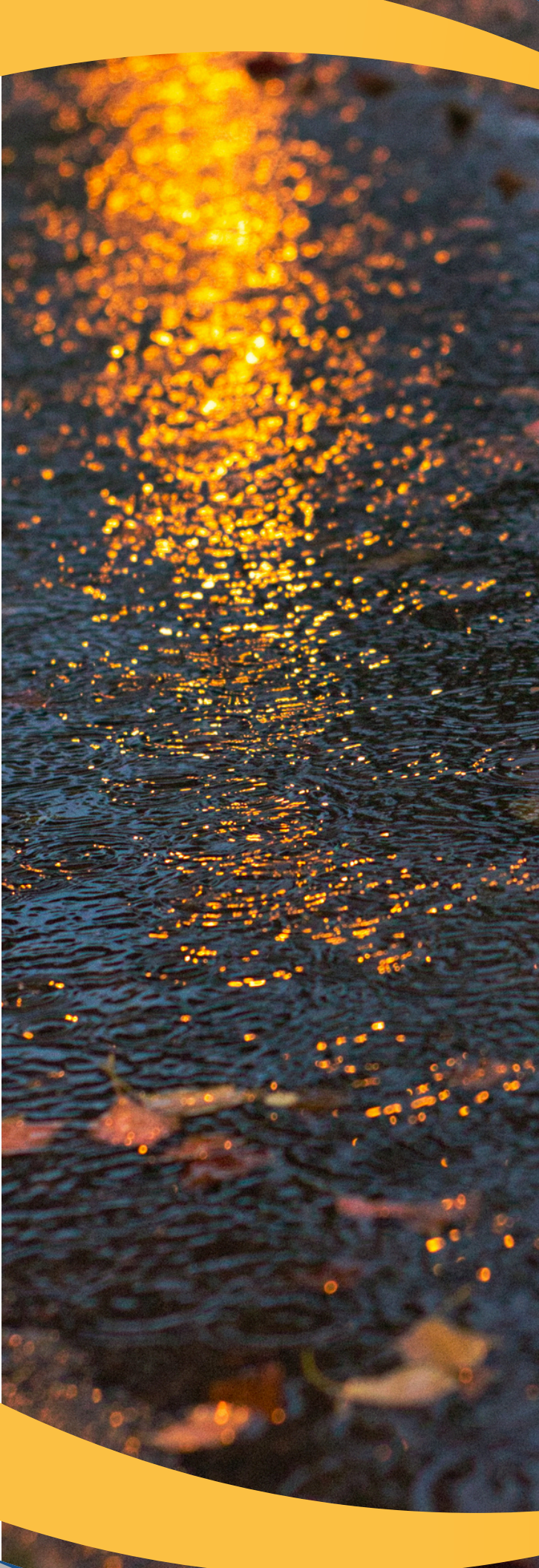


Maintaining Stormwater Practices in the Anacostia Watershed

Property Owner Guide



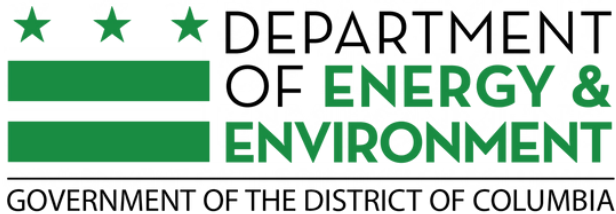


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Overview

The Maintaining Stormwater Practices in Anacostia Watershed (Anacostia Maintenance Program) promotes successful, long-term stormwater practice maintenance and water quality improvement to residential property owners in the Anacostia Watershed in Montgomery and Prince George's Counties and Washington, DC.

This program offers:



Stormwater Maintenance Resource Center

Search online resources and receive virtual assistance to help you maintain your stormwater practices.



Cost-share Maintenance Program

Participate in this program to receive discounted maintenance service and learn proper techniques to maintain your stormwater practices.



Inspections

Request a free evaluation of your stormwater practice and receive a maintenance recommendation report.



Green Ambassadors Program (GAP)

Join a community volunteer maintenance team to maintain neighborhood stormwater practices, including yours!

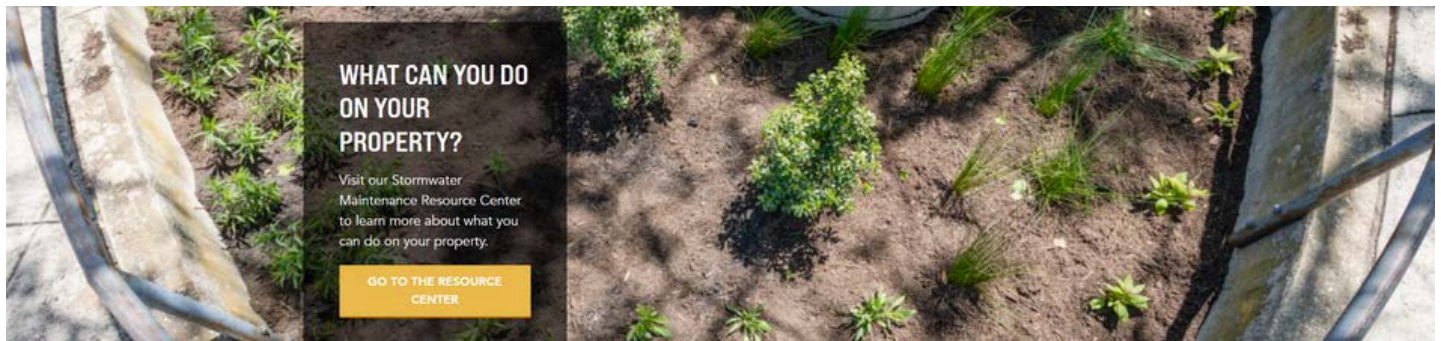


Eligibility

Property owners who have an existing stormwater practice installed through one of the regional stormwater programs are eligible to participate in the Anacostia Maintenance Program, which includes virtual resources, a help desk, inspections, a one-time cost-share maintenance program, and neighborhood volunteer maintenance program.



Stormwater Maintenance Resource Center



The **Stormwater Maintenance Resource Center** offers high-quality resources: information on stormwater practices, proper maintenance strategies, frequently asked questions, and more. The Alliance partnered with Chesapeake Conservation Landscape Council, who consulted with top Chesapeake stormwater professionals, to review and select the most appropriate and valuable resources to include in this Stormwater Maintenance Resource Center.

For those property owners residing within the Anacostia Watershed who have had a stormwater practice installed through a jurisdictional program, such as RiverSmart Homes, RainScapes, and Rain Check, a help desk resource feature is also available. You may submit your inquiries and concerns through the **Ask an Expert** feature along with photos illustrating your questions, and a program representative will respond to help address your stormwater practice issue.





Inspections



Site inspections may be requested by property owners who have a concern with their stormwater practice that is not easily addressed through the Stormwater Maintenance Resource Center.

A review of the stormwater practice will be completed by a certified professional. Property owners are welcome to participate in the inspection if desired. The inspector will send the property owner a written report of the inspected stormwater practice, including recommendations for maintenance that will improve functionality.

Request an inspection



Property owners may also self-report inspections through an online evaluation form. Program staff will review the submitted information and photos and will contact the property owner if additional information is needed. A written report, including recommendations for maintenance, will be sent to the property owner.

The property owner may decide to complete the recommended maintenance as a do-it-yourself (DIY) project or may hire a contractor. Property owners can reference the [Stormwater Maintenance Resource Center](#) for additional information.

Inspections allow property owners to address concerns before they become larger issues or more time-consuming and expensive to correct.





Cost-share **Maintenance Program**

The Cost-share Maintenance Program provides support to property owners within the Anacostia Watershed for the maintenance of their existing stormwater practices. Property owners may apply for a one-time financial assistance covering 75% of the maintenance service costs (up to \$1000) when using the Cost-share Maintenance Program.

The Cost-share Maintenance Program helps to:

- Increase property owner knowledge around stormwater and proper maintenance of stormwater practices
- Extend the lifespan and functionality of these stormwater practices
- Build property owner confidence around independent stormwater practice maintenance moving forward
- Promote a regular schedule of stormwater practice maintenance
- Provide hands-on experience to contractors entering the green workforce to enhance their skills and promote sustainable employment



Cost-share Maintenance Program Eligibility

To be eligible to participate in the Cost-share Maintenance Program, property owners must:



Apply Here!



- 1 Complete a Cost-share Maintenance Application.
- 2 Participate in the project maintenance alongside the contractor as part of their ongoing education in how to independently maintain their project. Property owners are encouraged to ask contractors any maintenance questions about stormwater and maintenance.
- 3 Submit a brief maintenance plan that identifies who will be performing future maintenance tasks (template maintenance plans available from the Alliance).
- 4 Cover at least 25% of the maintenance service costs.
- 5 Have not participated in the Cost-share Maintenance Program before.





Green Ambassadors Program (GAP)



The Green Ambassadors Program (GAP) is a volunteer program in which neighbors support each other in providing stormwater practice maintenance. Green Ambassadors will work together to fill in the 'GAPs' that exist in long-term maintenance strategies.

The Green Ambassador Program helps to:

- Educate and train property owners on stormwater practices and maintenance
- Connect community members through activities and the usage of shared materials for maintenance
- Increase the functionality of stormwater practices
- Encourage regular stormwater practice maintenance performed by property owners

Each GAP team will have a Chesapeake Bay Landscaping Professional (CBLP) mentor to offer technical support as needed.

Please fill out the [Green Ambassador Program \(GAP\) Interest Form](#) if you want to join a GAP team!



Thank you for your interest!

If you have any questions, please contact:

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Explore the Stormwater
Maintenance Resource Center



Request an Inspection



Submit a Cost-share
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