be due and payable on demand by the United States. When DC Water elects a deferral of stipulated penalties for failure to meet an Award of Construction deadline due to rebidding a project, it shall give written notice to EPA that it intends to rebid the project and to defer stipulated penalties. When it awards the contract for construction of that project, DC Water shall so notify EPA and advise it in writing of the amount of stipulated penalties accrued pursuant to Section XII (Stipulated Penalties) that are due and owing but deferred.

61. Stipulated civil penalties shall be paid within thirty (30) days of the date of a demand for payment of stipulated civil penalties for any non-compliance with any of the schedules of performance or requirements set forth in this Consent Decree.

62. In the event that a stipulated penalty is not paid according to the instructions in a written demand from the United States, the stipulated civil penalty shall be payable with interest from the original due date to the date of payment, at the statutory judgment rate set forth at 28 U.S.C. § 1961(a).

63. Stipulated civil penalties shall be paid electronically or by submitting a certified or cashier's check payable to "Treasurer, the United States of America", and tendered to the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia. Simultaneously, DC Water shall send copies of the certified or cashier's check, together with a letter describing the basis for the penalties, to Chief, Environmental Enforcement Section, United States Department of Justice, Post Office Box 7611, Ben Franklin Station, Washington, D.C. 20044, and to Section Chief, Compliance and Enforcement Branch, Water Protection Division, US EPA Region 3, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103. The transmittal letter shall reference the caption, the civil action number, and DOJ Number 90-5-1-1-07137.



64. Payment of stipulated civil penalties as set forth above shall be in addition to any other rights or remedies which may be available to the United States or its agencies by reason of DC Water's failure to comply with the requirements of this Consent Decree and all applicable Federal, state or local laws, regulations, wastewater discharge permit(s) and all other applicable permits. Where a violation of this Consent Decree is also a violation of such laws, regulations, or permits, DC Water shall be allowed a credit, in the amount of any Stipulated Penalties paid, as a set-off against any statutory penalties imposed for such violation.

65. If DC Water invokes dispute resolution and the Court resolves the dispute against DC Water, stipulated penalties which have accrued during the pendency of the dispute shall be payable, as set forth herein, upon resolution of the dispute; provided, however, that in the event that the Director of the Water Protection Division requires more than sixty (60) days to issue a final agency decision concerning the dispute, DC Water shall be liable only for sixty (60) days of stipulated penalties for the period from submission of the final Statements of Position or written Reply until issuance of the final agency decision, as set forth in Section XIV (Dispute Resolution). Stipulated penalties shall begin to accrue again upon issuance of the final agency decision.

### **XIII. FORCE MAJEURE**

66. "Force Majeure" for the purposes of this Consent Decree is defined as an event arising from causes beyond the control of DC Water or the control of any entity controlled by DC Water, including its consultants and contractors, which delays or prevents the performance of any obligation under this Consent Decree. Nothing in this Section is intended to relieve DC Water of its duty to use due diligence to complete the requirements of this Consent Decree in a timely manner or of DC Water's obligation to meet all discharge limitations and other obligations contained in DC Water's NPDES Permit. Unanticipated or increased costs or

changed financial circumstances are not Force Majeure events, except as provided in Paragraph 68 (Anti-Deficiency Act Events) below, although in certain instances they may constitute the basis for a request for modification pursuant to Section VII (Modifications to Selected CSO Controls and Schedules).

67. **Permitting**: Failure to apply for a required permit or approval, or to provide in a timely manner all information required to obtain a permit or approval necessary to meet the requirements of this Consent Decree, are not Force Majeure events. However, failure of a permitting authority to issue a necessary permit in a timely fashion is an event of Force Majeure where the failure of the permitting authority to act is beyond the control of DC Water and DC Water demonstrates that it has taken all steps available to it to obtain the necessary permit, including but not limited to:

a. Promptly providing reasonably known permitting authorities with copies of this Consent Decree, when lodged, as well as briefing each such authority, both orally and with written materials if necessary, on the projects and schedules contained therein in order to coordinate permitting submittals and approvals;

b. submitting a complete permit application within two (2) months of the date identified in the detailed implementation schedule to apply for permits that are known to be required, and in a prompt fashion for those permits not known to be required or previously identified in the schedule;

c. responding to requests for additional information by the permitting authority in a timely fashion;

d. making regular inquiry, approximately every 45 days, both verbally and in writing, with the permitting authority after initial or supplemental permit filings, to determine the

status of the permit application;

e. seeking relief from higher management officials within the permitting authority where permit processing delays threaten to cause noncompliance with any deadline in this decree;

f. accepting lawful permit terms and conditions; and

g. prosecuting appeals of any unlawful terms and conditions imposed by the permitting authority in an expeditious fashion.

68. **Anti-Deficiency Act Events**: Nothing in this Decree shall be construed to require an expenditure, obligation or contract in violation of the Anti-Deficiency Act, 31 U.S.C. §§ 1341 et seq. Where an expenditure, obligation or contract is subject to the Anti-Deficiency Act, DC Water's obligations shall be subject to the availability of appropriated funds. In such case, DC Water must identify the portion of its budget related to implementation of this Consent Decree that is comprised of appropriated or other funds, and demonstrate why the unavailability of those appropriated or other funds will delay specific obligations.

69. To the extent made necessary by lack of appropriated funds, DC Water may obtain deferral of compliance with an obligation of this Consent Decree until its next annual budget cycle if, within sixty (60) days after DC Water knew or should have known of the event described in Paragraph 70 below, it provides in writing to EPA Region III a statement which shows the following:

a. That it included in its annual budget, which accompanies the District of Columbia budget submitted to the President for transmission to the Congress pursuant to Section 446 of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, D.C. Code Sec. 1-204.46 (2001), sufficient money to carry out such objective;

- b. That it made diligent efforts to obtain Congressional enactment of that part of the budget act;
- c. That it expressly identified in the annual fiscal year adopted budget prepared for Congressional use such obligation (not necessarily to include reference to this Decree as such) together with the amount of money tied to performing such obligation; and
- d. That Congress acted expressly to eliminate such amount of money or to reduce it below the level necessary to perform the obligation, or that Congress made an across the board reduction in DC Water's appropriation as shown in DC Water's adopted budget without expressly saving such obligation and the across the board reduction, as applied proportionately to the amount of money shown in the adopted budget for such obligation, left an insufficient amount to carry out that obligation.

70. **General Requirements:** When circumstances are occurring or have occurred which may delay the completion of any requirement of this Consent Decree, whether or not due to a Force Majeure event, DC Water shall so notify EPA, in writing, within fifteen (15) days after DC Water knew, or should have known, of the delay or anticipated delay. The notice shall describe in detail the basis for DC Water's contention that it experienced a Force Majeure delay, the anticipated length of the delay, the precise cause or causes of the delay, the measures taken or to be taken to prevent or minimize the delay, and the timetable by which those measures will be implemented. Failure to so notify the United States shall constitute a waiver of any claim of Force Majeure as to the event in question.

71. If the United States finds that a delay in performance is, or was, caused by a Force Majeure event, it shall extend the time for performance, in writing, for a period to compensate for the delay resulting from such event and stipulated penalties shall not be due for

such period. In proceedings on any dispute regarding a delay in performance, the dispute resolution provisions of Section XIV (Dispute Resolution) shall apply and DC Water shall have the burden of proving that the delay is, or was, caused by a Force Majeure event, and that the amount of additional time requested is necessary to compensate for that event.

72. Compliance with a requirement of this Consent Decree shall not by itself constitute compliance with any other requirement. An extension of one compliance date based on a particular event shall not automatically extend another compliance date or dates. DC Water shall make an individual showing of proof regarding the cause of each delayed incremental step or other requirement for which an extension is sought. DC Water may petition for the extension of more than one compliance date in a single request.

#### **XIV. DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

73. This Court shall retain jurisdiction for the purpose of adjudicating, in the manner provided by this Section, all disputes between DC Water and the United States that may arise under the provisions of this Consent Decree. Unless otherwise expressly provided in this Consent Decree, the dispute resolution procedures of this Section shall be the exclusive mechanism to resolve disputes arising under or with respect to this Consent Decree. However, the procedures set forth in this Section shall not apply to actions by the United States to enforce obligations of DC Water that have not been disputed in accordance with this Section.

74. Permit actions pursuant to 40 C.F.R. Part 124, including issuance, denials, and modifications, shall not be subject to this Consent Decree, but rather shall continue to be handled through the administrative and judicial procedures set forth in those regulations.

75. Any dispute which arises under or with respect to this Consent Decree shall in the first instance be the subject of informal negotiations between DC Water and the United States. Notice of the dispute shall be transmitted no later than fourteen (14) days from the date of

the circumstances giving rise to the dispute. The period for informal negotiations shall not exceed twenty (20) days from the date of receipt of the original notice of the dispute, unless DC Water and the United States otherwise agree in writing to extend that period.

76. If the informal negotiations are unsuccessful, the position of the United States shall control unless, within twenty (20) days after the conclusion of the informal negotiation period, DC Water invokes the formal dispute resolution procedures of this Section by serving on the United States a written Statement of Position on the matter in dispute, which shall set forth the nature of the dispute with a proposal for its resolution as well as any factual data, analysis or opinion supporting that position and any supporting documentation (including the Long Term Control Plan or portions thereof) relied upon.

77. Within thirty (30) days of the receipt of a Statement of Position, pursuant to this Section, the United States may serve on DC Water its own Statement of Position, which may include an alternate proposal for resolution of the dispute as well as any factual data, analysis, or opinion supporting that position and all supporting documentation (including the Long Term Control Plan or portions thereof) relied upon by the United States. Within 15 days after receipt of such Statement, DC Water may serve on the United States a written Reply.

78. Matters Accorded Record Review: With the exception of modification requests pursuant to Section VII (Modifications to Selected CSO Controls and Schedules), this Paragraph shall pertain to disputes subject to the procedures of this Section that concern the adequacy or nature of the work to be performed under Section VI (Selected CSO Controls and Schedules), or other matters that are accorded review on the administrative record under applicable principles of administrative law. For matters subject to this Paragraph, DC Water shall have the burden of showing that the position of the United States is arbitrary and capricious or otherwise not in

accordance with applicable law or this Consent Decree. Plaintiff shall compile an administrative record, which shall consist of the Statements of Position and supporting documentation relied upon (including the LTCP or portions thereof that the parties incorporated into their Statements) and other documents considered and relied upon by EPA in arriving at its final administrative decision. Where appropriate, EPA may allow DC Water, the District of Columbia, Citizen Plaintiffs, and/or other members of the public to make supplemental submissions. The Director of the Water Protection Division shall issue a written final administrative decision resolving the dispute based on the administrative record. Stipulated penalties for the period from submission of the final Statement of Position or written Reply until issuance of the final administrative decision shall accrue for no more than sixty (60) days, even if EPA issues the final administrative decision after more than 60 days. The final administrative decision shall be effective in ten (10) days, unless DC Water moves for judicial review within ten (10) days of its receipt of the final agency decision.

79. Modification Requests: In the case of requests for modification of the Selected CSO Controls and/or schedules pursuant to Section VII (Modifications to Selected CSO Controls and Schedules), DC Water shall bear the burden of demonstrating that the requested modification should be approved in accordance with Section VII (Modifications to Selected CSO Controls and Schedules). EPA's final decision shall be binding on DC Water, unless within twenty (20) days of its receipt DC Water submits a modification request to the Court. If the Director of the Water Protection Division does not issue a final decision on a request for modification within one hundred twenty (120) days from the date that DC Water submits its Reply to the United States' Statement of Position, DC Water may elect to move in Court to modify the Consent Decree.

80. Other Matters: In the case of other matters not subject to Paragraphs 78 and 79

above, DC Water shall have the burden to demonstrate that its actions or positions were taken in accordance with the terms, conditions, requirements and objectives of this Consent Decree and the Clean Water Act. The Director of the Water Protection Division will issue a final decision resolving the dispute which will be binding on DC Water, unless within twenty (20) days of its receipt DC Water serves on the United States a motion for judicial review of the decision setting forth the matter in dispute, the efforts made to resolve it, the relief requested, and the schedule, if any, within which the dispute must be resolved to ensure orderly implementation of this Consent Decree. Stipulated penalties for the period from submission of the final Statement of Position or written Reply until issuance of the final administrative decision shall accrue for no more than sixty (60) days, even if EPA issues the final administrative decision after more than 60 days.

81. Where the dispute arises from DC Water's request for modification of the Selected CSO Controls and/or schedules pursuant to Section VII (Modifications to Selected CSO Controls and Schedules), the matter shall not be subject to the principles of record review in Paragraph 78. For other matters, if DC Water and the United States disagree as to whether the dispute should proceed under the principles of record review or not, DC Water shall follow the procedures determined by EPA to be applicable. Upon appeal, the Court shall determine which procedures are applicable in accordance with the standards set forth in this Section.

82. Submission of any matter to the Court for resolution shall not extend or stay any of the deadlines set forth in this Consent Decree unless the Parties agree to such extension in writing or the Court grants an order extending such deadline(s). Stipulated penalties with respect to the disputed matter shall continue to accrue but payment shall be stayed pending resolution of the dispute as provided in this Section. Notwithstanding the stay of payment, stipulated penalties shall accrue from the first day of noncompliance with any applicable provision of this Consent



Decree. In the event that DC Water does not prevail on the disputed issue, stipulated penalties shall be assessed and paid as provided in Section XII (Stipulated Penalties).

**XV. RIGHT OF ENTRY**

83. Commencing upon the date of lodging of this Consent Decree, U.S. EPA and its representatives, contractors, consultants, and attorneys shall have the right of entry into and upon the premises of DC Water at all reasonable times, upon proper presentation of credentials, for the purposes of:

- a. Monitoring the progress of activities required by this Consent Decree;
- b. Verifying any data or information required to be submitted pursuant to this Consent Decree;
- c. Obtaining samples and, upon request, splits of any samples taken by DC Water or its consultants. Upon request, DC Water will be provided with splits of all samples taken by the United States;
- d. Inspecting and evaluating the CSO System;
- e. Inspecting and reviewing any record required to be kept under the provisions of this Consent Decree or any NPDES Permit and the Clean Water Act; and
- f. Otherwise assessing DC Water's compliance with this Consent Decree.

84. This Section XV (Right of Entry) in no way limits or affects any right of entry and inspection, or any other right otherwise held by the United States, U.S. EPA and any other governmental entity, pursuant to applicable federal or state laws, regulations.

85. DC Water reserves the right to request the laboratory analytical results of samples taken from the CSS by the United States during the term of this Consent Decree, and any non-privileged reports prepared using such results.

**XVI. NOT A PERMIT/COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER STATUTES/REGULATIONS**

86. This Consent Decree is not and shall not be interpreted to be a permit or modification of any existing permit issued pursuant to Section 402 of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1342. This Consent Decree does not relieve DC Water of any obligation to apply for, obtain and comply with the requirements of any new or existing NPDES permit or to comply with any federal, state or local laws or regulations, including, but not limited to its obligations to obtain a permit for its wastewater treatment and collection system or facilities and to comply with the requirements of any NPDES permit or with any other applicable federal or state law or regulation. Any new permit, or modification of existing permits, must be complied with in accordance with federal and state laws and regulations.

#### **XVII. FAILURE OF COMPLIANCE**

87. The United States does not, by its consent to the entry of this Consent Decree, warrant or aver in any manner that DC Water's complete compliance with this Consent Decree will result in compliance with the provisions of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. §§ 1251 et seq., or with DC Water's NPDES permit. Notwithstanding EPA's review or approval of any Scope of Work, report, or plans and specifications, pursuant to this Consent Decree, DC Water shall remain solely responsible for any non-compliance with the terms of this Consent Decree, all applicable permits, the Clean Water Act, and regulations promulgated thereunder. The pendency or outcome of any proceeding concerning issuance, reissuance, or modification of any permit shall neither affect nor postpone DC Water's duties and obligations as set forth in this Consent Decree.

#### **XVIII. EFFECT OF DECREE AND NON-WAIVER PROVISIONS**

88. The Parties agree that this Consent Decree resolves the civil claims for violation of water quality standards and for long-term injunctive relief (Claim One) alleged in the Complaint filed by the United States through the date of lodging of this Decree.

89. The Consent Decree in no way affects or relieves Settling Defendants of any responsibility to comply with any federal, state, or local law or regulation.

90. The Parties agree that DC Water is responsible for achieving and maintaining complete compliance with all applicable federal and state laws, regulations, and permits, and that compliance with this Consent Decree shall be no defense to any actions commenced pursuant to said laws, regulations, or permits.

91. The United States reserves the right to file a civil action for statutory penalties or injunctive relief against DC Water for any violations of the Clean Water Act by DC Water which occur after the date of lodging of this Consent Decree and any such violations occurring prior to that date that are not specifically alleged as Claims for Relief in the Complaints.

92. This Consent Decree does not limit or affect the rights of DC Water, the District of Columbia, or the United States as against any third parties which are not parties to this Consent Decree.

93. The Parties reserve any and all legal and equitable remedies available to enforce the provisions of this Consent Decree. This Consent Decree shall not limit any authority of EPA under any applicable statute, including the authority to seek information from DC Water or to seek access to the property of DC Water, nor shall anything in this Consent Decree be construed to limit the authority of the United States to undertake any action against any person, including DC Water, in response to conditions that may present an imminent and substantial endangerment to the environment or the public health or welfare.

94. Obligations of DC Water under the provisions of this Consent Decree to perform duties scheduled to occur after the date of lodging, but prior to the Effective Date of the First Amendment to the Consent Decree, shall be legally enforceable from the date of lodging of this

Consent Decree. Liability for stipulated penalties, if applicable, shall accrue for violation of such obligations as of the date of violation and payment of such stipulated penalties may be demanded by the United States upon or after the Effective Date of the First Amendment to the Consent Decree.

95. The United States reserves the right to file a criminal action for statutory penalties or other criminal relief against DC Water for any violations by DC Water of the Clean Water Act or other applicable federal statutes.

96. It is the intent of the Parties hereto that the clauses hereof are severable, and should any clause(s) be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid and unenforceable, the remaining clauses shall remain in full force and effect.

97. The United States reserves all remedies available to it for violations of Federal, State and local law.

**XIX. COSTS OF SUIT**

98. The Parties shall bear their own costs and attorney's fees with respect to this action and to matters related to this Consent Decree.

**XX. CERTIFICATION OF SUBMISSIONS**

99. DC Water shall maintain copies of any underlying research and data in its possession, custody or control for any and all documents, scope of work, reports, plans and specifications, or permits submitted to EPA pursuant to this Consent Decree for a period of five (5) years, except that DC Water shall not be required to maintain copies of drafts of documents, scope of work, reports, plans and specifications, reports or permits. DC Water shall require any independent contractor implementing this Consent Decree to also retain such materials for a period of five (5) years. DC Water shall submit such supporting documents to EPA upon request. DC Water shall also submit to EPA upon request any other documents that relate to or discuss

the operation, maintenance, repair, or construction of the CSO system (or any portion thereof), or that relate to or discuss the number, frequency, volume, quality or environmental impact of CSO discharges. In all notices, documents or reports submitted to EPA pursuant to this Consent Decree, a senior management official of DC Water shall sign and certify such notices, documents and reports as follows:

I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to ensure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment.

**XXI. FORM OF NOTICE**

100. Unless otherwise specified within the terms of this Consent Decree, all reports, notices, or any other written communications required to be submitted under this Consent Decree shall be sent to the respective parties at the following addresses:

As to the United States:

Department of Justice

Chief, Environmental Enforcement Section  
Environment and Natural Resources Division  
U.S. Department of Justice  
Post Office Box 7611, Ben Franklin Station  
Washington, DC 20044  
Reference DOJ Case No. 90-5-1-1-07137

United States Attorney  
District of Columbia  
Judiciary Center  
555 Fifth Street NW  
Washington, DC 20530

EPA

Director  
Water Enforcement Division  
Office of Regulatory Enforcement  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
OECA-ORE-WED  
Ariel Rios Building  
12<sup>th</sup> and Pennsylvania Ave, NW  
Mail Code 2243A  
Washington, DC 20004

Chief  
NPDES Branch (3WP42)  
Water Protection Division  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Region III  
1650 Arch Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19103

Yvette Roundtree (3RC20)  
Office of Regional Counsel  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Region III  
1650 Arch Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19103

As to DC Water:

George S. Hawkins or his successor  
General Manager  
District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority  
5000 Overlook Avenue, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20032

Deputy General Manager/Chief Engineer  
District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority  
5000 Overlook Avenue, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20032

As to the District:

The Attorney General of District of Columbia  
One Judiciary Square  
441 Fourth Street NW  
Suite 600 South  
Washington, DC 20001

**XXII. MODIFICATION**

101. This Consent Decree contains the entire agreement of the Parties and shall not be modified by any prior oral or written agreement, representation or understanding. Prior drafts of this Consent Decree shall not be used in any action involving the interpretation or enforcement of this Consent Decree.

102. The non-material terms of this Consent Decree may be modified by a subsequent written agreement signed by all the Parties. If all the Parties agree to a material modification in writing, they may apply to the Court for approval thereof. If the Parties do not reach agreement on such material modification, the request for modification shall be subject to the dispute resolution procedures of this Decree. All material modifications shall be in writing and approved by the Court before they will be deemed effective.

103. In the event DC Water requests a material modification to the Selected CSO Controls and/or the schedule set forth in Section VI (Selected CSO Controls and Schedules), DC Water shall arrange for additional public participation prior to submitting the modification request to the United States. DC Water shall initially consult with EPA concerning the modification and the scope of public participation to be obtained by DC Water prior to submission of a formal request for modification from DC Water to EPA.

a. The proposed modification package shall be submitted to EPA and shall contain the following:

- i. the basis for the modification and the supporting technical and regulatory justification (including if applicable the LTCP or pertinent portions thereof);
- ii. any changes to the Selected CSO Controls and/or to the schedule in Section VI (Selected CSO Controls and Schedules), along with any supporting data;

iii. a demonstration of material compliance with any applicable requirements of the 1994 CSO Policy; and

iv. a demonstration that public participation has occurred.

b. If the United States, after consultation with the District of Columbia, agrees to the modification, the proposed changes to the Selected CSO Controls and/or the schedules shall be executed by appropriate officials on behalf of the United States, the District of Columbia, and DC Water and lodged with the Court for a period of public comment prior to entry. If the United States does not agree to the proposed modification, the matter shall be subject to the procedures of Section XIV (Dispute Resolution).

### **XXIII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

104. The parties agree and acknowledge that final approval by the United States and entry of this Consent Decree is subject to the requirements of 28 C.F.R. § 50.7, which provides for notice of the lodging of this Consent Decree in the Federal Register, an opportunity for public comment, and consideration by the United States of any comments. This Paragraph does not create any rights exercisable by the Settling Defendants, and Settling Defendants shall not withdraw their consent to this Consent Decree between lodging and entry of this Consent Decree and hereby consents to entry of this Decree without further notice.

105. All information and documents submitted by Settling Defendants to U.S. EPA pursuant to this Consent shall be subject to public inspection, unless identified and supported as confidential by DC Water in accordance with 40 C.F.R. Part 2.

### **XXIV. CONTINUING JURISDICTION OF THE COURT**

106. The Court shall retain jurisdiction to enforce the terms and conditions of this Consent Decree and to resolve disputes arising hereunder as may be necessary or appropriate for the construction, modification or execution of this Consent Decree.



**XXV. APPENDICES**

**Appendix A** is the Long Term Control Plan and its Appendices.

**Appendix B** contains DC Water's financial assumptions and projections that it sets forth as its basis for the 20 year implementation schedule in this Consent Decree.

**Appendix C** contains a list of key financial variables to be updated in the event of a request for modification due to changed financial circumstances pursuant to Section VII of the 2005 Consent Decree (Modifications to Selected CSO Controls and Schedules).

**Appendix D** contains the TN/Wet Weather Plan Summary Report.

**Appendix E** contains the Summary of Gray/Green and Green CSO Controls for the Potomac and Rock Creek Sewersheds.

**Appendix F** contains the Green Infrastructure Program for the Potomac and Rock Creek Sewersheds.

**XXVI. TERMINATION**

107. This Consent Decree shall terminate upon motion of the United States to the Court after each of the following has occurred:

- a. DC Water has Placed in Operation all of the construction projects required under Section VI (Selected CSO Controls and Schedules);
- b. DC Water has demonstrated that it has achieved and maintained compliance with the water quality based CSO numerical effluent limitations and the performance standards requiring that the Selected CSO Controls be implemented, operated and maintained as described in DC Water's NPDES Permit for two years after the Selected CSO Controls are Placed in Operation;
- c. DC Water has satisfactorily implemented its LIDR projects and programs as required by Section IX (Low Impact Development Retrofit);
- d. DC Water has paid all stipulated penalties and any other monetary obligations due hereunder, and no penalties or other monetary obligations due hereunder are outstanding or owed to the United States; and

e. DC Water has certified completion to the United States, and the United States has not contested DC Water's completion or compliance.

108. The Consent Decree shall not terminate if, within 90 days of certification by DC Water to the United States of compliance pursuant to this Section, the United States asserts in writing that full compliance has not been achieved, or seeks further specific information in order to evaluate DC Water's certification. If the United States disputes DC Water's full compliance, this Consent Decree shall remain in effect pending resolution of the dispute by the parties or the Court.

109. Notwithstanding Paragraph 108 above, if DC Water submits a certification to the United States that it has completed all the requirements in Paragraph 107 above, and the United States does not respond on or before 90 days, DC Water may file a motion to the Court seeking termination of this Consent Decree.

**XXVII. SIGNATORIES**

110. The Assistant Attorney General on behalf of the United States and the undersigned representatives of the Settling Defendants certify that they are fully authorized to enter into the terms and conditions of this Consent Decree and to execute and legally bind such party to this document.


Entered this 14<sup>TH</sup> day of January, 2016

Thomas F. Hogan  
~~Chief~~ Judge, United States District Court


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FOR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

4/22/15  
Dated

  
JOHN C. CRUDEN  
Assistant Attorney General  
Environment and Natural Resources Division  
U.S. Department of Justice

3/27/15  
Dated

  
MARCELLO MOLLO  
Senior Attorney  
Environmental Enforcement Section  
Environment and Natural Resources Division  
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FOR THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY:


5/8/15  
Dated

  
SHAWN M. GARVIN  
Regional Administrator  
U.S. EPA Region III

4/20/15  
Dated

  
MARY COE  
Acting Regional Counsel  
U.S. EPA Region III

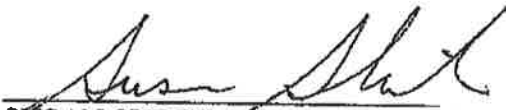
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FOR THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY:


4/2/15  
Dated

  
SUSAN SHINKMAN  
Director  
Office of Civil Enforcement  
Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance

4-3-15  
Dated

  
MARK POLLINS  
Director, Water Enforcement Division  
Office of Civil Enforcement  
Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance

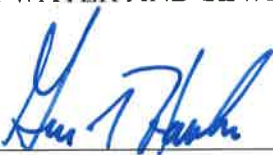
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FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY:


12/18/14  
Dated

  
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GEORGE S. HAWKINS  
General Manager  
District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority

12/18/14  
Dated

  
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RANDY E. HAYMAN  
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Dec. 18, 2014  
Dated


  
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*Counsel to District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority*

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FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA:

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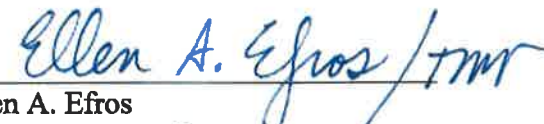
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KARL A. RACINE  
Attorney General for the District of Columbia

3/24/15  
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Dated

By:   
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Ellen A. Efros  
Deputy Attorney General  
Public Interest Division  
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Washington, DC 20001



## **APPENDIX B**

## APPENDIX B

Table 1, attached, presents WASA's financial projections for the impact on sewer rates of the 20-year LTCP implementation schedule as specified in the consent decree. Descriptions of the heading columns in Table 1 are presented below:

Column No.	Heading	Description
1	Year No.	Sequential count of number of years starting in 2004
2	Calendar year	Calendar year starting in 2004
3	Capital 2001 Dollars (\$M)	Estimated capital costs for the CSO LTCP expressed in constant year 2001 dollars
4	Capital Actual Dollars (\$M)	The estimated capital costs for the CSO LTCP expressed in the year of expenditure dollars using 3% per year to escalate the 2001 value estimate.
5	OM 2001 Dollars (\$M)	Estimated operating and maintenance costs for the CSO LTCP expressed in constant year 2001 dollars.
6	OM Actual Dollars (\$M)	The estimated operating and maintenance costs for the CSO LTCP expressed in the year of expenditure dollars using 3% per year to escalate the 2001 value estimate.
7	Total 2001 Dollars (\$M)	The addition of CSO Costs/OM/2001 Dollars (\$M) and CSO Costs/Capital/2001 Dollars (\$M).
8	Total Actual Dollars (\$M)	The addition of CSO Costs/OM/Actual Dollars (\$M) and CSO Costs/Capital/Actual Dollars (\$M).
9	Capital Costs Financed (\$M)	The amount of actual capital costs that are debt financed.
10	Capital Costs PAYGO (\$M)	The amount of actual capital costs that are paid from current year revenues on a pay-as-you-go-basis.
11	Debt Service (\$M)	Estimated annual debt service on capital costs that are financed using 30 year term and borrowing costs of 7%.
12	O&M (\$M)	Same as Column 6, OM Actual Dollars (\$M)
13	Total Rate Requirements	The addition of PAYGO, Debt Service, O&M costs.
14	Other WASA Wastewater Costs Paid by DC Ratepayers	Operating and capital costs for wastewater services that are funded by retail ratepayers before the addition of CSO LTCP costs.
15	Typical Residential Bill Without CSO LTCP	Estimated annual residential wastewater bill before addition of the CSO LTCP costs.
16	Bill Increase Without CSO LTCP	Estimated annual change in residential wastewater bill before addition of CSO LTCP costs.
17	Typical Residential Bill Without CSO LTCP	Estimated annual residential wastewater bill after addition of the CSO LTCP costs.
18	Bill Increase Without CSO LTCP	Estimated annual change in residential wastewater bill after addition of CSO LTCP costs.
19	MHI	Estimated median household income (MHI) using 3% annual growth rate
20	% of MHI	Estimated residential bill as a percent of MHI.
21	Lower 20%	Household income of the most affluent household of the lower 20 <sup>th</sup> percentile of households in the District.
22	% of Lower 20%	Estimated residential bill as a percent of the household income for the most affluent household of the lower 20 <sup>th</sup> percentile of households in the District.

The financial projections are based on certain assumptions, which include, but are not limited to the following:

1. Billed water use is projected to decrease at 1% per year. Residential bill estimates are based on average consumption of 100 ccf per year.
2. Customers are assessed a charge for water and wastewater services based on water consumption. With the exception of certain federal government customers located outside of the District, all customers pay the same rate, regardless of account class, meter size, or size of service connection. The analysis assumes this practice will continue.
3. The analysis assumes a revenue collection rate of 97.7% of billed amounts.
4. Median Household Income in the District of Columbia is projected to increase at 3% per year. The most affluent of the lower 20<sup>th</sup> percentile of households in the District have a household income in 2004 dollars of \$19,669 and this is projected to increase at the rate of inflation, which is assumed to be 3% per year.
5. Projections take into account discounts to low-income customers under the Authority's customer assistance program. The Authority's program covers 6,000 low-income customers and provides discounts of approximately \$500,000 each year. Each eligible participant receives an exemption for water service charges in the amount of 4 ccf per month.
6. The financial analysis assumes an all-in borrowing cost assumption of 7 percent including cost of issuance (including bond insurance premiums, premiums for debt service reserve facility and fees and expenses related to bond issuance; approximately 2% on the Authority's 2003 revenue bond issue). The analysis assumes a debt coverage ratio of 1.40 x Term of Debt. The financial analysis utilizes fixed rate financing with a term of 30 years.
7. CSO operating and maintenance and capital costs are escalated at a rate of 3% per year from 2001 cost estimates to the year of expenditure. Non CSO-related wastewater operating and capital costs are projected to increase at approximately 5 percent per year reflecting impacts of inflation and reinvestment in capital facilities.



**APPENDIX C**

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Certain Financial Information to Perform Financial Analysis  
Pursuant to Section VII

In the event that WASA seeks a modification of the Schedule pursuant to Section VII of the Consent Decree due to cost overruns or changed financial circumstances, WASA shall update its financial information. Information that may be relevant includes the following list or categories of information, and WASA agrees to provide such information in the event the United States requests it. Nothing in this Appendix in any way limits or narrows the United States' right to obtain or request other information in order to review and respond to WASA's request for a modification.

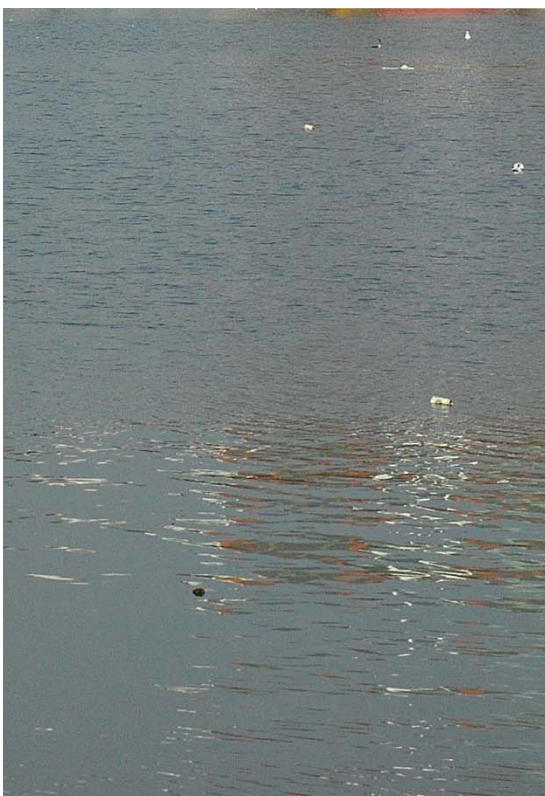
1. DC population, current and projected
2. Number of households, current and projected
  - Single-family residence
  - Multi-family buildings
3. Median household income
4. Wastewater billings and volume billed for past three years, broken out for all user classes
5. Wastewater revenues and expenditures for past three years.
6. WASA financial statements for past three years.
7. Prospectuses issued within the past three years.
8. Rate studies prepared within the past three years related to wastewater or stormwater programs.
9. Per household wastewater metering fee and ROW fee
10. Average per household volume billed for
  - Single-family residence
  - Multi-family residence
11. Current baseline revenues and expenditures.
12. LTCP costs
  - Capital costs incurred to date
  - Capital costs projected by year
  - Additional operations and maintenance costs projected by year
  - Costs to date financed with grants (amount and interest rate by year)
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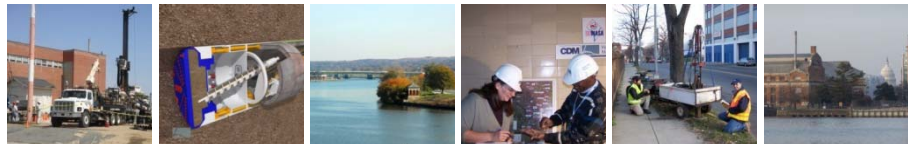
13. Projected costs other than those required by this consent decree that should be considered in addition to baseline costs. Identify and project by year.
  - Costs necessary to comply with regulations or other legal requirements.
  - Projected sewer system assessment and rehabilitation costs
  - Other increases that would cause total annual expenditures to rise at a rate greater than inflation
14. Debt coverage ratio
15. Bond interest rate and term
16. Rate of inflation
17. PAYGO assumption
18. Current wastewater rate per ccf for single-family residential customers.
19. History of rate adjustments or rate recovery approach during the past five years. Identify the current basis for recovery of LTCP costs and any expected changes in the basis for the recovery of these costs. If rates are recovered through other than the wastewater rate, identify the mechanism, and the amount of costs born by each user class.
20. Projection over twenty years estimating per household impact of LTCP.
21. Current programs to provide relief to low-income residents.
22. Other documentation or analysis that EPA and/or WASA deems relevant for the particular circumstances.

## APPENDIX D





# DOCUMENT II-3:5-FI FACILITY PLAN



## SUMMARY REPORT AND DETAILED IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE

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# Summary Report and Detailed Implementation Schedule

This report is a summary of findings and recommendations based on the Facility Plan developed for the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority's (Authority or WASA) Anacostia River Projects which are part of WASA's Long Term Control Plan for Combined Sewer Overflows. It has been prepared to satisfy the requirement for the Authority to submit to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), no later than September 23, 2008, a summary report and detailed implementation schedule for the Anacostia River Projects as described at Section VI, paragraph A.9. of the Consent Decree entered into by the Authority, the United States and the District of Columbia, effective March 23, 2005. Detailed information regarding the Facility Plan for the Anacostia River Projects, is provided in Document II-3:4 FD, Facility Plan, which includes a main document volume and four Appendix volumes of supporting and reference information.

When completed, the Anacostia River Projects are expected to reduce the average year volume of combined sewer overflows to the Anacostia River by 98 percent, and number of overflows from 82 to 2 in the average year.

## 1. Background and Introduction

Communities with combined sewer systems are required to prepare long term plans for control of combined sewer overflows (CSOs) in accordance with the CSO Policy at Section 402 (q) of the Clean Water Act. The Authority, after extensive stakeholder and public participation, completed its Long Term Control Plan (LTCP) for the District's combined sewer system in July 2002. The LTCP provides for control of CSOs to the Anacostia River, Rock Creek and Potomac River and was submitted for approval to the District Department of Health (DOH) and EPA.

The LTCP was approved by DOH on August 28, 2003, and on December 16, 2004 EPA reissued the Authority's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit to include the CSO control provisions of the DOH approved LTCP. Subsequently, the Authority, the District of Columbia and the United States entered into a Consent Decree to implement the LTCP. The Consent Decree includes the schedule for the facilities included in the LTCP and was entered by the Federal Court on March 23, 2005.

Projects to control CSOs to the Anacostia River are at the top of the court ordered schedule, and the Authority is required to prepare a Facility Plan for these projects. The Facility Plan for the Anacostia River CSOs comprises engineering studies to advance the LTCP conceptual plan to a level sufficient to proceed into detailed design and construction.

The Consent Decree schedule for the Anacostia River Projects, including milestone dates, is summarized in Table 1.



**Table 1**  
**Anacostia River Projects**  
**Consent Decree Milestone Dates**  
**(not later than dates)**

<b>Project</b>	<b>Award Contract for Design</b>	<b>Award Contract for Construction</b>	<b>Place in Operation</b>
Anacostia River Projects Facility Plan	Sep 23, 2005	n/a	Sep 23, 2008 <sup>(1)</sup>
Storage/Conveyance Tunnel From Poplar Point to Northeast Boundary	Mar 23, 2009	Mar 23, 2012	Mar 23, 2018
Anacostia Outfall Consolidation	Mar 23, 2013	Mar 23, 2016	Mar 23, 2018
Storage/Conveyance Tunnel Parallel to Northeast Boundary Sewer	Mar 23, 2015	Mar 23, 2018	Mar 23, 2025
Northeast Boundary Side Tunnels	Mar 23, 2019	Mar 23, 2022	Mar 23, 2025
Poplar Point Pumping Station	Mar 23, 2012	Mar 23, 2015	Mar 23, 2018
Separate Fort Stanton Drainage Area (Outfall 006)	Mar 23, 2006	Mar 23, 2008	Mar 23, 2010
Fort Stanton Interceptor	Mar 23, 2013	Mar 23, 2016	Mar 23, 2018

(1) Requires WASA to submit a summary report and detailed implementation schedule to EPA.

There are fourteen existing CSO outfalls along the Anacostia River as shown on Figure 1. Under the LTCP, the area tributary to Outfall 006 is being separated. That project is under construction and scheduled to be placed in operation by March 23, 2010. The remainder of the CSOs, shown on Figure 1, are included in the facilities that comprise the Facility Plan for the Anacostia River Projects (ARP) program. The ARP program comprises a tunnels system together with diversion and overflow facilities to capture, store and convey combined sewer flow. In addition to providing CSO control, the tunnels system is designed to control chronic surface flooding on the combined sewer system in the Northeast Boundary Area. The chronic surface flooding is the result of a lack of adequate capacity in the existing Northeast Boundary Trunk Sewer. The tunnels system, CSO locations and the Northeast Boundary areas prone to surface flooding are shown on Figure 2.

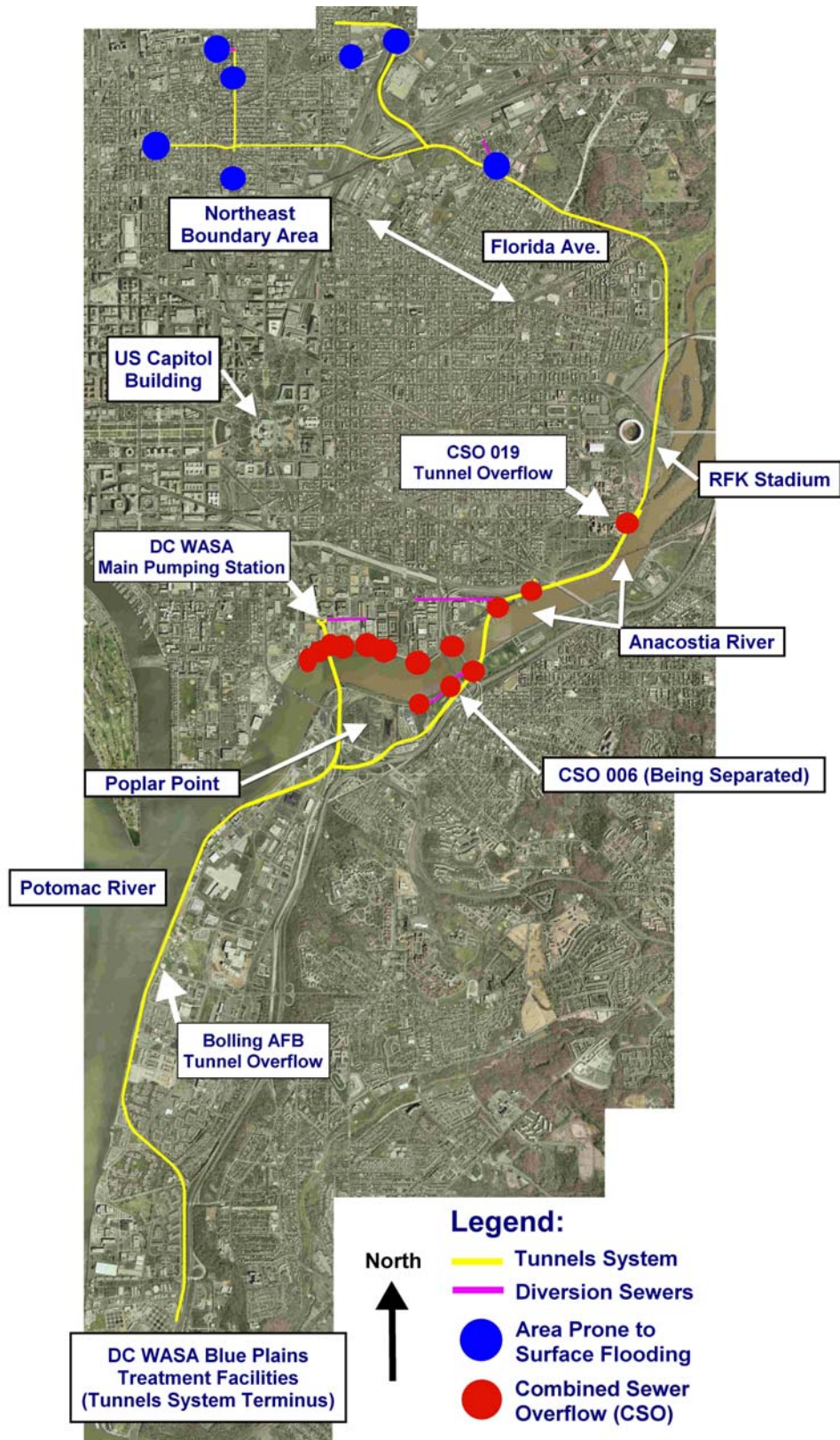


**Figure 1: Locations of Combined Sewer Overflows along the Anacostia River**

As shown on Figure 2, the tunnels system extends from the Authority’s Blue Plains Advanced Wastewater Treatment Plant (Blue Plains or BPAWWTP), along the Potomac and Anacostia Rivers and into the Northeast Boundary Area. Existing CSOs will be conveyed into the tunnels system through a system of diversion sewers and drop shafts. Similar diversion facilities will be used to provide relief for the existing Northeast Boundary Trunk Sewer. Flow captured in the tunnels will be treated at Blue Plains. Flows in excess of the tunnels storage capacity and Blue Plains treatment capacity will overflow to the Potomac and Anacostia Rivers at locations shown on Figure 2.



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**Figure 2: Location of Tunnels System Relative to CSOs and Flooding Areas**



The tunnels system shown on Figure 2, is a result of the following:

- The LTCP approved by DOH on August 28, 2003, which provided for the tunnel's system to terminate at its south end on Poplar Point and;
- Supplement No.1 to the LTCP, which comprises the Blue Plains Total Nitrogen Removal/Wet Weather Plan submitted to EPA on October 12, 2007. This plan provides for modifying the LTCP Consent Decree to blend the new nitrogen limit for Blue Plains and wet weather treatment. The principal provisions of the plan include the addition of enhanced nitrogen removal (ENR) at Blue Plains and extension of the tunnels system from Poplar Point to Blue Plains, including tunnel dewatering and enhanced clarification facilities at the tunnels system terminus.

## 2. Project Scope & Description of Facilities

Principal facilities included in the Anacostia River Projects are shown on Figure 3 and include approximately 12.9 miles of tunnels, 17 shafts for conveyance of flows into the tunnels system, overflow structures, air venting and management, and maintenance and inspection access. In addition to the underground works, diversion chambers and sewers will be constructed to capture and divert flows from the existing combined sewer system into drop shafts that will convey the flows to the tunnels system. The tunnels will be constructed using pressurized-face soft ground tunnel boring machines (TBMs). The tunnels and shafts will be constructed at depths to invert between 70 and 200 below existing ground elevation.

The principal elements that comprise the ARP are described briefly as follows:

- Blue Plains Tunnel (BPT) –The BPT follows an alignment that starts at Blue Plains, traverses west of Interstate 295 along the Potomac River through Bolling Air Force Base (BAFB) and the Anacostia Naval Annex, then crosses under the Anacostia River north of the existing WASA Main Outfall Sewers (which extend from WASA's Main Pumping Station to Poplar Point), and terminates in the north yard area of WASA's Main Pumping Station. The BPT will have an inside diameter of 23 feet and a permanent lining of precast concrete segments connected by bolts and gaskets. This lining system will be used for all tunnel reaches on the ARP for bored tunnels. Shafts located along the BPT include a dewatering pumping station shaft at Blue Plains; a tunnel overflow shaft within BAFB downstream of a new connection to the Potomac Outfall Sewers; a combination drop and junction shaft with the Anacostia River Tunnel near Poplar Point; and a drop shaft at WASA's Main Pumping Station.
- Anacostia River Tunnel (ART) – The ART begins at the junction shaft with the BPT at a location approximately 750 feet south of the existing Poplar Point Pumping Station. It then traverses under the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) Green Line at Poplar Point, follows Anacostia Park to a point east of the 11th Street Bridges where it crosses the Anacostia River, and then follows the north (west) shore of the river from Water Street to an interface with the Northeast Boundary Tunnel immediately north of the planned CSO 019 facilities. The ART is planned to be constructed from the CSO 019 area southward to the junction shaft with the BPT, with all





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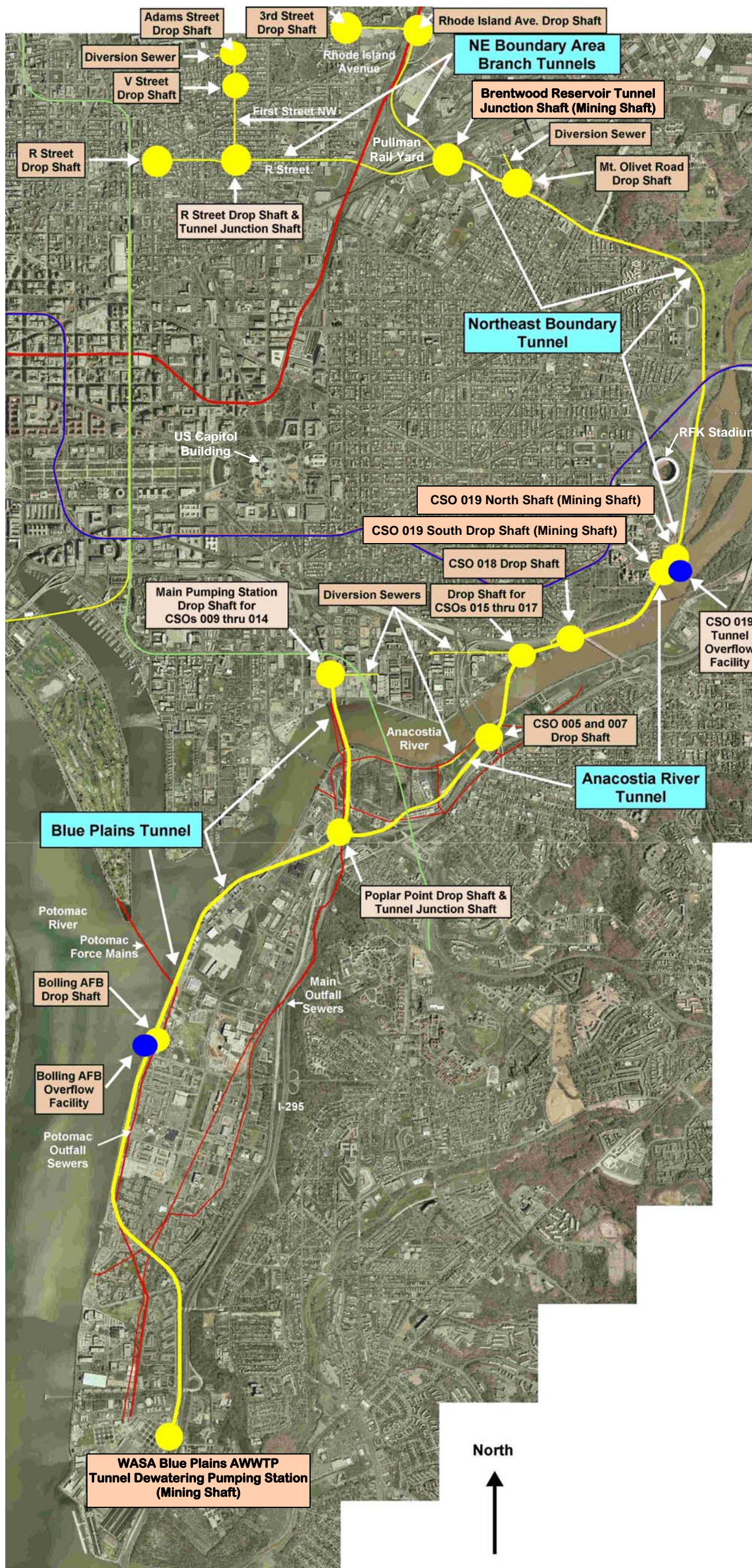


Figure 3: Principal Anacostia River Projects Facilities



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tunnel construction staging from the south parking lot area of RFK Stadium. Flows from CSOs 005 and 007 on the south side of the river will be captured in a new diversion sewer and conveyed into the tunnel at a drop shaft located between the approach roadways for the 11th Street Bridges. Flows from CSOs 015, 016 and 017 on the north (west) side of the river also will be captured in a new diversion sewer and conveyed to a drop shaft located at the intersection of Water Street SE and M Street SE. Flows from CSO 018 on the north (west) side of the river will be conveyed to a drop shaft somewhat to the east along M Street near Barney Circle. At the CSO 019 area, a drop shaft will accept flows from the existing Northeast Boundary Trunk Sewer above CSO 019. In addition, the drop shaft will serve as a tunnel overflow shaft, and a second tunnel overflow shaft will also be constructed. The CSO 019 area is the limit of the first phase of facilities construction and facilities system operation. The Consent Decree requires the new ARP facilities from Blue Plains to the CSO 019 area to be placed in operation by March 23, 2018.

- **Northeast Boundary Tunnel (NEBT)** – The NEBT will be excavated north from the CSO 019 area under the RFK Stadium parking lots along the Anacostia River, Langston Golf Course and under the National Arboretum. It will then continue west along Mount Olivet Road NE and terminate at WASA’s Brentwood Reservoir site adjacent to New York Avenue. Since the ART will be operating while the NEBT is under construction, a temporary isolation plug or physical separation (bulkhead) between the ART and NEBT tunnels must be in place to provide for the safety of the workers constructing the NEBT. This separating plug or bulkhead will be constructed by the ART construction contractor. Along the NEBT there will be a drop shaft near the intersection of Mount Olivet Road NE and West Virginia Avenue NE to receive flows from this flooding area. The tunnel terminus at the Brentwood Reservoir will be at a shaft for extraction of the TBM. This shaft will also serve as a junction shaft for connecting the Northeast Boundary Area branch tunnels to the NEBT, and as the mining shaft for the R Street and Rhode Island Avenue branch tunnels.
- **Northeast Boundary Area Branch Tunnels** – Three branch tunnels will convey flows from flooding areas west of the Pullman Rail Yard: the R Street Branch Tunnel (RSBT), the Rhode Island Avenue Branch Tunnel (RIBT), and the First Street NW Branch Tunnel (FSNWBT). These tunnels have been planned with inside diameters of 12 feet. Drop shafts are planned at the upstream ends of the respective tunnels. The RSBT and FSNWBT will join at an intermediate, combination drop and junction shaft. As for other drop shafts, these will connect to the existing combined sewer system via diversion chambers and sewers.

**Diversion Chambers and Sewers** – In order to capture and convey flows from the existing combined sewer system to the respective drop shaft facilities, diversion chambers will be constructed at the points of diversion, and diversion sewers will be constructed from those points to the nearest drop shafts. These will involve surface construction at the diversion points and potentially at intermediate locations along the diversion sewer alignments, depending on the construction technology applied. Microtunneling and pipe-jacking applications are being considered for construction of diversion sewers, depending



on the feasibility of the respective technologies with respect to the site conditions. The most significant diversion sewer alignments include:

- Tingey Street SE, connecting to drop shaft facilities at the Main Pumping Station
- M Street SE and Water Street SE areas, connecting to drop shaft facilities along Water Street SE and M Street SE
- Mount Olivet Road neighborhood area diversions
- Northeast Boundary Area diversions connecting to the branch tunnels described above

### 3. Project Setting

Facilities to be constructed and operated will be located in a variety of settings ranging from open space and public lands to well developed residential and commercial neighborhoods. Several areas are also being planned to undergo substantial development and infrastructure improvements prior to and during construction of the ARP facilities. Therefore, the siting of facilities and planning for construction and facilities operations has involved a substantial degree of coordination and collaboration with numerous government agencies, citizen groups and neighborhoods, military commands, railroad entities, utility companies and other interested parties. Planning has been designed to minimize disturbance to neighborhoods as well as physical and construction staging interfaces with planned property development and major infrastructure projects.

The storage and conveyance tunnels are predominantly located in soil strata, and therefore soft ground tunneling technologies will be employed. Tunnel construction will be performed by Tunnel Boring Machines (TBMs) that will be driven from mining shafts at locations shown on Figure 3. The majority of tunnel construction activities will be concentrated at the mining shaft locations. Consequently, the mining shaft areas require substantial staging areas for material handling, construction logistics, and utility support. The recommended plan is based on the use of two sites for the majority of tunnel construction: WASA's Blue Plains site for construction of the BPT to Main Pumping Station and the southern parking lot area of RFK Stadium for construction of the ART to its junction with the BPT; and the NEBT to its terminal shaft at Brentwood Reservoir in the vicinity of New York Avenue NE. The Brentwood Reservoir site will also be a construction work site for mining and construction of approximately 2.6 miles of the branch tunnels.

Improvements in tunneling technology during the past couple of decades will result in fewer impacts on the surrounding neighborhoods and environment than in the past and provides the ability to construct tunnels within more variable and difficult ground conditions than in the past. However, the minimization of risks associated with the ARP tunnels program is a key consideration as for any other underground construction program. Such risks could involve, but are not limited to:

- Ability to perform the work under varying or adverse geological conditions
- Protection of structures and utilities from settlement or other adverse impacts
- Encountering unknown subsurface obstructions that impede tunnel advance



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- Major mechanical failures of the TBM that may require construction of an unplanned access from the surface or extensive ground improvement to rescue and repair the TBM

These risks are particularly important considerations for the design and construction of soft ground tunnels compared to tunnels constructed in intact rock, as has been the case for many CSO tunnels that have been constructed prior to the introduction of modern soft-ground tunneling technology.

In consideration of the risks above, as well as in the interest of minimizing the need to acquire private property or easements, the tunnel alignments have been located to be predominantly in open land within public space and to not pass directly below existing surface structures. These public lands include D.C. streets and properties occupied by WASA, development land, park land, BAFB, the Anacostia Naval Annex, the RFK Stadium site, and the National Arboretum. Rights are required for construction and operation of the tunnels underneath private properties, including CSX and WMATA properties at five locations and several small privately owned parcels for subsurface easements along the tunnels alignments. Easements for small privately owned parcels along sections of the alignments are required because of the minimum turning radii needed for the TBMs to facilitate excavation and construction of the pre-cast concrete tunnel lining.

To avoid subsurface obstructions and to protect structures and utilities from settlement-induced damage, the Facility Plan development included a limited subsurface geotechnical exploration program to investigate geological conditions along the planned tunnel alignments and research of the major infrastructure and structures in proximity to the alignments. The alignment of the ART is greatly influenced by avoidance of past, present, and future bridge piers and piles while maintaining a minimum radius of curvature for tunnel construction. Protection and avoidance of damage to WMATA transit structures is also a consideration. The tunnel alignments cross under the subsurface Green Line just west of Anacostia Station, the aerial section of the Blue Line in the northern parking area of RFK Stadium, and the surface Red Line track south and north of the Rhode Island Avenue Station. Additionally, the Tingey Street Diversion Sewer will cross above the WMATA Green Line. Traversal of the Bolling AFB and Anacostia Naval Annex also include consideration of not only protection of existing structures and infrastructure, but also security considerations during construction and systems operations.

For the branch tunnels west and north of the NEBT terminus shaft, the local area along the tunnel alignments is predominantly residential with some commercial properties and small public parks. Tunnels in this area will be primarily to provide conveyance of storm flows rather than provide storage during a storm event. Consequently, they are planned to be smaller than the main storage / conveyance tunnels, which lessens the potential for surface or structural settlement. At the currently planned diameters, these tunnels will be constructed using the same methodology as the main storage / conveyance tunnels. If it is determined, as the design proceeds, that these can be smaller tunnels, alternative tunnel construction technologies may be applied, such as pipe jacking or micro-tunneling. The determination of the appropriate technology will likely occur during the design phase of the program based on a more extensive site characterization and geotechnical investigation program.



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Coordination with other planned development and infrastructure projects also had a significant influence on the siting of the facilities. The Principal projects include those shown on Figure 4 and are:

- The planned development of residential and commercial properties and public lands at Poplar Point and the planned replacement of the South Capitol Street Bridge with associated modifications to the I-295 interchange in this area.
- The planned development of Diamond Teague Park, currently under construction, located along the north bank of the Anacostia River immediately to the south and east of Nationals Stadium and to the south and west of WASA's O Street Pumping Station.



**Figure 4: Principal Planned Development and Infrastructure Projects in ARP Area**



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- On the north (west) shore of the Anacostia River, planned property development at the Southeast Federal Center near WASA's Main Pumping Station, Maritime Plaza and Boathouse Row developments near Water Street, and the Hill East development project near CSO 019 have to be considered relative to the siting of facilities.
- Another major infrastructure project that impacts the design and construction of facilities on both sides of the Anacostia River is the replacement of the 11th Street Bridges by the District Department of Transportation (DDOT). Coordination is required for diversion chambers and sewers as well as the drop shaft facility for CSO 005 and CSO 007.
- In the Northeast Boundary Area, extensive development has been accomplished near New York and Florida Avenues, with more planned to be completed over the next 20+ years while the ARP is under design and construction. Much of this development will be accomplished under the District's NoMA project (North of Massachusetts Avenue).

#### **4. Investigation and Evaluation of Alternatives**

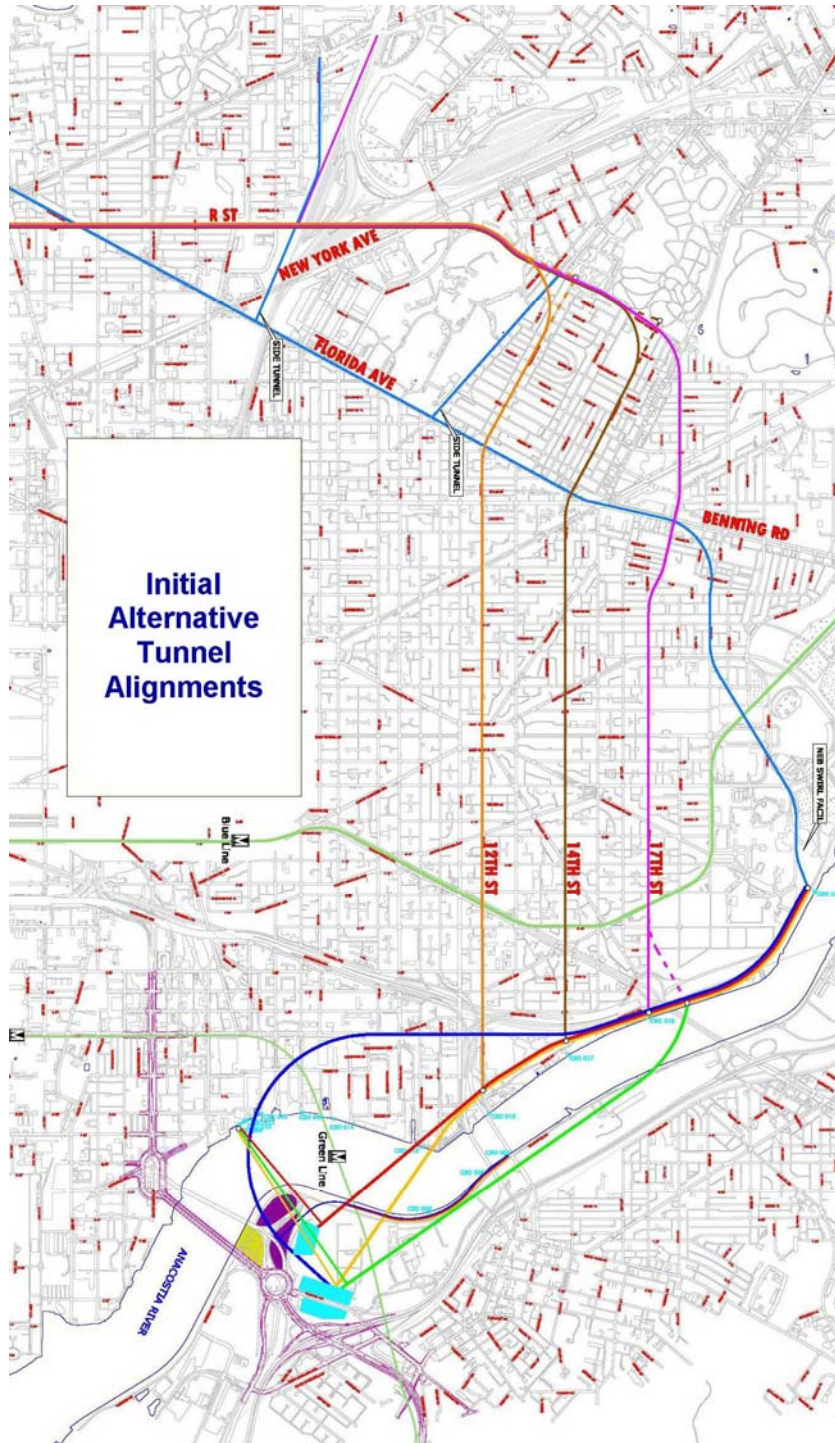
During development of the recommended plan, a number of alternatives and variations of alternatives for the configuration of facilities were investigated and evaluated in an organized and systematic manner. The major alternative alignment corridors which were investigated are presented on Figure 5. These alternatives were evaluated relative to their ability to achieve the required system hydraulic operational performance, as well as their respective programmatic profiles (e.g., estimated cost, schedule, risks, real estate needs, permitting, and degree of required coordination with other agencies and projects and community impacts, if any).

Overall, 12 alternative tunnel horizontal alignments, with some associated variations for localized conditions, were investigated for the tunnels between Poplar Point and the Northeast Boundary Area. For the BPT, three alternative alignments were investigated to varying degrees.

Alternative configurations were also investigated for construction and operation of deaeration facilities and drop shafts. Where such facilities have been constructed in rock as part of CSO storage and conveyance systems in major cities such as Milwaukee and Atlanta, deaeration facilities were constructed in horizontal chambers at the terminus of tunnel segments or adjacent to the tunnel with a small-diameter connecting tunnel or adit between the drop shaft and the tunnel. In those cases, the deaeration chambers were also typically of similar or larger cross-section than the tunnel. For the soil conditions anticipated for the ARP, construction of that same type of configuration could prove difficult and risky. Accordingly, an alternative configuration for locating the deaeration facility within a construction shaft in line with the tunnel has been developed for the ARP program. For this configuration, flows will enter the drop shaft through a tangential approach ramp and vortex generator, which is typical for many CSO facilities. However, at the base of the drop shaft the flow would transition to a circular channel to allow deaeration of the flow before the flow enters the tunnels system.



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**Figure 5: Alternative Tunnel Alignment Corridors**



## 5. Recommended Implementation Schedule for Anacostia River Projects

The Facility Plan documents provide an expanded description of the facilities to be designed, constructed and placed in operation for the Anacostia River Projects, together with an associated schedule, estimated costs and other program related activities and issues.

The implementation schedule for the ARP has been developed to provide for construction through a number of individual contracts or contract divisions based on principal consideration as follows:

- Limit the value of construction contracts to the availability of bonding capacity and contractor resources in the tunneling industry.
- Separate work by degree of risk, contractor specialty and availability of local resources. Basically, this means separating the deep tunnel work from the near surface work such as diversion structures and sewers.
- Sequencing and interfacing requirements for the individual contract divisions
- Ability to meet and exceed goals for MBE/WBE participation.
- Timeframes required for the various construction activities such as time for procurement and delivery of the large tunnel boring machines and anticipated tunnel mining rates.

Construction contract divisions developed for implementation of the ARP are summarized in Table 2 and shown on Figure 6.

A comparison between the projects developed in the Facility Plan and those in the Consent Decree is summarized in Table 3. This comparison relates compliance dates for the Consent Decree projects to the Facility Plan Contract Divisions.

A detailed implementation schedule for the Facility Plan Contract Divisions is shown on Figure 7. Also shown on Figure 7 are the proposed projects and milestone dates for a modification of the Consent Decree that reflects facility planning. Additionally, the schedule shows permitting timeframes related to the proposed construction. The modified Consent Decree projects milestones match the milestones for the projects in the existing Consent Decree.

Principal features included in the detailed implementation schedule shown on Figure 7 are summarized as follows:

- An 18-month period from award of construction contract, for manufacture, delivery, assembly and start-up of a TBM. This means that actual tunnel mining starts 18 months after construction contract award.
- Tunnels shafts construction starts upon award of construction contract.
- Tunnels mining derived from the available geotechnical information and other experience has been based on an average rate of 40 feet per day.





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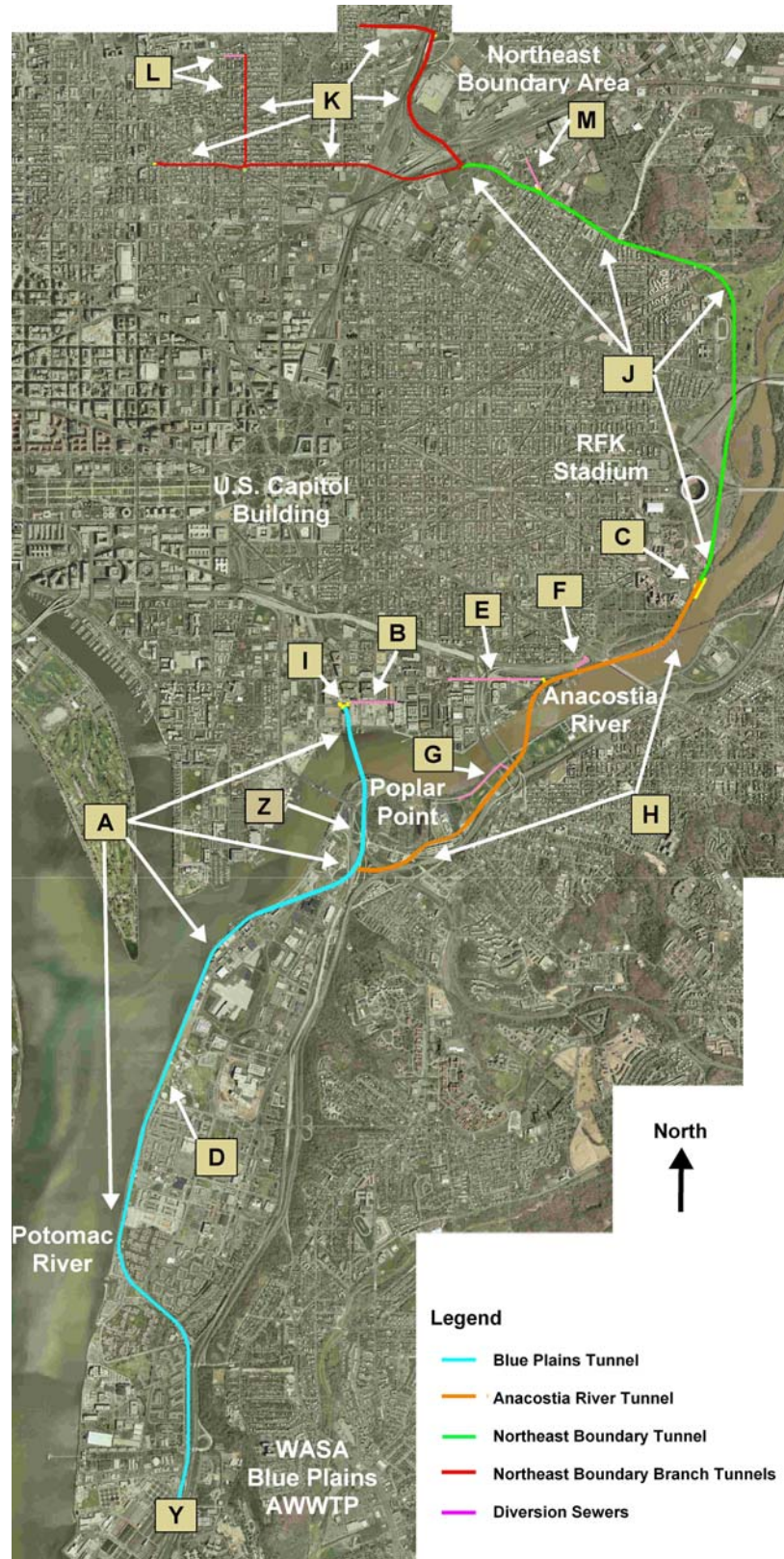
- Contract Divisions C, E, F and G, which interface with Contract Division H, the Anacostia River Tunnel, will be completed to a “Ready to be Placed in Operation” stage before the Division H contract is awarded.
- The construction contract award date for Contract Division K, the Northeast Boundary Branch Tunnels, occurs on the “Place in Operation” date for Contract Division H, the Anacostia River Tunnel.
- The construction contract award date for Contract Division J, the Northeast Boundary Tunnel occurs at a point when there should be sufficient time for Contract Division K to vacate the Brentwood shaft site, which is the recovery shaft for Contract Division J.
- Contract Division H, Anacostia River Tunnel has the responsibility for activating connections, constructed under other contracts, to place the system between Blue Plains and CSO 019 in operation.
- Contract Division J, Northeast Boundary Tunnel has the responsibility for activating connections, constructed under other contracts, to place the system between CSO 019 and the Northeast Boundary area in operation.

**Table 2**  
**Construction Contract Divisions for Anacostia River Projects**

<b>CONTRACT DIVISION</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
A	Blue Plains Tunnel and Main Outfall Sewers Diversion
B	Tingey Street Diversion Sewer for CSOs 013 and 014
C	CSO 019 Overflows and Diversion Structures
D	Bolling AFB Overflow and Potomac Outfall Sewer Diversion
E	M Street Diversion Sewer for CSOs 015, 016, and 017
F	CSO 018 Diversion Sewer
G	CSO 005 and 007 Diversion Sewer
H	Anacostia River Tunnel
I	Main Pumping Station Diversions
J	Northeast Boundary Tunnel
K	Northeast Boundary Branch Tunnels
L	Northeast Boundary Diversions
M	Mt. Olivet Road Diversions
Y	Blue Plains Tunnel Dewatering Pumping Station and Enhanced Clarification Facility
Z	Poplar Point Pumping Station Replacement



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**Figure 6: Locations of Contract Divisions**



**Table 3**  
**Anacostia River Projects**  
**Comparison of Facility Plan and Consent Decree Projects**

FACILITY PLAN CONTRACT DIVISION	FACILITY PLAN PROJECT	MATCHING CONSENT DECREE PROJECT	CONSENT DECREE COMPLIANCE DATES RELATED TO FACILITY PLAN PROJECT
A	Blue Plains Tunnel and Main Outfall Sewers Diversion	Storage/Conveyance Tunnel from Poplar Point to Northeast Boundary	Contract Division A award dates for detailed design and contract for construction to be used to determine compliance for Consent Decree project dates
E	M Street Diversion Sewer for CSOs 015, 016, and 017	Anacostia Outfall Consolidation	Contract Divisions E and F award dates for detailed design and contract for construction to be used to determine compliance for Consent Decree project dates
F	CSO 018 Diversion Sewer		
H	Anacostia River Tunnel	Storage/Conveyance Tunnel from Poplar Point to Northeast Boundary	Contract Division H Place in Operation Date to be used to determine compliance for Consent Decree project date
G	CSO 005 and 007 Diversion Sewer	Fort Stanton Interceptor	Contract Division G replaces function of Consent Decree project; Fort Stanton Interceptor to be deleted.
Z	Poplar Point Pumping Station Replacement	Poplar Point Pumping Station	Contract Division Z has same compliance dates as Consent Decree project
J	Northeast Boundary Tunnel	Storage/Conveyance Tunnel Parallel to Northeast Boundary Sewer	Contract Division J Place in Operation date to be used to determine compliance for Consent Decree projects date
K	Northeast Boundary Branch Tunnels	Storage/Conveyance Tunnel Parallel to Northeast Boundary Sewer	Contract Division K award dates for detailed design and contract for construction to be used to determine compliance for Consent Decree project dates
K	Northeast Boundary Branch Tunnels	Northeast Boundary Side Tunnels	Contract Division K award dates for detailed design and contract for construction and Place in Operation date to be used to determine compliance for Consent Decree project dates
Y	Blue Plains Tunnel Dewatering Pumping Station and Enhanced Clarification Facility (ECF)	Poplar Point Pumping Station and Excess Flow Improvements	Contract Division Y Place in Operation date to be used to determine compliance for Consent Decree project date; ECF replaces Excess Flow Improvements



						CALENDAR YEARS																		
						2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	
FACILITY PLAN PROJECTS RELATED TO MODIFIED CONSENT DECREE PROJECTS AND ASSOCIATED MODIFIED CONSENT DECREE MILESTONES (1)						Award Contract for Detailed Design	Award Contract for Construction	Place in Operation																
Storage/Conveyance Tunnel from Blue Plains to CSO 019 M Street Diversion Sewer and CSO 018 Diversion Sewer CSO 005 and 007 Diversion Sewer Poplar Point Pumping Station Replacement Northeast Boundary Storage/Conveyance Tunnel Northeast Boundary Branch Tunnels Blue Plains Tunnel Dewatering Pumping Station and Enhanced Clarification Facilities						March 23, 2009 March 23, 2013 March 23, 2013 March 23, 2012 March 23, 2016 March 23, 2019 April 1, 2013	May 1, 2011 March 23, 2016 March 23, 2016 March 23, 2015 March 23, 2018 March 23, 2022 July 1, 2014	March 23, 2018 March 23, 2018 March 23, 2018 March 23, 2018 March 23, 2025 March 23, 2025 March 23, 2018																
GENERAL TIME FRAMES FOR PERMIT APPLICATIONS BY CONTRACT DIVISION																								
DC Water and Sewer Authority Department of Consumer & Regulatory Affairs Department of Health, DC Fire & Emergency Medical Services DC Department of Environment DC Department of Public Works DC Department of Parks & Recreation US Army Corps of Engineers Bolling AFB (DOD), Department of the Air Force US Navy CSX Corporation						2 months prior to 60% design 3 months prior to 60% design 30% design 3 months prior to 60% design 30% design 2 months prior to Construction NTP 30% design Design NTP Design NTP Design NTP																		
CONTRACT DIVISION	DESCRIPTION	AWARD CONTRACT FOR DETAILED DESIGN	AWARD CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION	READY TO BE PLACED IN OPERATION (2)	PLACE IN OPERATION																			
A	Blue Plains Tunnel and Main Outfall Sewers Diversion	March 23, 2009	May 1, 2011	July 1, 2015	(3)																			
B	Tingey Street Diversion Sewer for CSOs 013 and 014	October 1, 2010	October 1, 2012	October 1, 2014	(3)																			
C	CSO 019 Overflows and Diversion Structure	June 1, 2009	March 1, 2011	November 1, 2013	(3)																			
D	Bolling AFB Overflow and Potomac Outfall Sewer Diversion	October 1, 2013	July 1, 2015	July 1, 2017	(3)																			
E	M Street Diversion Sewer for CSOs 015, 016, and 017	August 1, 2009	May 1, 2011	November 1, 2013	(3)																			
F	CSO 018 Diversion Sewer	April 1, 2010	January 2, 2012	July 1, 2013	(3)																			
G	CSO 005 and 007 Diversion Sewer	April 1, 2010	January 2, 2012	July 1, 2013	(3)																			
H	Anacostia River Tunnel	November 1, 2011	November 1, 2013	March 23, 2018	March 23, 2018																			
I	Main Pumping Station Diversions	January 2, 2013	January 2, 2015	December 31, 2017	(3)																			
J	Northeast Boundary Tunnel	January 2, 2019	January 2, 2021	March 23, 2025	March 23, 2025																			
K	Northeast Boundary Branch Tunnels	January 2, 2016	March 23, 2018	July 1, 2022	(4)																			
L	Northeast Boundary Diversions	March 23, 2014	March 23, 2016	March 23, 2018	(4)																			
M	Mt. Olivet Road Diversions	January 2, 2017	January 2, 2019	December 31, 2020	(4)																			
Y	Blue Plains Tunnel Dewatering Pumping Station and Enhanced Clarification Facility (ECF)	April 1, 2013	July 1, 2015	December 31, 2017	(3)																			
Z	Poplar Point Pumping Station Replacement	March 23, 2012	March 23, 2015	March 23, 2018	March 23, 2018																			

LEGEND

- Detailed Design
- Bid and Award
- Construction

Note:  
 1 See Table 3 for comparison of Facility Plan and Consent Decree Projects  
 2 Means that facilities included in contract can be placed in operation when a subsequent contract is placed in operation.  
 3 Will be placed in operation when Contract Division H is placed in operation.  
 4 Will be placed in operation when Contract Division J is placed in operation.

Figure 7: Anacostia River Projects Detailed Facility Plan Contract Divisions Implementation Schedule



## 6. Program Implementation

The Authority and its consultants have developed the Facility Plan and implementation schedule. This work has been frequently reviewed by the Authority's Project Review Board (PRB). The PRB is comprised of nine individuals with a high level of experience and expertise in planning, engineering, construction and management of projects of similar type and scope to those in the ARP program. The Project Review Board has endorsed the Facility Plan and contributed suggestions and recommendations for its implementation.

The following subsections describe findings to-date regarding issues and other factors associated with the implementation of the Anacostia River Projects together with discussion of various aspects that are pertinent to its successful and timely completion.

### Operational Plan and Hydraulic Design

The following criteria were selected by WASA for the operational plan and hydraulic design of the Anacostia River Projects.

- Comply with the LTCP Consent Decree, as modified to accommodate the Total Nitrogen Removal / Wet Weather (TN/WW) Plan.
- Reduce CSO overflows on the Anacostia River to the level identified in the approved LTCP: two CSO overflows and 54 million gallons (mg) of overflow per average year.
- Provide flood relief to the Northeast Boundary (NEB) Drainage Area up to a 6-hour 15-year design storm.
- Provide solids and floatables control for remaining overflows.
- Consolidate CSO's 016, 017 and 018 in the Anacostia Marina area such that all overflows are either stored in the tunnel or conveyed by the tunnel for overflow at another location.
- Configure the system to operate passively by gravity, without use of active operation gates or other such controls.
- Configure the system to prevent flooding of basements and flooding to grade. Where existing conditions in the collection system cause these conditions, arrange the tunnel system to improve hydraulic performance to the extent practicable.

The hydraulic design of the tunnels system was performed using the model prepared to develop the LTCP: the Danish Hydraulic Institute's MOUSE Model. The model was updated to reflect changes to the collection system since the development of the LTCP. The following summarizes key elements of the hydraulic design and operational plan:

- System operation: The tunnels system is designed to fill by gravity. If storms produce volumes that exceed the capacity of the system, the tunnels system has been configured to overflow to the receiving waters by gravity. The only facility that requires active operation during storms is the tunnel dewatering pumping station. The facilities that control diversions into and overflows from the tunnel typically comprise weirs, orifices and other static hydraulic controls.



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- **Extent of Northeast Boundary Flooding Protection:** The tunnels system is designed to provide flooding protection to the Northeast Boundary area up to a 15-year, 6-hour design storm. It has been determined that most existing trunk and local street sewers in the drainage area do not have adequate capacity to convey the design storm. This is not unexpected since the sewers were constructed prior to the adoption of the 15-year storm as the bases for design. Since most of the existing sewers in the Northeast Boundary area do not have the capacity to convey the design storm, evaluations were made to determine the extent of flooding relief that would be provided by the ARP. These evaluations showed that it was cost prohibitive to bring all sewers in the Northeast Boundary area up to the 15-year design standard. Instead, the following design criteria were adopted for the program:
  - Provide flooding relief for the Northeast Boundary Trunk Sewer from it's outlet at CSO 019 to 1<sup>st</sup> Street NW
  - Provide relief to the following chronic flood areas and to the trunk sewers serving the areas listed below that are located between the Northeast Boundary Trunk Sewer and the flood areas:
    - Area 1 - Rhode Island Avenue N.E. between 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Streets
    - Area 2 - West Virginia Avenue N.E. near Mt. Olivet Road
    - Area 3 - P Street and 1<sup>st</sup> Street N.W.
    - Area 5 - Rhode Island Avenue N.W., near 6<sup>th</sup> and R Streets
    - Area 6 – Thomas and Flagler Streets, NW
  - Size the tunnel and its appurtenances so they are large enough to accommodate future relief in the Northeast Boundary Area.

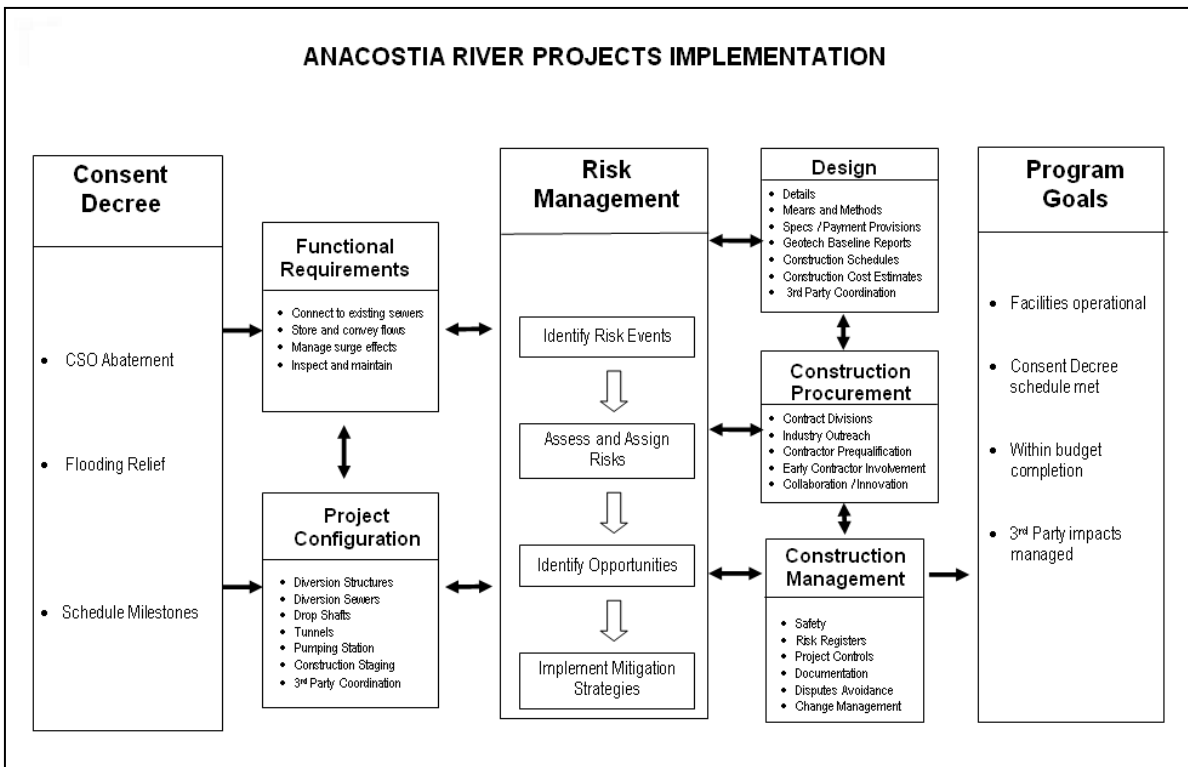
These criteria will provide relief for the identified flooding in the drainage area up to the design storm. In addition, the tunnel is sized large enough to allow future relief of other sub-sewer sheds in the Northeast Boundary area if relief is required in other areas in the future.

- **Storage Volume:** The tunnels system is designed to provide 157 million gallons of storage at a tunnel fill elevation of -24.0 (DC DPW Datum).
- **Tunnel Overflow Facilities:** Tunnel overflow facilities have been sited at Bolling Air Force Base (BAFB) and at CSO 019 which serves the Northeast Boundary area. After the tunnel is full, the BAFB overflow facility will typically convey flow from CSOs 005, 007, 009, and 011 through 018, while the overflow facility at CSO 019 will provide relief for the Northeast Boundary area combined sewer flow and relief flow for the flood prone locations in the Northeast Boundary area.
- **Tunnel Dewatering Pumping Station** – In accordance with the TN/WW Plan, the facility will have an installed firm capacity of 225 mgd. To provide for future expansion, the facility will be designed to be expandable.
- **Other Aspects:** Analyses have been conducted during the facility planning regarding odor control, venting, hydraulic transients, access, isolation of the tunnel, monitoring and keeping the tunnel clean. These are described in detail in the Facility Plan document.



## Risk Management and Construction Planning

Underground construction for shafts and tunnels is a highly specialized field with inherent risks. Design and construction efforts and activities should, therefore, progress in concert with an appropriate risk management program. Section 8 of the Facility Plan discusses the risk management efforts accomplished to date and outlines a risk management program considered as part of facility planning efforts. Figure 8 below illustrates the relationship between the implementation elements of the projects and the risk management program as suggested in the Facility Plan.



**Figure 8: Program Implementation and Risk Management**

The general risk management considerations diagrammed in Figure 8 will be evaluated further to develop a comprehensive approach in the future phases of the ARP implantation.

Additionally, the risk management program will need to include provisions to mitigate construction impacts on areas and neighborhoods during construction. Such provisions include by may not be limited to impacts to residences and businesses, traffic routes, noise, dust, utilities and other public concerns. The design and construction phases of the ARP program will, therefore, include outreach elements to accommodate public and institutional needs



## **Geotechnical Investigations**

Planning level geotechnical investigations have been made for the development of the Facility Plan. Most of these investigations have been completed, but some will continue through the end of 2008. Data from the latter investigations will be included in subsequent phases of project implementation. The geotechnical investigations have included research of existing information; geophysical surveys; borings by conventional rotary and sonic drilling methods; field instrumentation and testing programs; laboratory testing of recovered soil and rock samples; and groundwater monitoring. The Facility Plan includes a Preliminary Geotechnical Data Report as Appendix Volume III.

Figure 9 shows the locations of borings and geophysical surveys performed as part of the Facility Plan development. Figure 10 presents a general composite of the geological profile of the currently anticipated ground conditions along the tunnels alignments. Geotechnical investigations during design will provide more detailed information regarding the conditions which may be expected at specific shaft and structure locations as well as along the diversion sewers and tunnels alignments.

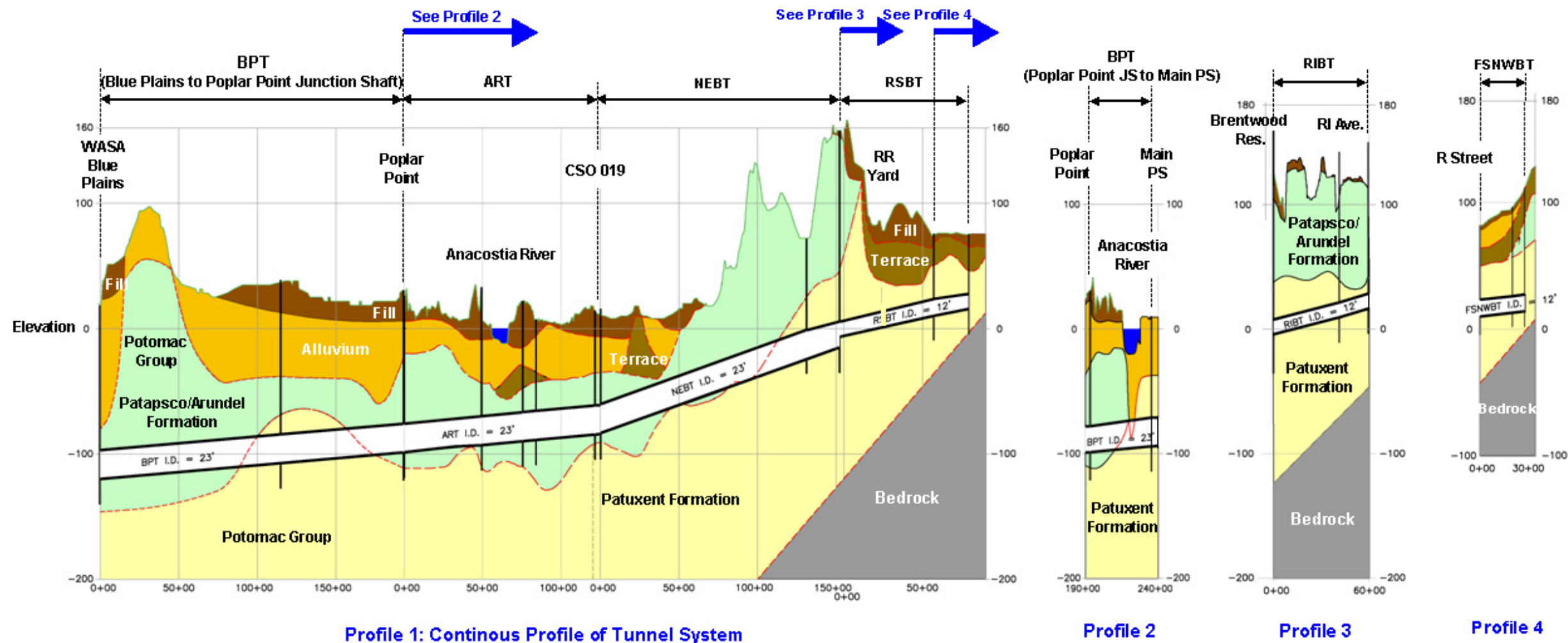




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**Figure 9: Locations of Borings and Geophysical Survey**



**TUNNELS:**

- BPT = Blue Plains Tunnel
- ART = Anacostia River Tunnel
- NEBT = Northeast Boundary Tunnel
- RSBT = R Street Branch Tunnel
- RIBT = Rhode Island Branch Tunnel
- FSNWBT = First Street NW Branch Tunnel

Figure 10: Summary Geologic Profiles



## **Project Permitting**

The Consent Decree includes requirements relative to acquisition of permits and approvals associated with the ARP. These requirements include identification of the permits required for the ARP as well as the timing for submittals applications. Table 4 identifies the agencies and organizations that will require some type of permit or approval for construction of the facilities defined for the project. The detailed implementation schedule shown on Figure 7 also includes a graphical summary of the permits process timeline.

The permitting agencies and organizations presented in Table 4 have been divided into the following categories:

- Utility agencies
- District of Columbia (D.C.) agencies
- Regional agencies
- Federal agencies, including applicable military commands
- Private organizations/property owners

The permit requirements vary among the different agencies. Section 11 of the Facility Plan identifies, to the extent identified as being applicable, all of the agencies that will have jurisdiction over the planned alignments, and appurtenant facilities sites, and it outlines the requirements and procedures for obtaining a permit from each respective agency. Section 14 of the Facility Plan provides additional information relative to those agencies and other entities that will require on-going coordination beyond the formal permitting process throughout the design and construction periods.

## **Land Acquisition and Approvals**

Section 12 of the Facility Plan provides a detailed listing of the property acquisitions, easements and agreements required for the project. The scope of the respective property acquisitions relative to the planned facilities and tunnels alignments are also shown on several figures included within Section 12. The evaluations of alternative tunnel alignments were based on locations that would minimize impacts on private property owners and establish the locations of tunnels corridors in public owned areas. Approximately 10 percent of the tunnels alignments and facilities defined in the Facility Plan are located on privately owned locations.

A summary of property owners identified on Figures 12-1 through 12-23 of the Facility Plan is presented in Table 5. More than 90 percent of the tunnels length is located below land owned by the United States Government and controlled by the military (Bolling Air Force Base and Anacostia Naval Annex) or the National Park Service, or below the public right-of-way. Various railroad companies, including CSX Railroad and WMATA own or control the land above approximately 6 percent of the tunnels length and private entities own the land above approximately 3 percent of the tunnels length.



Table 4, Sheet 1 of 3  
Project Permitting and Submittal Deadline Requirements  
Based on Information Available During Facility Planning

Contract Division Designation and Major Components	Agency/Organization																											
	Utilities					DC Agencies												Federal Agencies								Other Agencies/Private		
	Potomac Electric Power Company	Washington Gas Company	Telephone (Comcast/Verizon)	DC Water and Sewer Authority	District Department of Transportation	DC Office of Planning	Department of Consumer & Regulatory Affairs	Department of Health / D.C. Fire & Emergency Medical Services	District Department of Environment	Navy Research Laboratory	Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development	Various Advisory Neighborhood Commissions	DC Department of Public Works	DC Department of Parks & Recreation	National Mall and Memorial Parks	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	Department of the Interior (Marinas)	National Park Service - East	Bolling AFB (DoD) or Department of the Air Force	U.S. Navy	National Arboretum	National Capitol Planning Commission	U.S. Coast Guard (Sector Baltimore)	Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority	CSX Corporation	Private Property Owners	U.S. Postal Service	
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A BPT, BPTDS, BAFB-DS, PP-JS (excavation & support), MPS-DS, MOS-DC, and approach channel	At 30% design	At 30% design	—	—	2 mo. prior to 60% design	At 60% design	At NTP design	3 mo. prior to 60% design	At 30% design	3 mo. prior to 60% design	At NTP for design	At 30% design	At 30% design	—	—	2 mo. Prior to 30%	—	2 mo. prior to 30% design	At NTP design	At NTP design	—	3 mo. prior to 60% design	At NTP design	—	—	—	—	—
B CSO 013-DC, CSO 014-DC and microtunnel	At 60% design	At 30% design	2 mo. prior to 60% design	At 30% design	2 mo. prior to 60% design	At 60% design	At NTP design	3 mo. prior to 60% design	—	3 mo. prior to 60% design	—	At NTP for design	At 30% design	At 30% design	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3 mo. prior to 60% design	—	—	—	—	—	—
C CSO 019-S, CSO 019-N, CSO 019-JC-2 and approach channel	At 60% design	At 30% design	2 mo. prior to 60% design	—	2 mo. prior to 60% design	At 60% design	At NTP design	3 mo. prior to 60% design	—	3 mo. prior to 60% design	—	At NTP for design	At 30% design	At 30% design	2 mo. prior to const. NTP	At 30% design	—	2 mo. prior to 30% design	—	—	—	3 mo. prior to 60% design	—	—	—	—	—	—
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**Table 5  
Summary of Property Owners along the Proposed Tunnels  
System Alignments**

<b>Property Owners</b>	<b>Approximate Length of Tunnel (Ft)</b>	<b>% of Total Length</b>
Public Right-of-Way	20,775	32.9%
National Park Service (USA)	18,260	28.9%
Military (BAFB and Navy)	15,390	24.4%
Railroad Entities	4,025	6.4%
US Army Corps of Engineers (USA)	2,300	3.6%
Private Property	1,915	3.0%
USA (other)	1,725	2.7%
National Arboretum (USDA)	1,660	2.6%
District of Columbia	1,370	2.2%
WASA controlled (owned by DC and/or USA)	510	0.8%
PEPCO	105	0.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>68,035</b>	<b>100%</b>



## Public Notification

A visual CSO notification system has been installed and is in operation on the Anacostia River as shown on Figure 11. Under the Consent Decree, at least three additional systems are required. Because extensive redevelopment planning and new bridge construction planning is underway all along the Anacostia River in the area of all the CSO outfalls, it is not practicable, at this time, to finalize the details of the public notification system. For example, some of the redevelopment plans are considering new public access to the river, but the locations and other details are only conceptual. In view of the circumstance associated with the redevelopment and bridge construction, the Authority proposes to include the visual notification systems under Contract Division H, Anacostia River Tunnel, which is scheduled for award of design by November 1, 2011.



**Figure 11: CSO Warning Lights on Anacostia River**





## **Other ARP Implementation Factors**

The ARP have been developed at this stage to a level sufficient to proceed to detailed design and construction. However, uncertainties remain, and these uncertainties could impact the design and schedule of the facilities included in the Facility Plan. In addition to uncertainties discussed under project setting, risk management and construction planning, geotechnical information, permitting and land acquisition, there are those criteria, standards, regulations, laws, guidelines and assumptions upon which the ARP and schedule are based. The following list includes, but may not be limited to, factors for which changes from the bases upon which the Facility Plan has been prepared, could require changes to the ARP and the implementation schedule:

- Those items listed in subsection 13.7 of the LTCP, Final Report, July 2002
- EPA's approval and approval conditions of the Authority's Blue Plains Total Nitrogen Removal/Wet Weather Plan, LTCP Supplement No. 1, Final, October 2007
- The terms and conditions related to nitrogen removal and the combined sewer system in the proposed and final reissued NPDES permit for Blue Plains
- The terms and conditions in a modified Consent Decree necessary to incorporate LTCP Supplement No. 1 and the Facility Plan
- Actions, decision, conditions and delays created, caused or contributed by third parties that impact the design and schedule bases of the ARP included in the Facility Plan. Third parties include, but may not be limited to, the parties to the Consent Decree, other than the Authority, and all their branches, departments and agencies; utility agencies, transportation agencies, the affected public, special interest groups, suppliers, and contractors.

# APPENDIX E

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY

DC CLEAN RIVERS PROJECT

**APPENDIX E**

**SUMMARY OF GREEN/GRAY AND GREEN  
CONTROLS FOR THE POTOMAC AND ROCK  
CREEK SEWERSHEDS**

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# Introduction

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## 1 Introduction

### 1.1 Purpose

The District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority (DC Water) is implementing a Long Term Control Plan (LTCP or DC Clean Rivers Project, DCCR) to control combined sewer overflows (CSOs) to the District's waterways. The DCCR is comprised of a variety of projects including pumping station rehabilitations, targeted sewer separation, green infrastructure (GI) at DC Water facilities and a system of underground storage/conveyance tunnels to control CSOs. The DCCR is being implemented in accordance with a Consent Decree (LTCP Decree) signed by DC Water, the District, and the U.S Government, that specifies the schedule for implementation. Projects on the Anacostia River are first in the schedule and DC Water is implementing those projects in accordance with the Decree.

Unlike single-purpose gray infrastructure which uses tanks, tunnels and pipes to store and convey CSO, GI uses vegetation and soil to manage stormwater where it falls. GI has the ability to reduce stormwater and CSOs, and provide multiple environmental, social and economic benefits. Examples of these benefits include improved air quality, reduced heat island effects, improved property values and creation of local jobs. In addition, GI consists of many small projects which can be brought on line as soon as individual projects are completed. In contrast, gray CSO projects can typically only be brought on line when all the elements are completed. Because of this, GI projects can provide earlier CSO reduction than all-gray projects.

Based on an assessment of the sewersheds, DC Water is proposing hybrid CSO controls for the Potomac and Rock Creek as follows:

- In Rock Creek, construct GI instead of the Piney Branch tunnel to control the Piney Branch CSO
- On the Potomac, construct a hybrid green and gray control system for the Potomac River CSOs

This document provides a summary of the green/gray and green controls for the Potomac and Rock Creek sewersheds.

DC Water has public noticed a detailed summary of the analysis supporting the green and green/gray controls in the following document: *Long Term Control Plan Modification for Green Infrastructure*, January 2014, DC Water.

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## 2 Collection System Modeling

This section describes the use of DC Water's hydrologic and hydraulic model to predict sewer system response to the proposed green and green/gray CSO controls. This section presents a brief background on the models employed followed by discussions of the model development and the model application.

### 2.1 Background

Hydrologic and hydraulic models are computer simulation tools used by planners and engineers to evaluate rainfall and runoff relationships in urban areas. The hydrologic model simulates the major components of the hydrologic cycle; that is, the physical processes of rainfall, evapotranspiration, storage, and runoff. The response of urban neighborhoods to rainfall is determined by the relative degree of imperviousness of surface features (e.g., rooftops, parking lots, roads, etc.) and the infiltration capabilities of the soils. The hydraulic model simulates the movement of runoff and sewer flows through the below-ground network of pipes and other infrastructure that make up the sewer system. Flow through the sewer system is determined by the capacity of pipes, pumps, and other hydraulic control structures, and by backwater conditions.

Hydrologic and hydraulic models are calibrated based on observed rainfall and flow data. The model parameters (e.g., infiltration rate, slope, roughness coefficient, etc.) are adjusted in calibration to an optimal point where the ability of the model to simulate the volume and timing of runoff events is maximized. Independent validation of models is done by gauging the ability of the model to simulate a separate group of rainfall/runoff events without adjustment of the model parameters. Model calibration and validation provide confidence in the ability of the models to "predict" the response of the system under a variety of conditions. This is particularly true when the calibration and validation data sets include a wide variety of rainfall and flow conditions.

Identifying a dataset that represents average rainfall conditions for use in the hydrologic model is a fundamental first step in model development. As part of the evaluation of the original LTCP, DC Water analyzed over 50 years of hourly rainfall data at Ronald Reagan National Airport to identify an average rainfall period. The years from 1988 to 1990 were selected as the average rainfall period. This period was chosen because annual precipitation from these three years represent dryer conditions, wetter conditions, and average conditions compared to the long term average for the District. Table 2-1 compares the rainfall for these three years to the long term average.

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**Table 2-1. Annual Average Rainfall Conditions in the District**

Statistic	1988	1989	1990	1988-1990 Avg	Long Term Avg <sup>1</sup>
Annual Rainfall (inches)	31.74	50.32	40.84	40.97	38.95
No. Events > 0.05 inches <sup>2</sup>	61	79	74	71	74
Average Storm Duration (hours) <sup>2</sup>	9.6	11.2	9.6	10.1	9.9
Average Maximum Intensity (in/hr)	0.15	0.18	0.15	0.16	0.15
Maximum Intensity (in/hr)	1.32	1.31	1.25	1.29	1.30
Percentile <sup>3</sup>	14th	90th	68th	68 <sup>th</sup>	--

- Notes:
1. Ronald Reagan National Airport hourly data, 1949-1998
  2. Individual events separated by a minimum of 6 hours with no rain.
  3. Percentile is based on total annual rainfall.

DC Water has used the MIKE URBAN Model and its predecessor (the MOUSE Model) for all of its hydrologic and hydraulic analyses dating back to 1998. Both models are products of DHI, formerly the Danish Hydraulic Institute ([www.dhigroup.com](http://www.dhigroup.com)). The models were applied to support a wide range of projects and studies including development of the original LTCP for the combined sewer system (CSS). The MOUSE Model incorporating both hydrologic and hydraulic modeling capabilities was selected by DC Water in 1998 to support development of the LTCP. MOUSE was chosen at the time because it had the capability to directly simulate Real Time Control (RTC) operations, a feature that was not then available in the widely-used Storm Water Management Model (SWMM).

During model development, sewersheds for both the CSS and the municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) in the District were delineated based on sewer maps and topography. Hydrology parameters in the hydrologic model (e.g., pervious vs. impervious, infiltration, etc.) were based on available soil, land use, and zoning maps. Hydraulic controls (e.g., regulators, pump stations, outfalls, inflatable dams, etc.) were based on drawings, pump curves, operations documents, and other studies.

Model calibration and validation was based on rainfall and flow records in the CSS collected during 1999-2000. This included 24 rainfall events for model calibration and another 20 rainfall events for model validation. Several rain gages in the District and observed rainfall at DC National Airport were used to drive the hydrologic model. The hydrologic model was calibrated ahead of the hydraulic model. Overall, the emphasis of calibration and validation was placed on developing a mass balance of flow at Blue Plains, and a reasonable representation of the frequency and volume of CSO discharges.

Since the original model was developed to support the LTCP, a number of software upgrades and model improvements have been made. DHI upgraded the MOUSE model engine to the current incarnation of MIKE URBAN in 2003. The upgrade to MIKE URBAN improved the model application in several ways. It was able to be applied in a continuous simulation mode, a very important consideration where long multiple year simulations are required. MIKE URBAN also included GIS-based software. This made it easier to use GIS data sets for impervious surfaces (e.g., roads, sidewalks, parking lots, etc.) and soils more spatially and directly. In addition, DC Water had

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its sewer maps (i.e., counter maps) digitized and developed as a geodatabase that could be directly linked to MIKE URBAN. The result of this update was a much improved representation of surface conditions across the CSS in the hydrologic model. In addition, the pipe network in the hydraulic model was based on better information on pipe slopes, diameters, roughness, and other relevant characteristics. New and more robust flow data from suburban jurisdictions and from the District's separate sewer system were also integrated into the model boundary conditions. Figures 2-1 and 2-2 provide a visual representation of the model elements and the land cover for Potomac and Piney Branch sewersheds, respectively.

MIKE URBAN was recalibrated during the period 2005-2006 based on metered flow data for the collection system and Blue Plains. This flow data was supplemented with point rainfall data at National Airport and other District of Columbia stations, with radar rainfall estimates on a square kilometer basis available for some key rainfall events.

Since this recalibration, the MIKE URBAN model has continued to be employed in a number of capacities for DC Water. The model has been used for emergency operations planning, Inter Municipal Agreement (IMA) negotiations, multi-jurisdictional use facilities planning and cost allocation, the Anacostia Facilities Plan, the updated LTCP/Total Nitrogen-Wet Weather Plan, the Federal Triangle and other flood studies, and quarterly NPDES reporting of CSO estimates.

For DC Water's analysis of green infrastructure potential, a suite of modeling software packages (including MIKE URBAN and SWMM5) was evaluated to identify the best modeling tool to utilize. The results of this evaluation are presented in Technical Memorandum No. 2, Approach to Hydrologic and Hydraulic Modeling. This evaluation resulted in the selection of EPA's SWMM5 runoff application to perform the hydrologic evaluation and paired with the existing MIKE URBAN hydraulic model. EPA SWMM5 features options for explicit characterization and simulation of specific GI practices that the MIKE URBAN hydrologic model does not.

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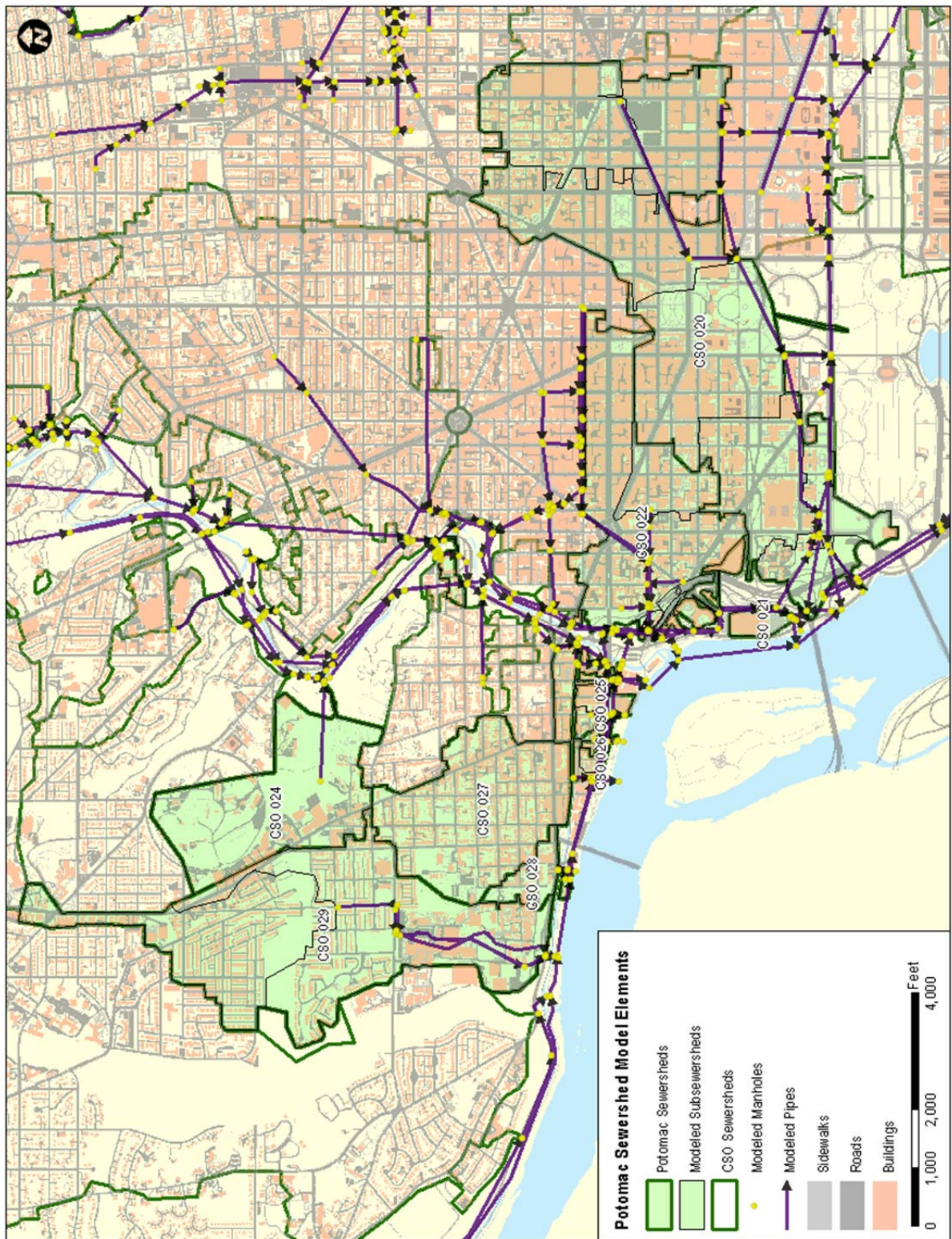


Figure 2-1. Potomac Sewershed Model Elements

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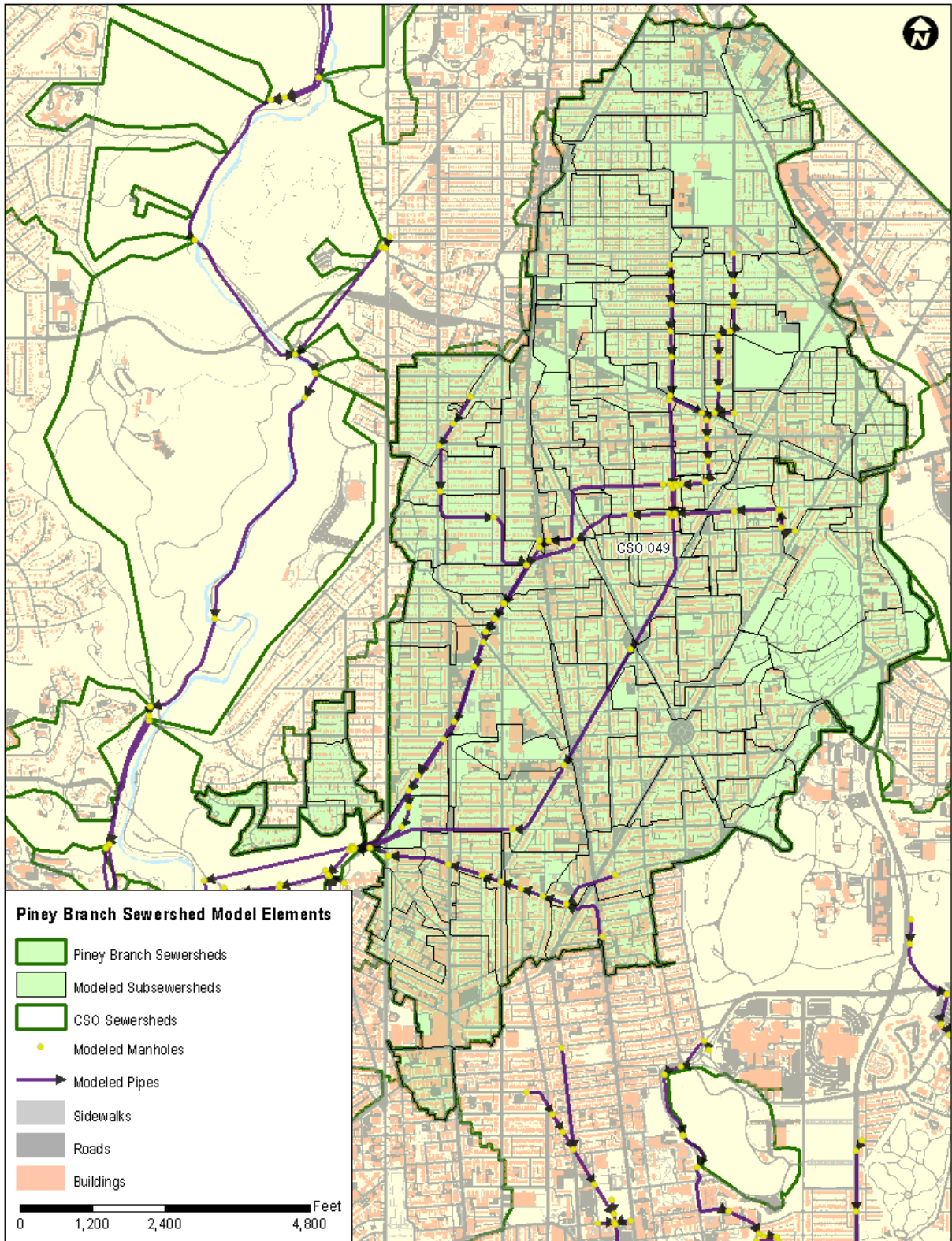


Figure 2-2. Piney Branch Sewershed Model Elements

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## 2.2 Model Development

For this GI screening analysis, the SWMM5 hydrologic model was used for runoff simulation and the existing hydraulic portion of the MIKE URBAN model was used to model flow through the collection system. The SWMM5 runoff model was developed based on the runoff portion of the MIKE URBAN model as described below, and results were compared to the MIKE URBAN model to ensure consistency with previous model runs.

Historically, the purpose of the MIKE URBAN model was to predict combined sewer volumes and overflows entering receiving waters from the DC Water combined sewer service area. Developing a model for GI simulation requires finer subwatershed, pipe, and manhole resolution than previously existed in the MIKE URBAN runoff model. To accommodate this, the Piney Branch watershed was redelineated to a higher resolution of 101 geographically separate model subwatersheds. Potomac model subwatersheds were deemed to be of sufficient resolution that finer delineations were unnecessary. There are 138 modeled subwatersheds throughout the Piney Branch and Potomac watersheds with a median area of 19 acres. Ninety percent (90%) of the modeled subwatersheds are less than 140 acres.

Existing runoff parameters from MIKE URBAN were converted to SWMM5 runoff parameters. Parameters were copied when the exact analog to the MIKE URBAN parameter existed in SWMM5. Other parameters were converted to match as closely to the parameters in MIKE URBAN and then checked for consistency. Horton infiltration parameters were updated based on NRCS SSURGO soil data for the model area.

In order to effectively model water loss within GI practices, evapotranspiration (ET) was refined so that it could be applied to GI practices and the model in general. In MIKE URBAN, ET was applied only to water in storage, which was a representation of green infrastructure practice storage. SWMM5 does not have an option to apply ET solely to a practice; instead it is applied to the model as a whole. ET for SWMM5 was based on daily temperatures and climate at the Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport using a modified Thornwaite approach. Of the several accepted methods that could be used to approximate ET, this approach provided results most similar to the MIKE URBAN runoff model.

The models were run for the 1988-1990 period for validation. Time series output from both SWMM5 and MIKE URBAN runoff models was used as an input to the MIKE URBAN hydraulic model. Several metrics were used to compare the two models and insure the SWMM5 model was consistent with the MIKE URBAN runoff model including runoff volume, overflow volume, and frequency of CSO overflows.

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### 2.3 Model Application

GI practices are represented in SWMM5 as “LID controls” (Low Impact Development). LID controls were used in the model for the Piney Branch and Potomac River areas of the combined sewer area. SWMM5 is a lumped parameter model that assumes uniformity across a single modeled sewershed. This means that LID controls were designed to represent the total of all GI practices contained within the modeled sewershed instead of representing each GI practice separately. This is common practice in a lumped parameter model.

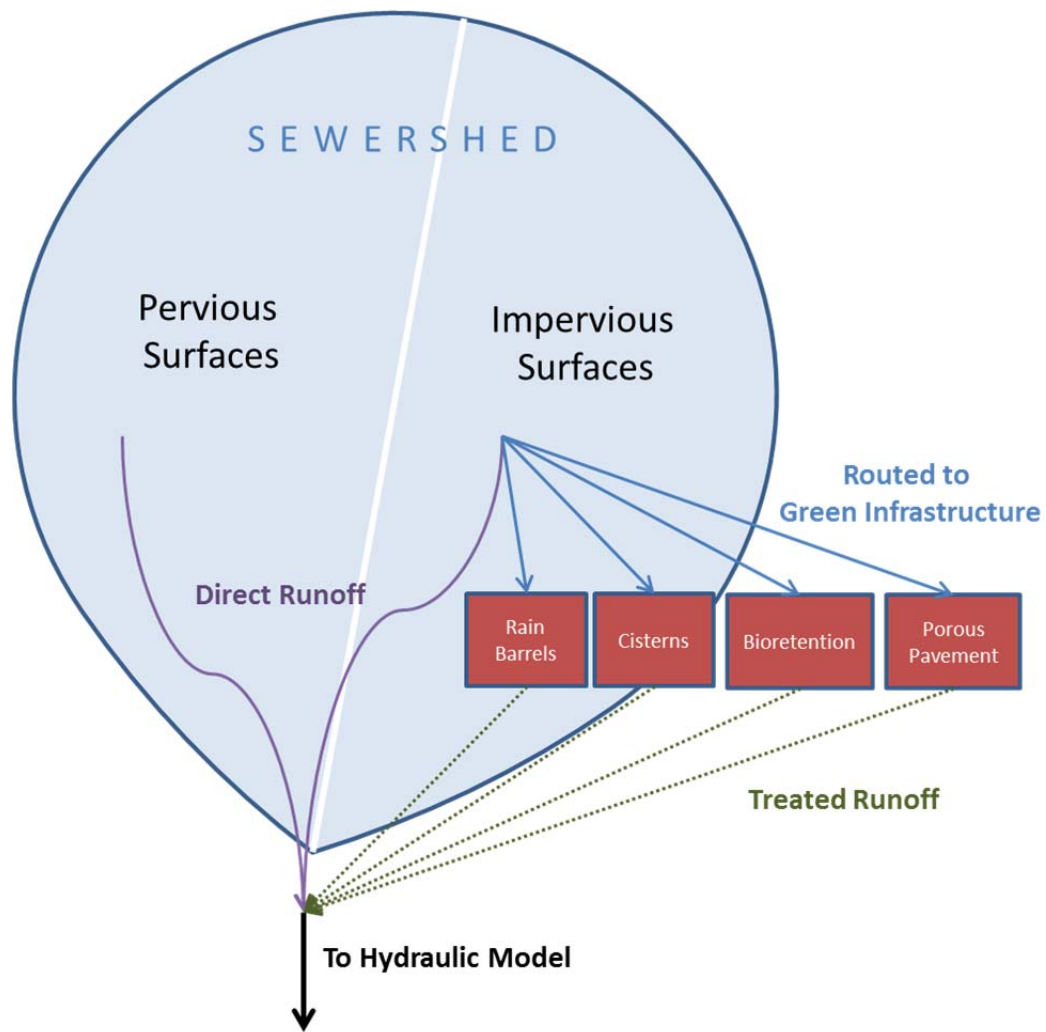
GI practices are grouped into the four following LID control categories based on their general design and purpose:

- Rain Barrels
- Cisterns
- Bioretention
- Porous Pavement

Each type of LID control treats runoff from a specific area and drainage areas do not overlap. In SWMM5, each of the contributing areas to the four types of LID control is simulated as a separate subcatchment. Each type of impervious cover exists throughout the Potomac and Rock Creek sewersheds leading to a generally uniform distribution of LID controls. The modeling analysis focused on aggregate area of each impervious cover type without regard to public or private ownership. For scenarios that examine a high level of GI control, it is possible that opportunities for private GI implementation could be limited. In these cases, it is assumed that opportunities exist on public-owned property to compensate for the lack of opportunity on private property, and runoff passes through public property before entering the collection system.

In SWMM5, runoff from the surface to be treated by an LID control is routed to the control before entering the hydraulic model (MIKE URBAN). For example, if the scenario calls for 30% GI treatment, 30% of the contributing area from the variety of types of impervious surfaces is routed to LID controls identified for the specific type of impervious surface. Runoff not entering a LID control flows directly to the hydraulic model. Figure 2-3 shows the modeling framework used by SWMM5 to route flow to LID controls.

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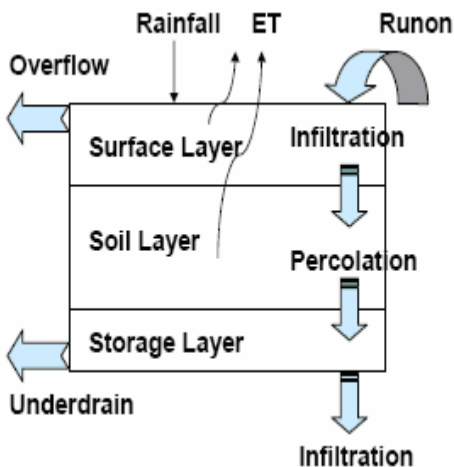


**Figure 2-3: SWMM5 LID Control Routing**

SWMM5 represents LID controls as shown in Figure 2-4. All LID controls use the same framework, with runoff entering the LID through the surface layer and passing to other layers or out of the LID practice through ET, overflow, underdrain, or infiltration based on parameters defined for each LID practice.



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**Figure 2-4. SWMM5 LID Control Representation**

Each LID control is sized to completely contain the runoff volume produced from a 1.2 inch storm over the area treated. Other LID control parameters are determined based on accepted literature values for the types of LID controls and design guidelines used in the Concept Plan (see Technical Memorandum No. 3). Table 2-2 shows the LID control parameters used in the SWMM5 runoff model. Bioretention cell and porous pavement parameters for infiltration and underdrains varied due to site-specific soil conditions and infiltration potential across the modeled area.

Infiltration from each of the LID controls into the underlying soil is assumed to occur at a rate equal to the Horton method minimum infiltration rate for the subwatershed within which it is contained. This is a conservative assumption and accounts for probable soil compaction under the LID control.

Each LID control has a simulated underdrain. The underdrain diameter and height from the bottom of the control are optimized to allow the control to drain or infiltrate within 48 hours of the end of the storm and allow the water surface elevation in the control to remain below the surface of the practice. Rain barrels and cisterns do not have infiltration and the underdrains are simulated at the bottom of the control. Underdrain outflow from rain barrels is assumed to drain to the surface of the subshed where the rain barrel is located. Underdrain outflow from the other practices is assumed to flow directly into the collection system.

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**Table 2-2. SWMM5 LID Practice Parameters**

Parameter	Units	Rain Barrel	Cistern	Bioretention Cell	Porous Pavement
<b>Surface</b>					
Storage depth	in			6	0.1
Surface slope	%			0	1.9
<b>Soil/Pavement</b>					
Thickness	in			24	6
Porosity	frac			0.3	0.2
Field Capacity	frac			0.105	0.105
Wilting Point	frac			0.047	0.047
Conductivity	in/hr			1.18	100
Conductivity Slope				7	7
Suction Head	in			1.4	1.4
<b>Storage</b>					
Height	in	36	36	18	36
Void Ratio				0.67	0.67
Infiltration	in/hr			Varies	Varies
Clogging Factor				0	0
<b>Drain</b>					
Drain Coef.	in/hr	0.25	0.25	Varies	Varies
Drain Exponent		0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Drain Offset	in	0	0	Varies	Varies
Drain Delay	hr	0	0		

Various implementation scenarios were simulated to evaluate the expected runoff reduction and resulting tunnel size resulting from implementing various distributions of LID practices described above. The specific scenarios, the modeling approach, and the modeling results are presented in Section 5.

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### 3 Green and Green/Gray Controls for Piney Branch and Potomac River

DC Water is proposing to modify its LTCP to change the CSO control plan for Piney Branch and the Potomac River. The proposed control plan includes green and green/gray controls. Each control technology will be used where it is the most appropriate. The hybrid green/gray controls are predicted to provide a degree of CSO control equivalent to the gray controls in the LTCP. The hybrid approach will have a higher socio economic benefit to the District, especially in the communities served by GI. Figure 3-1 at the end of this section summarizes the proposed controls as compared to the LTCP.

#### 3.1 Green Controls for Piney Branch

##### 3.1.1 Scope

GI will treat approximately 30% (or 365 acres) of the impervious area in the Piney Branch drainage area, providing control for CSO 049. GI will be sized to provide a retention capacity equivalent to 1.2” of rain falling on an impervious surface. GI projects may include bioretention practices (bioretention cells, bioswales, vegetated filter strips, and tree box filters), rooftop collection practices (green roofs, blue roofs, downspout disconnection, rain barrels, and cisterns), permeable pavement, and large-volume underground storage. These facilities will be constructed in both public and privately-owned spaces. In addition to GI, targeted sewer separation may be utilized to offload storm water from the combined sewer system.

<p><b>Piney Branch</b>  <b>30% GI Implementation</b>            Total Sewershed area = 2,329 acres            Impervious area = 1,215 acres            GI @ 30% of Impervious Area = 365 acres</p>
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In addition to GI, the weir height of the existing diversion structure serving CSO 049 will be raised to increase the capture of combined sewage. The resulting captured sewage will be diverted to the existing East Rock Creek Diversion Sewer for conveyance to Blue Plains for treatment. This control structure modification is not predicted to increase overflow frequency or volume at other downstream CSOs in the Rock Creek sewershed.

##### 3.1.2 Predicted Performance

Hydraulic modeling predictions indicate that GI implementation and modifications to Structure 70 will eliminate the need to construct 9.5 MG of tunnel storage included in the LTCP. The GI program is predicted to provide a degree of CSO control equivalent to the gray controls in the LTCP, as summarized in Table 3-1.

Predicted water quality is summarized in Table 3-2 and the GI controls are predicted to provide a degree of water quality performance in the receiving water equivalent to the gray controls in the LTCP.

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**Table 3-1**  
**Piney Branch Predicted CSO Overflows in Average Year**

Parameter	Before LTCP <sup>1</sup>	LTCP	Green Controls <sup>2</sup>
No. of Overflows (#/avg yr)	25	1	1
Overflow Volume (mg/avg yr)	39.73	1.41	<1
% reduction from Before LTCP	--	96%	96% or greater

**Table 3-2**  
**Predicted Water Quality in**  
**Rock Creek after Piney Branch (Segment 17) in Average Year**

Parameter	Before LTCP <sup>1</sup>	LTCP	Green Controls <sup>2</sup>
# Months Fecal Geomean>200 (all loads)	12	12	12
# Months Fecal Geomean>200 (CSO only)	0	0	0
# Days Fecal>200 (all loads)	335	335	335
# Days Fecal>200 (CSO Only)	24	1	1
# Days Fecal>200 (all loads) May - Sept	135	135	135
# Days Fecal>200 (CSO Only) May - Sept	15	1	1
# Months E. Coli Geomean>126 (all loads)	12	12	12
# Months E. Coli Geomean>126 (CSO only)	0	0	0
# Days E. Coli>126 (all loads)	365	365	365
# Days E. Coli>126 (CSO Only)	24	1	1
# Days E. Coli>126 (all loads) May - Sept	153	153	153
# Days E. Coli>126 (CSO Only) May - Sept	15	1	0
# Days D.O.< 5 mg/L (all loads)	0	0	0
# Days D.O.< 5 mg/L (CSO Only)	0	0	0

Notes for Tables 3-1 and 3-2:

1. Results shown for Before LTCP are without Phase I Controls in place (i.e. without inflatable dams, pumping station rehabilitations and Northeast Boundary Swirl Facility in operation).
2. At the low levels of CSO overflows projected herein, model accuracy is highly dependent on many variables such as the accuracy of rainfall data, information on the drainage area and other factors. Further, additional overflows will occur for rain events which exceed or are not represented in the average year. The model predictions contained herein do not change the level of CSO control determined to be adequate to meet water quality standards which was included by DC Water in its LTCP, and subsequently approved by EPA and the D.C. Department of the Environment.

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### 3.2 Green/Gray Controls for Potomac River

#### 3.2.1 Scope

DC Water will construct the following controls for the Potomac River CSOs:

- **Potomac Tunnel (CSOs 020 – 024)**

The Potomac Storage Tunnel will capture CSOs 020 through 024. These outfalls serve the major interceptors draining Rock Creek and the large downtown areas in the Potomac sewershed. Given the large overflow volume produced by these outfalls and the highly urbanized nature of the sewershed, DC Water will construct gray infrastructure to control these CSOs. The tunnel in the LTCP was a 58 million gallon (mg) facility with a tunnel dewatering pumping station at the low end. After rain events, the pumping station would bleed captured flow via the existing system to Blue Plains for treatment. The large size of the tunnel was driven, in part, by the inability to completely dewatering the tunnel during back-to-back rain events.

As part of this modification, DC Water is proposing to construct a gravity tunnel from CSO 024 all the way to interconnect with the Blue Plains Tunnel on the Anacostia System. The total volume of the Potomac Tunnel will be 30 mg and the tunnel will be emptied by gravity. This configuration will create one interconnected tunnel system. The advantages of this system include:

- The Potomac and Anacostia Tunnel Systems will be interconnected, with a total system storage volume of 187 mg (30 mg for the Potomac + 157 mg for the Anacostia River Tunnel System). Since rainfall has both geographic and temporal variability, the interconnection of the tunnel system improves the ability of the system to provide CSO control. As an example, intense rain events in one part of the District can utilize the tunnel system volume as needed to control overflows. This, combined with the sewer separation and GI, allows the 30 mg Potomac Tunnel to provide a degree of control equivalent to the gray controls in the LTCP.
- The gravity tunnel does not require construction of a new pumping station in the National Mall area. This preserves space for other higher value use. In addition, it reduces the need operation and maintenance associated with a complex mechanical system. Elimination of the pumping station also improves reliability and redundancy since the gravity tunnel does not require electrical power or other mechanical equipment to function.
- The gravity tunnel improves the reliability and operability of the existing sewer system. The system will be configured such that if Potomac Pumping Station loses power, then normal sanitary flows in the system will drop into the tunnel by gravity for conveyance to Blue Plains thereby preventing a dry weather overflow. Further, if Potomac Pumping Station or the Potomac Force Mains experience equipment failures

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or need to be worked on for repair or maintenance, the gravity tunnel can be used as a backup to convey flows to Blue Plains for treatment.

- The gravity Potomac Tunnel is more environmentally responsible because it eliminates the need for an energy intensive pumping station.

- **Separation of Combined Sewers (CSOs 025 – 026)**

The drainage areas for CSO 025 (17 acres) and CSO 026 (3 acres) are very small and, therefore, it is practical to separate the tributary combined sewers. Separation will result in the elimination of combined sewer overflows from these sewersheds.

- **Green Infrastructure (CSOs 027 – 029)**

GI will provide CSO control in these outlying sewersheds. GI will treat 30% of impervious areas in the CSO 027 and 028 sewersheds, and 60% of impervious areas in the CSO 029 sewershed, for a total of 133 impervious acres. GI will be sized to provide capture equivalent to 1.2” of rain falling on an impervious surface. GI projects may include bioretention practices (bioretention cells, bioswales, vegetated filter strips, and tree box filters), rooftop collection practices (green roofs, blue roofs, downspout disconnection, rain barrels, and cisterns), permeable pavement, and large-volume underground storage. In addition to GI, targeted sewer separation may be utilized to offload storm water from the combined sewer system. Diversion structures within the CSO 027, 028, and 029 sewersheds will be modified to increase diversion capacities. The diversion structure improvements coupled with the GI are predicted to provide a degree of CSO control comparable to the LTCP.

**CSO 025 Separation**

Sewershed = 17 acres

**CSO 026 Separation**

Sewershed = 3 acres

**CSO 027 30% GI Implementation**

Sewershed = 164 acres

Impervious = 104 acres

30% GI = 31 acres

**CSO 028 30% GI Implementation**

Sewershed = 21 acres

Impervious = 13 acres

30% GI = 4 acres

**CSO 029 60% GI Implementation**

Sewershed = 330 acres

Impervious = 164 acres

60% GI = 98 acres

### 3.2.2 Predicted Performance

Hydraulic modeling predictions indicate that the hybrid green/gray controls are predicted to provide a degree of CSO control equivalent to the gray controls in the LTCP. Predicted CSOs are summarized in Table 3-3. Predicted water quality is summarized in Table 3-4 and the data show that the GI controls are predicted to provide a degree of water quality performance in the receiving water equivalent to the gray controls in the LTCP.

## Green and Green/Gray Controls

**Table 3-3**  
**Potomac River Predicted CSO Overflows (Average Year)**

Parameter	Before LTCP <sup>1</sup>	LTCP	Green/Gray Controls <sup>2</sup>
No. of Overflows (#/avg yr)	74	4	4
Overflow Volume (mg/avg yr)	953	79	59
% reduction from Before LTCP	--	92%	92% or greater

**Table 3-4**  
**Potomac River Predicted Water Quality**  
**Memorial Bridge (Segment 6) in Average Year**

Parameter	Before LTCP <sup>1</sup>	LTCP	Green/Gray Controls <sup>2</sup>
# Months Fecal Geomean>200 (all loads)	3	1	1
# Months Fecal Geomean>200 (CSO only)	0	0	0
# Days Fecal>200 (all loads)	142	109	109
# Days Fecal>200 (CSO Only)	57	6	3
# Days Fecal>200 (all loads) May - Sept	64	44	44
# Days Fecal>200 (CSO Only) May - Sept	33	4	1
# Months E. Coli Geomean>126 (all loads)	2	0	0
# Months E. Coli Geomean>126 (CSO only)	0	0	0
# Days E. Coli>126 (all loads)	118	77	74
# Days E. Coli>126 (CSO Only)	60	6	3
# Days E. Coli>126 (all loads) May - Sept	57	36	30
# Days E. Coli>126 (CSO Only) May - Sept	35	5	1
# days D.O.< 5 mg/L (all loads)	0	0	0
# days D.O.< 5 mg/L (CSO Only)	0	0	0

**Notes for Tables 3-3 and 3-4:**

- Results shown for Before LTCP are without Phase1 Controls in place (i.e. without inflatable dams, pumping station rehabilitations and Northeast Boundary Swirl Facility in operation).
- At the low levels of CSO overflows projected herein, model accuracy is highly dependent on many variables such as the accuracy of rainfall data, information on the drainage area and other factors. Further, additional overflows will occur for rain events which exceed or are not represented in the average year. The model predictions contained herein do not change the level of CSO control determined to be adequate to meet water quality standards which was included by DC Water in its LTCP, and subsequently approved by EPA and the D.C. Department of the Environment.

# Green and Green/Gray Controls

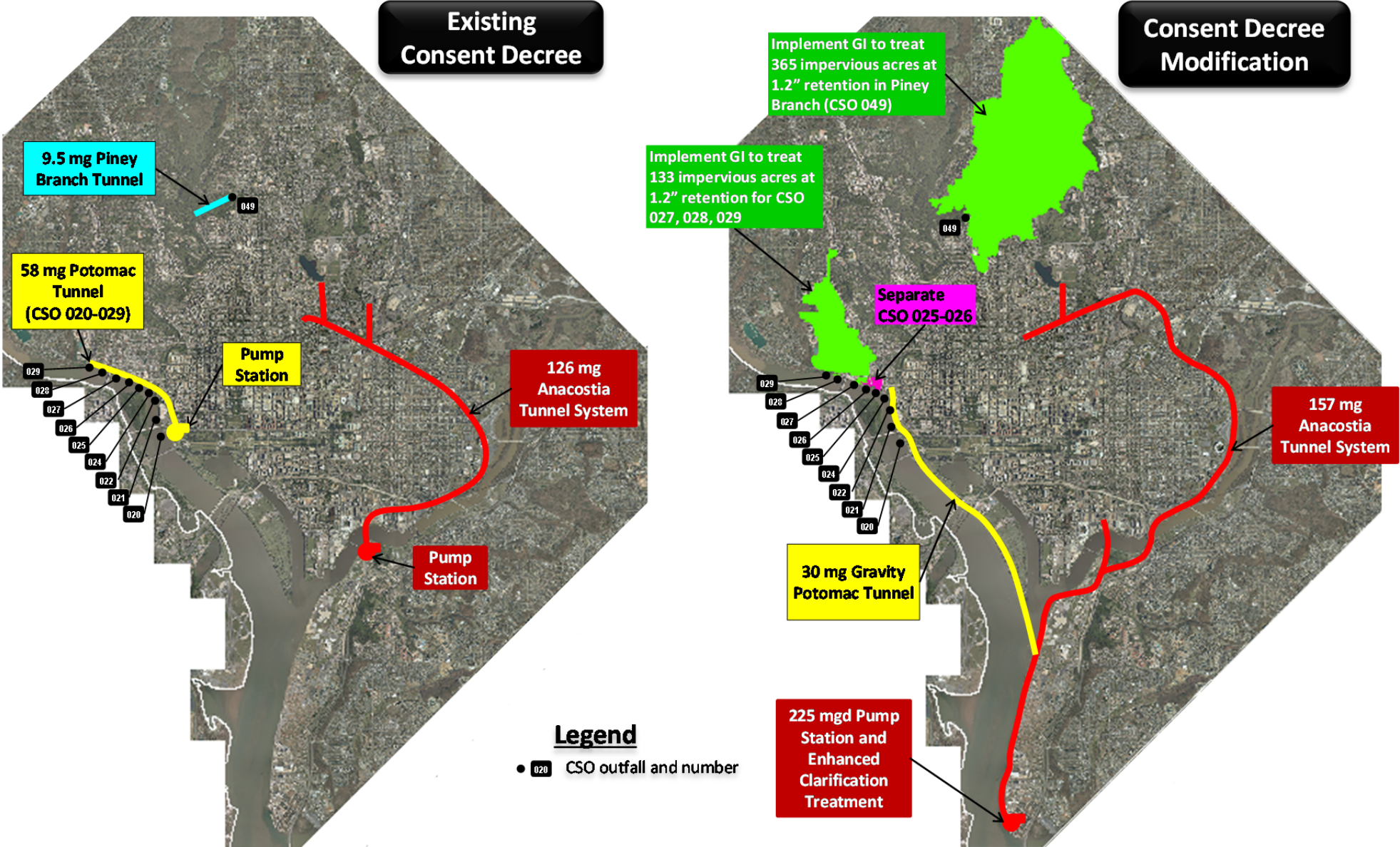


Figure 3-1: Green and Green/Gray Controls



# APPENDIX F

**APPENDIX F**  
**GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM FOR THE POTOMAC AND ROCK CREEK**  
**SEWERSHEDS**

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**I. Green Infrastructure Program Plan**

Within 12 months after the Effective Date of the First Amendment to the Consent Decree, DC Water shall submit to EPA for approval pursuant to Section X (EPA Approval of Plans and Submissions) of this Consent Decree a Green Infrastructure Program Plan (the “GI Program Plan”). The GI Program Plan shall include the information described in subsections A, B, and C below:

**A. Green Infrastructure Control Measures.**

1. Identification and description of the GI control measures (including any targeted sewer separation projects) that DC Water intends to install (or have the District or other entities install on its behalf), the approximate locations of the sites for the measures, and the estimated cost to implement the measures.
2. The conceptual project location identifications and descriptions, and cost estimates for the measures that DC Water intends to install (or have the District or other entities install on its behalf), which shall correspond to the individual GI Projects set forth in the schedule in Section II of this Appendix F.
3. An estimate of the number of acres of land projected to be effectively retrofitted with GI in the Potomac and Rock Creek sewersheds prior to 2030 pursuant to the District’s MS4 permit and storm water regulations.

**B. Preservation and Maintenance of Constructed Green Infrastructure Projects.** A plan to (1) preserve and maintain the GI control measures installed pursuant to the GI Program Plan and (2) ensure that future site or land use changes do not result in the loss of the runoff reduction benefits of the GI control measures installed pursuant to the GI Program Plan, unless that loss is compensated for by other controls in the same CSO drainage area.

**C. Public Outreach.** A plan to engage property owners in the Potomac and Rock Creek sewersheds and interested stakeholders to promote and facilitate installation of GI on private property and to ensure public input into the site selection process and concept design for the control measures that DC Water proposes to install as part of the GI Program Plan.

## **II. DC Water Implementation Schedule**

DC Water shall construct and Place in Operation the GI control measures assigned to it and set forth in the GI Program Plan developed pursuant to Section I of this Appendix F in accordance with the following schedule.

- A.** Six months prior to the award contract for construction for each of the projects listed in this section, DC Water shall submit a Project Description to EPA for review and comment. The Project Description shall contain:
1. An identification of the CSO areas where the projects are to be implemented
  2. The types of GI control that are to be employed and the rationale for their use
  3. The approximate location of the controls
  4. The estimated acreage that will be controlled to a 1.2” retention standard
  5. A schedule for implementation of the controls
  6. The estimated cost for each type of control to be employed
  7. The total cost for the Project
  8. Post Construction Monitoring and Modeling Program for this project to demonstrate the capture efficiency of the controls to be implemented
- B.** Six months following the completion of a project’s post construction monitoring program, DC Water shall submit a Post Construction report for EPA review and comment. The Post Construction Report shall contain:
1. A comparison of planned projects under the Project Description and actual implemented projects:
    - (a) Costs
    - (b) Acreage treated to 1.2” retention standard
    - (c) Estimate of run-off control.
  2. Identification of barriers to implementation of projects and steps taken by DC Water and the District to address any identified barriers for this and future projects
  3. Post Construction Monitoring and Modeling Program results assessing the efficiency of the controls implemented

4. Changes proposed for future projects

**C. Potomac Sewershed Projects: In accordance with the following schedule, construct GI, including targeted sewer separation, in the CSO 027, 028 and 029 sewersheds designed to:**

1. Project No. 1: Control 44 acres to the 1.2” Retention Standard
  - (a) Award Contract for Construction: June 23, 2017
  - (b) Place in Operation: June 23, 2019
2. Project No. 2: Control 46 acres to the 1.2” Retention Standard
  - (a) Award Contract for Construction: June 23, 2022
  - (b) Place in Operation: June 23, 2024
3. Project No. 3: Control 43 acres to the 1.2” Retention Standard
  - (a) Award Contract for Construction: June 23, 2025
  - (b) Place in Operation: June 23, 2027
4. Controlled acres placed in operation in excess of those specified for a given project in this paragraph II.C may be credited against the acres required to be controlled on subsequent projects.
5. No later than 15 months following the Place in Operation date for Project No. 1 above, DC Water shall submit to EPA and the District Post Construction Monitoring Report No. 1 for the Potomac Sewershed Projects (Potomac Report No. 1). In addition to the information required in Subsection II.B above, the report shall contain DC Water’s determination of the practicability of controlling at least 133 acres to the 1.2” Retention Standard in the CSO 027, 028 and 029 sewersheds by the Place in Operation deadline for Project No. 3 above based on its experience with implementing Project No. 1. Such determination shall consider the constructability, operability, efficacy, public acceptability and cost per impervious acre treated of the controls.
6. EPA shall either approve or disapprove of the determination required by Paragraph 5 above. If EPA fails to either approve or disapprove the determination within 180-days following receipt of Potomac Report No. 1, any subsequent deadline that is dependent upon such approval or disapproval shall be extended by the number of calendar days beyond the 180-day period that EPA uses to approve or disapprove the determination.

The process for approving or disapproving the determination shall be governed by Paragraph 39 of the Consent Decree.

7. In the event DC Water determines that it is not practicable to control at least 133 acres to the 1.2” Retention Standard in the CSO 027, 028 and 029 sewersheds by the Place in Operation deadline for Project No. 3 above and such determination is approved by EPA, DC Water shall:
  - (a) Plan, design, and construct the Potomac River Storage/Conveyance Tunnel with a total storage volume of not less than 40 million gallons, at any time up to, but no later than the following schedule
    - (i) Award Contract for Detailed Design: Three (3) months after EPA approval
    - (ii) Award Contract for Construction: Two (2) years and six (6) months after EPA approval
    - (iii) Place in Operation: Nine (9) years after EPA approval
  - (b) Be relieved of its obligation to implement Project Nos. 2 and 3 above; and
  - (c) Operate and maintain the GI constructed in Project No. 1 in accordance with its NPDES Permit.

**D. Rock Creek Sewershed Projects: In accordance with the following schedule, construct GI, including targeted sewer separation, in the CSO 049 (Piney Branch) sewershed designed to:**

1. Project No. 1: Control 20 acres to the 1.2” Retention Standard
  - (a) Award Contract for Construction: March 30, 2017
  - (b) Place in Operation: March 30, 2019
2. Project No. 2: Control 75 acres to the 1.2” Retention Standard
  - (a) Award Contract for Construction: January 23, 2022
  - (b) Place in Operation: January 23, 2024
3. Project No. 3: Control 90 acres to the 1.2” Retention Standard
  - (a) Award Contract for Construction: March 23, 2025
  - (b) Place in Operation: March 23, 2027

4. Project No. 4: Control 90 acres to the 1.2” Retention Standard
  - (a) Award Contract for Construction: September 30, 2027
  - (b) Place in Operation: September 30, 2029
5. Project No. 5: Control 90 acres to the 1.2” Retention Standard
  - (a) Award Contract for Construction: March 23, 2028
  - (b) Place in Operation: March 23, 2030
6. Controlled acres placed in operation in excess of those specified for a given project in this paragraph II.D. may be credited against the acres required to be controlled on subsequent projects.
7. No later than 15 months following the Place in Operation date for Project No. 1 above, DC Water shall submit to EPA and the District Post Construction Monitoring Report No. 1 for the Rock Creek Sewershed Projects (Rock Creek Report No. 1). In addition to the information required in Subsection II.B above, the report shall contain DC Water’s determination of the practicability of controlling at least 365 acres to the 1.2” Retention Standard in the CSO 049 sewershed by the Place in Operation deadline for Project No. 5 above based on its experience with implementing Project No. 1. Such determination shall consider the constructability, operability, efficacy, public acceptability and cost per impervious acre treated of the controls.
8. EPA shall either approve or disapprove of the determination required by Paragraph 7 above. If EPA fails to either approve or disapprove the determination within 180-days following receipt of Rock Creek Report No. 1, any subsequent deadline that is dependent upon such approval or disapproval shall be extended by the number of calendar days beyond the 180-day period that EPA uses to approve or disapprove the determination. The process for approving or disapproving the determination shall be governed by Paragraph 39 of the Consent Decree.
9. In the event DC Water determines that it is not practicable to control at least 365 acres to the 1.2” Retention Standard in the CSO 049 sewershed by the Place in Operation deadline for Project No. 5 above and such determination is approved by EPA, DC Water shall:
  - (a) Construct a Rock Creek Storage Facility the (Facility), which shall store combined sewer flow from the Piney Branch Outfall, CSO 049, in accordance with DC Water’s NPES Permit. The storage capacity of the Facility will be at least nine and one-half (9.5) million gallons. After the Facility is Placed in Operation, in the

event of wet weather causing the facility to be used for storage, DC Water shall dewater the Facility to the CSS as soon as practicable, but in no event longer than 59 hours, and shall convey the contents of the Facility to Blue Plains for treatment in accordance with DC Water's NPDES permit. The location of the Facility will be finalized during Facility Planning and design, but it will be between CSO 049 and Rock Creek and its approximate location is depicted in Page ES-9 of Appendix A to this Decree;

- (b) Plan, design, construct and Place in Operation the Facility at any time up to, but no later than the following schedule:
  - (i) Award Contract for Detailed Design: Three (3) years six (6) months after EPA approval
  - (ii) Award Contract for Construction: Five (5) years six (6) months after EPA approval
  - (iii) Place in Operation: Nine (9) years after EPA Approval
- (c) Be relieved of its obligation to implement Project Nos. 2, 3, 4 and 5 above; and
- (d) Operate and maintain the GI constructed in Project No. 1 in accordance with its NPDES Permit.

**E. Credit for Other Controlled Acres.** Controlled acres from the implementation of the District's MS4 Permit and Stormwater Regulations will be credited against DC Water's obligations to control acres in paragraphs II.C. and II.D. if:

1. They are located in the CSO areas targeted for GI implementation by DC Water; and
2. The design of the control measures and their level of control has been verified by DC Water to achieve the 1.2" retention standard or any portion thereof. Where green infrastructure installations by any party do not meet the full 1.2" design criterion and are counted towards meeting the requirements of this consent decree, DC Water may proportionally credit the control achieved; and
3. DC Water, the District or a private party has assumed operation and maintenance responsibilities in a legally binding document or as part of its statutory or regulatory authority.

**F. DC Water Commitments to Coordinate with the District.** The commitments of DC Water in coordinating with the District are:

1. DC Water shall consult with the District's Program Coordinator and relevant District agencies in selecting planned GI projects proposed for District property or rights of way to ensure coordination with District infrastructure policies and priorities;
2. DC Water shall submit draft GI construction staging packages identifying facilities to be constructed, including preliminary engineering plans and specifications, staging areas, estimated construction durations, work hours and traffic management plans for review by the District and shall do so sufficiently in advance of construction of the various GI contract divisions in order to allow adequate time for the District to review the packages, for the District and DC Water to resolve any issues, and for the District to issue the permits before the expected start date of construction;
3. DC Water shall prepare 30%, 60%, 90% and 100% documents each for RFP and design for District review and comment prepared in accordance with terms agreed to by the District and DC Water;
4. DC Water shall submit a maintenance and monitoring plan, including the funding methodology, for each GI Project to the District agencies having jurisdiction.
5. DC Water shall submit applications for public space, construction, and any other necessary permits for each project or facility;
6. DC Water shall submit the documents required by this section sufficiently in advance of construction in order to allow adequate time for the District to review the document, for the District and DC Water to resolve any issues, and for the District to issue the permits or other legal authority before the expected start date of construction of the project.
7. DC Water shall work with the District to coordinate and align capital projects and expenditures, where feasible and practical, to allow implementation of the GI projects in a manner that enables the efficient use of resources and minimizes costs to the taxpayers and rate-payers.
8. DC Water shall assure that GI credited towards meeting DC Water's obligations to control acres in paragraphs II.C. and II.D is inspected no less than once every three years and that any deficiencies are corrected.

### **III. District of Columbia Government Commitments**

#### **A. The commitments of the District in support of the GI Projects are:**

1. The District agrees to provide the public space necessary for DC Water to construct GI to control 365 acres to the 1.2" Retention Standard in the CSO 049 sewershed and 133 acres to the 1.2" Retention Standard in the



CSO 027, 028 and 029 sewersheds, less any acres controlled from implementation of the District's MS4 Permit and Stormwater Regulation. The District and DC Water will establish procedures for identifying GI locations, technologies, and issuance of permits for construction, operation and maintenance and other matters in a Memorandum of Understanding. The Memorandum of Understanding will be executed within 24 months of the Effective Date of the First Amendment to Consent Decree.

2. The District will appoint an executive-level District official as the District's Program Coordinator within 6 months of Effective Date of the First Amendment to the Consent Decree. The Coordinator will be charged with coordinating and expediting the work of the relevant District offices, departments and agencies;
3. After submission by DC Water of each construction staging package, the District shall review the proposed construction staging areas, construction durations, maintenance of traffic, parking mitigation, work hours and facilities to be constructed, and work with DC Water to resolve any concerns and issue approval letters identifying the conditions that must be met in order to obtain permits for construction;
4. The District shall issue permits for construction within thirty (30) business days of submittal of a complete application package prepared in accordance with an approval letter;
5. After submission and review of the maintenance and monitoring plan for a GI Project submitted by DC Water, the District shall issue permits or other legal authority to DC Water in advance of the completion of construction of the GI Projects allowing access for the maintenance and monitoring of the project; unless, as part of the maintenance and monitoring plan submitted by DC Water and approved by the District, the District or private party will be responsible for the maintenance and monitoring of the project.
6. The District shall revise its storm water policies regarding in-lieu fees to include the following:
  - (a) In-lieu fees paid by regulated projects in the CSO 027, 028, 029 and 049 sewersheds will be used to fund construction of GI in those sewersheds; and
  - (b) In-lieu fees paid by regulated projects in combined sewersheds will not be used to fund projects in combined sewersheds controlled by the Gray CSO Controls required by this Consent Decree.

7. The District shall submit a report to EPA for review and comment no later than March 1, 2016 identifying impediments to implementation of the GI Projects and identifying proposed changes to the regulations, codes, standards, guidelines and policies by reviewing the following items at a minimum:
  - (a) Storm water regulations and policies; including a review of the practicability of incentivizing storm water retention credits (SRCs) to maximize water quality benefits;
  - (b) District Department of Transportation (“DDOT”) Design and Engineering Manual;
  - (c) Zoning regulations;
  - (d) Plumbing and Building Codes;
  - (e) DDOT Urban Forestry Guidelines;
  - (f) DDOT Green Infrastructure Standards; and
  - (g) DC Water Utility Protection Guidelines.
  
8. The District shall take the following actions with respect to the proposed amendments to the regulations, codes, standards and guidelines included in the reports described in paragraphs above:
  - (a) For statutory amendments, the District shall submit to the Council by no later than March 1, 2017, proposed legislation to enact the statutory amendments;
  - (b) For regulatory amendments that require Council approval, the District shall publish a notice of proposed rulemaking by March 1, 2017, and shall submit to the Council by no later than January 1, 2018, a proposed resolution to approve the final rules;
  - (c) For regulatory amendments that require Zoning Commission approval, the District shall submit proposed zoning language to the Zoning Commission for its approval by no later than March 1, 2017;
  - (d) For regulatory amendments that do not require Council or Zoning Commission approval, the District shall issue a notice of proposed rulemaking by March 1, 2017;
  - (e) For statutory amendments and for regulatory amendments that require Council approval, the District shall take such actions as are

necessary to obtain the Council's approval of the proposed legislation by March 1, 2018;

- (f) For regulatory amendments that require Zoning Commission approval, the District shall take such actions as are necessary to obtain the Zoning Commission's adoption of the regulatory amendments by March 1, 2018; and
- (g) For regulatory amendments that do not require Council or Zoning Commission approval, the District shall issue a notice of final rulemaking no later than March 1, 2018.

**B. Anti-Deficiency Act Events:** Nothing in this Decree shall be construed to require an expenditure, obligation or contract in violation of the Anti-Deficiency Act, 31 U.S.C. §§ 1341 *et seq.* Where an expenditure, obligation or contract is subject to the Anti-Deficiency Act, the District's obligations shall be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

#### **IV. Additional Coordination between DC Water and District**

DC Water and the District will work together to coordinate and align capital projects and expenditures, where feasible and practical, to allow implementation of the GI Projects in a manner that enables the efficient use of resources and minimizes costs to the taxpayers and rate-payers. As part of this process, the District and DC Water will identify capital projects in the sewersheds for CSO 027, 028, 029 and 049 that are projected to be completed during the subsequent three (3) years and that provide an opportunity to include more than \$200,000 of green infrastructure in excess of that required by District law. DC Water may request the District to incorporate in one or more of these projects GI in excess of that required by District law. The District agrees to grant such requests if DC Water agrees to fund the incremental design, construction, monitoring and maintenance costs of GI implemented by the District in excess of GI required by District law, the amount of such funding is agreed to by the District and DC Water, and the proposed GI is consistent with the District's current and potential future program for the project. Such excess GI will be credited to the acres required to be controlled in Subsections II.C and II.D of this Appendix F.

#### **V. Reporting**

- A. Following EPA's approval of the GI Program Plan, DC Water shall report on the status of implementation of the GI Program Plan in each Quarterly Report required by Section XI (Reporting) of this Decree. The reports shall describe the status (i.e., in design, in procurement, under construction, or completed) of the control measure projects identified in the Plan. As part of the First Quarterly Report of each calendar year, DC Water shall include the following information for the prior calendar year:

1. Total acres of impervious area treated by GI installed and by sewer separation since the Effective Date of the First Amendment to the Consent Decree in the sewersheds for CSO 027, 028, 029 in the Potomac and CSO 049 (Piney Branch);
2. Acres of impervious area treated by GI pursuant to the District's MS4 permit and Stormwater Regulations installed since the Effective Date of the First Amendment to the Consent Decree in the sewersheds for CSO 027, 028, 029 in the Potomac and CSO 049 (Piney Branch); and the numbers of such acres credited in accordance with Section II.C of this Appendix F;
3. The activities the District and DC Water have taken to coordinate and align capital projects to minimize costs associated with implementation of the GI Projects by DC Water.

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
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**ANACOSTIA WATERSHED SOCIETY, et al., )  
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**v. )**

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**Consolidated  
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**THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )  
Plaintiff, )**

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**JOINT STIPULATION OF NON-MATERIAL MODIFICATION  
TO THE CONSENT DECREE**

WHEREAS, the United States of America (hereinafter “the United States”), the District of Columbia, and D.C. Water (hereinafter “Parties”) are parties to a Consent Decree entered by the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, Civil Action No. 1:00CV00183TFH, on October 10, 2003 and as subsequently amended on January 14, 2016 (hereinafter the “Consent Decree”);

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section II.D of Appendix F to the Decree, DC Water has constructed Green Infrastructure (“GI”) Project No. 1 in the CSO 049 sewershed of Rock Creek, performed post construction monitoring and submitted to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

(“EPA”) and the District “Post Construction Monitoring Report No. 1” for the Rock Creek sewershed projects (“Rock Creek Report No.1”);

WHEREAS, DC Water determined in Post Construction Monitoring Report No. 1 that the All GI Approach was impracticable. However, DC Water also determined that it would be practicable to achieve the required storage volume (9.5 million gallons) in the CSO 049 sewershed by the March 23, 2030 deadline with a combination of GI and a storage facility (the “Hybrid Approach”) consisting of (1) a 4.2 million gallon storage facility, (2) GI, targeted sewer separation, and downspout disconnection controlling at least 92 acres to the 1.2” Retention Standard (3.0 million gallons), and (3) credit for other GI-controlled acres in the CSO 049 sewershed as permitted by Section II.E of Appendix F (2.3 million gallons). The Report requested that EPA approve the Hybrid Approach;

WHEREAS, EPA has approved the Hybrid Approach;

WHEREAS, the Hybrid Approach represents a modification to the non-material terms of Appendix F to the Consent Decree because it changes only the means and methods for achieving the required level of control for CSO 049 sewershed, not the level of control nor the deadline for achieving it;

WHEREAS, the non-material terms of the Decree may be modified by a subsequent written agreement signed by all the Parties;

WHEREAS, the Parties have provided an opportunity beyond the requirements of the Decree for interested non-governmental groups, including representatives from Citizen Plaintiffs in this action, to provide written comments on the DC Water Green Infrastructure Practicability Assessment, and meet and discuss those comments with the Parties;

WHEREAS, in accordance with Paragraph 102 of the Decree, the Parties agree that the proposed amendments to Appendix F of the Decree constitute a modification to the non-material terms of the Decree;

NOW THEREFORE,

1. The Parties agree upon and stipulate to the terms and conditions in the First Amended Appendix F to the Decree, which is Attachment A to this Joint Stipulation of Non-Material Modification to Consent Decree (“Joint Stipulation”).
2. The undersigned representatives are fully authorized to enter into the terms and conditions of this joint Stipulation. This Joint Stipulation may be executed in several counterparts, each of which will be considered an original.
3. This Joint Stipulation shall be effective after the Joint Stipulation is signed by the Deputy Section Chief for the Environmental Enforcement Section.

WE HEREBY CONSENT to the foregoing Joint Stipulation of Non-material Modification to the Consent Decree entered in United States of America v. District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority et al. and the District of Columbia, Civil Action No. 1:00CV00183TFH, on October 10, 2003.

FOR PLAINTIFF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

Respectfully submitted,

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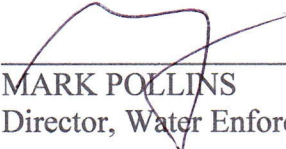
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**Attachment A to Stipulation of Non-Material Modification to Consent Decree**

**FIRST AMENDED APPENDIX F**

**GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM FOR THE POTOMAC AND ROCK CREEK  
SEWERSHEDS**

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Within 12 months after the Effective Date of the First Amendment to the Consent Decree, DC Water shall submit to EPA for approval pursuant to Section X (EPA Approval of Plans and Submissions) of this Consent Decree a Green Infrastructure Program Plan (the “GI Program Plan”). The GI Program Plan shall include the elements described in subsections A, B, and C below. DC Water submitted and EPA approved the Program Plan on July 29, 2016 and February 3, 2017, respectively.

**A. Green Infrastructure Control Measures.**

1. Identification and description of the GI control measures (including any targeted sewer separation projects) that DC Water intends to install (or have the District or other entities install on its behalf), the approximate locations of the sites for the measures, and the estimated cost to implement the measures.
2. The conceptual project location identifications and descriptions, and cost estimates for the measures that DC Water intends to install (or have the District or other entities install on its behalf), which shall correspond to the individual GI Projects set forth in the schedule in Section II of this Appendix F.
3. An estimate of the number of acres of land projected to be effectively retrofitted with GI in the Potomac and Rock Creek sewersheds prior to 2030 pursuant to the District’s MS4 permit and storm water regulations.

**B. Preservation and Maintenance of Constructed Green Infrastructure Projects.** A plan to (1) preserve and maintain the GI control measures installed pursuant to the GI Program Plan and (2) ensure that future site or land use changes do not result in the loss of the runoff reduction benefits of the GI control measures installed pursuant to the GI Program Plan, unless that loss is compensated for by other controls in the same CSO drainage area.

**C. Public Outreach.** A plan to engage property owners in the Potomac and Rock Creek sewersheds and interested stakeholders to promote and facilitate installation of GI on private property and to ensure public input into the site

selection process and concept design for the control measures that DC Water proposes to install as part of the GI Program Plan.

(a) Public Outreach shall include:

1. During GI Project Planning:

- (i) Develop a draft Project Description report, place it on DC Water's website and solicit comments for 30 calendar days;
- (ii) Advertise and hold at least one public meeting (virtual or in person) regarding the project described in the Project Description;
- (iii) Consider public comments received during comment period and at public meeting and revise the Project Description report as appropriate prior to submittal to EPA; and
- (iv) Post the final Project Description as submitted to EPA on DC Water's website;

2. During GI Project Design:

- (i) Meet with Advisory Neighborhood Commission ("ANC") in the area to present the proposed project, obtain comments on the facility locations, configuration and construction limitations and incorporate comments as appropriate;
- (ii) Use multiple media which may include door hangers, emails, in person visits or other means to advise adjacent property owners of planned projects;
- (iii) Maintain a website with information on the project, frequently asked questions and provide contact information for citizens to reach project staff with comments or questions; and
- (iv) Maintain a contact list of interested parties to distribute project information and notices about the project.

3. During GI Project Construction:

- (i) Meet with ANC in the area to prior to construction to provide an update on anticipated construction plans and timeframes;

- (ii) Maintain a hotline for construction questions and issues;
  - (iii) Use multiple media which may include door hangers, emails, in person visits or other means to advise adjacent property owners of planned construction;
  - (iv) Maintain a website with information on the project, frequently asked questions and provide contact information for citizens to reach project staff with comments or questions; and
  - (v) Respond to neighborhood questions and requests during construction as appropriate.
4. After Project Construction:
- (i) Post the Post Construction Report on DC Water's website; and
  - (ii) Solicit feedback on the implemented project from nearby property owners and incorporate feedback into subsequent designs as appropriate.

## **II. DC Water Implementation Schedule**

DC Water shall construct and Place in Operation the GI control measures assigned to it in accordance with the following schedule:

- A.** Six months prior to the award contract for construction for each of the projects listed in this section, DC Water shall submit a Project Description to EPA for review and comment. The Project Description shall contain:
1. An identification of the CSO areas where the projects are to be implemented
  2. The types of GI control that are to be employed and the rationale for their use
  3. The approximate location of the controls
  4. The estimated acreage that will be controlled to a 1.2" retention standard
  5. A schedule for implementation of the controls
  6. The estimated cost for each type of control to be employed

7. The total cost for the Project
8. Post Construction Monitoring and Modeling Program for this project to demonstrate the capture efficiency of the controls to be implemented

**B.** Six months following the completion of a project's post construction monitoring program, DC Water shall submit a Post Construction report for EPA review and comment. The Post Construction Report shall contain:

1. A comparison of planned projects under the Project Description and actual implemented projects:
  - (a) Costs
  - (b) Acreage treated to 1.2" retention standard
  - (c) Estimate of run-off control.
2. Identification of barriers to implementation of projects and steps taken by DC Water and the District to address any identified barriers for this and future projects
3. Post Construction Monitoring and Modeling Program results assessing the efficiency of the controls implemented
4. Changes proposed for future projects

**C. Potomac Sewershed Projects: In accordance with the following schedule, construct GI, including targeted sewer separation, in the CSO 027, 028 and 029 sewersheds designed to:**

1. Project No. 1: Control 44 acres to the 1.2" Retention Standard
  - (a) Award Contract for Construction: June 23, 2017
  - (b) Place in Operation: June 23, 2019
2. Project No. 2: Control 46 acres to the 1.2" Retention Standard
  - (a) Award Contract for Construction: June 23, 2022
  - (b) Place in Operation: June 23, 2024
3. Project No. 3: Control 43 acres to the 1.2" Retention Standard
  - (a) Award Contract for Construction: June 23, 2025
  - (b) Place in Operation: June 23, 2027

4. Controlled acres placed in operation in excess of those specified for a given project in this paragraph II.C may be credited against the acres required to be controlled on subsequent projects.
5. No later than 15 months following the Place in Operation date for Project No. 1 above, DC Water shall submit to EPA and the District Post Construction Monitoring Report No. 1 for the Potomac Sewershed Projects (Potomac Report No. 1). In addition to the information required in Subsection II.B above, the report shall contain DC Water's determination of the practicability of controlling at least 133 acres to the 1.2" Retention Standard in the CSO 027, 028 and 029 sewersheds by the Place in Operation deadline for Project No. 3 above based on its experience with implementing Project No. 1. Such determination shall consider the constructability, operability, efficacy, public acceptability and cost per impervious acre treated of the controls.
6. EPA shall either approve or disapprove of the determination required by Paragraph 5 above. If EPA fails to either approve or disapprove the determination within 180-days following receipt of Potomac Report No. 1, any subsequent deadline that is dependent upon such approval or disapproval shall be extended by the number of calendar days beyond the 180-day period that EPA uses to approve or disapprove the determination. The process for approving or disapproving the determination shall be governed by Paragraph 39 of the Consent Decree.
7. In the event DC Water determines that it is not practicable to control at least 133 acres to the 1.2" Retention Standard in the CSO 027, 028 and 029 sewersheds by the Place in Operation deadline for Project No. 3 above and such determination is approved by EPA, DC Water shall:
  - (a) Plan, design, and construct the Potomac River Storage/Conveyance Tunnel with a total storage volume of not less than 40 million gallons, at any time up to, but no later than the following schedule
    - (i) Award Contract for Detailed Design: Three (3) months after EPA approval
    - (ii) Award Contract for Construction: Two (2) years and six (6) months after EPA approval
    - (iii) Place in Operation: Nine (9) years after EPA approval
  - (b) Be relieved of its obligation to implement Project Nos. 2 and 3 above; and
  - (c) Operate and maintain the GI constructed in Project No. 1 in accordance with its NPDES Permit.



**D. Rock Creek Sewershed Projects: In accordance with the following schedule, construct GI, including targeted sewer separation, in the CSO 049 (Piney Branch) sewershed designed to:**

1. Project No. 1: Control 20 acres to the 1.2” Retention Standard
  - (a) Award Contract for Construction: March 30, 2017
  - (b) Place in Operation: March 30, 2019
2. Project No. 2: Control 75 acres to the 1.2” Retention Standard
  - (a) Award Contract for Construction: January 23, 2022
  - (b) Place in Operation: January 23, 2024
3. Project No. 3: Control 90 acres to the 1.2” Retention Standard
  - (a) Award Contract for Construction: March 23, 2025
  - (b) Place in Operation: March 23, 2027
4. Project No. 4: Control 90 acres to the 1.2” Retention Standard
  - (a) Award Contract for Construction: September 30, 2027
  - (b) Place in Operation: September 30, 2029
5. Project No. 5: Control 90 acres to the 1.2” Retention Standard
  - (a) Award Contract for Construction: March 23, 2028
  - (b) Place in Operation: March 23, 2030
6. Controlled acres placed in operation in excess of those specified for a given project in this paragraph II.D. may be credited against the acres required to be controlled on subsequent projects.
7. No later than 15 months following the Place in Operation date for Project No. 1 above, DC Water shall submit to EPA and the District Post Construction Monitoring Report No. 1 for the Rock Creek Sewershed Projects (Rock Creek Report No. 1). In addition to the information required in Subsection II.B above, the report shall contain DC Water’s determination of the practicability of controlling at least 365 acres to the 1.2” Retention Standard in the CSO 049 sewershed by the Place in Operation deadline for Project No. 5 above based on its experience with implementing Project No. 1. Such determination shall consider the

constructability, operability, efficacy, public acceptability and cost per impervious acre treated of the controls.

8. EPA shall either approve or disapprove of the determination required by Paragraph 7 above. If EPA fails to either approve or disapprove the determination within 180-days following receipt of Rock Creek Report No. 1, any subsequent deadline that is dependent upon such approval or disapproval shall be extended by the number of calendar days beyond the 180-day period that EPA uses to approve or disapprove the determination. The process for approving or disapproving the determination shall be governed by Paragraph 39 of the Consent Decree.
9. DC Water has determined that it is not practicable to control at least 365 acres to the 1.2” Retention Standard in the CSO 049 sewershed by March 23, 2030 using solely green infrastructure projects, and such determination has been approved by EPA. DC Water has determined that a hybrid approach of green and gray infrastructure projects will achieve control equivalent to managing at least 365 acres to the 1.2” Retention Standard in the CSO 049 watershed by March 23, 2030, and such determination has been approved by EPA. DC Water shall achieve a minimum of 9.5 million gallons of control in the CSO 049 sewershed by March 23, 2030 as follows:
  - (a) DC Water shall construct a Rock Creek Storage Facility (the “Facility”), which shall store combined sewer flow from the Piney Branch Outfall, CSO 049, in accordance with DC Water’s NPDES Permit. The storage capacity of the Facility will be at least four million two hundred thousand gallons (4.2 million gallons). After the Facility is Placed in Operation, in the event of wet weather causing the facility to be used for storage, DC Water shall dewater the Facility to the CSS as soon as practicable, but in no event longer than 59 hours, and shall convey the contents of the Facility to Blue Plains for treatment in accordance with DC Water’s NPDES permit. The location of the Facility will be finalized during Facility Planning and design, but it will be between CSO 049 and Rock Creek and its approximate location is depicted in Page ES-9 of Appendix A to this Decree.
  - (b) DC Water shall plan, design, construct and Place in Operation the Facility at any time up to, but no later than the following schedule:
    - (i) Award Contract for Detailed Design: Three (3) years six (6) months after EPA approval
    - (ii) Award Contract for Construction: Five (5) years six (6) months after EPA approval

- (iii) Place in Operation: Nine (9) years after EPA Approval
- (c) The Rock Creek Storage Facility shall be subject to the terms and requirements of Section VIII. (Control System Compliance and Post-Construction Monitoring) of this Decree.
- (d) DC Water shall place in operation GI which may include targeted sewer separation and downspout disconnection in the CSO 049 in accordance with the following schedule:
  - (i) DC Water certifies that it has placed in operation Rock Creek Project 1 controlling at least 20 acres to the 1.2” retention standard (652,000 gallons)
  - (ii) Project B: Control 22 acres to the 1.2” Retention Standard (717,000 gallons)
    - a. Award Contract for Construction: January 23, 2022
    - b. Place in Operation: January 23, 2024
  - (iii) Project C: Control 25 acres to the 1.2” Retention Standard (815,500 gallons)
    - a. Award Contract for Construction: March 23, 2025
    - b. Place in Operation: December 31, 2027
  - (iv) Project D: Control 25 acres to the 1.2” Retention Standard (815,500 gallons)
    - a. Award Contract for Construction: March 23, 2028
    - b. Place in Operation: March 23, 2030
- (e) As provided in Section II.E of Appendix F, DC Water has demonstrated that it is entitled to take credit for at least 2.3 million gallons (70.5 acres controlled to the 1.2” Retention Standard) from the implementation of the District’s MS4 Permit and Stormwater Regulations in the CSO 049 sewershed as of March 31, 2020.
- (f) DC Water is relieved of its obligation to implement Project Nos. 2, 3, 4, and 5 from this Section II.D.; and
- (g) DC Water shall operate and maintain the GI constructed in Project No. 1 in accordance with its NPDES Permit.

**E. Credit for Other Controlled Acres.** Controlled acres from the implementation of the District's MS4 Permit and Stormwater Regulations will be credited against DC Water's obligations to control acres in paragraphs II.C. and II.D. if:

1. They are located in the CSO areas targeted for GI implementation by DC Water; and
2. The design of the control measures and their level of control has been verified by DC Water to achieve the 1.2" retention standard or any portion thereof. Where green infrastructure installations by any party do not meet the full 1.2" design criterion and are counted towards meeting the requirements of this consent decree, DC Water may proportionally credit the control achieved; and
3. DC Water, the District or a private party has assumed operation and maintenance responsibilities in a legally binding document or as part of its statutory or regulatory authority.

**F. DC Water Commitments to Coordinate with the District.** The commitments of DC Water in coordinating with the District are:

1. DC Water shall consult with the District's Program Coordinator and relevant District agencies in selecting planned GI projects proposed for District property or rights of way to ensure coordination with District infrastructure policies and priorities;
2. DC Water shall submit draft GI construction staging packages identifying facilities to be constructed, including preliminary engineering plans and specifications, staging areas, estimated construction durations, work hours and traffic management plans for review by the District and shall do so sufficiently in advance of construction of the various GI contract divisions in order to allow adequate time for the District to review the packages, for the District and DC Water to resolve any issues, and for the District to issue the permits before the expected start date of construction;
3. DC Water shall prepare 30%, 60%, 90% and 100% documents each for RFP and design for District review and comment prepared in accordance with terms agreed to by the District and DC Water;
4. DC Water shall submit a maintenance and monitoring plan, including the funding methodology, for each GI Project to the District agencies having jurisdiction.
5. DC Water shall submit applications for public space, construction, and any other necessary permits for each project or facility;

6. DC Water shall submit the documents required by this section sufficiently in advance of construction in order to allow adequate time for the District to review the document, for the District and DC Water to resolve any issues, and for the District to issue the permits or other legal authority before the expected start date of construction of the project.
7. DC Water shall work with the District to coordinate and align capital projects and expenditures, where feasible and practical, to allow implementation of the GI projects in a manner that enables the efficient use of resources and minimizes costs to the taxpayers and rate-payers.
8. DC Water shall assure that GI credited towards meeting DC Water's obligations to control acres in paragraphs II.C. and II.D is inspected no less than once every three years and that any deficiencies are corrected.

### **III. District of Columbia Government Commitments**

#### **A. The commitments of the District in support of the GI Projects are:**

1. The District agrees to provide the public space necessary for DC Water to construct GI to control 92 acres to the 1.2" Retention Standard in the CSO 049 sewershed. The District and DC Water will establish procedures for identifying GI locations, technologies, and issuance of permits for construction, operation and maintenance and other matters.
2. The District will appoint an executive-level District official as the District's Program Coordinator within 6 months of Effective Date of the First Amendment to the Consent Decree. The Coordinator will be charged with coordinating and expediting the work of the relevant District offices, departments and agencies;
3. After submission by DC Water of each construction staging package, the District shall review the proposed construction staging areas, construction durations, maintenance of traffic, parking mitigation, work hours and facilities to be constructed, and work with DC Water to resolve any concerns and issue approval letters identifying the conditions that must be met in order to obtain permits for construction;
4. The District shall issue permits for construction within thirty (30) business days of submittal of a complete application package prepared in accordance with an approval letter;
5. After submission and review of the maintenance and monitoring plan for a GI Project submitted by DC Water, the District shall issue permits or other legal authority to DC Water in advance of the completion of construction of the GI Projects allowing access for the maintenance and monitoring of the project; unless, as part of the maintenance and monitoring plan

submitted by DC Water and approved by the District, the District or private party will be responsible for the maintenance and monitoring of the project.

6. The District shall revise its storm water policies regarding in-lieu fees to include the following:
  - (a) In-lieu fees paid by regulated projects in the 049 sewershed will be used to fund construction of GI in those sewershed; and
  - (b) In-lieu fees paid by regulated projects in combined sewersheds will not be used to fund projects in combined sewersheds controlled by the Gray CSO Controls required by this Consent Decree.
  
7. The District shall submit a report to EPA for review and comment no later than March 1, 2016 identifying impediments to implementation of the GI Projects and identifying proposed changes to the regulations, codes, standards, guidelines and policies by reviewing the following items at a minimum:
  - (a) Storm water regulations and policies; including a review of the practicability of incentivizing storm water retention credits (SRCs) to maximize water quality benefits;
  - (b) District Department of Transportation (“DDOT”) Design and Engineering Manual;
  - (c) Zoning regulations;
  - (d) Plumbing and Building Codes;
  - (e) DDOT Urban Forestry Guidelines;
  - (f) DDOT Green Infrastructure Standards; and
  - (g) DC Water Utility Protection Guidelines.
  
8. The District shall take the following actions with respect to the proposed amendments to the regulations, codes, standards and guidelines included in the reports described in paragraphs above:
  - (a) For statutory amendments, the District shall submit to the Council by no later than March 1, 2017, proposed legislation to enact the statutory amendments;
  - (b) For regulatory amendments that require Council approval, the District shall publish a notice of proposed rulemaking by March 1,

2017, and shall submit to the Council by no later than January 1, 2018, a proposed resolution to approve the final rules;

- (c) For regulatory amendments that require Zoning Commission approval, the District shall submit proposed zoning language to the Zoning Commission for its approval by no later than March 1, 2017;
- (d) For regulatory amendments that do not require Council or Zoning Commission approval, the District shall issue a notice of proposed rulemaking by March 1, 2017;
- (e) For statutory amendments and for regulatory amendments that require Council approval, the District shall take such actions as are necessary to obtain the Council's approval of the proposed legislation by March 1, 2018;
- (f) For regulatory amendments that require Zoning Commission approval, the District shall take such actions as are necessary to obtain the Zoning Commission's adoption of the regulatory amendments by March 1, 2018; and
- (g) For regulatory amendments that do not require Council or Zoning Commission approval, the District shall issue a notice of final rulemaking no later than March 1, 2018.

**B. Anti-Deficiency Act Events:** Nothing in this Decree shall be construed to require an expenditure, obligation or contract in violation of the Anti-Deficiency Act, 31 U.S.C. §§ 1341 et seq. Where an expenditure, obligation or contract is subject to the Anti-Deficiency Act, the District's obligations shall be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

#### **IV. Additional Coordination between DC Water and District**

DC Water and the District will work together to coordinate and align capital projects and expenditures, where feasible and practical, to allow implementation of the GI Projects in a manner that enables the efficient use of resources and minimizes costs to the taxpayers and rate-payers. As part of this process, the District and DC Water will identify capital projects in the sewershed for CSO 049 that are projected to be completed during the subsequent three (3) years and that provide an opportunity to include more than \$200,000 of green infrastructure in excess of that required by District law. DC Water may request the District to incorporate in one or more of these projects GI in excess of that required by District law. The District agrees to grant such requests if DC Water agrees to fund the incremental design, construction, monitoring and maintenance costs of GI implemented by the District in excess of GI required by District law, the amount of such funding is agreed to by the District and DC Water, and the proposed GI is consistent with the District's current and potential future

program for the project. Such excess GI will be credited to the acres required to be controlled in Subsections II.C and II.D of this Appendix F.

**V. Reporting**

- A. Following EPA's approval of the GI Program Plan, DC Water shall report on the status of implementation of the GI Program Plan in each Quarterly Report required by Section XI (Reporting) of this Decree. With respect to the hybrid approach for the 049 sewershed, DC Water shall report on the status of implementation of the Rock Creek Storage Facility in accordance with the terms and requirements of Section XI (Reporting) of this Decree. The reports shall describe the status (i.e., in design, in procurement, under construction, or completed) of the control measure projects identified in the GI Program Plan and the Rock Creek Storage Facility. As part of the First Quarterly Report of each calendar year, DC Water shall include the following information for the prior calendar year:
1. Total acres of impervious area treated by GI installed and by sewer separation since the Effective Date of the First Amendment to the Consent Decree in the sewershed for CSO 049 (Piney Branch);
  2. Acres of impervious area treated by GI pursuant to the District's MS4 permit and Stormwater Regulations installed since the Effective Date of the First Amendment to the Consent Decree in the sewershed for CSO 049 (Piney Branch); and the numbers of such acres credited in accordance with Section II.C of this Appendix F;
  3. The activities the District and DC Water have taken to coordinate and align capital projects to minimize costs associated with implementation of the GI Projects by DC Water; and
  4. After completion of the Rock Creek Storage Facility, DC Water shall provide reports in the first applicable quarter and annual reports which includes the total acres of impervious area treated by GI and the storage volume of the Rock Creek Storage Facility in the sewershed for CSO 049 (Piney Branch).



# Appendix B

## Responses to Public Comments

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

This Appendix presents responses to comments received on the Draft Project Description for Rock Creek Project B that was released on March 29, 2021. In the following text, each comment is described, and a response is provided. The number listed refers to the “Comment No.” that is assigned for each comment. The actual comment received is numbered and provided at the end of this Appendix.

## 2. COMMENT AND RESPONSE

1. Comments from Ari Eisenstadt of Audubon Naturalist Society; Mark Buscaino of Casey Trees, Lee Epstein of Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Chris Weiss of DC Environmental Network, Phillip Musegaas of Potomac Riverkeeper Network, Jeanne Braha of Rock Creek Conservancy:

- a. Comment: Rock Creek Project B is being designed to the 1.2” retention standard and Commenters noted that climate change will cause large storms to increase in frequency and intensity. Commenters advocated that the RC-B projects be designed to a higher retention standard or that additional installations be constructed.

Response: The Long Term Control Plan Consent Decree requires Rock Creek Project B to be designed to manage 22 impervious acres to the 1.2” retention standard. It is necessary for DC Water to design and construct the project to meet regulatory obligations.

The controls for Piney Branch CSO 049 in the Decree are 1) a 4.2-million-gallon storage facility 2) GI managing 92 impervious acres at 1.2” and 3) credit for GI constructed by public and private entities in the Piney Branch sewershed pursuant to the District’s stormwater Regulations.

The Rock Creek GI Practicability Assessment noted that DC Water sized the 4.2-million-gallon storage facility using a safety factor of 1.4 on calculated required sizes. The safety factor makes the facilities 40% larger than required to account for climate change and monitoring/modeling challenges. In addition, the Rock Creek GI Practicability Assessment documented that the 4.2-million-gallon storage facility by itself was predicted to be sufficient to provide the LTCP level of control at the Piney Branch CSO without the construct of additional green infrastructure. Please see page 3-15 of the Practicability Assessment at:

[www.dcwater.com/sites/default/files/project/RockCreek\\_GI%20Practicability\\_June2020.pdf](http://www.dcwater.com/sites/default/files/project/RockCreek_GI%20Practicability_June2020.pdf)

The CSO controls for Piney Branch therefore provide a significant hedge against the impacts of climate change by virtue of:

- Large safety factor (1.4) on Rock Creek storage
- 4.2 mg storage facility predicted to provide the LTCP degree of control by itself, making the additional GI constructed a conservative addition for future changes

- Additional development over time is likely to trigger the District stormwater regulations which will result in addition GI controls in the shed
- b. Comment: Commenters note that the post construction monitoring and modeling would be comparing performance for the rainfall in the LTCP average years 1988-1990. Commenters indicated that data from these years are outdated, do not accurately reflect current weather patterns and that a more contemporary dataset should be used given the changes in weather and precipitation patterns. Commenters advocated that post-construction review of the efficacy of the Project B installations be performed 3-5 years after completion. In addition, DC Water should be prepared to commit to additional GI projects in the Rock Creek sewershed if it turns out that heavier, more intense precipitation becomes the norm and more retention is needed to meet the overall CSO volume reduction target and DC water quality standards.

Response: The Long Term Control Plan was developed based on the rainfall in the years 1988, 1989 and 1990. This comprised a dry year (1988 – 31.74” rain), a wet year (1989 – 50.32” rain) and an average year (1990 – 40.84” rain), with an overall average of 40.97” of rain. EPA and DOEE’s determination that the CSO controls would meet District water quality standards subject to post construction monitoring was based on the predictions for the rainfall in the years 1988, 1989, 1990. It is necessary to have a common climatic basis to make performance comparisons and that is the reason for relating performance back to the LTCP years.

Regarding longer term monitoring, DC Water’s NPDES permit requires post construction monitoring at the completion of all CSO controls. Monitoring will therefore be conducted after all controls are in place in 2030 to confirm controls are performing as predicted. See NPDES Permit page 44 available at: [www.epa.gov/npdes-permits/final-npdes-permit-blue-plains-wastewater-treatment-plant-washington-dc](http://www.epa.gov/npdes-permits/final-npdes-permit-blue-plains-wastewater-treatment-plant-washington-dc)

- c. Comment: Commenters indicated there have been incidents of poor drainage in Rock Creek Project A leading to flooding in some of the alleyway permeable pavement installations from the Project A area. Precipitation events are expected to increase in severity due to climate change, and green infrastructure practices need to be commensurately designed, constructed and managed in order to effectively reduce runoff impacts. Representatives from DC Water for Project B have said that water level monitoring will be employed to track the retention and drainage capabilities of the installations, and we hope that these tools will help DC Water identify sites where drainage needs to be improved and how effective the installations are over time.

Response: Comment noted.

2. Comments from Haninah Levine, resident in Area 4:

- a. Comment: Commenter provided strong support and encouraged DC Water to install as much green infrastructure as it has the budget to maintain.

Response: Comment noted and DC Water’s appreciates the support received. Rock Creek Project B is responsible for managing 22 impervious acres. We understand that some residents may be disappointed if a green infrastructure facility is not in their immediate vicinity, however, they will still collectively receive the benefit of improved water quality in Rock Creek as the overall scope of Rock Creek Project B remains unchanged, managing 22 impervious acres of stormwater runoff that would have otherwise contributed to combined sewer overflows. Additional areas will be considered in future projects, Rock Creek Projects C and D.

- b. Comment: Commenter stressed the importance of maintenance.

Response: To ensure continued performance of GI and the associated reduction of combined sewer overflows, the GI facilities must be maintained regularly. DC Water is responsible for maintenance of GI facilities. Facility IDs will be placed at each GI facility that DC Water constructs and residents can contact DC Water if you notice trash or other issues in the facilities.

DC Water is responsible for maintaining the GI control measures in accordance with DC Water’s National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit. For GI control measures in the public ROW, access for inspection, maintenance and monitoring is included in the annual blanket permit from DDOT for maintenance and access to water and sewer lines and manholes. Maintenance of GI control measures in the public ROW is coordinated among DDOT, Department of Public Works (DPW) and DC Water, but ultimately falls on DC Water to perform.

DC Water’s established maintenance goals related to the performance, safety and aesthetics of the GI measures are as follows:

- Ensure GI function and performance to meet DC Water’s water quality goals and Amended Consent Decree requirements;
- Ensure public and maintenance crew safety;
- Ensure original GI project aesthetic goal(s); and
- Ensure public use of the ROW, preservation of public infrastructure, protection of public and private properties, and minimization of nuisance conditions.

- c. Comment: Commenter requested additional GI at 8<sup>th</sup> ST NW from Shepherd ST NW to Taylor ST NW.

Response: This area falls outside of the project area for Rock Creek Project B, however, this area will be considered and evaluated for technical feasibility in future projects under Rock Creek Projects C and D.

3. Comments from Sean Lily, resident in Area 6:

- a. Comment: Commenter interested in having the acre plot of land in his alley included in Rock Creek Project B as well as additional bioretention installed in areas of 8<sup>th</sup> ST NW, Ingraham ST NW, Hamilton ST NW, and 7<sup>th</sup> ST NW.

Response: These areas were considered and evaluated for technical feasibility. It was found that the acre plot of land was privately owned and the presence of mature tree growth prevented the engineers from further evaluating these locations under this project, Rock Creek Project B. These areas will be considered and evaluated for technical feasibility in future projects under Rock Creek Projects C and D, where more customized designs will be taken into account.

4-9. Comments from Paul Strzelczyk, Michael Feder, Julia Moran Morton, Leah Greenglass, Nora Greenglass, Sara Hayden, residents in Area 2:

Comment: Commenters are interested in having additional GI placed in their neighborhood including the alley that they note experiences localized ponding.

Response: These areas were considered and evaluated for technical feasibility. In addition, the alley in question was repaved during Alleypalooza 13 which occurred during this comment period for Rock Creek Project B. The engineers also noted that the sewer within 5<sup>th</sup> ST NW was a 42-inch combination brick/concrete sewer. Since Rock Creek Project B utilized DC Water's standard design which includes connections to sewers 36-inches and smaller, this alley may be reevaluated under future projects under Rock Creek Projects C and D, where more customized designs will be taken into account.

Although the alley will not be included in Rock Creek Project B, engineers found locations for two additional bioretentions (PBR-02-01 and PRB-02-02) on 6<sup>th</sup> St. NW based on public support and technical feasibility.

10. Comment from Tom Bruey, resident in Area 2:

Comment: Commenter supports the project in his neighborhood and adjacent areas as well as additional areas.

Response: Comment noted and DC Water’s appreciates the support received. Additional areas will be considered and evaluated for technical feasibility in future projects under Rock Creek Projects C and D.

11. Comment from John Hendel, resident near Area 1:

Comment: Commenter requests the inclusion of the alley alongside Newton Pl NW off its south side, in the first block east of Georgia Ave and near where it intersects with 6th St NW.

Response: This alley was considered and evaluated for technical feasibility. It was determined that this alley was not a candidate for Rock Creek Project B’s standard design due to utility conflicts and proximity to structures.

12. Comment from Vera Ashworth, resident in Area 2:

Comment: Commenter mentioned ongoing flooding issues of her basement and concern that facilities in her alley would cause additional problems.

Response: This alley was removed from the project due to both public concern as well as technical feasibility.

13. Comment from Travis Larson, resident in Area 3:

Comment: Commenter requested the permeable portion of the alley planned for her alley be extended behind her home.

Response: Alley permeable pavement facilities are located downstream of the contributing drainage area to capture the runoff within the alley. Although the permeable portion of the alley will not be constructed directly behind this home, the stormwater generated in the alley directly behind the home will be controlled by the downstream facility.

14. Comment from Justin Noble of The Duet Condo Association in Area 6:

Comment: Commenter supports the project in this area.

Response: Comment noted and DC Water’s appreciates the support received.

15. Comment from Joe Riener, resident in Area 3:

Comment: Commenter recommended permeable alleys in additional areas as a way to assist with localized flooding.

Response: Recommendation is noted. Rock Creek Project B is responsible for managing 22 impervious acres. At this time, the facilities that have been selected meet this responsibility. We understand that some residents may be disappointed if a green infrastructure facility is not in their immediate vicinity, however, they will still collectively receive the benefit of improved water quality in Rock Creek as the overall scope of Rock Creek Project B remains unchanged, managing 22 impervious acres of stormwater runoff that would have otherwise contributed to combined sewer overflows. Additional areas will be considered in future projects, Rock Creek Projects C and D.

16. Comment from Janice Pauly, resident in Area 5:

Comment: Commenter supports the project in her neighborhood and adjacent areas as well as additional areas.

Response: Comment noted and DC Water's appreciates the support received. Additional areas will be considered and evaluated for technical feasibility in future projects under Rock Creek Projects C and D.

17. Comments from Commissioner Erin Palmer and Commissioner Evan Yeats, Commissioners of ANCs 4B02 and 4B01 in Area 2:

Comment: Commenters support project but recommend expansion into Takoma neighborhood as well as larger-scale flagship projects.

Response: DC Water appreciates the opportunity to present this project at ANC 4B's April monthly meeting. We also appreciate the support and thoughtful feedback we have received during our planning process. DC Water presented more facilities than needed to achieve the goals in the Consent Decree, knowing that we would pare these down to the appropriate size project. Facilities were removed after further evaluation during the planning and design phase. Some factors influencing the decision to remove facilities included proximity to utilities, discovered structures, and other technical feasibility aspects. Additionally, residents provided helpful feedback during the public comment period that helped identify both favorable and unfavorable locations. We understand that some residents may be disappointed if a green infrastructure facility is not in their immediate vicinity, however, they will still collectively receive the benefit of improved water quality in Rock Creek as the overall scope of Rock Creek Project B remains unchanged, managing 22 impervious acres of stormwater runoff that would have otherwise contributed to combined sewer overflows.



The recommended projects and locations will be considered and evaluated for technical feasibility in future projects under Rock Creek Projects C and D, where more customized designs will be taken into account.

The next steps will be to go through the procurement process. Once a contractor is selected, we will begin our pre-construction outreach to the community anticipated for early 2022. We look forward to coordinating with you as we get closer to construction as well as planning for future GI projects.

18. Comment from Nate Graham, resident in Area 5:

Comment: Commenter supports the project in her neighborhood and adjacent areas as well as additional areas.

Response: Comment noted and DC Water's appreciates the support received. Additional areas will be considered and evaluated for technical feasibility in future projects under Rock Creek Projects C and D.

19. Comment from Solomon Palmer, resident in Area 6:

Comment: Commenter expressed concerns about potential damage from construction of permeable alleys and who would be responsible for repairs.

Response: Prior to construction, DC Water's contractors are required to take preconstruction photographs and videos to document existing conditions of both public and private spaces adjacent to the proposed work areas. Additionally, the facilities presented in the RC-B project are sited away from structures with basements and maintain a shallow excavation profile when adjacent to other structures such as utility poles and manholes.

During construction, DC Water inspectors will be on site to inspect the work and to ensure the Contractor is following all safety and quality protocols.

If a resident believes that construction activities related to a project have damaged their property in some way, they can contact DC Water and initiate a claim which is handled by DC Water's insurance company. The claim receives a case number and will be investigated.

20. Comment from Fareha Ahmed, resident in Area 6:

Comment: Commenter asked why the entire alley will not be made permeable and recommended additional locations for bioretention.

Response: Alley permeable pavement facilities are located downstream of the contributing drainage area to capture the runoff within the alley. Although the permeable

portion of the alley will not be constructed in the entire alley length, the stormwater generated in the alley will be controlled by the downstream facility.

Additional areas will be considered and evaluated for technical feasibility in future projects under Rock Creek Projects C and D.

21. Comment from Rizwan Chowdhry, resident in Area 6:

- a. Comment: Commenter asked for the expansion of Rock Creek Project B to control extreme flooding events.

Response: The Long Term Control Plan Consent Decree requires Rock Creek Project B to be designed to manage 22 impervious acres to the 1.2” retention standard. It is necessary for DC Water to design and construct the project to meet regulatory obligations. The 1.2” retention standard represents the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile storm event. The extreme flooding events described in your document would exceed the management capability of green infrastructure under Rock Creek Project B. Additional areas will be considered in future projects, Rock Creek Projects C and D.

- b. Comment: Commenter asked for coordination of services under RiverSmart Homes.

Response: RiverSmart Homes is managed by the District’s Department of Energy and Environment. RiverSmart Homes already offers rain barrels, shade trees, rain gardens, bayscaping, permeable pavers and more. For more information, visit <https://doee.dc.gov/riversmart>.

- c. Comment: Commenter asked for specific considerations during construction to include avoiding private land survey markers, suspending parking rules, and issuing citations for cars reserving spots illegally.

Response: As part of this project, work will not occur in private property. Care is taken to avoid disturbance to any permitted/official survey controls. The parking requests noted will be taken under consideration during construction. DC Water will assist residents with access and parking if impacted by construction. Please note DC Water does not have the jurisdiction to issue parking citations, however, DC Water will work with the District’s parking enforcement when necessary.

# Comments on Rock Creek Project B

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John Boland <[redacted]>

Fri 5/7/2021 1:00 PM

To: Clean Rivers GI <cleanriversgi@dcwater.com>

Cc: Phillip Musegaas <[redacted]>; Jeanne Braha <[redacted]>; Ari Eisenstadt <[redacted]>;  
<[redacted]>; Chris Weiss <[redacted]>; Lee Epstein <[redacted]>;  
<[redacted]>; Anna Sewell <a[redacted]>

1 attachments (38 KB)

Rock Creek Project B Comments.pdf;

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Hello,

Please find attached the combined comments on Rock Creek Project B from Audubon Naturalist Society, Casey Trees, Chesapeake Bay Foundation, DC Environmental Network, Potomac Riverkeeper Network, and Rock Creek Conservancy.

Best,

**John Boland**

*Pronouns: he, him, his*

**Watershed Programs Manager**

**Rock Creek Conservancy**

[redacted signature block]

May 7, 2021

## Comments on Rock Creek Project B

Rock Creek continues to be significantly impaired by combined sewer overflows. To meet the requirements of the Long Term Control Plan (LTCP), DC Water has made great strides and become a leader in managing urban stormwater. This plan is designed to reduce overflows to Rock Creek by 96% by 2030. We are pleased with the investments already made into stormwater management through the Clean Rivers Project and look forward to continued improvements over the next decade. Green infrastructure is a particular interest of this coalition, for its benefits to stormwater management and the many co-benefits for communities.

Our primary concern regarding Project B is the specific retention standard suggested for the design of green infrastructure installations. 1.2" of rainfall during a single weather event is not uncommon in the DC metropolitan area — on April 21, nearly an inch of rain fell on DC in one night. Rainfall in excess of 1" is a regularity in the region, and storms during the wetter months can often release upwards of 3" inches in a few hours. In 2020, there were seven rain events that produced over 2" of rain. We understand the difficulties in designing retention facilities that can handle such an influx of precipitation, however the scientific data related to climate change indicates that the frequency and intensity of storms will continue to increase. While we are pleased to see DC Water using green infrastructure in accordance with the LTCP, we suggest that the future Rock Creek green infrastructure projects be rated to a higher retention standard that at least matches a mid-range climate change precipitation and storm prediction, regardless of whether the District of Columbia has increased its official regulatory retention standard to meet such needs. If that is not practical, additional installations should be constructed if needed to meet the overall volume retention goals.

Additionally, we are concerned that for the evaluation of the designed practices, "the [Storm Water Management Model] will be run for the LTCP average years 1988-1990," comparing the preconstruction, design, and calibrated scenarios. Data from these years are outdated and do not accurately reflect current weather patterns. A more contemporary dataset should be used, given the changes in weather and precipitation patterns since 1988-1990. Integrating information from a middle range of several climate change models for our region might better characterize and make more realistic the runoff to be expected and managed in the 2030-2040 timeframe. DC Water should consider committing to a post-construction review of the efficacy of the Project B installations, perhaps 3-5 years after completion, that includes both verification that they are meeting the design retention standard, and a comparison of more recent rainfall data to the 1988-90 data relied on to develop the LTCP, to ensure that the conservative assumptions used in the LTCP and Project B design still hold true. DC Water must be prepared to commit to additional GI projects in the Rock Creek sewershed if it turns out that heavier, more intense precipitation becomes the norm and more retention is needed to meet the overall CSO volume reduction target and DC water quality standards.

Another concern of ours stems from maintenance and monitoring issues in installations constructed during Rock Creek Project A. There have been incidents of poor drainage leading to flooding in some of the alleyway permeable pavement installations from the Project A area. As mentioned above, precipitation events are expected to increase in severity due to climate change, and green infrastructure practices need to be commensurately designed, constructed and managed in order to effectively reduce runoff impacts. Representatives from DC Water for Project B have said that water level monitoring will be employed to track the retention and drainage capabilities of the installations, and we hope that these tools will help DC Water identify sites where drainage needs to be improved and how effective the installations are over time.

We would like to note and commend the effort DC Water has put into community outreach and feedback with Project B. These installations are located in highly residential areas, and community input is key to the continued success of the Clean Rivers Project. Through canvassing efforts, outreach with ANCs, and opportunities to hear from the community directly, DC Water has created many channels for community input. We look forward to seeing the interests of the community reflected in the final plans for Project B.

Signed,

Ari Eisenstadt  
Audubon Naturalist Society

Mark Buscaino, Executive Director  
Casey Trees

Lee Epstein  
Chesapeake Bay Foundation

Chris Weiss  
DC Environmental Network

Phillip Musegaas  
Potomac Riverkeeper Network

Jeanne Braha, Executive Director  
Rock Creek Conservancy

## Rock Creek Green Infrastructure Project B public comment

Haninah Levine <[REDACTED]>

Tue 3/30/2021 9:39 AM

To: Clean Rivers GI <cleanriversgi@dcwater.com>

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Hello,

This is my public comment regarding Rock Creek Green Infrastructure Project B.

I live and own a home within Area 4 of Project B, on Upshur Street NW. I strongly support the project, and encourage DC Water to install as much bioretention and permeable alley surfacing as it has the budget to construct and maintain. I look forward to having these features installed in my neighborhood.

I also would like to emphasize the importance of consistent and sustained maintenance, since poorly maintained green infrastructure is almost as bad for the environment, and much worse for building and sustaining public support, as no green infrastructure at all.

Finally, I would like to encourage DC Water to take a close look at the east side of 8th Street NW from Shepherd to Taylor Streets NW. Although this exact site does not appear to be included in the current project area, a combination of topography and poorly located storm sewer openings causes enormous volumes of water to pool along the curbs during rain events, creating hazards and inconveniences for pedestrians - especially disabled pedestrians and pedestrians with strollers, who depend on curb cuts.

Thank you, and all the best,

Haninah Levine  
[REDACTED]

## Public Comment- Bioretention and Permeable Pavement- ALLEY - 1 acre plot of land in the alley

Sean Lilly <[REDACTED]>

Tue 3/30/2021 11:29 AM

To: Clean Rivers GI <cleanriversgi@dcwater.com>

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MAP721HAMILTONSTREETNW.pdf;

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Hi Amanda,

Nice to speak with you this morning.

My name is Sean Lilly.

I am writing to request that the acre plot of land in our alley be a target focus of your project because it is unique enough to warrant a combined sewer system and Bioretention area as described by this project.

I also believe the areas of 8th street, Ingraham, Hamilton and 7th street should also have several Bioretention areas (rain gardens).

This area has not benefited from any direct investment from the city and the residents are often called upon to handle issues such as drainage out of our own pockets. A comprehensive drainage solution would be optimal for our community.

This area is quite large for us as individual property owners and as a project this would be perfect in meeting the goal of ensuring that stormwater can be managed **on when rain or snowmelt flows over these impervious surfaces.**

I have attached a map of our community.

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## Rock Creek GI Project B - Public Comment

Paul Strzelczyk <[REDACTED]>

Tue 4/6/2021 1:43 PM

To: Clean Rivers GI <cleanriversgi@dcwater.com>

 1 attachments (10 MB)

Rock Creek Green Infrastructure Project B - Community Comment for Consideration.pdf;

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Hello,

I would like to include the following document in the public comments related to the DC Water Rock Creek Green Infrastructure Project B. I fully support this program and would like to add several suggestions for additional areas in the neighborhood that would benefit from green infrastructure. I look forward to participating in the community engagement session and would like to thank DC Water for all their efforts in making this happen. Thank you.

Paul Strzelczyk



To: DC Water Green Infrastructure Team

From: Paul Strzelczyk, DC Resident Ward 4

Date: April 6, 2021

Subject: Request for consideration of Green Infrastructure (GI) - Green Alley and Bioretention in Takoma/Brightwood in Rock Creek Infrastructure Project Project B.

To whom it may concern:

I would like to propose three Green Infrastructure projects to be included in the Rock Creek Green Infrastructure Project B.

I am a resident of Takoma DC and I have been advocating for green improvements to our neighborhood for the 6 years I have lived here. I believe that the GI plans proposed in the DC Water project should be the norm for all future infrastructure. These green ideas can be more cost effective in the long term while providing additional positive impacts such as safety, beautification, and improvements to air quality and the urban heat island effect.

I am making the following three proposals after living in this community for many years, observing the interaction of weather, nature, traffic and community, and researching the benefits that Green Infrastructure can have. I could easily recommend dozens of other GI projects in Takoma, but I believe these three issues are the most urgent and pressing; they are also the ones with which I am most familiar and can speak directly to the day-to-day interaction with the streetscape. I have ordered them based on my priorities and what I believe will have the strongest impact on our community.

I have outlined these proposals with multiple bullet points highlighted to support my rationalization for why these projects are needed and how they meet the needs of the GI project objectives.

- 1) Proposal - Install permeable pavement resurfacing in the alley of Grid Square 3195 (Alley bordered by Underwood/Van Buren St and 5th/6th St NW). I believe this alley would be an excellent candidate for GI investment and construction would solve multiple problems by addressing stormwater management in the area and improving the capture and conveyance of stormwater away from property.
  - a) Coordination - This alley is directly adjacent to the current proposed Area 2, which means it should accomplish many of the same goals as the current proposals. Area 2 has a northern boundary of Underwood Street. The alley I am proposing for inclusion is just half a block north of that; it services the homes on the north side of Underwood. (See map in Exhibit 1)

- b) Current Condition - The alley is currently in need of a complete resurfacing. As opposed to some of the alleys in the current plan which have recently been resurfaced, Alley 3195 road surface is cracked, heaving and needs to be replaced. (See photos in Exhibit 2)
  - c) Stormwater Management - The alley is desperately in need of better stormwater management. As a result of the topography leading into the grid, the alley sits at the bottom of the west to east running slope from Piney Branch to 5th Street. The north-south part of the alley sits at the very bottom and we have water collecting year round. The annual freeze/thaw cycle uses this trapped water to destroy traditional road surfaces. In the summer it is standing stagnant water for mosquitoes to breed, and in the winter it is an ice sheet that disrupts trash collection and makes driving dangerous. We are desperately in need of a non-traditional resurface solution to help the water drain. I believe permeable pavement would be the perfect solution.
  - d) Neighborhood/Community support - Many if not all of the neighbors affected by the problem with our alley are aware that traditional resurfacing is not in our best interest and support Green Infrastructure for the better capture and conveyance of stormwater off of private property.
- 2) Proposal - Bioretention Gardens next to the Takoma Recreation and Aquatic Center. I suggest we include bioretention planters on Van Buren Street NW between 3rd and 5th.
- a) Visibility - Van Buren Street is a center of the community. It is the main promenade for many residents as it is directly between the Takoma Recreation Center and the Takoma Aquatic Center. This would be a perfect location to take advantage of the beautification potential of bioretention gardens and advertise the good works of DC Water. (See Map in Exhibit 1)
  - b) Safety - bioretention gardens can also have a secondary benefit of creating a traffic calming effect. Van Buren Street is a one way street that frequently is mistaken for two way traffic between the Piney Branch and Blair Road thoroughfares. Bioretention areas can have the dual benefit of creating choke points to slow traffic in this busy pedestrian traffic area.
  - c) Community Support/Disruption - Van Buren St NW is bordered by DC owned park lands. This should help alleviate any resistance by community members who may feel that bioretention areas could adversely impact neighborhood parking or would be upset by construction in their front yard. This area is also shared by so many members of the community who use and love our parks and recreation centers. It should garner a lot of community support and benefit the most number of people.
  - d) Coordination - This location is also only one block north of the current Area 2 proposal, so there is potential that it may address many or all of the stormwater management requirements.

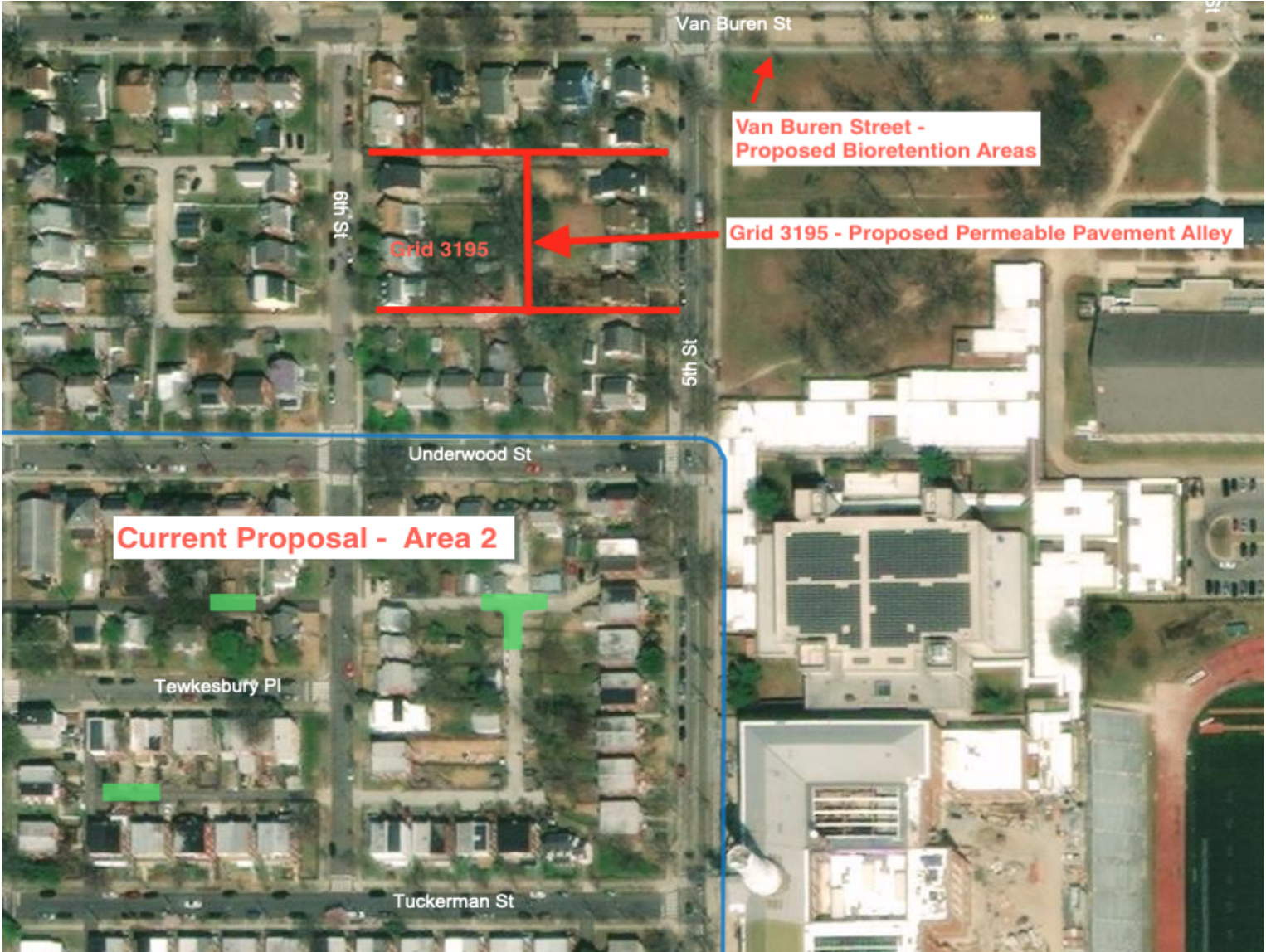
- 3) Proposal - Bioretention Gardens on streets with narrow curb areas, for example 6th St NW between Underwood and Van Buren. I live on 6th St NW, and I would suggest that bioretention gardens should be installed on the east side of the street (See Exhibit 3). Many of the streets in Takoma and Brightwood have similarly narrow tree boxes that could benefit from bioretention gardens. The following support items are specific to 6th St, but could apply to many of the roads in Takoma/Brightwood.
- a) Minimal parking disruption - this is a one way street with plenty of excess residential parking. Small bioretention boxes could be planned so as to not disrupt the traditional street parking of this small block.
  - b) Urban canopy improvement - the narrow tree boxes on the east side of the street make it nearly impossible for trees to mature past a certain age. Bioretention boxes would help create tree boxes that could support the long term health of trees
  - c) Safety benefits - 6th St is a popular way for drivers to avoid the traffic light at 5th and Van Buren. These cars tend to drive with very little regard for the speed limit. Having bioretention gardens could create natural choke points that could dissuade drivers from speeding.

Thank you for consideration of these proposals. I appreciate all the work and effort that DC Water has put into making these GI upgrades and improvements, and for the ongoing work to improve our communities. I would be happy to discuss any of these ideas, provide more information or help coordinate any additional support you need from the community.

Paul Strzelczyk



**Exhibit 1 - Map of area under proposal**



**Exhibit 2 - Condition of Alley Grid 3195 taken during various times of the year.**











### **Exhibit 3**

East (near) side tree box significantly narrower. Trees can't thrive.



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## Rock Creek Green Infrastructure Project

Michael Feder <[REDACTED]>

Tue 4/13/2021 5:51 PM

To: Clean Rivers GI <cleanriversgi@dcwater.com>

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Hi,

I live at [REDACTED]. I am writing to encourage the inclusion of the alleyway on my block (Grid Square 3195 bordered by Van Buren/Underwood and 5th/6th St NW) be included in the Rock Creek Green Infrastructure Project B plan (<https://www.dewater.com/projects/rock-creek-green-infrastructure-project-b>).

I was thrilled to read the plan and believe Green Infrastructure is a cost effective and environmentally friendly way to deal with stormwater management. The improvements included in the plan are sorely needed. The issues with the alleyway on my block fall squarely within the scope and goals of the plan. The alleyway collects a large amount of water all year and would be a great candidate for the installation of permeable pavement. We will work with DC Water and their contractors as they install the Green Infrastructure in anyway possible. We understand there may be short term inconveniences during construction but the overall goal is worth it.

We look forward to helping support DC Water maintain the permeable pavement and doing our part to keep the infrastructure healthy and productive. I've spoken with other neighbors who are also ready to support DC Water in the effort to include Green Infrastructure in our alley and the greater neighborhood.

Thank you,  
Michael Feder

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**Sq. 3195 Green alley**

J Moran Morton &lt;[REDACTED]&gt;

Tue 4/20/2021 4:45 PM

**To:** Clean Rivers GI <cleanriversgi@dcwater.com>

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Hi dcH2O!

we are very excited about the possibility of having a green alley installed on our block. We reside at [REDACTED] and are writing to express our support. This will both mitigate standing water that we've had in our alley for decades as well as reduce the stormwater runoff so it is a win-win environmentally! look forward to working with you on this. Thank you for your consideration!

Julia Moran Morton

DC Resident since 1987

current location since 1997

## Get our alley included in DC Water Green Infrastructure Plan B - Permeable Pavement (Grid Square 3195)

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Leah Greenglass <[REDACTED]>

Tue 4/20/2021 8:08 PM

To: Clean Rivers GI <cleanriversgi@dcwater.com>

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To Whom It May Concern,

I live at [REDACTED] (Neighborhood Grid Square Ref 3195). I would like to have the shared alley behind my home included in the Rock Creek Green Infrastructure Project Plan B for permeable pavement. I support the efforts of DC Water to include Green Infrastructure to our area for the following reasons.

- I/We believe Green Infrastructure is a cost effective and environmentally friendly way to deal with stormwater management.
- Our alley (Grid Square 3195 bordered by Van Buren/Underwood and 5th/6th St NW) sees a large amount of stormwater runoff all year and would be a great candidate for the installation of permeable pavement.
- i/We will work with DC Water and their contractors as they install the Green Infrastructure. We understand there may be short term inconveniences during construction but the overall goal is worth it.
- I/We look forward to helping support DC Water maintain the permeable pavement and doing our part to keep the infrastructure healthy and productive.
- I've spoken with other neighbors who are also ready to support DC Water in the effort to include Green Infrastructure in our alley and the greater neighborhood.

Thank you,

Leah Greenglass  
Ward 4 Resident

## Green Alley for Grid Square 3195

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Nora Greenglass <[REDACTED]>

Tue 4/20/2021 8:23 PM

To: Clean Rivers GI <cleanriversgi@dcwater.com>

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DC Water-

I am writing in support of extending the boundary of Rock Creek Green Infrastructure Project B to include grid square 3195. I live on 6th St NW between Underwood St and Van Buren St, where we experience both relatively high-velocity run-off due to the slope of the west-east running alleys and pooling and stagnant water on a regular basis. This is a problem both in terms of transport of soil and sediment, chemicals, plastics, etc. into the sewer system and public health, as the north-south running alley can remain flooded for days and becomes breeding habitats for mosquitoes, among other things. The installation of a permeable surface would obviously make significant strides towards improving the stormwater management issues we are experiencing on a regular basis. The economies of scale associated with simply extending the boundaries of the currently planned project mean this is probably the most efficient and straightforward way of dealing what has long been an issue that impacts both this neighborhood and the larger sewershed.

Thank you for your consideration,

Nora Greenglass

# In Support of Permeable Pavers - Alley b/w Underwood NW /5th / 6th / Van Buren

Sara Hayden <[REDACTED]>

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Fri 4/23/2021 1:47 PM

To: Clean Rivers GI <cleanriversgi@dcwater.com>

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Good afternoon,

I am the property owner and resident of [REDACTED], and am writing in support of the City putting permeable pavers as part of the beautifying of the alley bounded by Underwood / 5th / 6th / Van Buren.

Thank you,

Sara Hayden

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**Sara K. Hayden**

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**Comment - Rock Creek GI Project B**

Tom Bruey &lt;[REDACTED]&gt;

Tue 4/6/2021 4:02 PM

**To:** Clean Rivers GI <cleanriversgi@dcwater.com>**\*\*\*EXTERNAL EMAIL, PLEASE USE CAUTION BEFORE CLICKING A LINK OR OPENING AN ATTACHMENT\*\*\***

I am writing in support of Rock Creek GI Project B, and in particular the inclusion of semi-permeable pavers in the alley(s) identified in Area 2 of the plan. As a homeowner on one of the alley's scheduled for permeable pavers, I have seen witnessed the high volume or runoff during storms, and welcome the installation of permeable pavers in an effort to lessen the impacts of such runoff into the Rock Creek Watershed.

I support the project and would welcome its expansion to additional alleys in and adjacent to Area 2 of the plan.

Thomas Bruey

[REDACTED]

## Nominating an alley that falls within Rock Creek Project B area

John Hendel <[REDACTED]>

Sun 4/11/2021 9:04 PM

To: Clean Rivers GI <cleanriversgi@dcwater.com>

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Hi there,

I'm excited to see the plans for Rock Creek Project B, which I'm glad to say is happening in the part of DC I call home. I want to nominate an alley for consideration for some of the green, permeable improvements, one that falls within the designated project area: the modest but active alley that runs alongside Newton PI NW off its south side, in the first block east of Georgia Ave and near where it intersects with 6th St NW. This Park View alley falls right at the south portion of your proposed map, within the marked area, and would be a prime target for green treatment any time in the next few years, whether in the near term or as part of a future effort.

There's a lot of lively and diverse community within this alleyway, despite unfortunate notable ponding of water during heavier rains. These alley steps have remained a regular source of activity throughout the pandemic. One of the best days of 2020 was finding neighbors setting up an impromptu jazz concert open to any passerby (and properly socially distanced) in this very alley.

I live in [REDACTED] and see countless pedestrians making use of the space on a daily basis. The alley traverses multiple blocks here between Georgia Ave and Warder, which lends itself to foot traffic. Permeated pavers would do wonders here, I think, as well as any other green touches. Thanks for any consideration!

All the best,

John Hendel



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**Re: Brightwood - Rock Creek Project B**

V Ashworth &lt;[REDACTED]&gt;

Wed 4/21/2021 12:57 PM

To: Clean Rivers GI &lt;cleanriversgi@dcwater.com&gt;

Cc: ken ramirez &lt;[REDACTED]&gt;

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Hello -

I spoke to your folks yesterday going door to door. We bought our property at [REDACTED] in the Fall.

I am concerned that the two projects projected nearby with Project B will bring more water to our property.

Upon moving in, our basement immediately flooded with a rain - and we've had water issues constantly. No water issues were disclosed. We've invested \$10s of thousands of dollars on waterproofing. No one understands the source.

There is a storm drain on our corner and across the street, where our neighbor is not having issues despite being downhill.

Could there be a storm line or drain issue? Our sump runs every day even if it has not rained for weeks. There is a lot of groundwater in spots coming up in the middle of streets including across the street.

Happy to discuss. We cannot support the proposed locations given the unknowns at this time. Is it possible to see a map of the storm water lines? And do you have options to help ID and remediate the water source?

Thank you

Vera  
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

&gt; On Mar 30, 2021, at 8:12 AM, V Ashworth &lt;[REDACTED]&gt; wrote:

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&gt; Hi,

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&gt; My husband and I just moved to DC and received a notice about your next project. We'd like to talk to someone to learn more about projects and options to address water.

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&gt; Thank you

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&gt; Vera Ashworth and Ken Ramirez

6/4/2021

Mail - Clean Rivers GI - Outlook

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**Project B, alley behind Jefferson & Kennedy**

Travis Larson &lt;[REDACTED]&gt;

Sun 4/25/2021 8:15 AM

To: Clean Rivers GI &lt;cleanriversgi@dcwater.com&gt;

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Hello,

We live at [REDACTED] and based on the map provided it is unclear if the alley directly behind our home will be made permeable, but we hope you will do so. We encourage you to extend the new permeable alley further westward from the area already planned in the alley behind 13th street to at least our home and also two houses further west beyond ours.

Especially since the alley was repaved a few years ago, the heaviest rains can overflow from the alley into our yards, down our backyard slopes and sidewalks and into the drains in our yards - which connect to the sewer system. Permeable alleyways would hopefully reduce that likelihood and the burden on Rock Creek.

Thank you.  
Travis Larson

# ROCK CREEK PROJECT B -- Area 6

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The Duet <[REDACTED]>

Tue 4/27/2021 4:15 PM

To: Clean Rivers GI <cleanriversgi@dcwater.com>

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Good Afternoon-

Please see attached for a letter of support on behalf of The Duet Condo Association located at [REDACTED].

If you should have any questions or need additional information please reach out to me directly at [REDACTED].

Thanks--

Justin

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*Justin Noble* | **PRESIDENT**

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



April 27th 2021

ATTN: DC Water  
Office of Marketing & Comm

RE: Rock Creek Project B (Area 6)

Hello -

We hope this letter finds you well. On behalf of the Duet Condominium Association located at [REDACTED] [REDACTED] we support the proposed Rock Creek Project B - Area 6 plan. The community and water management benefits far outweigh the small inconvenience of having a portion of the public alleyway from being accessed.

My Best-

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Justin W. Noble". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Justin Noble  
*President, The Duet Condominium Association*

## Rick Creek Project B Area 3

Joe Riener <[REDACTED]>

Tue 4/27/2021 8:05 PM

To: Clean Rivers GI <cleanriversgi@dcwater.com>

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Hello --

I'm a long time (since 1982) resident of [REDACTED].

You may already be aware of this, but in case you aren't: the south west corner of Ingraham and 14th St NW used to collect a lot of water during hard rains. I believe the drainage at that southwest corner was clogged. Both 14th and the 1500 block of Ingraham slope towards that drainage point. There is much run-off that converged there. Several years ago, the house at the southeast corner had the water/sewage back up into his basement.

Would there be any way to capture more of that run-off, either by permeable alley positions closer to that corner, or even permeable sidewalks there?

I noticed on your flyer/map that Ingraham/ Hamilton alley has an extensive permeable alley position, but it is closer to 13th than 14th. Could that be extended or shifted closer to 14th, where, as I'm saying, a lot of run-off collects?

A lot of water also collects in the alley close to and parallel to 14th, between Ingraham and Hamilton. I'd recommend some permeable position there.

You're the ones guided by the science of all this, but I am the resident who has trudged through lots of temporary lakes there at the corner and in the alley for several years.

Yours truly,

Joe Riener (he, him)

## Project B Comment

Janice Pauly <[REDACTED]>

Thu 4/29/2021 6:09 PM

To: Clean Rivers GI <cleanriversgi@dcwater.com>

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There is a permeable paver site proposed for the alley next to my house and a bioretention area proposed across the street from me.

I am wholeheartedly in favor of both projects and only wish there were more areas included in my neighborhood. We need these type of infrastructure improvements to help us manage climate change.

Janice Pauly  
[REDACTED]



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**Public Comment - Rock Creek Green Infrastructure Project B**

Palmer, Erin (SMD 4B02) &lt;[REDACTED]&gt;

Mon 5/3/2021 5:28 PM

To: Clean Rivers GI &lt;cleanriversgi@dcwater.com&gt;

Cc: Amanda Zander &lt;[REDACTED]&gt;; Lewis-George, Janeese (Council) &lt;[REDACTED]&gt;; Cheh, Mary (COUNCIL) &lt;[REDACTED]&gt;; [REDACTED] &lt;[REDACTED]&gt;; Yeats, Evan (SMD 4B01) &lt;[REDACTED]&gt;

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To whom it may concern:

As Commissioners of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B, we are writing in response to DC Water's request for public comment on the Rock Creek Green Infrastructure Project B Project Description and to encourage DC Water's consideration of expanded green infrastructure to include larger sites and additional sites within our Single Member Districts in Takoma.

Project Area 2 – the only project area within Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B's boundaries – is extremely limited. The project area includes only ten permeable alleys within one Single Member District (specifically, the area bounded by Underwood Street, NW, and Rittenhouse Street, NW, to the north and south, and 5th Street, NW, and 8th Street, NW, to the east and west). Project Area 2 does not include any bioretention sites within that Single Member District, and does not include any bioretention sites or permeable alleys within the other eight Single Member Districts in Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B.

Together we represent the Takoma neighborhood, which welcomes green infrastructure projects large and small. Our neighbors regularly contact us seeking additional mechanisms to implement green infrastructure, including (but not limited to) bioretention and permeable alleys. Neighbors along a block in Single Member District 4B02 recently received a Community Stormwater Solutions grant award from the District Department of Energy and Environment and Chesapeake Bay Trust to design a blockwide green infrastructure solution for their stormwater challenges. The grant award has the possibility to serve as a model for community-based design processes to achieve holistic solutions to neighborhood stormwater challenges.

Several locations within Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B, and specifically within Single Member Districts 4B01 and 4B02, provide the opportunity for flagship projects that are larger in scale and potentially offer cost savings and other efficiencies. We encourage consideration of the following locations for green infrastructure, either via Rock Creek Green Infrastructure Project B or future green infrastructure projects:

- grassy area adjacent to 353 Cedar Street, NW, and the Metropolitan Subdivision tracks (a current source of runoff and drain overflow to the Cedar Street, NW, train underpass);
- planned curb extensions at Dahlia Street, NW, and Blair Road, NW;
- green space adjoining Piney Branch Road, NW, (either side) between the Metropolitan Subdivision tracks and Eastern Avenue, NW;
- triangle at Piney Branch Road, NW, and Blair Road, NW;
- triangle at 6th Street, NW, Cedar Street, NW, and Piney Branch Road, NW;
- medians along Piney Branch Road, NW, between Van Buren Street, NW, and Butternut Street, NW;
- and



- additional alleys (we are happy to discuss specific locations, as desired).

In addition, we encourage DC Water to coordinate with the District Department of Transportation as it implements projects that create additional spaces that may be suitable for green infrastructure (e.g., upcoming changes to the intersection of 8th Street, NW, Whittier Street, NW, and Piney Branch Road, NW; construction of the Metropolitan Branch Trail, etc.).

The Rock Creek Green Infrastructure Project A, completed in October 2018, included construction of green infrastructure technologies like bioretention (rain gardens) in planter strips and curb extensions, permeable pavement on streets and alleys, and two green infrastructure parks. We encourage consideration of our neighborhood for more extensive and expansive green infrastructure similar to the projects implemented via Project A.

Thank you for your consideration, and we look forward to answering any questions you might have.

Sincerely,

Erin Palmer, ANC 4B02 Commissioner  
Evan Yeats, ANC 4B01 Commissioner

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**Public comment**

Nate Graham &lt;[REDACTED]&gt;

Tue 5/4/2021 7:23 AM

**To:** Clean Rivers GI <cleanriversgi@dcwater.com>

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To the project team,

Thank you for sharing information about the upcoming Rock Creek Project B green infrastructure work. I am in FULL SUPPORT of the program and welcome the bio retention area on my corner. I will take a personal interest in keeping it tidy to keep my neighbor's concerns about trash to a minimum.

If anything, I'd like to see the alley treatments expanded to include my block (north alley on the 500 block of Decatur St NW) which sees considerable runoff during heavy rains.

Thank you for your hard work on this much needed project.

Nate Graham  
[REDACTED]

**Fwd: Public Comment: Rock Creek Project B**

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Solomon Palmer &lt;[REDACTED]&gt;

Tue 5/4/2021 9:30 PM

To: Clean Rivers GI &lt;cleanriversgi@dcwater.com&gt;

**\*\*\*EXTERNAL EMAIL, PLEASE USE CAUTION BEFORE CLICKING A LINK OR OPENING AN ATTACHMENT\*\*\***From: **Solomon Palmer** <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, May 4, 2021 at 7:50 PM

Subject: Public Comment: Rock Creek Project B

To: <[cleanriversgi@dcwater.com](mailto:cleanriversgi@dcwater.com)>

Hello.

A few years ago within my neighborhood, the alley joining the 600 blocks of Gallatin and Hamilton Streets, N.W. underwent the permeable pavement process.

Based on two of my neighbor's experiences, an extreme downside of this newly installed alley was the frequent basement flooding after heavy rainstorms. Prior to the alley work, they had not had flooding in their house. This occurred for a significant time period and they had to pay for the repairs and replace furnishings. I am not sure if they were eventually compensated for their flood loss by the District Government or the contractor. In my opinion, it appeared that the contractor worked on this alley for over two to three years.

Is there now an expectation that any permeable alleys installed will not create basement flooding (to my knowledge, none of my neighbors are experiencing this problem after a rainstorm)? If this happens, who is responsible for correcting and paying for restoration to a homeowner's property?

Sincerely,

Solomon and Wanda Palmer, Jr.  
Senior Ward Four Residents

## Rock Creek Project B - Resident Input

Fareha Ahmed <[REDACTED]>

Wed 5/5/2021 5:08 PM

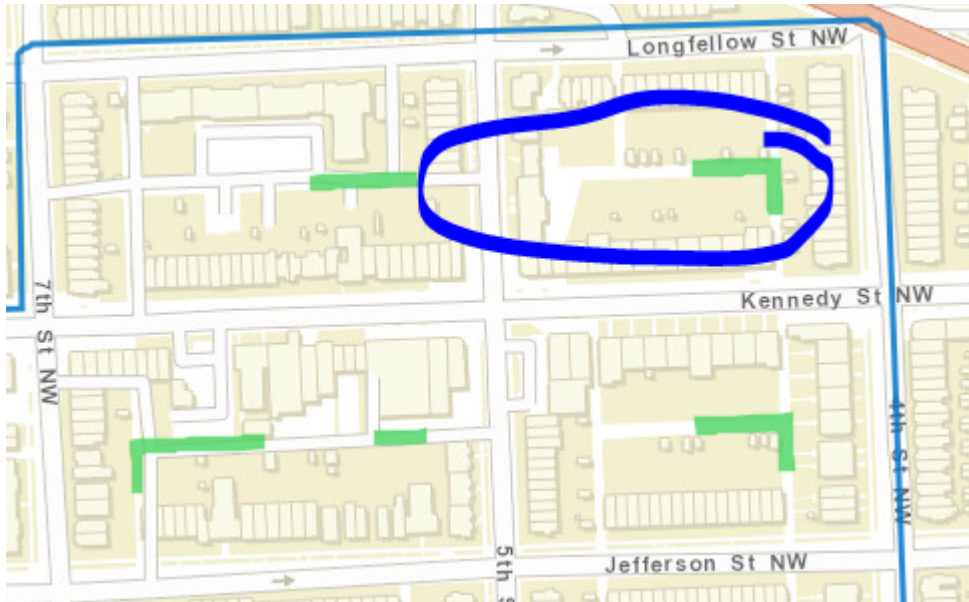
To: Clean Rivers GI <cleanriversgi@dcwater.com>; Christopher Brennan Taylor <chrisbrennantaylor@gmail.com>

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Hi Clean River/DC Water,

I am sorry I missed the meeting yesterday and wanted to ask a few questions.

I live in between 5th and 4th Street NW on Longfellow (area 6), as per the map it seems only half the alley will be made permeable, we have a pretty significant hill and so I'm curious why the whole alley wasn't considered.



I am also curious why there is no bio-retention on Kennedy Street in area 6, especially by 5th and Kennedy, there are usually large puddles there following rain storms

Thank you,  
Fareha

Ward 4, Resident

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Public Comments Due May 7

Rizwan Chowdhry <[REDACTED]>

Fri 5/7/2021 10:00 PM

To: Clean Rivers GI <cleanriversgi@dcwater.com>

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Clean Rivers Project Comments May 2020 - Google Docs.pdf;

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Hello,

I've prepared the attached comments regarding Area 6.

I would be happy to discuss further or provide the original size images.

Many thanks,  
Rizwan Chowdhry  
[REDACTED]

Rizwan Chowdhry  
Monica Hempton  
[REDACTED]

I want to thank DC Water for undertaking this program. It is clear that the Clean Rivers Project has taken an impressive amount of care and thought in developing these plans.

Our family loves the District's rivers and ecosystems. We are proud to have "bay scaping" and a rain barrel through DC's Riversmart Homes.

I am submitting these comments and requests as a long time homeowner and renter in ANC 4D. Section I discusses the regular flooding of the 400 block of Ingraham St NW has experienced in recent years. Section II asks for specific additional planning. Section III requests specific attention to homeowner needs.

I would be happy to walk around the block to show you the areas discussed below in person. You may reach me at [REDACTED]. Thank you.

#### Section I: Floods of the 400 Block of Ingraham St NW

##### Section I(A): Flood of 2018

There was a flash flood on September 7, 2018. Neighbors who've lived here since the 80s remarked they'd never seen it like this:



Section I(B): Flood of 2020

I draw your attention to what our neighbors call the Ingraham St Flood of 2020.

Almost exactly two years after the 2018 flood, on September 10, 2020, there was a downpour and a flash flood on our street. It looked like this:



During







413 Ingraham St NW

Water rushing from alley into Ingraham St NW



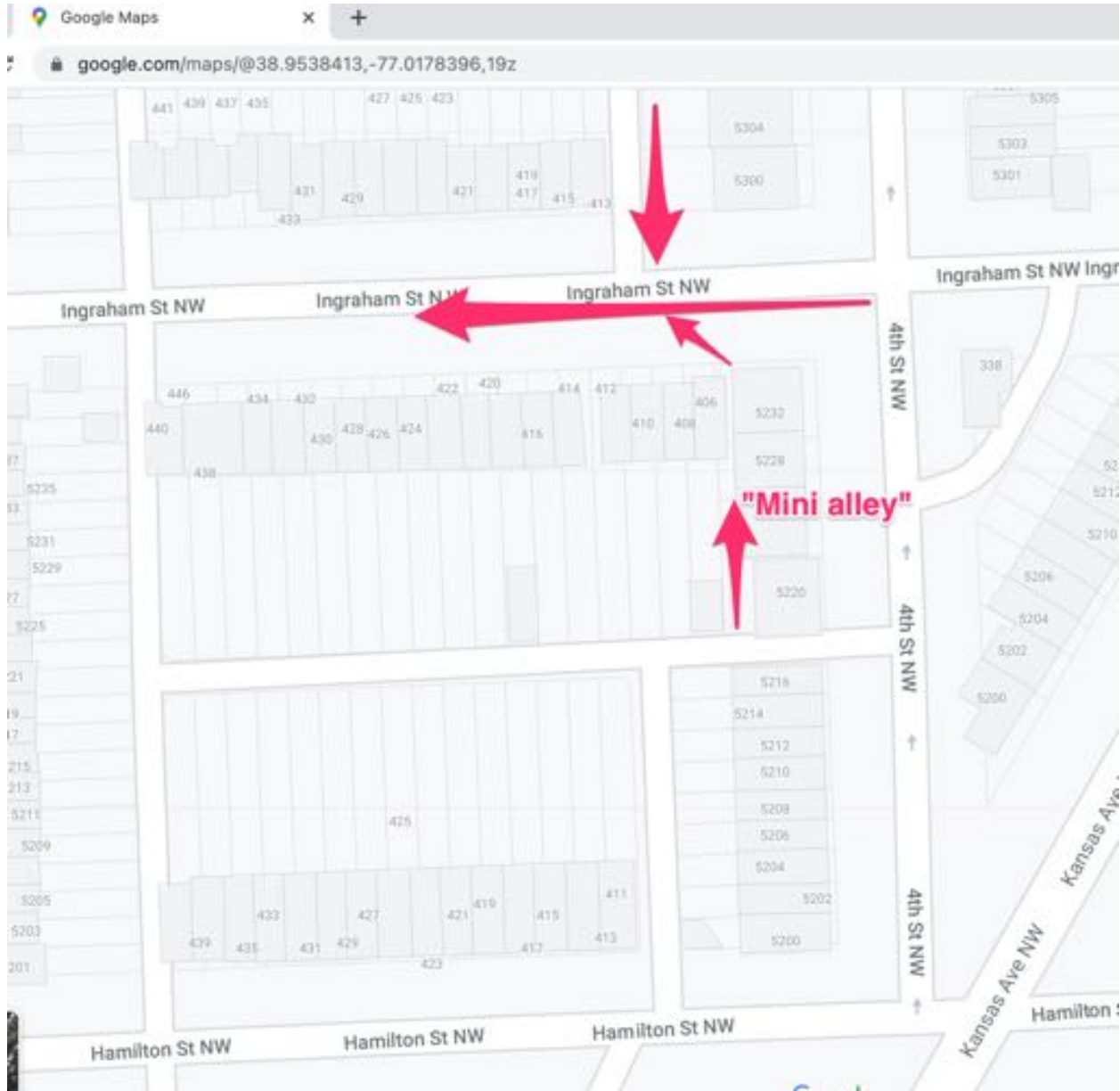
Water rushing from "mini alley"



In the pictures above you'll notice:

- A river of water was rushing from Kansas Avenue down Ingraham St NW.
- Another river of water gushing from the alley adjacent to 413 Ingraham St NW.
- A gush of water spilling from the "mini alley" adjacent to 406 Ingraham St NW.

In sum, the water was flowing as follows:



The flash flood was so severe and prolonged that several cars were stuck on our street. The fire department responded but could not drive down our street. Instead, they parked at 4th and Ingraham. The first responders seemed to have to wait for the water to recede or calm before wading through the rushing waters.

Water rushed down from the alley behind my home (between Ingraham and Hamilton), and ultimately overwhelmed the sewer under our sleeper porch and flowed into our basement. My next door neighbor's basement also flooded. We lost some things to water damage, but were mostly spared because we were able to act quickly before the water reached the furnished part of the basement.

On the street, the water was so high that it flooded our car and at least several neighbors' cars. After the storm passed, I found myself in our backseat bailing water out of our Toyota Corolla and making sure it would start. After all, my wife was 8 months pregnant. One neighbor's car (parked in front of [REDACTED]) needed to be towed away.

With the 2018 flood in recent memory, during the 2020 flood we looked around nervously, quietly. The rushing waters were a loud, complex network of currents lapping against every inch of the neighborhood. The fluke of 2018 was now a worsening pattern.

I'll add that the "mini alley" adjacent to [REDACTED] has long behaved as a chute during even moderate rains. The "mini alley" acts as a chute for rainwater resulting in sometimes ankle deep flows of water. In cold months the water and melting snow pools and freezes.

## Section II: Expand the Green Infrastructure Planned for the 400 Block of Ingraham St NW.

Thank you for including our block in this program. The temporary inconvenience of this investment will surely be well worth the improvements to our rivers and our neighborhood.

I respectfully request that Rock Creek Project B expand the permeable pavement and bioretention plans to address the pattern of flooding I discussed in Section I.

At the very least, please:

- A) Extend the permeable pavement in the 400 Ingraham/Hamilton alley from end to end, or at least include my home ([REDACTED]) and the "mini alley" to mitigate flows of waters down my lot and the "mini alley." The current plans appear to end at 418 Ingraham St NW.
- B) Extend the permeable pavement in the alley running adjacent to 413 Ingraham St NW from end from end to end (Jefferson St to Ingraham St)
- C) Plan additional bioretention. Including,
  - a) At the opening of the 413 Ingraham St NW alley.
  - b) Where the "mini alley" chute dumps water onto the sidewalk and street.

Additionally, please work with Riversmart Homes to:

- D) Offer permeable pavement to the buildings abutting the "mini alley."
- E) Expand eligibility for rain gardens through the RiverSmart Homes Program. Offer audits to everyone in Area 6, even if previously found ineligible. (Fair notice: my home was previously found to be ineligible for a rain garden, despite a RiverSmart Homes contracted landscaper saying our yard would be a good candidate for one.)

## Section III: Homeowner/Resident Needs

When installing the new alleys, please take care to either replace or leave undisturbed existing land survey markers that homeowners have invested in. They are expensive and DCRA relies on them for on-going work.

When installing the new alleys, please suspend parking rules in Area 6.

When installing the new alleys, please issue citations to persons "reserving" parking with chairs/cones/debris/garbage.

Thank you for your time and consideration.