



## United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
George Washington Memorial Parkway  
c/o Turkey Run Park  
McLean, Virginia 22101

IN REPLY REFER TO:  
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September 20, 2018

Dear interested party,

The National Park Service (NPS) and Alexandria Renew Enterprises (AlexRenew) are preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), U.S.C. 4332(2) (C) and Assessment of Effect (AOE) per Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (NHPA) and implementing regulations (36 CFR 800) to consider potential environmental effects of RiverRenew. RiverRenew (formerly Alexandria Wet Weather Program) is a major infrastructure initiative to remediate the City of Alexandria's combined sewer system, on NPS lands. RiverRenew (proposed action) falls within, and adjacent to, the Potomac River waterfront, including Jones Point Park, which is administered by the George Washington Memorial Parkway (GWMP) (see Figure 1, RiverRenew Study Area Map).

The purpose of the proposed action is to reduce combined sewer overflows (CSO) into the Potomac River, Hooffs Run, and Hunting Creek from Alexandria's four existing combined sewer outfalls (CSOs 001-004) during rain events. The outfall locations are shown on Figure 1. The proposed action is necessary to comply with a mandate from the Commonwealth of Virginia's State Legislature to reduce CSOs by July 1, 2025. AlexRenew and the City of Alexandria have established a partnership to comply with this milestone and have jointly authored a Long Term Control Plan Update (LTCPU) that establishes an approach to reduce Alexandria's CSOs. The LTCPU was developed to comply with legislative requirements established by the Virginia General Assembly, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality's Bacteria Total Maximum Daily Load for Hunting Creek, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's CSO Policy.

RiverRenew includes a new network of storage/conveyance tunnels and sewers that will collect combined sewage flows prior to discharge at the CSO outfalls and convey those flows to the AlexRenew Water Resource Recovery Facility (WRRF) for treatment and discharge. Diversion facilities will be constructed at the existing CSO outfalls to connect the combined sewer system to the new network of deep tunnels and sewers. The WRRF will also be upgraded to increase treatment capacity during wet weather events. Figure 1 provides several potential alignment options for the proposed tunnel system. Several of the options impact Jones Point Park, and the EA will study the impacts of the project on this NPS property. The park encourages public and agency participation throughout the planning process. There will be at least two opportunities to comment formally on the project—once during initial project scoping and again

following release of the EA. The NPS invites you to submit written suggestions, comments, and concerns regarding the proposed action online at the project PEPC site, <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/RiverRenew> or by mail to Brenda Wasler, GWMP Environmental Protection Specialist, at the address below no later than **October 25, 2018**.

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Subject: RiverRenew  
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In addition to the opportunity to provide comments during the scoping period, AlexRenew and NPS will hold an open house scoping meeting on September 25, 2018. The purpose of this meeting is to share project information with the public, receive comments, and invite participation in the planning process in accordance with NEPA. The meeting will include a brief welcome and members of the public will be invited to view displays and discuss the Program with AlexRenew and project staff. Additional information is available at <http://riverrenew.com/>.

Date: September 25, 2018  
Time: 6:00-8:00pm  
Location: AlexRenew Environmental Center  
1800 Limerick Street, Sixth Floor  
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

Should you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please contact Brenda Wasler at 703-289-2540 or [brenda\\_wasler@nps.gov](mailto:brenda_wasler@nps.gov)

Sincerely,



Alexcy Romero  
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George Washington Memorial Parkway

Enclosures: Project Site Map



Figure 1: RiverRenew Study Area