GZEP Summer Youth & Young Adults
Watershed Protection Education & Job Training

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Agenda

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About GZEP

• DOEE’s partnership with the Department of Employment Services’ (DOES) Marion S. Barry Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP)

• Provides training and work experiences to approximately 350 teenagers and young adults ages 14-24

• GZEP participants have the opportunity to learn from experts about the energy and environmental issues facing the District and gain hands-on experience working on community projects that will expose them to a variety of experiences and develop the skills necessary to compete for today’s green jobs.
Purpose of this Grant Opportunity

Provide education, training, and hands-on activities for stormwater/watershed related projects to the 2017 GZEP cohort.
Overview

$60,000 available

Each applicant can request up to $20,000

Project must work with 1-3 GZEP assembly sites for 3-5 weeks.

GZEP’s 2017 session is from June 26-August 4.

Funding is provided on a REIMBURSEMENT basis. Advances available under limited circumstances. Must request in your budget narrative.

Applications due: March 3 at 4:30pm. Don’t wait until the last minute to submit!

Work starts AFTER DOEE issues Grant Award Notice (GAN). DOEE cannot reimburse for any work performed on the project before issuance of the GAN.

Projects must be completed by September 30, 2017.
Why is stormwater runoff an issue?
When rain falls in the District.....
it runs off hard surfaces...
and becomes Stormwater Runoff
So...why do we care?
Trash
Oil, gas, and other transportation-related pollutant runoff
Stream bank erosion
The District’s Strategy against Stormwater Runoff

Incentive programs
   RiverSmart Homes, Schools, Communities
   Green Roof Rebates
   RiverSmart Rewards
   Stormwater Retention Credit Trading

Laws and regulations
   5 cent Bag Fee
   Ban on coal tar pavement products
   Foam Ban
   Stormwater Management Regulations

Issue competitive grants
   Community Stormwater Solutions Grants
   GZEP Watershed Protection Grants
GZEP Watershed Protection Grants
Who can apply?

- Nonprofits
- Faith-based organizations
- Government agencies
- Schools, universities, and other educational institutions
- Businesses
Six Project Areas

1. Remove impervious surfaces, install green infrastructure, or plant trees
2. Create/promote green jobs
3. Restore native habitat
4. Clean up an area affected by high volumes of litter
5. Prevent litter
6. Educate or raise awareness of a stormwater issue

Projects must provide curriculum and activities.
GZEP Program Details

Six weeks: June 26 to Aug 4

Six Sites: 14 to 21 year olds, 35-50 participants and 6 staff per site

Weekly schedule: Generally 2 days inside and 3 days outdoors

Daily schedule: 14-15 year olds 9am-1:30pm
16-21 year olds 9am-2:30pm
2017 Assembly Sites

Pending DCPS approval:
LaSalle-Backus Education Campus - 501 Riggs Rd NE

H. D. Woodson High School – 540 55th Street NE

Phelps High School – 704 26th Street NE

Kramer Middle School – 1700 Q Street SE

Plus two more sites yet to be determined....
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How to apply

Read the RFA!

Complete the Application Form.

Collect all your supporting and required documents (listed in Section 3.4 of the RFA)

Email or hand-delivered the completed application form with ALL of the required documents by March 3 at 4:30pm.

Late submissions are not permitted.
# How projects will be scored

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Timeline

- Grants announced Jan 27
- Informational meeting Feb 16
- Application deadline March 3 at 4:30pm
- DOEE reviews proposals
- Winners notified Early May
- GZEP work plan due around June 1
- Orientation – week of June 12
  Projects start – week of June 26
Questions?

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