

GROUNDWORK ANACOSTIA RIVER DC

Beautification with Green Infrastructure

Urban Waters National Training Workshop

July 27, 2016

WASHINGTON DC METRO AREA





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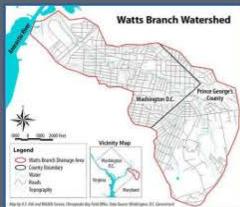












Watts Branch is a seven-mile long stream that runs from Prince George's County to the Anacostia River. It is the largest tributary of the Anacostia River in Washington DC. In 2011, the District Department of the Environment completed a 1.7-mile restoration project. This once highly polluted waterway is now part of the Anacostia River's recovery story—but much remains to be done.

The Student Training in Research Environmental Action & Monitoring (STREAM) project at Watts Branch is designed to engage students and their communities in understanding and protecting the Anacostia River's major tributary. The project provides opportunities for students to participate in field research and environment-based service learning while they expand their classroom experience. As importantly, STREAM encourages students to enjoy, value, and protect a vital environmental resource in their community.

Watts Branch STREAM Project

SEED Public Charter School
Summer 2013



The data collected will be used for the Cacapon Institute's virtual stream.



One thing we learned is that when the stream is dirty it affects a lot of living creatures that depend on it, like the crayfish and salamander.



Macro-invertebrates Collected	
	Mayfly
	Caddisfly
	Eel
	Watersnipe Fly
	Tubifex Worm
	Pouch Snails
	Midge Larva
	Aquatic Worms

We used nets to collect small macro-invertebrate and examined the macro-invertebrates we found. They can indicate the health of the stream.

Based on the macro-invertebrate pollution tolerance index, Watts Branch is in "fair" condition.

Chemical Test	Avg. Results
Dissolved Oxygen	5.8 ppm
Turbidity	0 JTU
Phosphates	0.75 mg/L
Nitrates	2.5 mg/L
Temperature	27.3 °C
pH	7.6



While cleaning the Bandalong trap we saw how much trash people are just throwing into the river, and we had to go in and clean up after them. If we all work together we can clean up the stream, but we need everyone's help.





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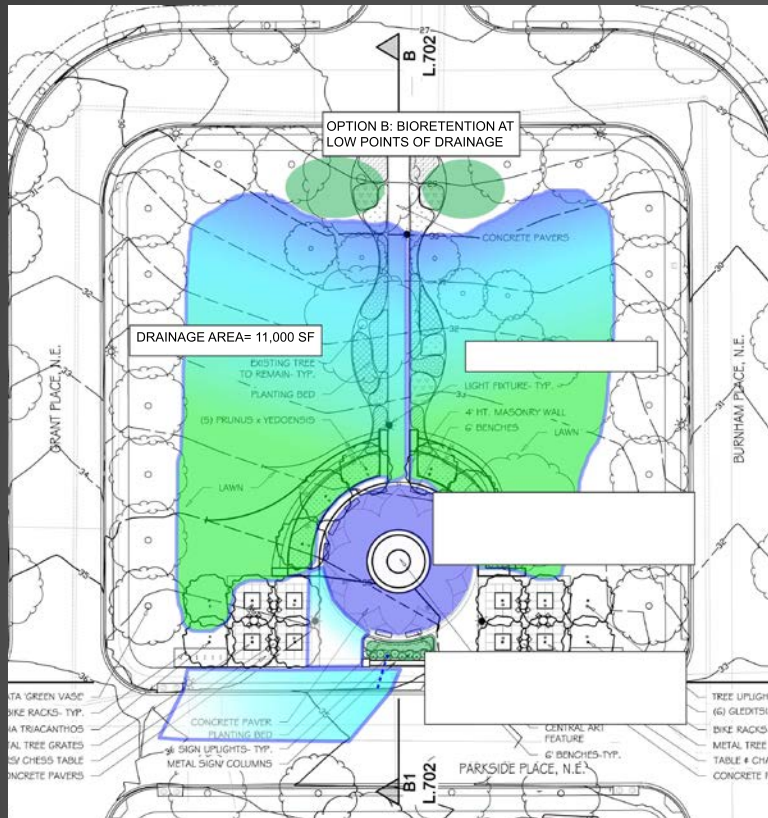
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