



*Briefing on:*

## *DC Clean Rivers Project*

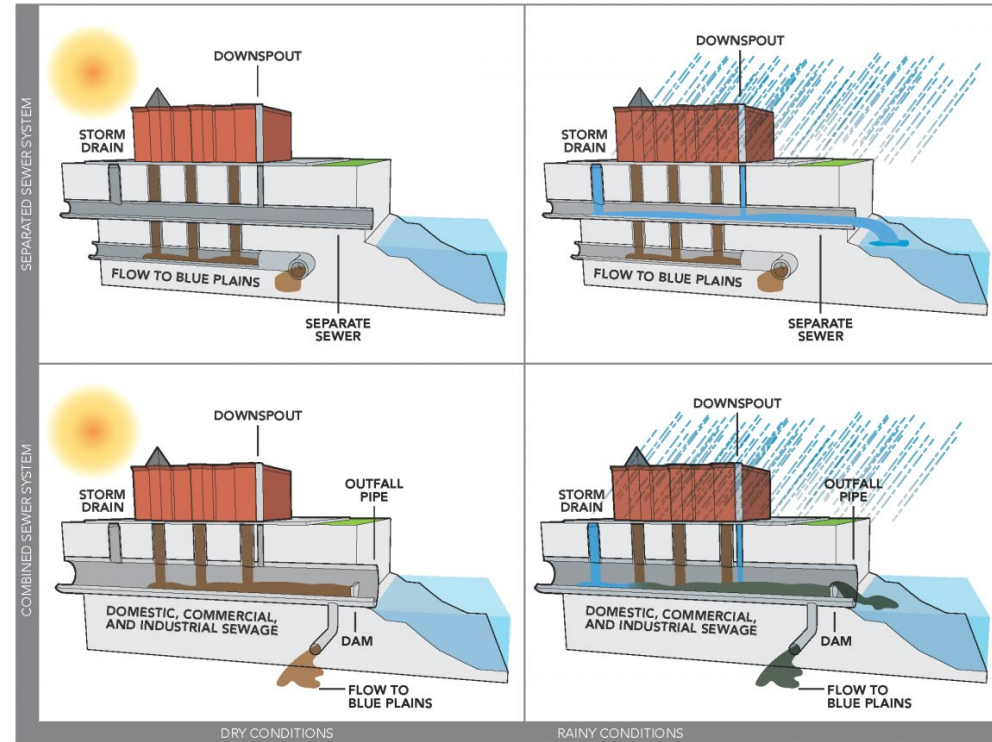
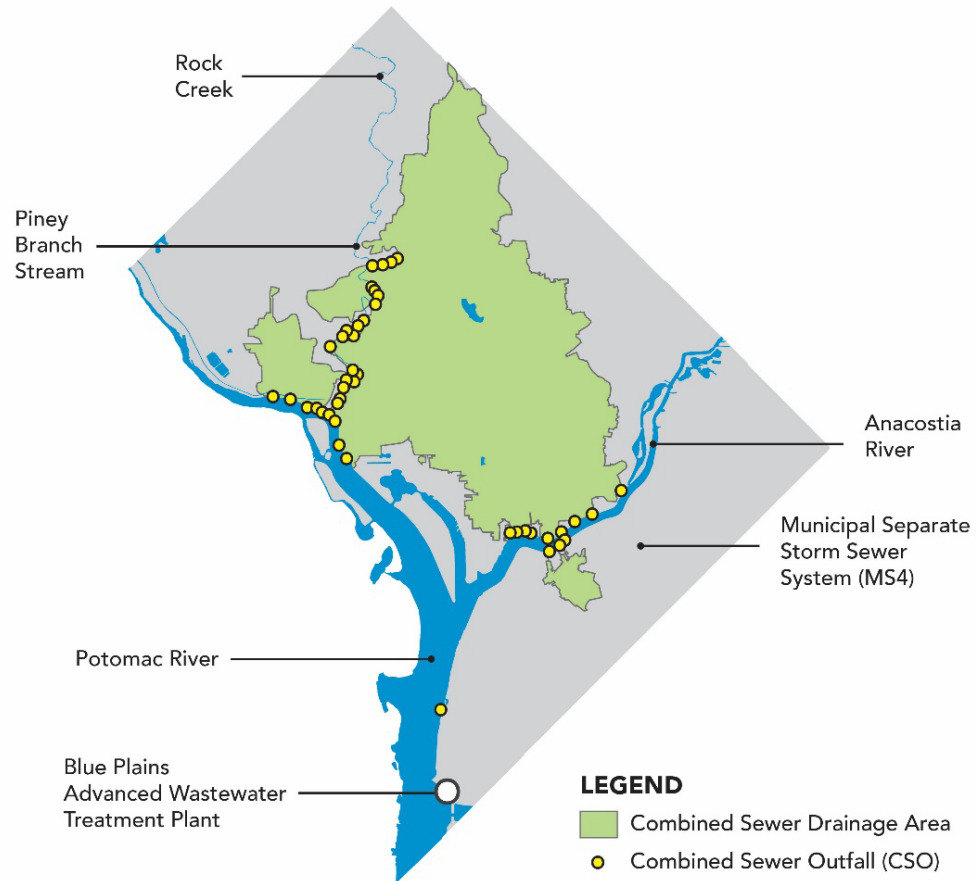
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# Overview

# Separate and Combined Sewer Systems

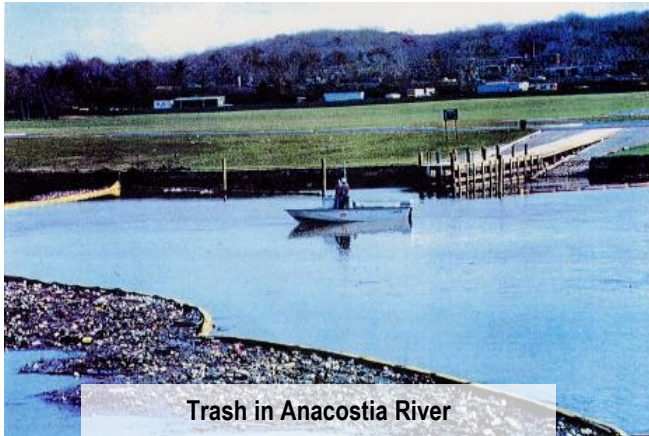


- 1/3 of area within District is served by combined sewers (12,478 acres)
- 48 active Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) outfalls
  - 15 to Anacostia River
  - 10 to Potomac River
  - 23 to Rock Creek

# Magnitude of the Challenge: CSOs and Surface Flooding



CSO Discharge to Anacostia River



Trash in Anacostia River



Rhode Island & T St NW



Rhode Island & 1st St NW



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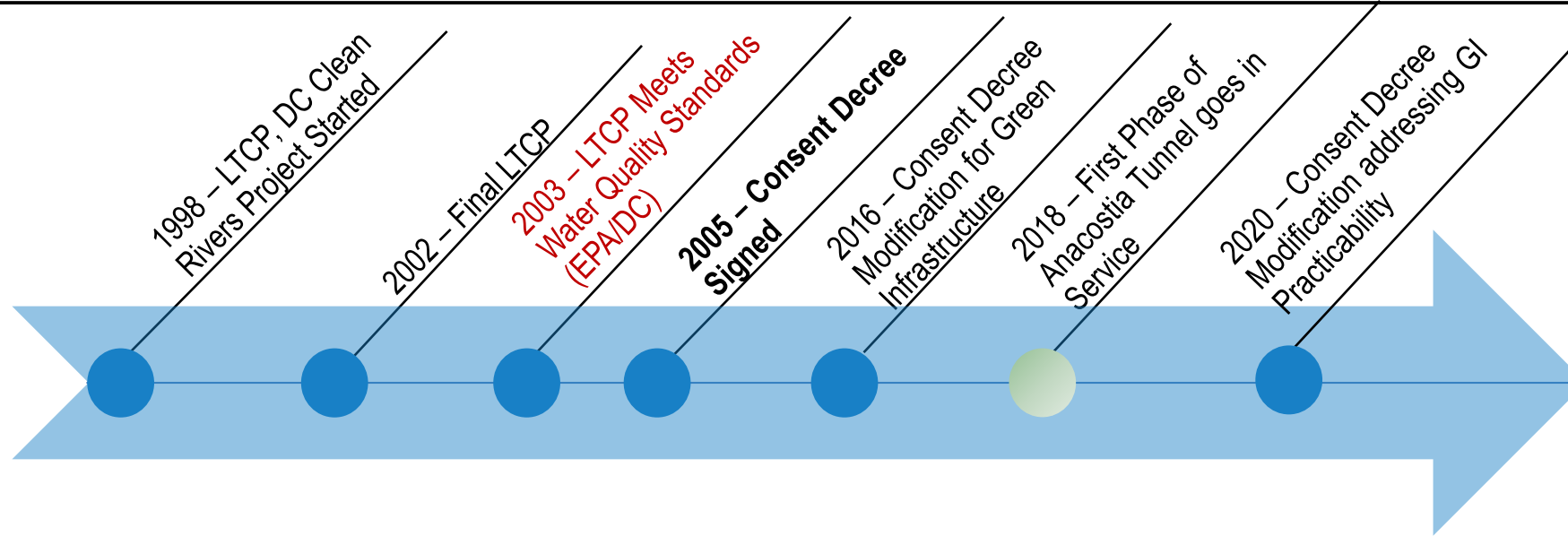


Rhode Island Between 1st & 2nd St NW



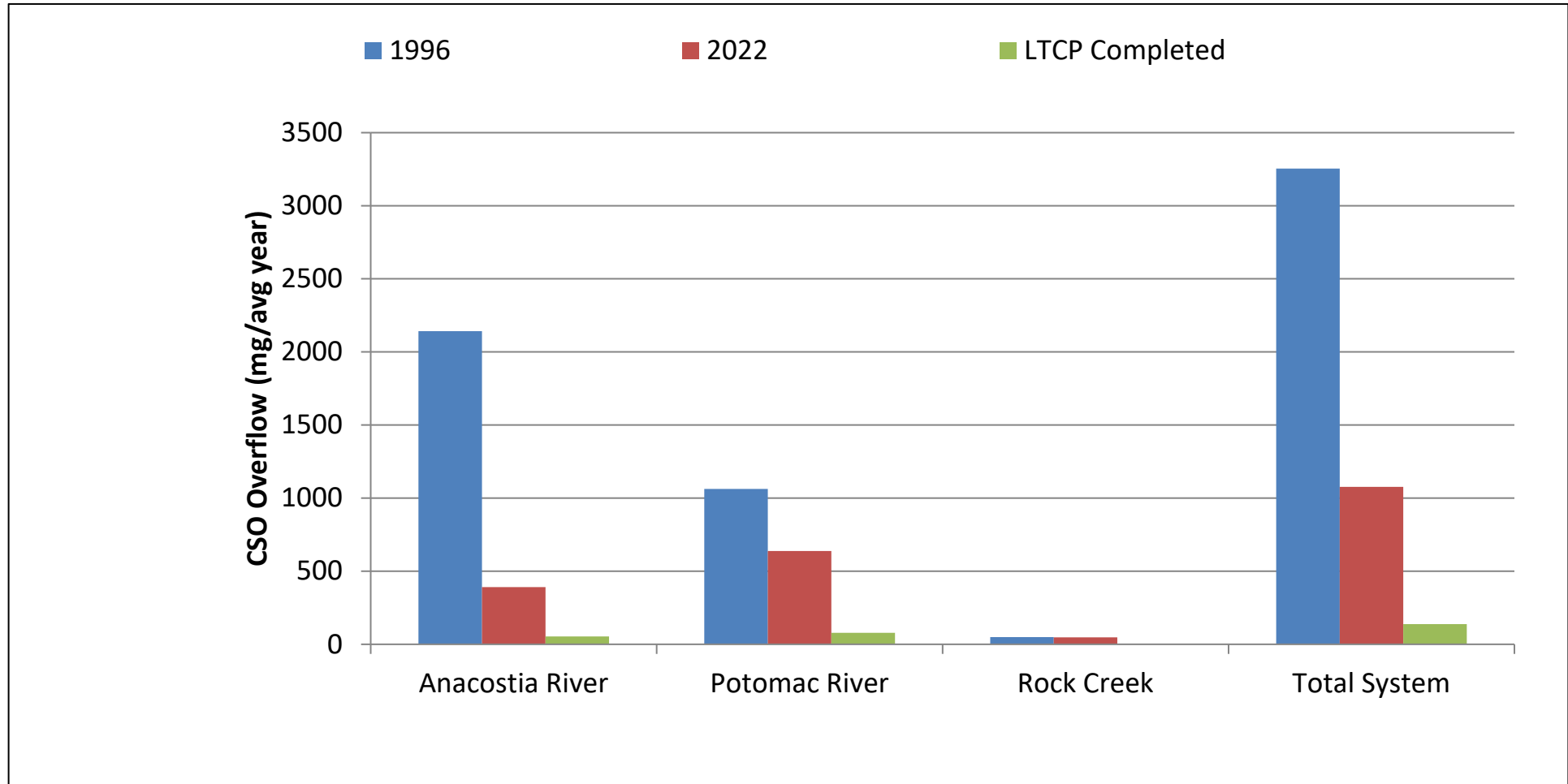
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# Program Development



- Project required by Federal Consent Decree
- Signed by EPA, Dept of Justice, District of Columbia and DC Water
- Stipulated penalties for failure to meet specified schedules

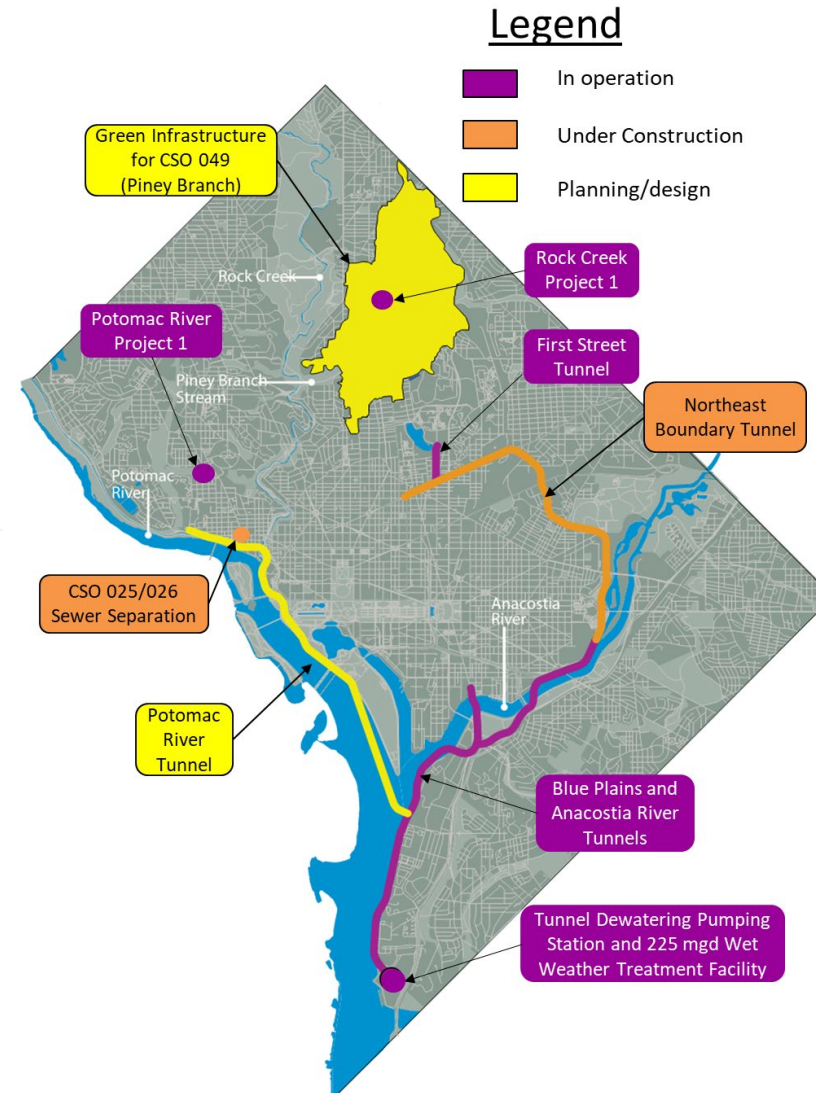
# Clean Rivers Project Performance



# Project Status

- Anacostia Tunnel from Blue Plains to RFK Stadium in service since March 2018
  - Provides about 100 million gallons of storage
  - 225 mgd Wet Weather Treatment Facility at Blue Plains
- Northeast Boundary Tunnel will add 100 million gallons of storage in 2023
- System performance:

Parameter	Value
Period	Mar 20, 2018 – August 2022
Volume captured	14.23 billion gals (92% reduction)
Solids & debris captured	8,562 tons



# Environmental Impact Bond (EIB) for Green Infrastructure

- Background
- Pre-construction predictions from 2016
- Construction of Rock Creek Project (RC-A)
- Post-Construction Assessment
- Findings and Lessons Learned





# Why Green Infrastructure in Addition to Tunnels?

## Triple Bottom Line Benefits of GI



### Environmental

- Reduce runoff
- Improve air quality
- Reduce summer temperatures
- Reduce energy usage
- Offset climate change
- Habitat improvement



### Social

- Enhance aesthetics
- Improve livability through green space
- Reduce scope and duration of disruption during construction



### Economic

- Create green jobs
- National Green Infrastructure Certification Program (NGICP)
- Enhance property values
- Improve quality of life

# Background

## Environmental Impact Bond

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- DC Water issued EIB with a principal of \$25M
  - Purchasers of the bond are Goldman Sachs Urban Investment Group (GSUIG) Real Estate Member LLC and Calvert Social Investment Foundation Inc. Facilitation by Quantified Ventures.
  - EIB is “*Public Utility Subordinate Lien Multimodal Revenue Bonds Series 2016B*”
- Financed first GI Project in Rock Creek (RC-A)
  - Modeled after “Pay for Success” Social Impact Bonds
  - Investors repaid based upon the effectiveness of GI in managing the volume of stormwater runoff
    - Greater volume managed would result in a larger repayment to investors
    - Lower volume managed would result in a smaller repayment to investors
- GI has never been constructed on a large scale in the District, so the EIB served as a hedge for the effectiveness of GI in managing stormwater

The Goldman Sachs logo, featuring the words "Goldman Sachs" in a white serif font on a blue rectangular background.The Calvert Impact Capital logo, featuring a stylized blue wave icon to the left of the text "Calvert Impact Capital" in a black sans-serif font.The Quantified Ventures logo, featuring a blue circular icon with a white arrow pointing to the right, followed by the text "Quantified Ventures" in a grey sans-serif font.

# 2016 Preconstruction Predictions Monitoring and Modeling

- Documented in
  - “*Environmental Impact Bond Technical Evaluation Memorandum, dated September 13, 2016*”
  - Included in Exhibit D of the Private Placement Agreement
- Flow and rainfall monitoring & modeling to predict performance of GI
- Pre-construction monitoring period:
  - March 1, 2016 – June 2, 2016, used for EIB calibration
- Independent 3rd Party Technical Validator (required per Private Placement Agreement)



# 2016 Preconstruction Predictions Sensitivity Analysis Results

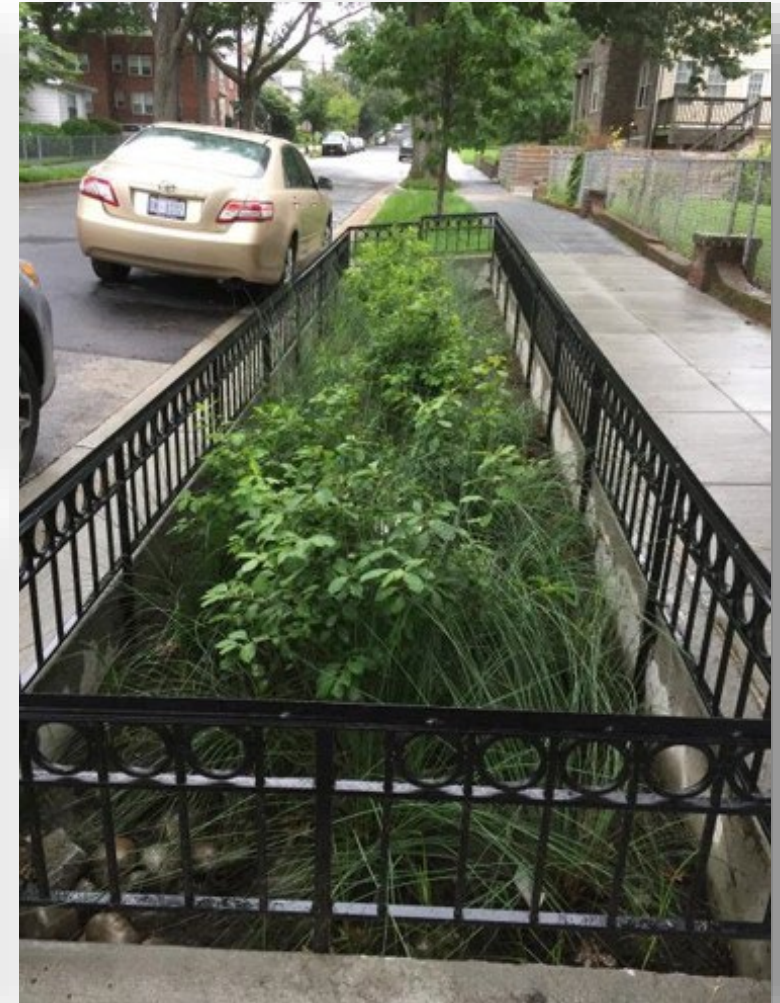
- Best- and worst-case scenarios evaluated using range of GI performance parameters
- Performed Monte Carlo analysis with 1000 simulations

Percentile	Percent Reduction	Range
Adjusted 95 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	41.3%	} 23%
Adjusted 5 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	18.6%	

- EIB Outcome Range

Tier	Runoff Reduction	Payments
1	Greater than 41.3%	DC Water pays Outcome Payment of \$3,300,319.00 to Purchasers
2	18.6% to 41.3%	No Outcome Payment or Risk Share Payment
3	Less than 18.6%	Purchasers pay Risk Share Payment of \$3,300,319.00 to DC Water

# RC-A Construction Examples of Constructed Facilities

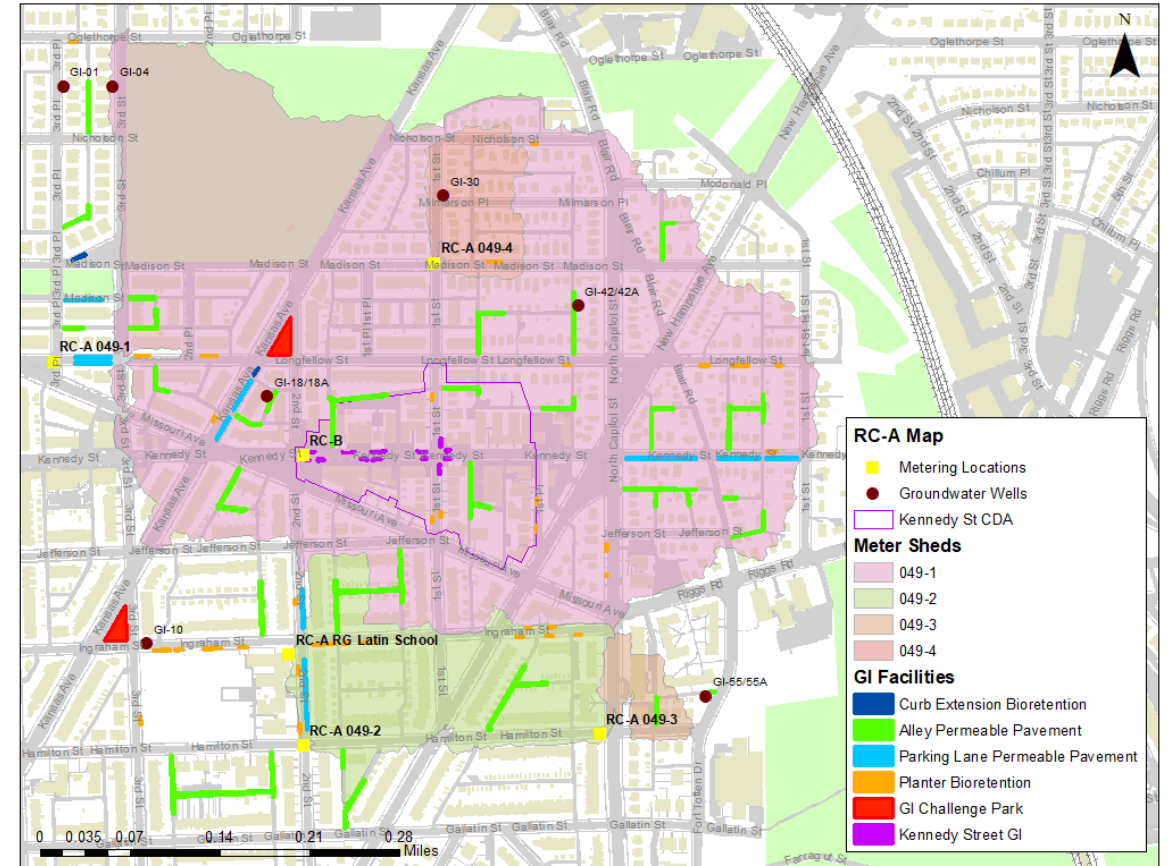


**109 facilities in metered area managing more than 19 impervious acres**

# Post-Construction Assessment

## Post-Construction Monitoring

- Sewershed, rainfall & groundwater – 19 months (Mar 1, 2019 – Sep 30, 2020)
  - Sewershed and rainfall monitoring locations unchanged for Pre- and Post- monitoring periods
  - Three groundwater monitoring wells (RCAGI-18, RCAGI-42, and RCAGI-55) were relocated in the immediate vicinity as they were sited within the footprint of the GI facilities constructed
- GI practice level monitoring
  - More than 70 GI practices monitored for 6.5 months (Mar 12, 2020 – Sep 30, 2020)
  - Representative practices monitored for 17.5 months (Apr 19, 2019 – Sep 30, 2020)
- Independent 3rd Party Technical Validator (required per Private Placement Agreement)



# Findings

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- Based on post construction monitoring, runoff reduction is estimated at 19.56%, which falls within Tier 2 outcome range established in the EIB

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# Lessons Learned:

## Adaptive Management to Improve Project Performance on DC Water GI and Sector-wide

All  
facilities

- Improve valves/orifices at underdrain outlets
- Select monitoring sites to reduce stormwater flow bypassing inlets and exiting the monitored shed
- Place practices in series to promote sediment removal
- Monitor at site-level instead of at sewershed level to measure performance



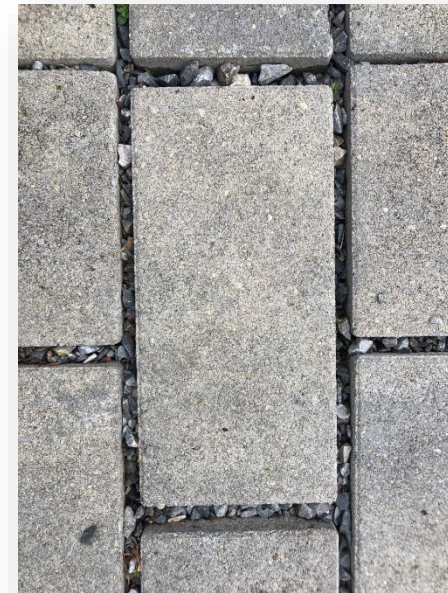


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### Porous Pavement

- Maximize the space between the pavers to reduce clogging.
- Install sediment traps upstream of alley to remove sediment and distribute clean flow
- Flatten the “V” shape in the alley center to increase surface area for infiltration
- Provide maintenance access to access underdrain & orifice
- Reduce number of checkdams



# Lessons Learned:

## Adaptive Management to Improve Project Performance on DC Water GI and Sector-wide

### Bioretention

- Pursue open space facilities that allow for more economical construction
- Install bioretention facilities closer to intersections instead of midblock to limit parking impacts
- Construct high slope or long gutter inlets to reduce flow bypassing along the gutter



### Knowledge gained was extremely beneficial:

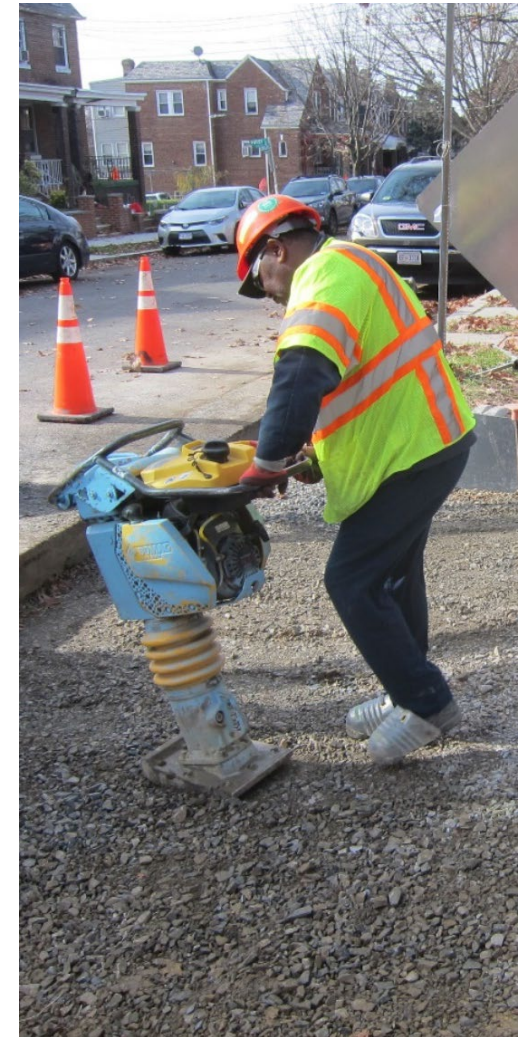
- Incorporated into first Potomac GI Project (PR-A)
- Will be applied to subsequent GI projects
- Lessons learned will be shared with industry partners
- Can benefit District's stormwater programs – 2/3 of land area in District

# DC Water Green Infrastructure EIB

## A Success Story

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- Parties pleased with end results
- Provided investors with a new sustainability investment vehicle (environmental improvements, green jobs...)
- Managed risk for DC Water: Green Infrastructure had not been constructed at this scale in the District
- Informed the Program: Incredible Value from Lessons Learned
  - Influenced improvements in design, maintenance, and monitoring approach
    - Changes in designs for future green infrastructure, field tested in Rock Creek Project A and Potomac River Project A
    - Performance Monitoring provided opportunity to optimize facilities
    - Maintenance protocols fine tuned to support performance
- Nearly \$100M of future green infrastructure to be constructed in Rock Creek watershed



# Questions?

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