



## Green Infrastructure Job Training Grant

The Watershed Protection Division at the Department of Energy and Environment is excited to announce a Request for Applications (RFA) for our **Green Infrastructure Job Training Grant, also known as River Corps**.

Through this RFA, DOEE seeks eligible entities to provide job training to young adults to learn how to properly maintain green infrastructure (GI) and implement and lead restoration efforts that support healthy waterways in the District. The amount available for the project is **\$350,000** for one year of implementation, with options to extend.

**The application deadline is Friday, January 5, 2024**, via DOEE's Grant Application Portal. To obtain a copy of the RFA, visit DOEE's Grants and Funding page here: <https://doee.dc.gov/node/1694291>.

**DOEE will host a pre-application meeting to discuss the RFA and answer questions on Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. via WebEx.** Please direct any questions, including requests for the pre-application meeting link, to [2024rivercorps.grants@dc.gov](mailto:2024rivercorps.grants@dc.gov).



River Corps members and DOEE staff help to cage juvenile trees in the Linnean Stream Valley in early 2023

## River Terrace Wetland Enhancement Project

DOEE is excited to announce a RFA for our **River Terrace Wetland Enhancement Project**.

Through this RFA, DOEE seeks eligible entities to enhance 11 acres of tidal wetlands in the Chesapeake watershed, specifically the Anacostia River corridor, by protecting and improving wetland functions, improving the visitor experience, and increasing community engagement. The amount available for the project is **\$299,540**. The project period will be for three years.

**The application deadline is Friday, January 5, 2024**, via DOEE's Grant Application Portal. To obtain a copy of the RFA, visit DOEE's Grants and Funding page here: [River Terrace wetland enhancement RFA](#).

**DOEE will host a pre-application meeting to discuss the RFA and answer questions on Wednesday, December 6, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. via WebEx.** Please direct any questions, including requests for the pre-application meeting link, to [2024RiverTerrace.grants@dc.gov](mailto:2024RiverTerrace.grants@dc.gov).

## RiverSmart Schools – Deadline Extended to March 1, 2024

The RiverSmart Schools program is for K-12 students and teachers of DC Public Schools, DC Public Charter Schools, and parochial schools. It provides teachers with training and financial resources to install conservation sites (like rain gardens, cisterns, shade trees) and outdoor learning labs on their school grounds. Students, teachers, and the community participate in the design, installation, and maintenance of the sites, becoming stewards of the land and helping to protect the Anacostia and Potomac Rivers and Chesapeake Bay from nonpoint source pollution.

**The application, due March 1, 2024, is available here:** [doee.dc.gov/page/riversmart-schools-application](https://doee.dc.gov/page/riversmart-schools-application)

Learn more about RiverSmart Schools here: [doee.dc.gov/service/riversmart-schools](https://doee.dc.gov/service/riversmart-schools)

Please contact P. Trinh Doan at [patricia.doan@dc.gov](mailto:patricia.doan@dc.gov) with questions.

*Image Description: A project at Anacostia High School retains and filters stormwater runoff, creates wildlife habitat with native plants, and provides an outdoor classroom for the students*



## EPA Region III issues new stormwater permit to District

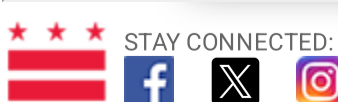
EPA Region III recently issued the District's new Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit, which authorizes discharges from the MS4 to receiving waters provided that the District complies with the permit's requirements. The new permit term runs from November 20, 2023 to December 20, 2028. All new permit-related documents can currently be found [here](#).



Newly installed bioretention along Hamlin Street NE at Langdon Park Recreation Center that treats stormwater from the roadway

## Watershed Partners Meetings – join us!

Twice a year, DOEE hosts a meeting of our partners to explore different topics of interest to the watershed and those who work to protect it. The meetings provide an opportunity for partners to (re)connect, share successes and challenges, ask questions, and share updates. If you do not already receive invitations to the Watershed Partners Meetings but would like to, please email [sonia.saini@dc.gov](mailto:sonia.saini@dc.gov).



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