



Current Funding Opportunities

FLOODSMART HOMES

DOEE is piloting a program called FloodSmart Homes that will send a professional to your home for a free flood resilience assessment and help identify the best solutions for your flooding concerns to reduce flood risk in your home. The professional will generate a report recommending the most useful and cost-effective resilience upgrades that would be a good fit for your home. If you agree to these upgrades, DOEE will install them at little to no cost to you.

Who is eligible?

DOEE's goal is to serve all homeowners with flood risk who indicate interest in the program. Homes that are in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA), also known as the 100-year floodplain, will be served first as they are at the highest risk during a flood. Following this, homes in the 500-year floodplain will be served, then all other homes who indicate interest and have documented flood risk. You can see if your home is in a floodplain by typing your address into the search bar at dcfloordrisk.org.

Sign up Now!

You can sign up for the program by:

1. Completing the online survey here: bit.ly/floodpreventiondc
2. Emailing risk@dc.gov
3. Calling 202-535-2600 and asking for the Flood Team

Events/Volunteer/Partner Opportunities

BEST URBAN BMP IN THE BAY AWARDS!

Stormwater best management practices (BMP) are installed across the Chesapeake Bay Watershed to reduce runoff and capture pollutants before they can reach local streams and rivers. Starting December 12, 2022, the Chesapeake Stormwater Network will launch the 6th edition of the Best Urban BMP in the Bay Awards (BUBBAs) contest to recognize excellence in seven different stormwater management categories: stream restoration practices, stormwater retrofits, urban habitat restoration, residential stewardship practices, education and outreach programs, ultra-urban practices and a new category for innovations in stormwater permit implementation.



Have a favorite stormwater practice? Find out how you can nominate it here: www.chesapeakestormwater.net/about-the-bubbas.

2023 DC TEACHER'S NIGHT

Thursday, February 2nd, 6 pm - 8 pm, at the US Botanic Gardens

Mark your calendars for **Thursday, February 02, 2023**, and register today for an in-person Environmental Education Resource Event, hosted by the DC Environmental Education Consortium. This event is for DC Teachers and Environmental Education partners to meet and learn about resources to get your students learning about the outdoors, and ways to bring the environment into your classroom. The event will feature environmental organizations with K-12 resources to use this school year. Please share this invitation with your colleagues interested in environmental education. The event is free, however, spaces are limited, and registration [is required](#).



- [Teacher's registration form](#)
- [Partner/Exhibitor's registration form](#)

DPR READY2PLAY

The DC Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) is pleased to announce that Ready2Play, the agency's new 20-year draft master plan, is now open for public comments through **January 31, 2023** at <https://ready2playdc.com/>. To submit your comments, simply click on the document in the relevant section and a comment window will pop up. DPR looks forward to your feedback, which will help shape the future of parks and recreation in the District for years to come. Should you have any additional questions or concerns, don't hesitate to get in touch with DPR's Customer Care Center at (202) 673-7647 or email the planning team at ready2play@dc.gov.



RIVERSMART HOMES AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

The RiverSmart Homes (RSH) Ambassador Program seeks interested residents in Wards 7 and 8 to be extensions of the RiverSmart Homes program. RiverSmart Ambassadors provide unique outreach and engagement support by informing their neighbors, friends, and family about the RiverSmart Homes program, speaking at local ANC/Civic Association meetings, and promoting RiverSmart rebates and incentives, while spreading watershed stewardship. RiverSmart Ambassadors educate residents about the issues of stormwater pollution and what they can do to keep our waterways clean. Ambassadors have access to stormwater education resources, resources and information on the RiverSmart Homes Program, and support from RiverSmart staff. For more information about the RiverSmart Homes Ambassador program, visit our website www.RiverSmartHomes.org.



Last year DOEE trained 5 RiverSmart Homes Ambassadors. The ambassadors provided 19 hours of time and reached approximately 284 community members at 4 community events. Ambassadors also provided feedback on the program during their first listening session in September.

Job Openings & Trainings

ANACOSTIA COMMUNITY MUSEUM ENVIRONMENTAL ACADEMY

Open to young women and non-binary youth of color, ages 14-18, living in communities along the Anacostia River and its tributaries in Montgomery and Prince George's counties in Maryland and the District.

[Click here for more information](#)

[Virtual informational sessions](#) taking place **January 9 & 17**

PERMEABLE INTERLOCKING CONCRETE PAVEMENT (PICP) SPECIALIST TRAINING

DOEE with the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay and the Interlocking Concrete Pavement Institute (ICPI) will host the Permeable Interlocking Concrete Pavement (PICP) Specialist training course on **Friday, January 27th, from 8am-5pm**. The training will be located in a conference room at DOEE's offices (1200 First Street NE). This event will include training presentations and the certification exam (only taken by contractors in attendance). For more information, please contact Carly Starobin at cstarobin@allianceforthebay.org.

Spotlight Story

POLLUTION PREVENTION (P2) TEAM ANNOUNCES FY'22 STORMWATER QUARTERLY HERO AWARD WINNERS

The Department of Energy & Environment's Pollution Program (P2) is proud to announce each of the winners of the FY'22 Stormwater Quarterly Hero Award. Each quarter, a senior agency staff member is recognized for the exceptional work that they have done in helping DC Government Operation and Management (O&M) facilities meet the overall environmental goals of the District of Columbia. Mr. Melvin Hodges and Mr. Keith Leftwich of the Department of Public Works, (@DPW), Mr. Greg Granberry of the District Department of Transportation (@DDOT) and Lt. Ryan Bourassa of DCFEMS Training Academy (@DCFEMS) have been selected and an announcement was made through all DOEE's social media platforms.



Fun Fact

Winter is a great time to prune a tree, because it is dormant!

Learn more at: TreesAreGood.org/TreeOwner

[2023 Environmental Justice Academy Virtual Information Sessions Flyer](#)



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