



APPENDIX A: CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION

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APPENDIX A-1: AGENCY CONSULTATION LETTERS



IN REPLY REFER TO:

United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

National Capital Parks-East
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December 22, 2009

Dr. Mary J. Ratnaswamy
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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Chesapeake Bay Field Office
177 Admiral Cochrane Drive
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: Request for Project Review for Environmental Impact Statement-- Anacostia Park Wetlands Management Plan with Resident Goose Management Strategies, Anacostia Park, Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr. Ratnaswamy:

The National Park Service (NPS) is in the process of developing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Anacostia Park Wetlands Management Plan. This EIS will also contain Management Strategies for Resident Canada Geese. This EIS will address all of the Anacostia wetlands—remnant as well as reconstructed—in which the NPS has management responsibilities.

The focus of the Wetland Management Plan is nearly 100 acres of restored tidal wetlands in Anacostia Park, including Kenilworth Marsh, the Kingman Marshes, and the “Fringe Marshes.” A number of obstacles to the success of these restored wetlands persist. Resident Canada geese consistently denude areas not protected by fencing, and questions and concerns about proper wetland elevations, invasive vegetation infestations, erosion, and sedimentation continue to arise.

The NPS initially started an Environmental Assessment (EA) to address these concerns. However, after considering comments received during public scoping, evaluating potential alternatives, and continuing to examine data, the NPS decided to complete an EIS rather than an EA for this plan.

The scope of the EIS includes management of resident Canada geese, hydrologic regimes, invasive species, and wetland vegetation. Additionally, issues such as the effect of urbanization and toxicity will be addressed. Stabilization methods used to address erosion and sedimentation, such as the sheet piling used at Fringe Marsh, will also be examined. The EIS may identify potential future wetland restoration sites, but will not analyze them in detail.

In order to comply with its obligations under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and NPS Director's Order #12, and in compliance with the Endangered Species Act and the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, the NPS respectfully requests any records your agency has for any Threatened, Rare, or Endangered Species located in the project area (see enclosed map), or that could be potentially affected by project activities.

Thank you for your assistance. Please direct any comments or follow-up information to me at the letterhead address, or you may contact me directly at (202) 690-5160.

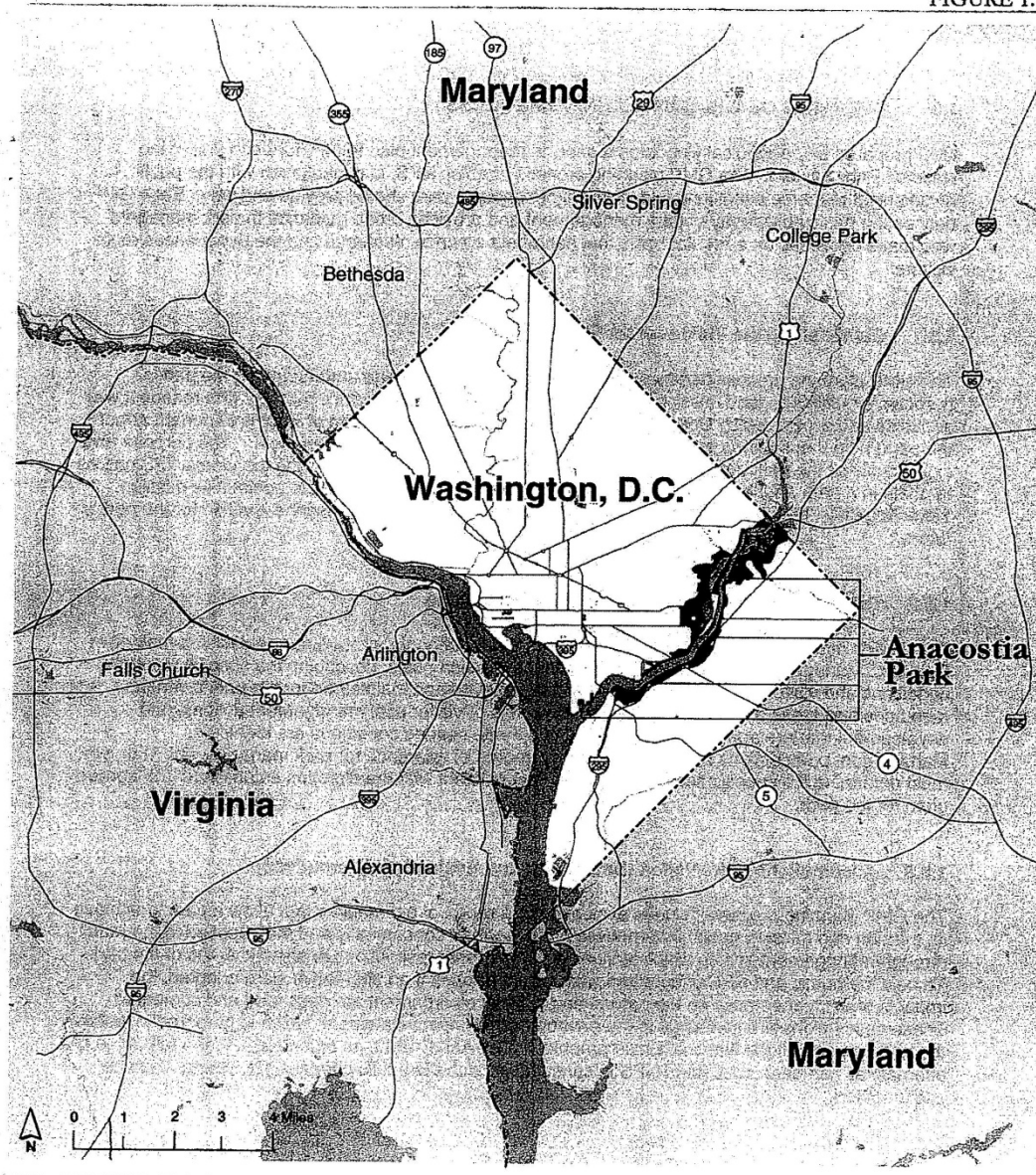
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen W. Syphax". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Stephen W. Syphax^{NPS}
Chief, Resource Management Division

Enclosures

FIGURE 1.1



REGIONAL LOCATION



Anacostia Park -
A Unit of National Capital Parks - East
National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior

