

# Anacostia Watershed Restoration Prince George's County

## *Proposed Restoration Sites*

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### The Problem

Human development has led to severe stream habitat damage, including:

- o Excess sediment and erosion
- o Physical blockages to fish movement
- o Poor water quality
- o Loss of wetlands and forests along Anacostia River

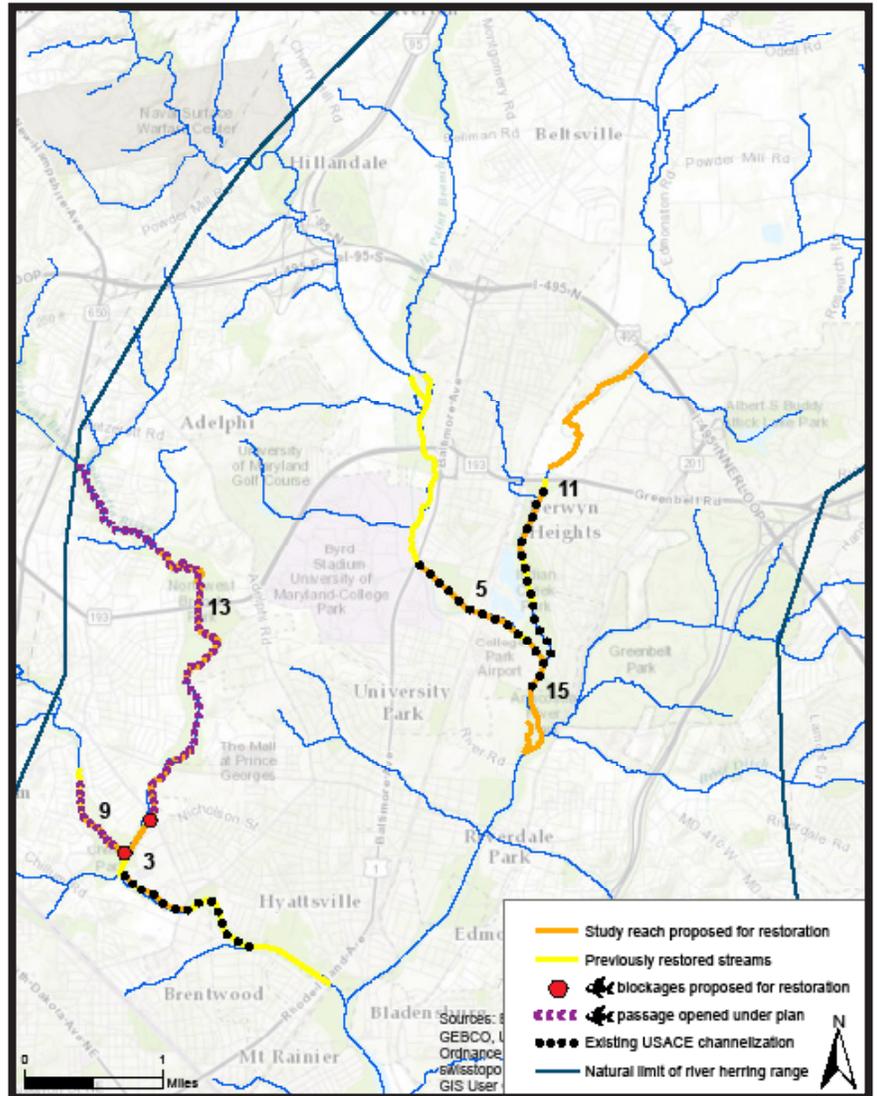
Due to physical blockages and poor habitat:

- o Alewife and blueback herring are only using 10 to 20 percent of their natural range
- o The watershed is now limited to 20 to 30 fish species, as opposed to the 50 fish species it historically had

### The Plan

Restore three degraded in-stream sites in both the NW and NE branches (6 total sites) = 6.9 miles of in-stream habitat, 4.3 miles of fish passage on the NW Branch, and connection to 13.5 miles of previously-restored habitat from other projects

Remove fish blockages on NW Branch and Sligo Creek



Prince George's County accounts for almost half of the Anacostia Watershed

### Benefits

- o Aquatic restoration, which will help the critters (invertebrates living at the bottom of the streams and fish)
- o Connecting restoration sites to existing restoration projects like at Paint Branch and NW Branch will enhance previous federal investments
- o Connecting residents to their waterways



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