

Engaging States in Urban Waters Partnerships



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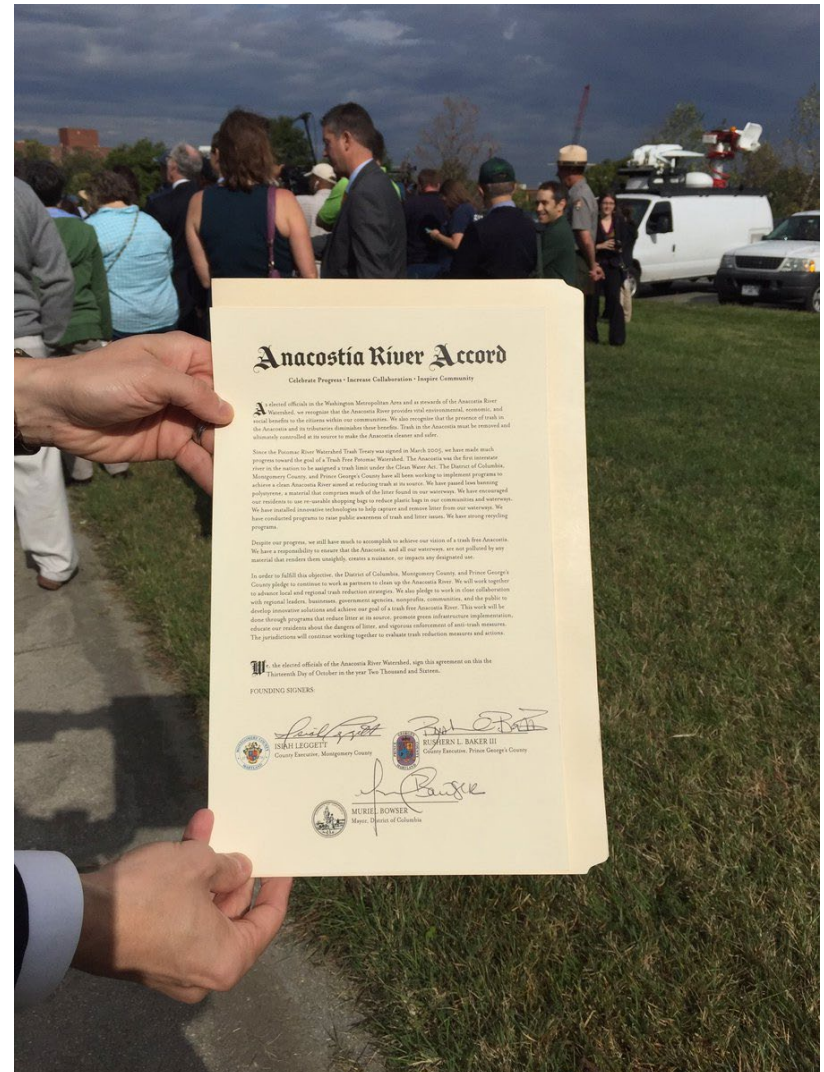
What is Unique About Washington, DC

- 1 City and state
- 2 Significant federal land
- 3 Shared Watersheds
- 4 Examples of partnering and collaboration



As a State.....

- Develop TMDLs
- Establish water quality standards, triennial review, 303d list, TMDLs
- Part of interjurisdictional Trash TMDL
- Signs interstate agreements
 - Chesapeake Bay Program agreement
 - Anacostia River Accord
- Member of Interstate Commissions (ICPRB)



The First Interjurisdictional Trash TMDL



WORKING TOWARD A
TRASH FREE DC



As a City.....

- RiverSmart Incentive Programs
- Adopt Your District (park, block, stream)
- Stormwater Retention Credit (SRC) Program
- Inspection and enforcement
- Bag Law
- Foam Ban
- Coal Tar Ban
- GZEP Watershed Protection Projects

Federal Land in the District

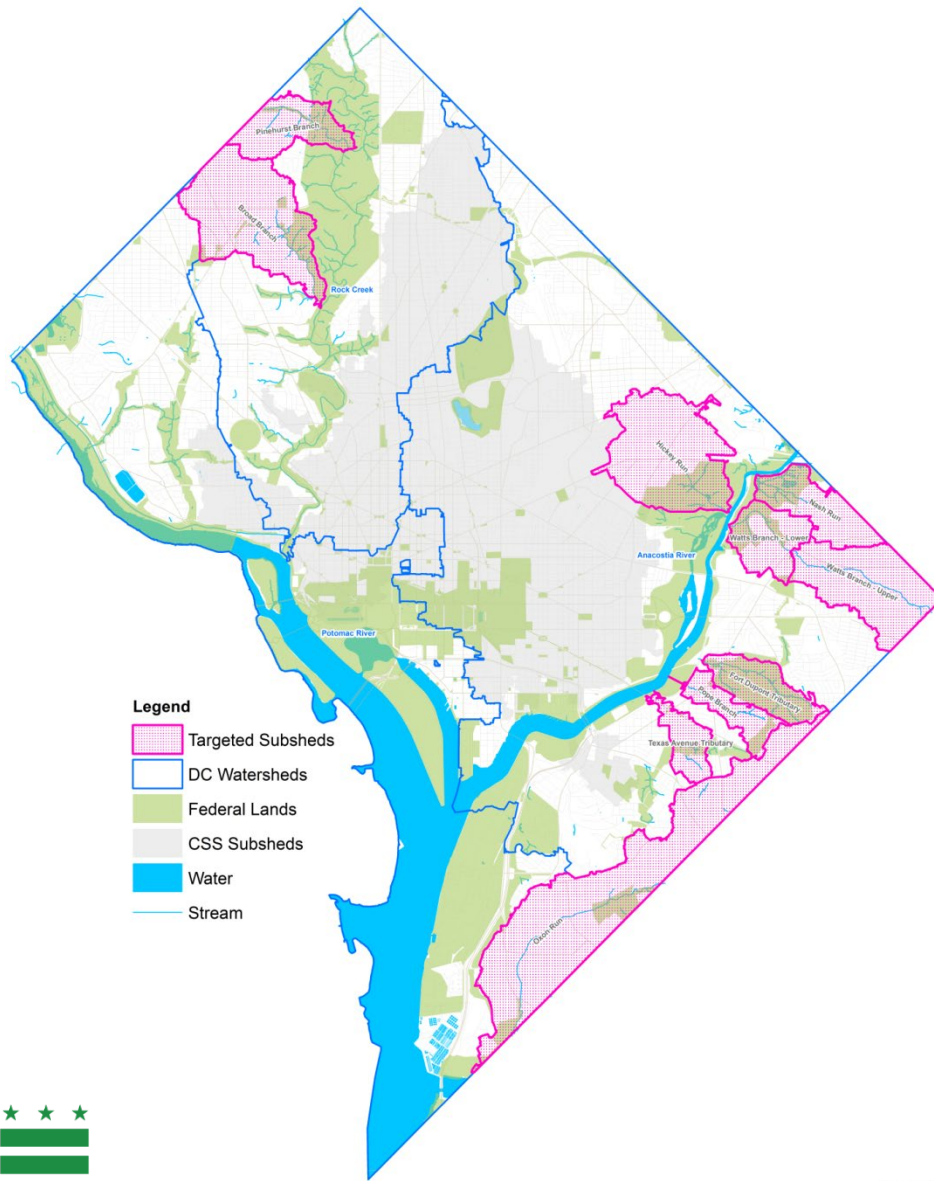
Almost 30% land federal

Major agencies:

- Department of Defense
- National Park Service
- General Services Administration
- Smithsonian

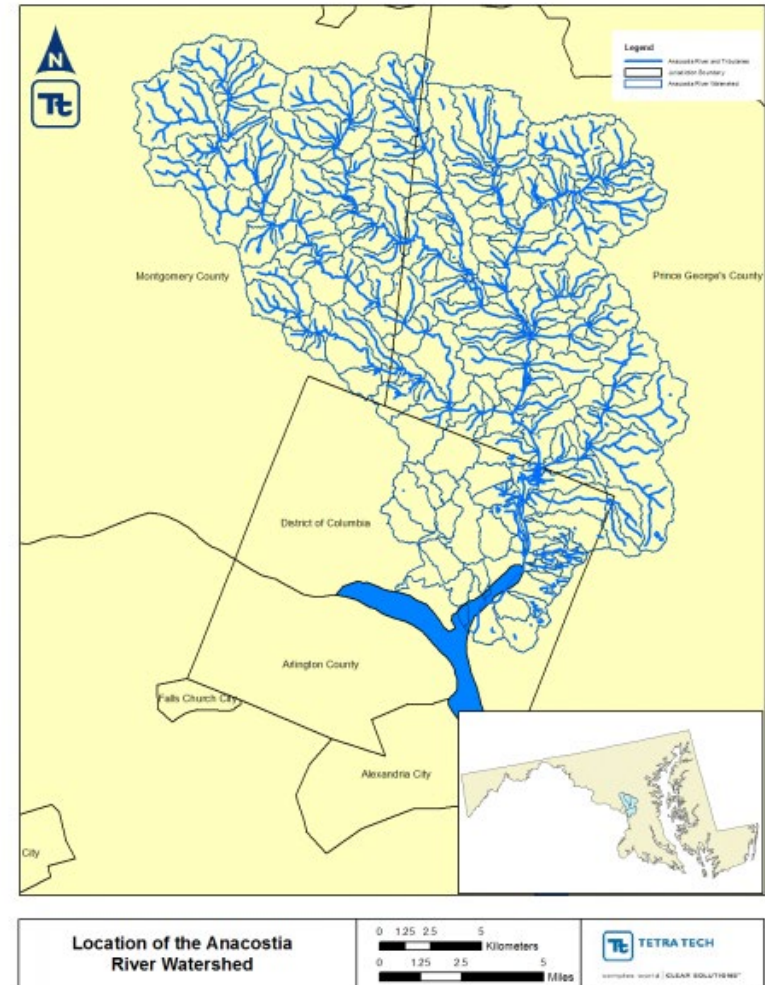
We work closely with federal partners:

- Stream restoration
- Pollution prevention
- Chesapeake Bay WIP commitments
- MS4 Permit requirements



Shared Watersheds

- The District of Columbia makes up only:
 - 0.5% of Potomac River Watershed
 - 18% of Anacostia River Watershed
 - 21% of Rock Creek watershed



Examples of Partnering and Collaboration

Projects:

- Year of the Anacostia
- Anacostia River Sediment Project
- Stream and Habitat Restoration





2018: Year of the Anacostia

Anacostia River Sediment Project



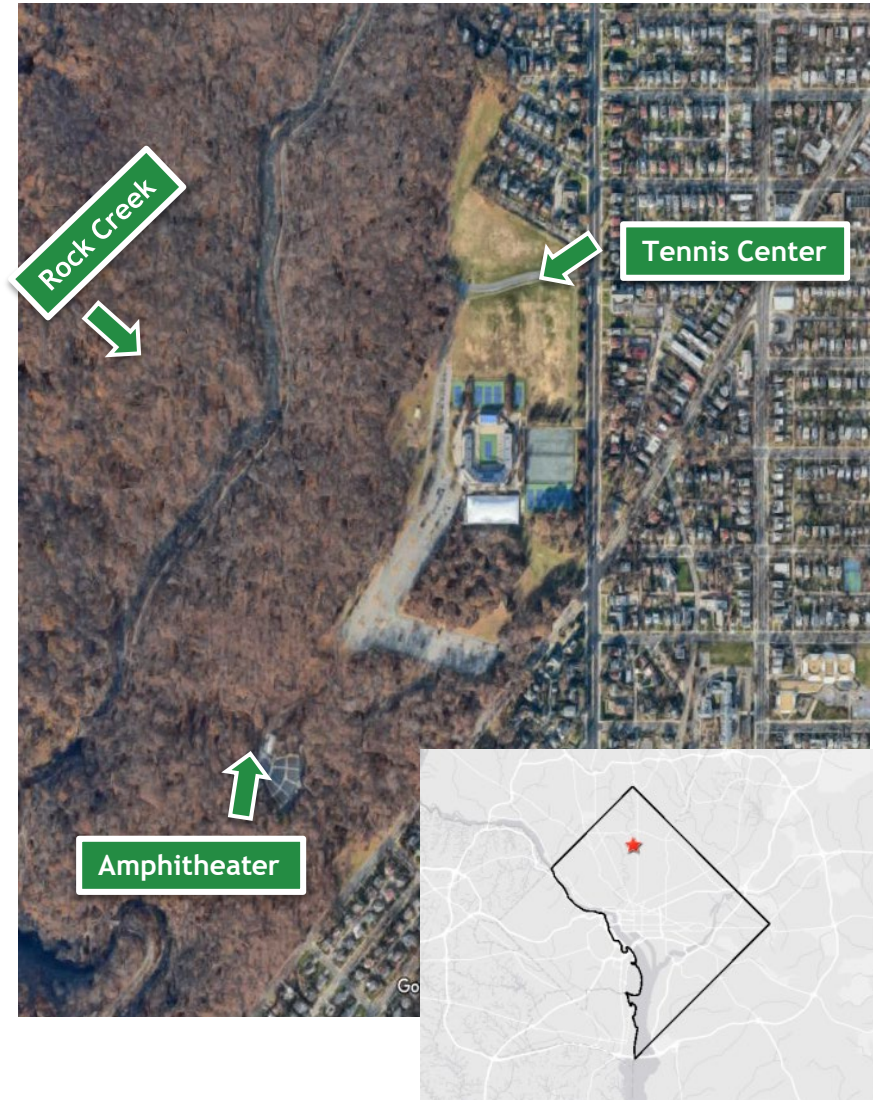
Implemented by DOEE and NPS:

- Determine the extent of contamination
- Characterize risk to human and ecological health
- Access cleanup options
- Support other studies and project partners

Stream and Habitat Restoration

Example: Carter Barron Stormwater Retrofit Project

1. Aid **National Park Service** in meeting stormwater retrofit obligations in EPA Chesapeake Bay Program watershed implementation planning effort.
2. Help the **District** execute its watershed implementation plan (WIP) for the Rock Creek watershed and Chesapeake Bay Program WIP.
3. Protect Hay's Spring amphipod habitat – a goal in DOEE's Wildlife Action Plan, the **U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service**, and the National Park Service.
4. Aid the **District** meet MS4 Permit requirements.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Anacostia River Trash TMDL: doee.dc.gov/publication/anacostia-watershed-trash-tmdl
- RiverSmart: doee.dc.gov/riversmart
- Anacostia River Sediment Project: doee.dc.gov/anacostiasediment
- Stream and Habitat Restoration: doee.dc.gov/service/habitat-restoration

