



# Baltimore Metropolitan Water Resources Gwynns Falls Watershed, MD

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FACT SHEET as of February 1, 2015

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**AUTHORIZATION:** FY 2004 Energy & Water Development Appropriations Act (E&WDAA), PL 108-137, and FY 2006 E&WDAA, PL 109-103

**TYPE OF PROJECT:** Ecosystem Restoration

**CONTRIBUTION TO CHESAPEAKE BAY:** Directly contributes to achieving protection and restoration goals established by the 2009 Executive Order 13508 and the 2014 Chesapeake Bay Program Agreement by restoring clean water, recovering habitat and sustaining fish and wildlife.

**PROJECT PHASE:** Construction

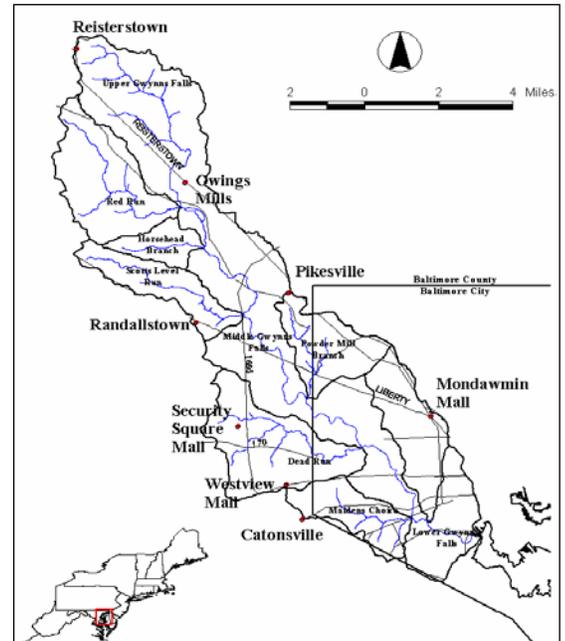
**CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST:** Senators **Mikulski and Cardin (MD)**, Representatives **Sarbanes (MD-03)**, **Cummings (MD-07)**.

**NON-FEDERAL SPONSOR:** City of Baltimore

**BACKGROUND:** The Gwynns Falls watershed is located in Baltimore County and City, and drains through the Baltimore Harbor into the Chesapeake Bay.

The FY 2006 Energy & Water Development Appropriations Act provided for construction of several environmental restoration projects recommended in the April 2004, Baltimore Metropolitan Water Resources Gwynns Falls Watershed Study -- Draft Feasibility Report and Integrated Environmental Assessment. The focus of the restoration is along two tributaries in the Gwynns Falls Watershed: Dead Run and Maidens Choice Run. Both of these streams are severely degraded, nearly devoid of aquatic life, and rank among the poorest quality streams in Maryland. An estimated 1.9 million gallons per day were lost from the sewer system along Dead Run, causing environmental degradation, the loss of aquatic habitat, and posing a serious human health risk.

In April 2004, the City of Baltimore (City) began rehabilitating the seven miles of failing sanitary sewer pipes sections and manholes along these streams to prevent sewer infiltration to the groundwater and stream flow. The Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works [ASA (CW)], by memorandum dated November 20, 2006, determined that the rehabilitation work was integral to the success of the project and as such, the City may receive credit or reimbursement for this work as authorized in the 2006 Act. The ASA (CW) also determined that the City may receive credit or reimbursement for the design of a wetland at Seton Keough High School. As of March 2009, the City has completed and documented expenditures of approximately \$8 million for the sewer rehabilitation work and wetland design at Seton Keough. Construction for the first stream reach (Maidens Choice Run – MC10) was completed in summer 2010. The remaining sites within the Gwynns Falls Project (Seton Keough, Loudon Park Cemetery, Dead Run/Leakin Park and Cardinal Gibbons) are no longer viable and will not be constructed.



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**STATUS:** Project activities are completed, however, the fiscal close out will not occur until the City has been fully reimbursed for project costs in excess of their 35% share. To date, the City has been reimbursed \$575,000.

**BUDGET (\$):**

	<u>CONSTRUCTION</u>
<u>Total Estimated Cost</u> <sup>1</sup>	\$10,561,000
Federal Cost Estimate	6,865,000
Non-Federal Cost Estimate	3,696,000
 <u>Federal Funds Data</u>	
Allocation thru FY 2013	3,104,000
Allocation for FY 2014	0
President Budget for FY 2015 <sup>2</sup>	0
Allocation for FY 2015 <sup>3</sup>	TBD
Balance to Complete <sup>4</sup>	3,761,000

NOTES:

<sup>1</sup> Includes Investigation Preconstruction Engineering and Design (PED) funds in the amount of \$82,000.

<sup>2</sup> The President typically sends the budget to Congress in February each year. Upon release, budget amounts for the USACE Civil Works programs and specified projects are posted online at the HQUSACE website in a program budget press book at <http://www.usace.army.mil/Missions/CivilWorks/Budget.apsx>.

<sup>3</sup> The final FY 2015 allocation amounts will be made available upon final approval pursuant to the Energy and Water Appropriations Act's continuing funding requirements.

<sup>4</sup> Remaining balance to complete would be used to reimburse the City for work completed in excess of their 35% share.

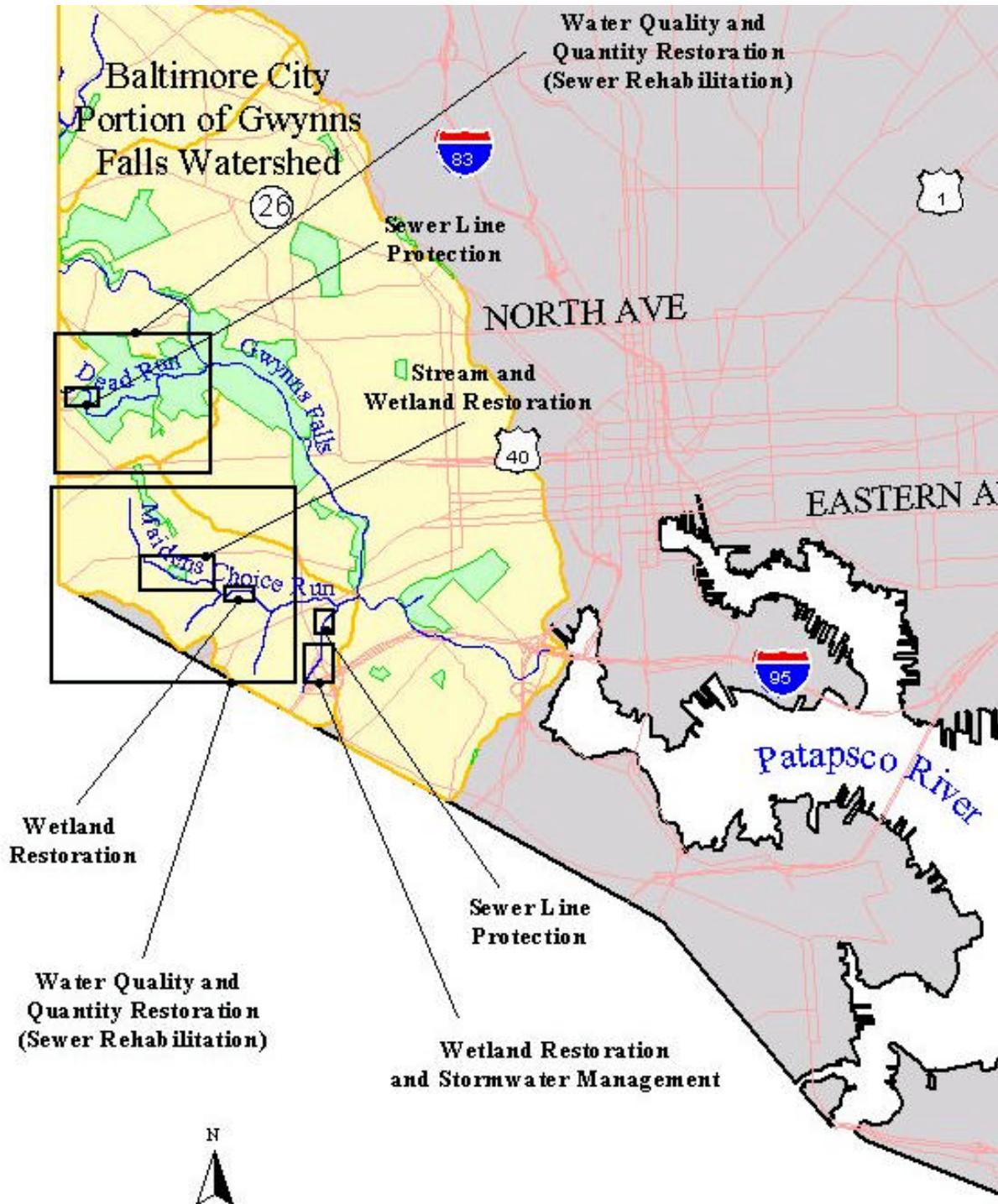
**SCHEDULE:**

FY 2014 Completed Work: With funding received, minimally manage the project until the City has received final reimbursement.

FY 2015 Scheduled Work: Previous year carry-in funds in the amount of \$26,000 will be used to minimally manage the project until the City has received final reimbursement.

**COMPLETION:** With \$3,761,000 in optimum funding, the project could be closed out in FY 2015. Any incremental funding less than this amount would be applied towards reimbursing the City.

**For more information** regarding the Baltimore Metropolitan Water Resources, Gwynns Falls Watershed, MD Project, contact Kimberly Gross, CENAB-PP-C, (410) 962-3457, [kimberly.u.gross@usace.army.mil](mailto:kimberly.u.gross@usace.army.mil).



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