

Federal/DC Local Agency Joint Meeting #1:

Background on the

DC Anacostia River Corridor Restoration Plan

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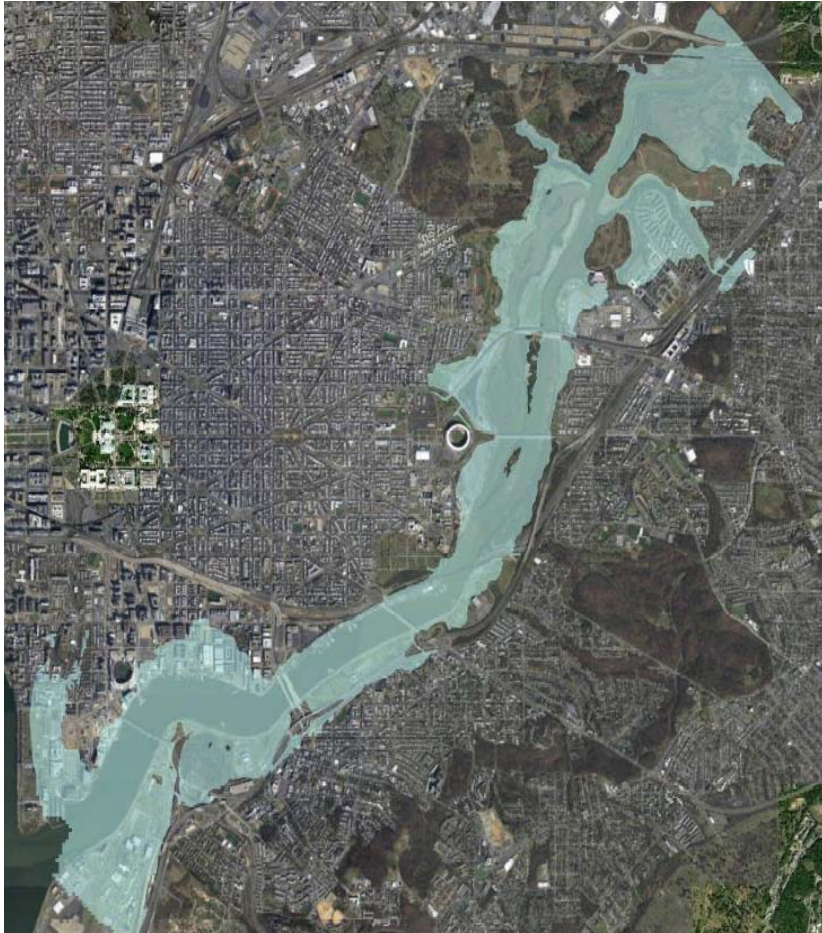
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What is the Anacostia River Corridor Restoration Plan (ARCRP)?



Map of the Anacostia River corridor

- DC's Comprehensive Restoration Plan for the Anacostia River Corridor that will help achieve the following priorities:
 - ✓ Enhance resiliency
 - ✓ Restore habitat
 - ✓ Improve Water Quality
 - ✓ Enhance Public Access and Recreation
- The “corridor” is defined as the entire tidal section of the Anacostia River in DC, reaching from the river channel to the upland edge of the 500-year flood plan.

Why Now?



- The seas are rising!!! By 2080, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers predicts up to 3.4 feet of additional sea level rise in DC.
- Current Major Initiatives/Projects Occurring along the Corridor:
 - ❖ 2015 DC Fisheries & Wildlife Omnibus Act - Promotion of Living Shorelines
 - ❖ Several Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA) and Injury Assessment Projects (e.g. sediment project, Kenilworth Park)
 - ❖ Federal Clean Water Act programs to achieve water quality standards
- Cost savings through project integration. Implementing projects individually will add cost, complexity, and reduce opportunity to leverage multiple benefits (e.g. constructing flood wall vs. building park/berm/living shoreline).
- Need for a coordinated comprehensive document to take advantage of future federal funding opportunities.



Funding and Project Team

- \$500,000 NFWF Chesapeake Small Watershed Grant received by DOEE in 2020 to develop the restoration plan and conduct early restoration of Kingman Lake
- DOEE issued a grant to Biohabitats, Inc. in Spring 2021 to develop the plan.
- Biohabitats, Inc has assembled a team experienced in data analysis, natural resource planning, ecological design, graphic design, and public engagement/outreach. Team members include:
 - ❖ CH Planning
 - ❖ Lee & Associates
 - ❖ Limnotech
 - ❖ LID Center
 - ❖ Anacostia Watershed Society
- Project Period: May 2021 - August 2023

Goals for Today's Meeting

- Today will be the first of two planned Federal Agency/DC Local Agency joint meetings to discuss development of the DC ARCRP.
- Most of the land adjacent to the tidal Anacostia River in DC is controlled by either Federal or DC agencies. Having your buy-in on plan development is key!
- Today's goals will include:
 - ✓ Present methods and results from the preliminary data analysis looking at project opportunities.
 - ✓ Hold a facilitated discussion on the results of the analysis and get your feedback. DOEE needs to know at this stage if there are places or restoration approaches that we should stay away from in the development of the plan.



Questions?

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Next Steps

