

# Rock Creek Project C (RC-C) Green Infrastructure Virtual Public Meeting #2 May 6, 2024



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### **Greetings Neighbors!**

## Welcome to our Virtual Public Meeting



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### Purpose of Tonight's Meeting

**DC Clean Rivers Background** 

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## Purpose of Tonight's Meeting

- DC Water published a Draft Project Description on April 5, 2024, for Rock Creek Green Infrastructure (GI) Project C
  - DC Water's Consent Decree requires solicitation of comments from the public on a draft Project Description for a minimum of 30 days.
  - DC Water shall hold at least one public meeting regarding the Project Description. (Public Meeting #1 was held on April 8, 2024)
  - DC Water shall consider public comments received during the comment period and revise the Project Description as appropriate prior to finalizing and submitting to EPA.
  - Project Description shall be finalized and published six (6) months prior to awarding the Project for Construction.

Rock Creek Project C is the third Green Infrastructure (GI) Project in the Rock Creek Sewershed to be built under a Federal Consent Decree to control 25 acres to the 1.2" retention standard (815,500 gallons)

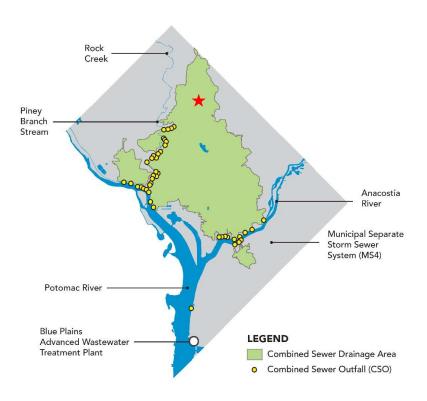
## DC Water Background

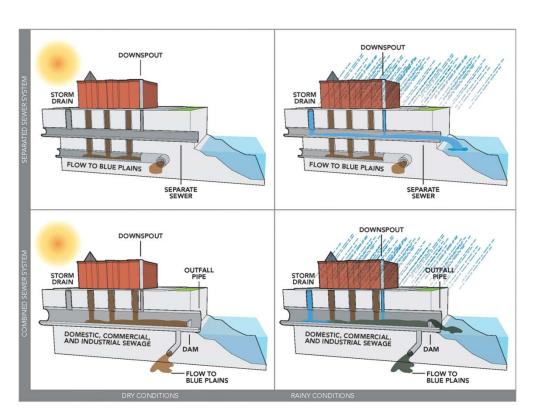
- Multi-jurisdictional Authority provides:
  - Drinking water distribution for DC (from Washington Aqueduct)
  - Wastewater collection and treatment
  - Stormwater collection and conveyance
- Treats wastewater for 2.1 million people
- Operates the world's largest Advanced
   Wastewater Treatment Plant
  - Average daily capacity: 384 Million Gallons per Day (mgd)
  - Peak daily capacity: 780 mgd
- Serves a regional area of 725 square miles
- Independent of DC Government
- Primarily funded by user fees





### Combined Sewer System in the District





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



### Long Term Control Plan and Consent Decree

- Control combined sewer overflows to the:
  - Potomac River
- Rock Creek
- Anacostia River
- Relieve flooding in the Northeast Boundary Area
- Implemented under a Federal Consent Decree:
  - US Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA)
  - US Department of Justice (US DOJ)
  - District of Columbia
  - DC Water
- Significant stipulated penalties for missing schedule deadlines

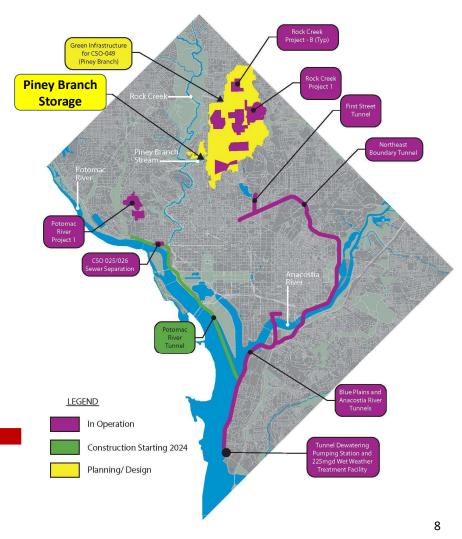


Fully operational by 2030

# DC Clean Rivers Project Update Current Program Status

### Thank you for your help in making this program a success!

Area	Status	
Anacostia		
Anacostia Tunnel System	<ul> <li>More than 16.8 billion gallons captured, 10,339 tons of trash/debris removed March 2018 - Feb 2024</li> </ul>	
Northeast Boundary Tunnel	<ul><li>Tunnel commissioned September 15, 2023.</li><li>Restoration and Paving ongoing.</li></ul>	
Potomac		
Potomac Tunnel	<ul> <li>Board approved design-build contract Oct 5, 2023</li> <li>Notice to Proceed issued November 9, 2023</li> </ul>	
Rock Creek		
Green Infrastructure (GI) Project A	Completed – Oct 2018	
Green Infrastructure (GI) Project B	Completed – Certification letter issued to EPA on Dec. 5, 2023.	
Green Infrastructure (GI) Project C	•Design ongoing •Construction 2025-2027	
Green Infrastructure (GI) Project D	Construction 2028-2030	
Piney Branch Storage	<ul><li>Environmental Assessment underway</li><li>Construction 2025-2029</li></ul>	





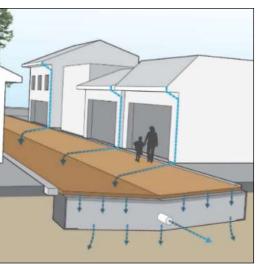
### **Green Infrastructure Program**

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# Green Infrastructure: Program Drivers

- Volume Management (Gallons)
  - Control Combined Sewer Overflows
- Cost Effectiveness
  - Responsibility to Rate Payers
- Maintenance/Asset Management
  - Safety
  - Aesthetics
  - Performance
- Outreach
  - Build Public Awareness and Stewardship
- Triple Bottom Line Benefits
  - Deliver Multiple Benefits to the Community







### Clean Rivers Green Infrastructure Investment to Date in Ward 4

#### **Rock Creek Project A**

- 20 acres managed
- Bioretention and Alley Permeable Pavement



#### **Rock Creek Project B**

- 22 acres managed
- Bioretention and Alley Permeable Pavement

#### Kennedy Street Streetscape Partnership w/DDOT

- Partnership to incorporate green infrastructure along 100 Block of Kennedy Street
- Manages 2.7 acres of runoff



#### **Downspout Disconnection**

- 6,471 homes visited; 293 homes participated
- Manages 1 acre of runoff



#### Kansas Avenue GI Parks (2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Streets)

- Two Triangle Parks along Kansas Ave Corridor
- Manages 1.9 acres of runoff

### Alleypalooza Partnership w/DDOT

- Partnership to incorporate green alleys in Alleypalooza
- 6 alleys managing 3 acres of runoff



# Green Infrastructure: Program Requirements

Project	Impervious Acres Managed @ 1.2"	Place in Operation Deadline	
Rock Creek Project A	20	2019	
Rock Creek Project B	22	2024	
Rock Creek Project C	25	2027	
Rock Creek Project D	25	2029	
Total	92		

<sup>4.2-</sup>million-gallon storage to be constructed by 2030

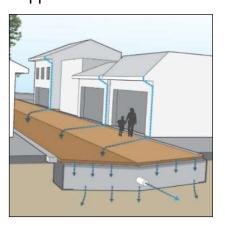


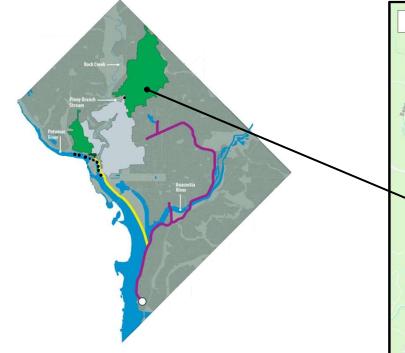
### **Rock Creek Project C**

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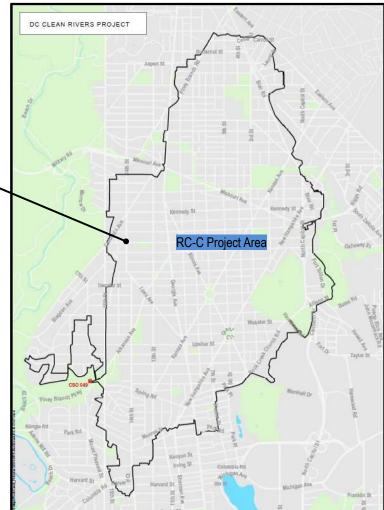


Alley Permeable Pavement Approx. 60 +/- Locations



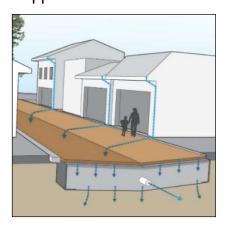


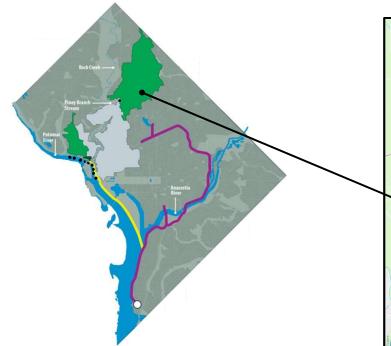
- Manage 25 impervious acres
- Facilities can be anywhere in drainage area



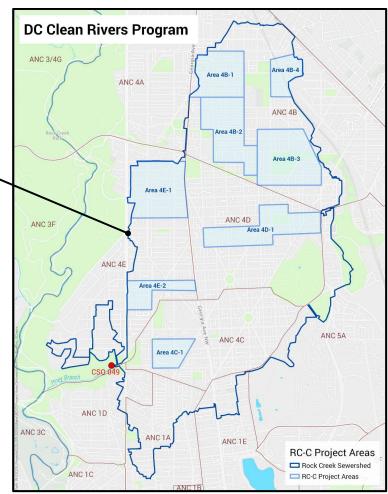


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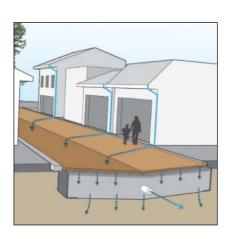


- Eight (8) Project Areas in 4 ANCs
- Anticipated Construction Dates: March 2025 June 2027
- Construction Cost Estimate: \$15-\$21M



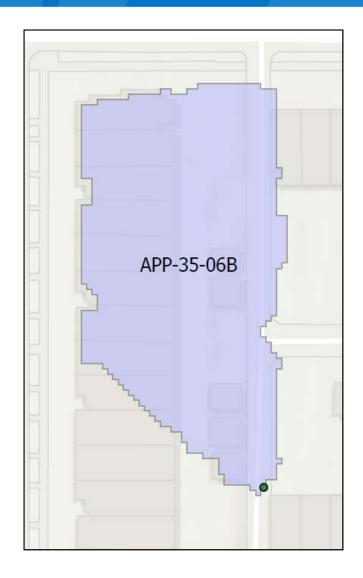
- Locations selected based on:
  - Contributing Drainage Area (CDA)
    - How much stormwater is generated and flowing into the alley
    - How "Clean" is the area (sediment, tree litter)
  - Constructability
    - Size and width of the alley
    - Avoidance of underground utilities
    - Accounting for overhead utilities
  - Other Constraints
    - Trees and Roots
    - Proximity to structures (houses, garages, retaining walls)
  - DDOT is responsible for alley reconstruction outside this program



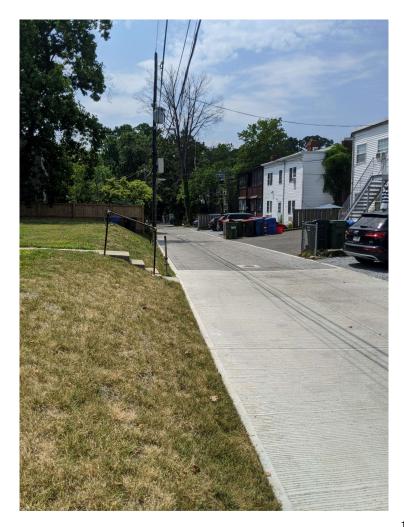


- Basis for Alley Permeable Pavement (APP) Sizing:
  - Volume of stormwater generated by the Contributing Drainage Area (CDA)
    - Pervious area (lawns, gravel parking pads)
    - Impervious area (alley, walkways, driveways)





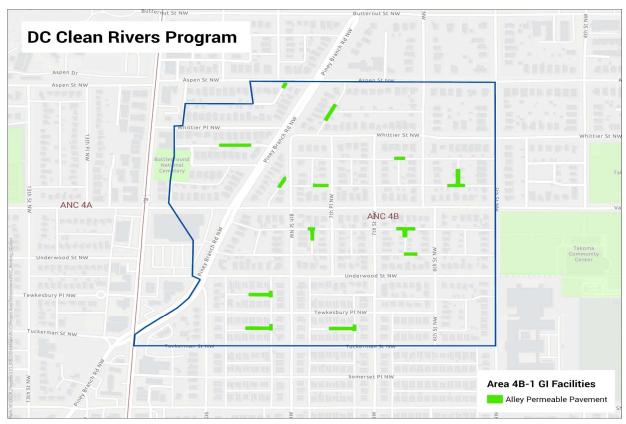
- Basis for Alley Permeable Pavement (APP) Sizing:
  - Available Space and Restoration Requirements
    - Alley Permeable Pavement Section is only sized for the volume needed to be managed.
    - All disturbed sections of the alley not converted to permeable surface will be restored using concrete.
    - Alley sections not disrupted by the work will not be reconstructed by DC Water.
      - DDOT is responsible for alley reconstruction outside this program.
      - Residents are encouraged to call 311 to request traditional alley repairs and reconstruction.



- ANC 4B
- Takoma
  - Aspen Street NW and Tuckerman Street NW to the north and south
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Street NW and Piney Branch Road NW to the east and west
- Mixture of residential row houses and low-density commercial properties

#### **Proposed Green Infrastructure:**

Thirteen (13) Permeable Alleys

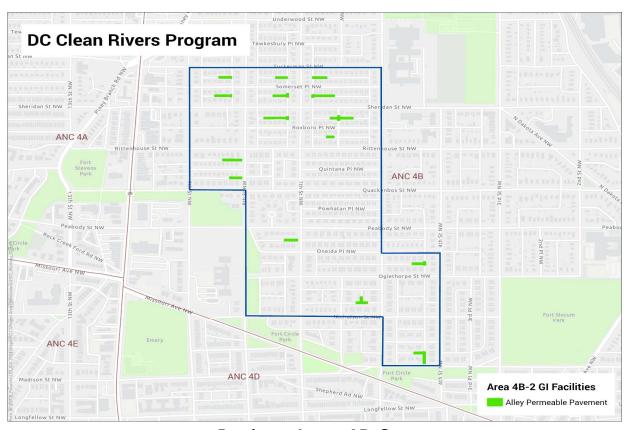


Project Area 4B-1

- ANC 4B
- Brightwood
  - Tuckerman Street NW and Missouri Avenue NW to the north and south
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Street NW and 9<sup>th</sup> Street NW to the east and west
- Mixture of residential row houses and low-density commercial properties

#### **Proposed Green Infrastructure:**

Fifteen (15) Permeable Alleys

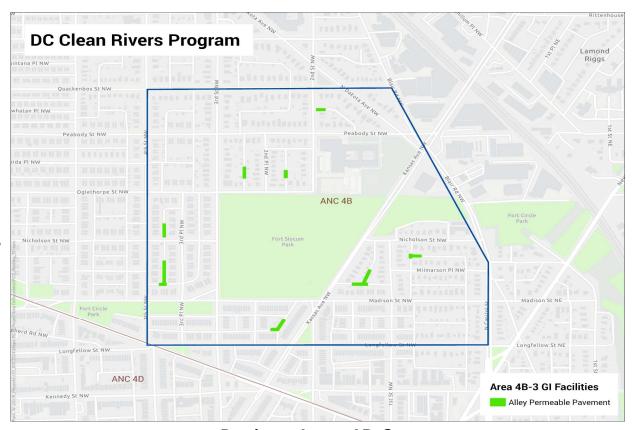


Project Area 4B-2

- ANC 4B
- Manor Park
  - Quackenbos Street NW and Longfellow St NW to the north and south
  - Blair Road NW and 4<sup>th</sup> Street NW to the east and west
- Mixture of residential row houses and low-density commercial properties

#### **Proposed Green Infrastructure:**

Eight (8) Permeable Alleys

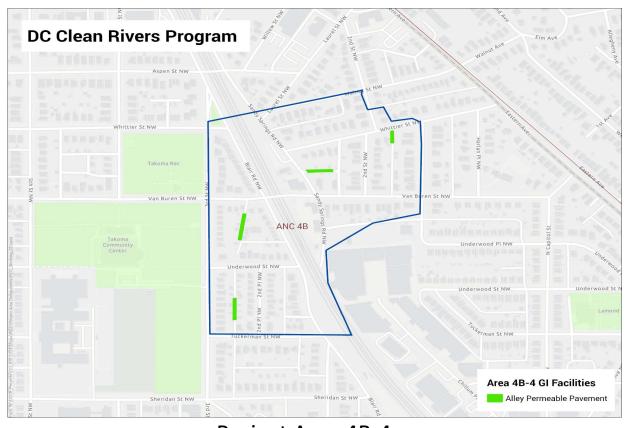


Project Area 4B-3

- ANC 4B
- Manor Park & Lamond Riggs
  - Whittier Street NW and Tuckerman Street NW to the north and south
  - 1st Street NW and 3rd Street NW to the east and west
- Mixture of residential row houses and low-density commercial properties

#### **Proposed Green Infrastructure:**

Four (4) Permeable Alleys

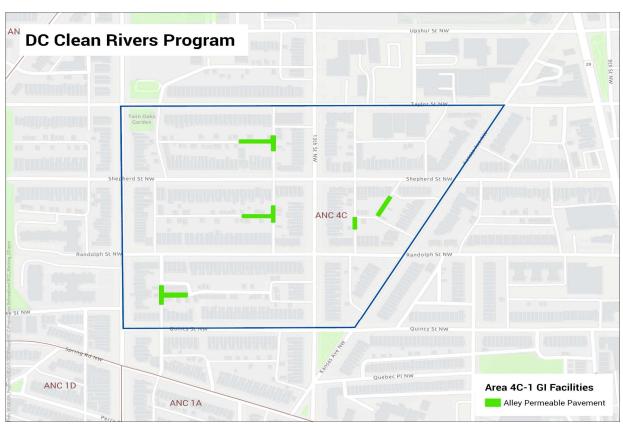


Project Area 4B-4

- ANC 4C
- Petworth
  - Taylor Street NW and Quincy Street NW to the north and south
  - Kansas Avenue NW and 14<sup>th</sup>
     Street NW to the east and west
- Mixture of residential row houses and low-density commercial properties

#### **Proposed Green Infrastructure:**

Five (5) Permeable Alleys

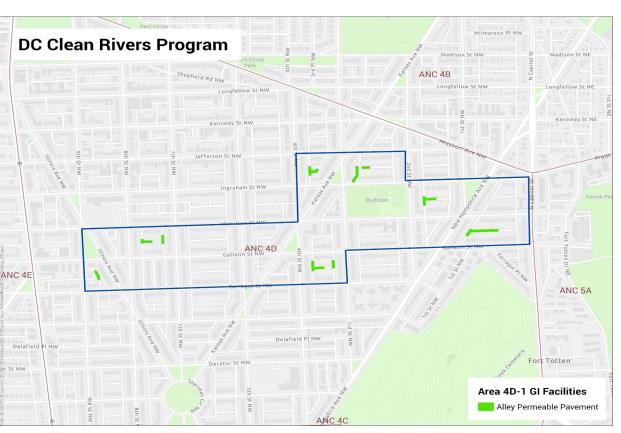


Project Area 4C-1

- ANC 4D
- Brightwood Park
  - Jefferson Street NW and Farragut Street NW to the north and south
  - North Capitol Street NW and 9th Street NW to the east and west
- Mixture of residential row houses and low-density commercial properties

#### **Proposed Green Infrastructure:**

Nine (9) Permeable Alleys



Project Area 4D-1

- ANC 4E
- 16th Street Heights
  - Madison Street NW and Ingraham Street NW to the north and south
  - Georgia Avenue NW and 16<sup>th</sup>
     Street NW to the east and west
- Mixture of residential row houses and low-density commercial properties

#### **Proposed Green Infrastructure:**

• Eight (8) Permeable Alleys

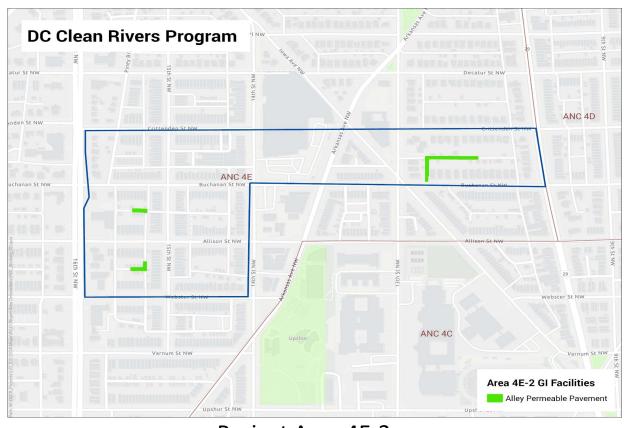


Project Area 4E-1

- ANC 4E
- 16th Street Heights & Petworth
  - Crittenden Street NW and Webster Street NW to the north and south
  - Georgia Avenue NW and 16<sup>th</sup>
     Street NW to the east and west
- Mixture of residential row houses and low-density commercial properties

#### **Proposed Green Infrastructure:**

Three (3) Permeable Alleys



Project Area 4E-2

## Construction Process General Construction

- 24/7 Project Hotline
- Work Hours
  - Anticipated Weekdays: 7:00am 7:00pm
  - Weekend work may be considered
- Water and sewer services
  - Continued service anticipated
- Site conditions
  - Site secured at the end of each workday
  - Site restored in kind per DDOT requirements at construction completion

- Site Security
  - Signage
  - Barriers or fencing
- Vibration and noise monitoring and mitigation, dust control, and rodent control will be in place throughout project.
- Access for garbage collection, other contractors, handicap access, home health care needs, etc. to be provided as needed
- Tree Protection
  - Tree protection will be provided as necessary and as required by Urban Forestry Administration permit



## GI Maintenance: Typical Maintenance Activities

- DC Water is responsible for maintenance of all DC Water GI facilities.
- Permeable Pavement
  - Vacuum sweeping- once (1) every other month (March-December)
  - Other activities may include (as needed):
    - Removal of leaves, weeds and sediments
    - Cleaning of underdrains and inspections







### Outreach Efforts and Agency Coordination

- DC Water has presented at meetings to inform residents and stakeholders about Rock Creek Project C.
  - Mayor's Office (Ward 4 MOCR)
  - Councilmember's Office (Wards 4 Representatives)
  - ANCs 4B, 4C, 4D & 4E\* \*Scheduled for May 28, 2024
  - Local businesses and residents
- DC Water has provided project information flyers and mailers to properties adjacent to the proposed alleys.
- DC Water analyzes potential impacts due to construction and coordinates appropriate mitigation requirements with:
  - DDOT Traffic, Pedestrian and Bicycle Impacts
  - WMATA Transit Impacts
  - DOEE Environmental Impacts
  - FEMS Fire and Emergency Services
  - DPW Garbage Collection
- DC Water will notify the community and post signage regarding any alley closures, traffic, pedestrian, bike and scooter, parking, and public transport impacts once construction begins.







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**Draft Project Description Rock Creek Project C published on April 6, 2024** 

Public Comment Period closes on May 10, 2024

Questions

Draft Project Description for RC-C is available on DC Water's website: <a href="https://www.dcwater.com/green-infrastructure">https://www.dcwater.com/green-infrastructure</a>

Comments can be sent by e-mail to: <a href="mailto:cleanriversgi@dcwater.com">cleanriversgi@dcwater.com</a>



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