

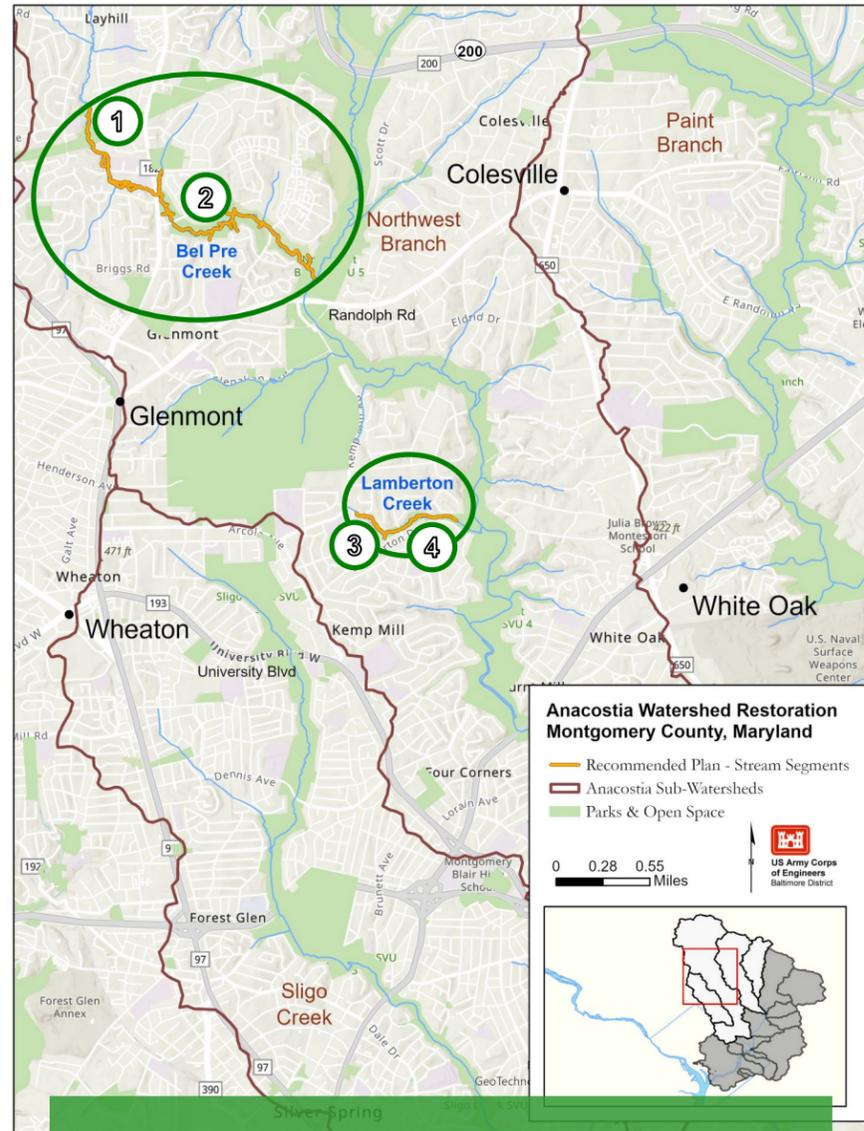


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ANACOSTIA WATERSHED RESTORATION, MONTGOMERY COUNTY

CONTINUING AUTHORITIES PROGRAM SECTION 206

AQUATIC ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION FEASIBILITY STUDY



BACKGROUND

The Anacostia Watershed Restoration Montgomery County Feasibility Study is being completed to identify and evaluate alternative plans for improvement of stream habitat along the tributaries of the Northwest Branch of the Anacostia River. The study has evaluated alternative plans and is recommending a plan for in-stream habitat improvement using natural channel design principles in Bel Pre Creek and Lamberton Creek, tributaries of the Northwest Branch of the Anacostia River, in Montgomery County, Maryland. A draft Feasibility Report & Environmental Assessment has been completed to document the feasibility study planning process and compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other environmental laws and is being released to the public for comment at the website below.

EXISTING CONDITIONS



Stream bank erosion and degradation at Bel Pre Creek.

Bank erosion, sedimentation, and invasive species at Lamberton Creek.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

- ⇒ Restore in-stream habitat and ecosystem function
- ⇒ Restore the natural range of resident and migratory fish
- ⇒ Re-establish hydrologic connection of the stream to the floodplain
- ⇒ Restore floodplain wetlands, where appropriate
- ⇒ Stabilize stream channels to reduce the supply and transport of sediment to downstream receiving waters

RECOMMENDED PLAN:
BEL PRE CREEK
& LAMBERTON CREEK
\$19 MILLION
PROJECT COST
17,000 FEET
OF STREAM RESTORATION

This project is a partnership between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Baltimore District, the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection, and the Maryland National Capital Parks and Planning Commission – Montgomery Parks.

THE RECOMMENDED PLAN INCLUDES STREAM RESTORATION AT BEL PRE CREEK AND LAMBERTON CREEK IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

The draft Feasibility Report & Environmental Assessment is available for public review and comment at the website provided in this document.

Comments will be accepted from March 31 to May 30, 2025 via e-mail to CENAB-MOCOCAP@usace.army.mil or mail to the Baltimore District address.

For additional information and to access the Draft Report, please visit the project website: <https://www.nab.usace.army.mil/Missions/Environmental/Montgomery-County-MD-Continuing-Authorities-Program-206-Study/>

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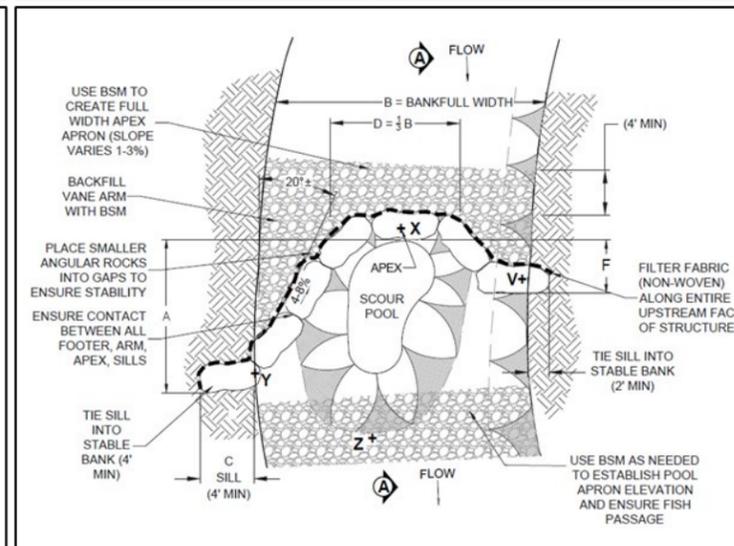
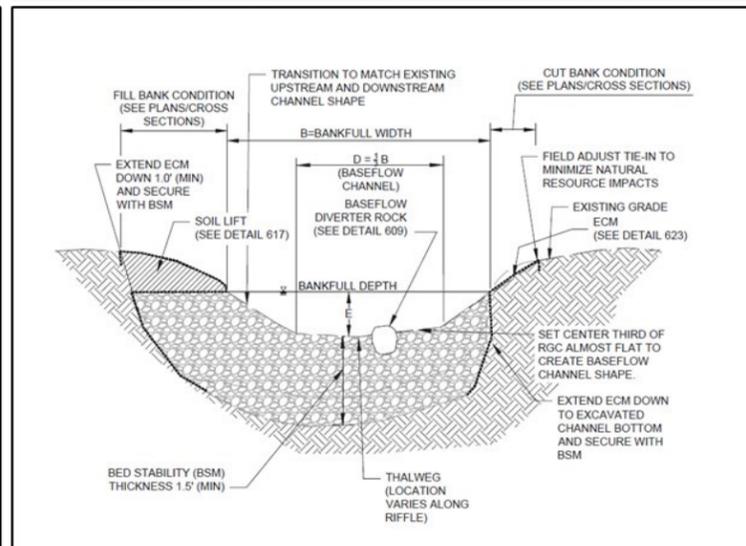
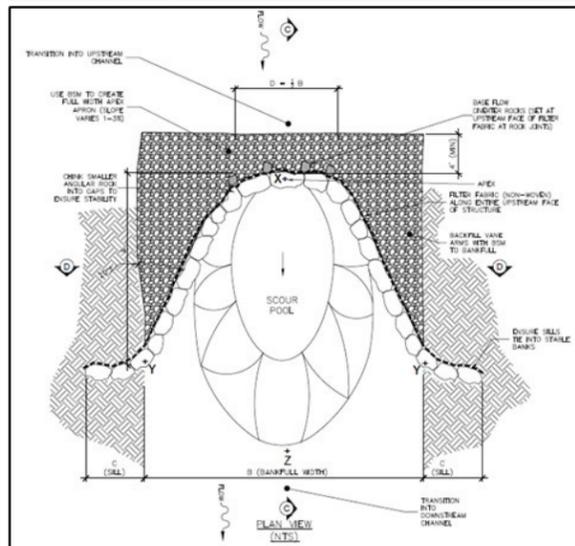
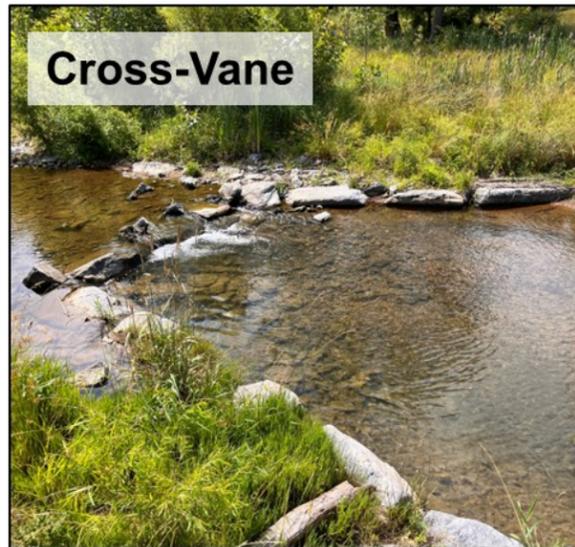
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PROPOSED DESIGN

The project will use natural channel design principles to accomplish stream restoration objectives and consists of a series of grade control structures including riffles, j-hooks, and cross vanes to consistently lift the channel and stabilize the streambanks. Floodplain enhancements will be accomplished using floodplain benches, wetland restoration, where appropriate, and a combination of grading and planting of native plant species. Removal of non-native invasive species is also included. The project will minimize impacts to forests and existing native species areas, existing wetlands, and actively used recreational space. Specific locations of stream structures will be identified in the design phase upon completion of a survey.



NEXT STEPS

Once the Feasibility Report & Environmental Assessment is finalized, the project will proceed to the design phase in 2025. Construction for this project is anticipated to start in 2029 and take two years and will be subject to the availability of funding.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Additional opportunities for public involvement will include public meetings during the design phase upon completion of the draft design in 2028 and final design in 2029.

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