



Paint Branch Fish Passage, Prince George's County, MD

**U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
FACT SHEET as of February 1, 2015**

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AUTHORIZATION: Continuing Authorities Program (CAP), Section 206 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1996, as amended

TYPE OF PROJECT: Aquatic 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: Design & Implementation

CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST: Senators **Mikulski** and **Cardin (MD)**; Representative **Edwards (MD-04)** and **Hoyer (MD-05)**

NON-FEDERAL SPONSOR: Prince Georges County Department of Environmental Resources

BACKGROUND:

The Paint Branch Fish Passage and Stream Restoration Project is located in the Anacostia River watershed in Prince George's County, Maryland. The project area is located in the southern portion of the subwatershed and is bounded by State Route 193 (University Boulevard/Greenbelt Road) to the north, U.S. Route 1 (Baltimore Avenue) to the south and east, and Paint Branch Drive to the west.

The goal of the proposed project is to create a stable stream condition under the given flow and sediment regime and provide habitat for resident and migratory aquatic resources, with minimal armor or maintenance. The project addresses known fish blockages in Paint Branch and provides additional spawning habitat for river herring along a six mile stretch of Paint Branch and Little Paint Branch.

The Anacostia River watershed has been identified by the Chesapeake Bay Program as one of three priorities for restoration in the Chesapeake Bay watershed. In recognition of this priority, the governor of the State of Maryland, the mayor of Washington D.C., and the county executives for both Montgomery and Prince George's Counties in Maryland, signed the Anacostia Watershed Restoration Agreement (AWRA) in 1987, which outlines a six-point-action plan for restoring the Anacostia River watershed. The primary objectives include 1) reduction of pollution loads, 2) restoration of ecological integrity, 3) improvement of fish passage, 4) increase in wetland acreage, 5) expansion of forest coverage, and 6) increase in public and private participation and stewardship. The Project Partnership Agreement for the Paint Branch project, which supports the Agreement, was executed in September 2008.



The major fish blockage on Paint Branch, upstream of Route 1 in College Park, Prince George's County, Maryland.

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STATUS: The project was modified for construction in two phases to allow for the completion of separate real estate processes. The Phase 1 (upper and lower sections of the project) construction contract was awarded in fourth quarter fiscal 2011, and construction was completed in May 2012. The Phase II construction contract was awarded in fiscal 2013. Construction of the Phase II site was not completed in fiscal 2014 due to storm damages received in April 2014 and August 2014. Repairs from the April 2014 storm have been completed, but a modification needs to be negotiated to account for repairs needed from the August 2014 storm. Project will be physically complete in 4th quarter of fiscal 2015.

BUDGET (\$):

	<u>Construction</u>	
	<u>Feasibility</u>	<u>Design and Implementation</u>
<u>Total Estimated Cost</u>	\$453,000	\$6,595,000
Federal Cost Estimate	\$453,000	\$4,285,940
Non-Federal Cost Estimate	0	\$2,309,060

<u>Federal Funds Data</u>		
Allocations thru FY 2013	\$453,000	\$3,945,000
Allocation for FY 2014	\$0	\$340,940
President Budget FY 2015 ¹	\$0	\$0
Allocation for FY 2015 ²	\$0	\$0
Balance to Complete	\$0	\$0

NOTES:

¹ 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.aspx>.

² 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.

SCHEDULE:

FY 2014 Completed Work: Phase II construction was completed but due to storm damages in August 2014, repairs are needed before the project can be turned over to the sponsor.

FY 2015 Scheduled Work: Modification of the existing construction contract to repair the storm damages from the August 2014 storm.

Completion: The project will be physically complete in 4th quarter of fiscal 2015.

For more information regarding the Paint Branch feasibility study, contact Mr. Anthony A. Clark, CENAB-PL-P, (410) 962-3413, or e-mail anthony.a.clark@usace.army.mil.

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