

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Justice Strategy for the District's Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Programs

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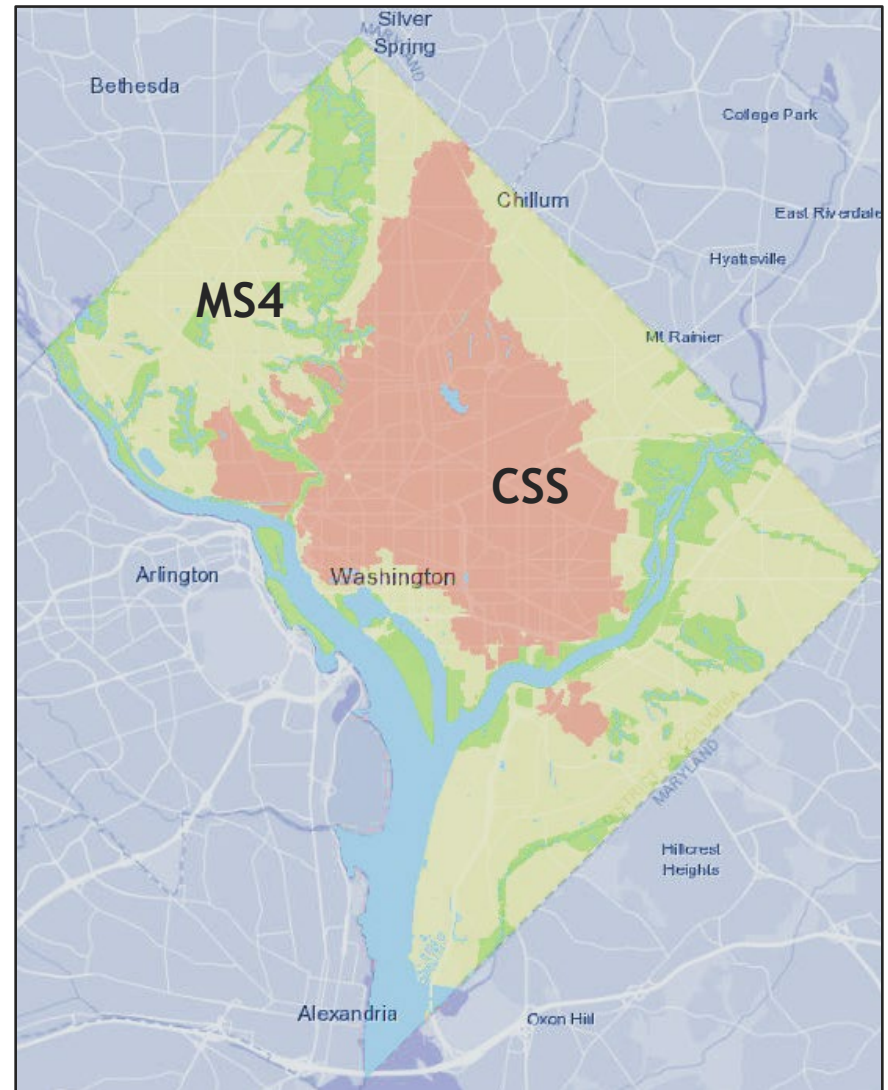
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Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4)

- In the MS4 area of the city, stormwater flows over impervious surfaces, picking up pollutants; this pollutant-laden water enters the storm sewer and discharges directly into waterways.
- EPA issues an MS4 permit which authorizes these discharges so long as the District completes a variety of specific activities aimed at reducing stormwater pollution.



Purpose of MS4 Permit

Broad MS4 Permit Activities:

- Pollution Prevention (education/ outreach, good housekeeping)
- Pollution treatment/removal (stormwater BMPs, source reduction)
- Pollution monitoring (outfall, water quality sampling)

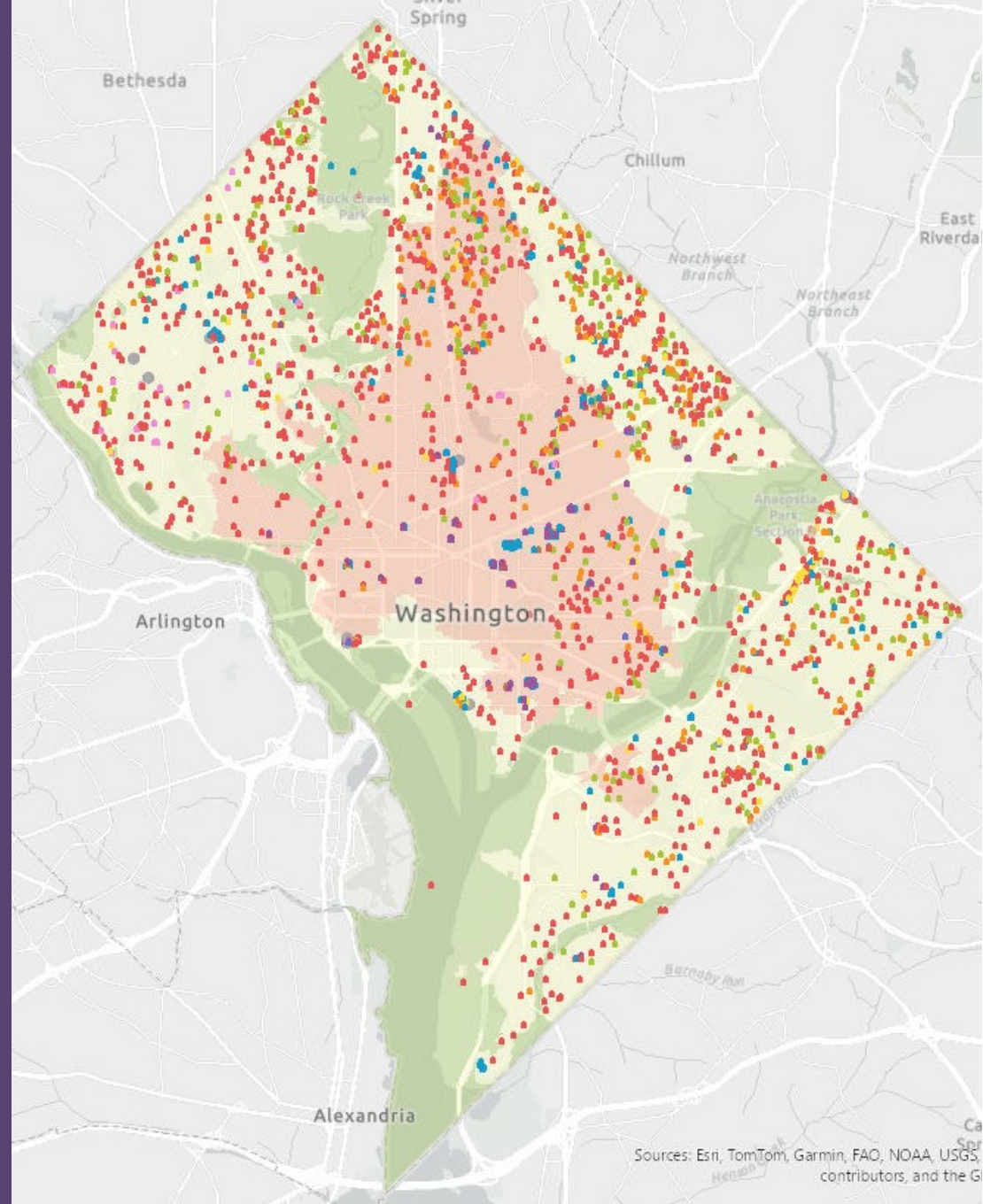


Stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs)

BMPs retain stormwater to reduce runoff that causes erosion and carries pollutants to our rivers, streams, and wetlands.

Examples of BMPs include:

- Green roofs,
- Rain gardens,
- Permeable pavement,
- Rain barrels,
- Tree plantings



Stormwater BMP inventory for 2023 reporting year

RFA Overview

- Each applicant must apply through the Grants Management System (GMS). The application deadline is Tuesday, April 30, 2024, at 11:59 PM EST.
- RFA found on DOEE's website: <https://doee.dc.gov/node/1716036>
- \$90,600 available for anticipated period through September 2025.
- If EPA authorizes it, the period of performance could possibly be extended for additional time; depends on performance, funds, and need
- Eligible to apply:
 - Nonprofit organizations, including those with IRS 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) determinations
 - Faith-based organizations
 - Universities/educational institutions;
 - and -Private Enterprises.

Government agencies are ineligible.



Grants Management System

- DOEE is now accepting applications through the Grants Management System (GMS).
- GMS guidance and instructions are available on DOEE's website: <https://doee.dc.gov/node/1402611>
- For support developing DOEE grant applications, visit the Grants Trainings available at <https://doee.dc.gov/node/1590721>
- If technical issues arise, email: doee.grants@dc.gov and cc: 2024MS4DEIJ.grants@dc.gov
- DOEE will not receive an application as a hard copy, emailed copy, or faxed copy unless technical issues arise with the GMS and these issues are documented before the deadline.



RFA Overview

The purpose of this grant is to develop a diversity, equity, inclusion, and environmental justice strategy for the District's MS4 permit programs. Development must include meaningful engagement with District residents and other relevant stakeholders.

- [DOEE Equity Framework](#)
- [DC MS4 Permit Overview](#)
- [EPA Public Participation Guide](#)

Project Description

1. Conduct an inventory and analysis of past and current DOEE DEIJ efforts for MS4 permit programs.
2. Work with DOEE stormwater staff to develop recommendations.
3. Provide DOEE with a plan for meaningful engagement.
4. Meaningfully engage with relevant communities.
5. Produce the Strategy.

Given the multiple disciplines involved in this project, DOEE encourages an applicant to form a team consisting of multiple entities with a range of specialties.

Outputs and Deliverables

Outputs

1. Number of meaningfully engaged residents
2. Number of DOEE MS4 permit program staff engaged
3. Number of DOEE MS4 programs with new DEIJ recommendations
4. Number of stakeholders engaged
5. Actionable DEIJ recommendations for residents, nonprofits, and stormwater programs created with resident feedback
6. Number of public engagement forums
7. Number of stakeholders who provide public comments

Deliverables

1. DEIJ Strategy document
2. Engagement Plan
3. Inventory, Analysis and Recommendation for past and current stormwater program DEIJ efforts
4. Copies of comments/feedback from the public and MS4 permit program staff
5. Evidence of public engagement (such as sign-in sheets, meeting minutes)
6. Quarterly progress reports
7. Final report

Scoring Criteria

#	Criteria	Points
1	Provides a high quality, detailed plan of work and timeline likely to accomplish RFA goals	20
2	Describes an engagement strategy that will likely be successful	15
3	Demonstrates experience working with underserved communities	5
4	Qualifications of team members demonstrate the likelihood to develop and implement a DEIJ strategy, meaningful education, training, and experience	15
5	Demonstrates knowledge and understanding of DEIJ-related issues, concepts, practice, and principles	15
6	Provides a detailed, clear, and reasonable budget and narrative that justifies requested funds	10
7	Demonstrates knowledge of stormwater management and the District's MS4 permit and compliance requirements	15
8	Demonstrates the organization's experience and organizational capacity to successfully engage multiple stakeholder groups	5



Questions?

All questions and answers will be posted on the RFA website: doee.dc.gov/node/1716036

RFA Email: 2024MS4DEIJ.grants@dc.gov

Last day for submitting questions: April 23, 2024
Application deadline: April 30, 2024