

# Restoring Dyke Marsh

## By the Numbers

**300** plant species call Dyke Marsh home

**40** years of mining/dredging altered the landscape

**\$24.9 million** allocated by Congress to restore Dyke Marsh

**6** state-listed species of concern reside at Dyke Marsh (2 bird, four plant)

**6 to 8** feet is the average annual marsh erosion rate

**500 - 2,200** years, various parts of the marsh have been in existence

## Fast Facts

- Washington Metro's largest freshwater wetlands
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and National Park Service (NPS) leading restoration effort
- Located in Fairfax County, Virginia, across the Potomac River from the National Harbor
- One of best-studied wetlands in nation
- Has hosted the only breeding population of marsh wrens in region
- Will provide 1) a storm buffer for the historic and scenic George Washington Memorial Parkway, 2) a natural filter to clean the Potomac River and 3) a critical habitat for a variety of wildlife



## Timeline

