

"The trip was very organized and the kids were engaged throughout. It was really nice that they were able to have a story hour, tour the facility and participate in a hands-on project. I'll definitely be sharing this with my colleagues."

Jenease Bridges, teacher

"After our field trip today we had a class discussion where students shared how much knowledge they had gained about our native amphibians and fish species. They also shared all of the fishing safety tips that they had learned. They were all quite pleased with their experience today and are all wanting to take a second fishing trip."

Derek Johnson, teacher

"I would like to thank you for teaching us about rivers and animals that are native and non-native. I liked getting to see these animals up close in your tanks and learn what they eat and how they live."

Jacob, student



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The AREC is staffed and operated by the
Department of Energy & Environment.



About the AREC

Have you ever wondered what types of fish swim in the rivers and streams of the District of Columbia? Would you like to learn about the challenges facing our local waterways and how you can help conserve our aquatic resources?

The Aquatic Resources Education Center (AREC), is an aquarium and education center that offers free programs to schools, community groups and the public. The program is part of the Department of Energy & Environment (DOEE) Fisheries and Wildlife Division.

DOEE's fish and wildlife biologists create interactive lessons to educate visitors about aquatic life in our watersheds and how citizens can get involved in conserving these valuable resources.

We serve

- students in Pre-K through grade 12
- after-school and recreation groups, summer camps and team clubs
- senior centers and faith based organizations

Our programs include

- a curriculum that meets DCPS Next Generation Science Standards and includes lessons on watersheds, wetlands and aquatic life
- fishing clinics at our Anacostia River dock
- guided tours of the education center featuring close encounters with local aquatic animals
- training workshops for teachers and community educators

Our programs are FREE

Limited free transportation may be available.

To register online for a program, visit doee.dc.gov/arec.



Our Exhibits

The District is home to a variety of aquatic plants, fish, invertebrates, amphibians and reptiles. Our facility houses more than 40 species that can be found in wetlands, streams and rivers in the District, as well as in the Chesapeake Bay.



Research

DOEE's biologists conduct routine research, scientific studies and surveys on aquatic life in the District. Our guided tours offer visitors an opportunity to learn about some of the restoration work being conducted in the District.

