The project area is located at Benning Park Recreation Center which is an 8.5 acre site in northeast Washington with about 1.5 acres of impervious area from rooftop, parking lot, pathways, and tennis and basketball courts. The recreation center was built upon a filled and piped stream that flows to the Anacostia River. The approximate project area can be seen outlined in red.

The project includes collection of stormwater from the upstream impervious areas (e.g., basketball/tennis courts and playground) and directing it to a bioretention practice in the adjacent open field to the west of the tennis courts.

The stormwater retrofits to be installed as a part of this project are funded through the DOEE Stormwater Enterprise Fund and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF). The goal of this project is to improve water quality in the Anacostia and Potomac Rivers for the benefit of District residents, visitors, wildlife, and the environment, while providing high quality outdoor recreational space and facilities for children and adults to learn, play, and connect with nature. A further goal of the project is to reduce the stormwater pollutants that enter local waters (e.g., rivers, streams, estuaries) as required under the current applicable EPA National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for the District’s municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4).

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