

# TRASH REDUCTION PLAN

## ANACOSTIA RIVER

Trash is a major pollutant of concern for the Anacostia River. Reducing trash in the River enhances the quality of life for all residents.

Trash reduction has been a major focus of the District's stormwater management program since 2009.

### OUR CURRENT PROJECTS

Maintaining seven trash traps in the Anacostia River watershed, capturing and removing over 25,000 lbs of litter.



Coordinating with the Department of Public Works to increase street sweeping in litter hotspots.



Working with the Alice Ferguson Foundation on anti-littering education and outreach campaigns.



Banning foam food take-out containers to reduce litter.



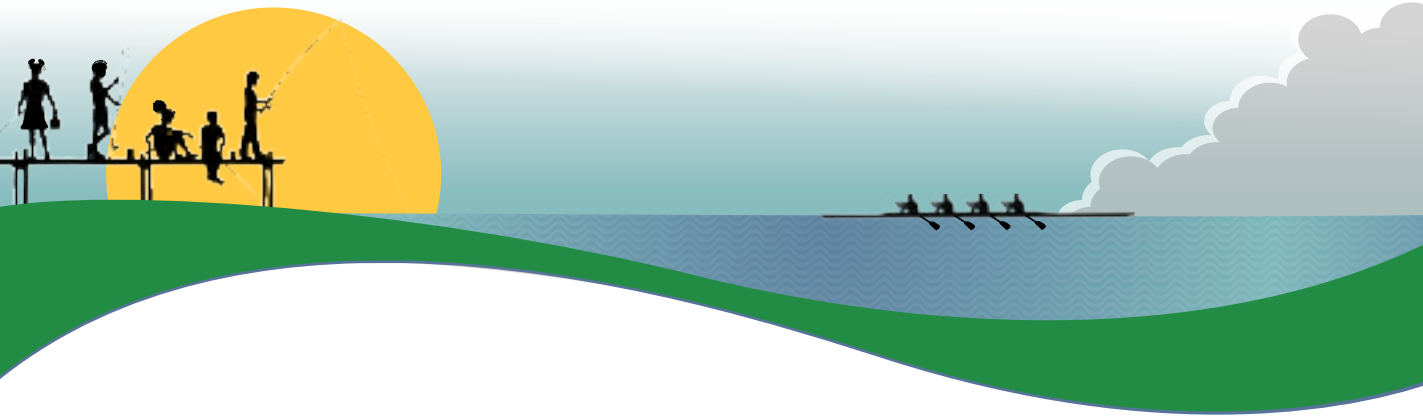
Enforcing a five-cent fee on disposable bags sold at food-based businesses in the District.



Working with local nonprofit partners to host community cleanup events.

For more information visit:

[ddoe.dc.gov/service/anacostia-river-trash-reduction-plan](http://ddoe.dc.gov/service/anacostia-river-trash-reduction-plan)



# STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

When it rains, stormwater carries pollutants into the District’s rivers. While stormwater provides a natural water source for your lawn and flower gardens, it also runs off impervious surfaces like streets, rooftops and sidewalks.

As stormwater runs off of these paved surfaces, it picks up pollutants—such as toxic chemicals, dirt, and trash—and carries them into storm drains, and into our rivers and streams.



## YOU CAN HELP!

Residents and building owners can help by reducing pollution at the source:

- Join DDOE’s RiverSmart Homes program.
- Use reusable water bottles.
- Reduce, reuse, recycle.
- Pick up pet waste.
- Plant trees and ground cover to control erosion.

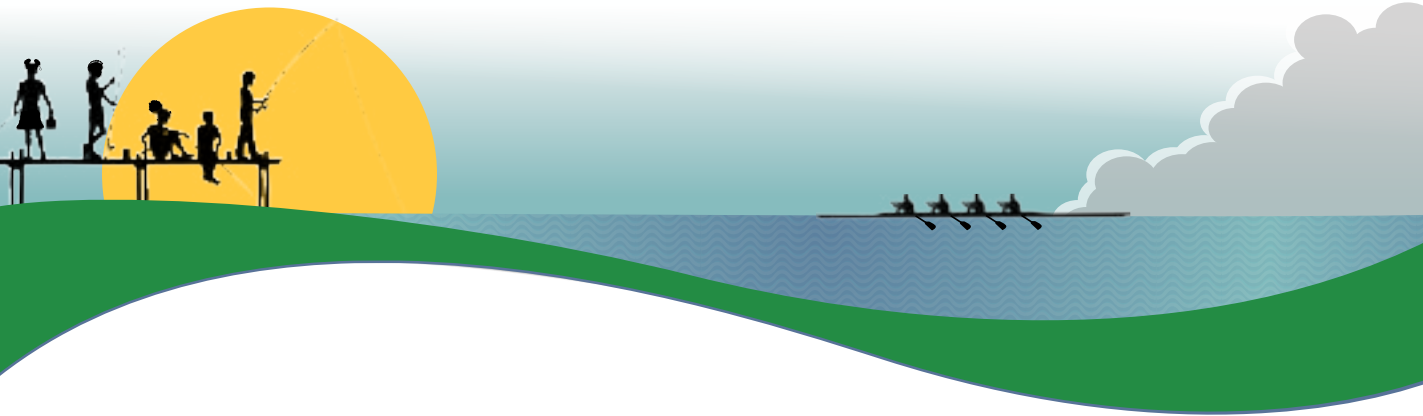
- Properly maintain and operate your vehicle.
- Limit car use and conserve energy. Take public transit, bike, or walk when possible.
- Properly dispose of batteries, chemicals, yard waste, and hazardous waste.
- Plant native plants that don’t require fertilizers, extra watering, or pest control.
- Don’t dispose of trash in storm drains.

- Don’t Litter.
- Don’t wash yard waste or chemicals down storm drains.
- Don’t put oil and grease down the sink or storm drain.
- Don’t use plastic bags, foam take-out containers, or disposable plastic bottles.
- Don’t use fertilizers, copper-containing fungicides, and synthetic pesticides.

To learn more, visit: [ddoe.dc.gov/service/reduce-stormwater-runoff](http://ddoe.dc.gov/service/reduce-stormwater-runoff)



# RECLAIMING OUR RIVERS



# STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

## TMDL IP & REVISED MONITORING PLAN

DDOE is responsible for improving the quality of water by reducing pollution from the District's Municipal Separate Sewer System (MS4) area. DDOE developed the Consolidated Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Implementation Plan (IP) to help the District meet its water quality goals.

### TMDL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

TMDLs specify the maximum amount of pollutant loads waterbodies can receive and still meet water quality standards. The District developed a plan that addresses 200 pollutant loads for over 20 pollutants in over 40 waterbodies.

With the implementation of the Stormwater Plan, the District is committed to reclaiming our rivers. Through the combined efforts of the District and residents the water quality of our rivers will improve recreation and enjoyment by all.

### PROGRAMS TO REDUCE POLLUTANTS



Stream Cleanups



Education



Trash Traps



Sweeping



Legislation

### REVISED MONITORING PLAN

The Revised Monitoring Plan will help the District evaluate the effectiveness of the TMDL Implementation Plan by:

- 1 Estimating the amount of pollution going into receiving waters during wet weather events;
- 2 Evaluating the health of the receiving water; and
- 3 Monitoring to help determine the source of pollutants.

Ultimately, this monitoring program will determine if the District is in compliance with the MS4 permit and will assess the quality of the stormwater management program.

You can read the Consolidated TMDL IP and the Revised Monitoring Program at [DCStormwaterPlan.org](http://DCStormwaterPlan.org)

The public comment period is open until **August 14, 2015**



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