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SUBJECT: Anacostia River Watershed Restoration Project - Montgomery County, Maryland. Continuing Authorities Program Section 206 Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility Study

Coordinating Agencies:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has initiated an aquatic ecosystem restoration feasibility study of several tributary streams of the Anacostia River: Bel Pre (3.1 miles), Lamberton (1 mile), and Upper Sligo (0.7 miles). The study is a partnership between USACE and the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection (MCDEP), the non-Federal sponsor for the study. The streams lie in lands owned by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (MNCPPC) and they are participating in the study. The streams being investigated receive drainage from some of the county's most highly urbanized watersheds where eroded streambanks and unstable stream channel conditions are common. Opportunities for stream restoration, wetland restoration, and increasing stream-floodplain interaction will be sought and evaluated through the feasibility study. The study will seek to minimize impacts to forests and mature trees.

USACE is preparing an environmental assessment to ensure compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). USACE and Montgomery County evaluated these streams in a previous USACE general investigation study that ceased in 2016; that study was not completed.

For Federal and State resource agencies receiving a copy of this notice, we request that you provide information concerning interests within your organization's area of responsibility or expertise within 30 days from the date of this notice to the address below. A timely review of this information and a written response will be greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Christopher Johnson by email at Christopher.a.johnson@usace.army.mil, or by telephone at (410) 962-2926.

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Enclosures: Study Area Map