



Funding Opportunities

Watts Branch Flood Resilience Concept Design Plan

The Department of Energy and Environment (DOEE) seeks eligible entities to design and model a network of blue, green, and gray infrastructure for mitigating flood risk along the Watts Branch floodplain and develop schematic designs for focused projects along the network, to prepare for future FEMA funding applications for implementation.

This is a multi-year project, with a base year (12-month) period followed by up to four option years, at DOEE’s discretion.

Visit this webpage for more information, including a link to Additional Details where further information can be downloaded [here](#).

For questions, send an email to tracy.crump@dc.gov

The deadline for application submissions is August 4, 2023 at 2:00 PM. The online application must be time-stamped by 1:59 PM on the date the application is due.

Community Stormwater Solutions Evaluation and Expansion Grant

The Department of Energy and Environment (DOEE) seeks eligible entities to manage DOEE’s [Community Stormwater Solutions grants program](#), with the purposes of: (1) to continue and expand DOEE’s commitment to fund innovative watershed-focused initiatives; (2) to build capacity among new and low-capacity community-based organizations and small businesses; and (3) to support the advancement of diversity, equity, and inclusion in the grant award-making process and in environmental work.

The amount available for the two-year project is \$700,000, with an opportunity for DOEE to extend for another two years, at its discretion.

Visit this webpage for more information, including the full text of the Request for Applications (RFA) which can be downloaded from the Attachments section [here](#).

For questions, send an email to 2023CSS.grants@dc.gov

The deadline for application submissions is August 11, 2023. The online application must be time-stamped by 11:59 PM on the date the application is due.

Events & Volunteering

RiverSmart Homes Ambassador Program – virtual training

The [RiverSmart Homes](#) Ambassador Program is hosting a virtual Ambassador Training on July 11, 2023 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM for new Ambassadors.

The [Ambassador Program](#) seeks to train interested residents throughout Wards 7 and 8 to be extensions of the RiverSmart Homes program. Ambassadors will provide unique outreach and engagement by supporting the following goals: providing stormwater education, increasing RiverSmart Homes participation, and connecting District residents to RiverSmart programs.

To participate, Ambassadors must complete an application and agreement, attend the Ambassador Training, engage community members, and track outreach by participating in a minimum of 10 hours per term of service. Eligible Ambassadors receive a \$250 stipend per term of service, annual maintenance service provided for RiverSmart installations, and apparel.

For more information [click here](#).

Jobs & Trainings

DOEE’s Watershed Protection Division is hiring!

The Partnering and Environmental Conservation Branch is recruiting for a Grade 11 Environmental Protection Specialist to support the Compliance Assistance and Policy Team on inspections and enforcement of the Bag Law, Food Service Ware Requirements, and Coal Tar ban. In addition, the position will manage community engagement and workforce development programs, including Anacostia River Explorers, Anacostia Green Boats, and the Green Zone Environmental Program.

Be on the lookout at careers.dc.gov in the coming weeks for the position announcement!

Spotlight Stories



Greg (second from right) pictured with members of Streetcar Barn’s Stormwater Pollution Prevention Team

Stormwater Quarterly Hero Award Winner

Every quarter, DOEE’s Pollution Prevention Team awards a member of a sister agency’s Stormwater Pollution Prevention Team for exemplary work implementing best management practices to reduce stormwater pollution. This quarter the award was presented to Gregory Simmons of the DC Department of Transportation (DDOT). Greg oversees stormwater controls at multiple DC-owned facilities. He is doing the work every day to protect the District waterways.

Stormwater Retrofits at Dakota Park and Dwight Mosley Playground

Design work is beginning for stormwater retrofits at [Dakota Park](#) and [Dwight Mosley Playground/Taft Recreation Center](#). These projects are part of the District’s [Clean Water Construction](#) (CWC) program to support the design and construction of voluntary projects that provide clean water to District streams and rivers. An additional goal is to enhance high quality outdoor recreational space and facilities for children and adults to learn, play, and connect with nature.

For more information about these projects, visit their webpages (hyperlinked in the description above) or contact Elaine Vidal at elaine.vidal@dc.gov.

