



# Welcome

**6:00 - 6:15**

**Open House**

**6:15 - 6:40**

**Project Presentation and National  
Environmental Policy Act Overview**

**6:40 - 8:00**

**Open House**

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**Superintendent, National Capital Parks- East**

**RE: Wetlands Restoration Plan/EA**

**1900 Anacostia Dr., S.E.**

**Washington, D.C. 20020**



# Welcome

**1:00 - 1:15**

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# Current Management Actions

- Fencing of restored wetland areas
- Some chemical, biological, and mechanical control of purple loosestrife and phragmites
- Some armoring of wetland areas to control erosion
- Planting of wetland vegetation with new stock, wild rice seed collection and planting, re-introduction of American lotus
- Egg oiling per 2004 Population Management of Resident Canada Geese by Oiling Eggs Environmental Assessment
- Experimenting with planting various species of unpalatable wetland plants
- Canada goose population counts



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# Purpose of the Plan

Purpose is a broad statement of goals and objectives that the National Park Service intends to fulfill by taking action.

The purpose of this action is to develop and implement a wetlands management plan that facilitates the protection of natural wetland functions within Anacostia Park.



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# Need for the Plan

Need is a discussion of existing conditions, problems that need to be remedied, decisions that need to be made, and policies or mandates that need to be implemented.

Need answers the question “Why is action is being taken at this time?”

**Action is needed at this time to address the protection of natural wetland functions within wetlands in Anacostia Park. A plan is needed to identify wetland restoration strategies that address factors affecting current and future restoration activities, including:**

- Resident Canada goose herbivory
- Erosion and sedimentation
- Hydrologic regimes
- Wetland vegetation, and
- Invasive and exotic plants.



# Plan Objectives

Objectives are  
“what must be  
achieved to a  
large degree for  
the action to be  
considered a  
success”  
(Director’s  
Order 12).

## General

- Ensure actions are consistent with laws, policies, and regulations that guide the National Park Service.

## Habitat and Vegetation

- Restore, protect, and maintain wetlands for native fish and wildlife populations.
- Maintain native wetland vegetation and manage the encroachment of invasive and exotic plant species.
- Restore, protect, and maintain wetland functions.



# Plan Objectives

## Wildlife

- Manage a resident Canada goose population to allow for the restoration and protection of Park resources.



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## Park Operations

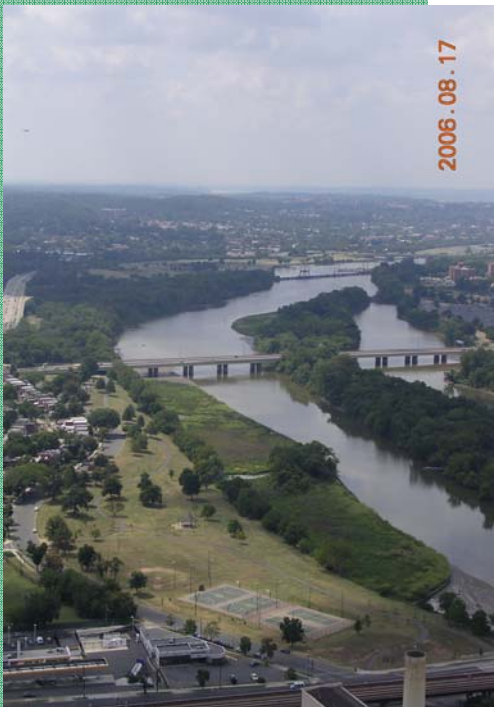
- Consider and plan for impacts of wetland restoration efforts and resident Canada goose management response activities on current park operations, including budget, workload, and visitor experience.



# Plan Objectives

## Visitor Experience

- Enhance visitor experience by restoring, maintaining, protecting, and interpreting wetlands.
- Enhance public understanding of the value of wetland restoration and issues associated with the management of resident Canada geese.



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# Plan Objectives

## Cooperation and Coordination

- Cooperate and coordinate with the District of Columbia, the Army Corp of Engineers, and other governmental agencies, as well as other stakeholders currently implementing a wetlands management plan and goose management strategy.



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# Preliminary Alternative Elements

Listed here are factors that contribute to the success of wetland restoration efforts in Anacostia Park. Under each factor is a range of different solutions or tools the Park is considering for analysis in the Wetlands Restoration Plan/EA.

## Resident Canada Goose Management

- Alter habitats by using different plants, covering wetland areas with fences, or by planting lure crops
- Utilize visual deterrents or repellants to keep resident Canada geese off wetland areas
- Addle or oil eggs to control reproduction
- Utilize lethal controls such as capture and euthanasia or sharpshooting.

## Erosion and Sedimentation

- Use of bio logs to stabilize wetlands
- Vegetation
- Soft and hard armoring

## Hydrologic Regimes

- Where necessary address surface elevations of wetland areas



# Preliminary Alternative Elements (Continued)

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## Wetland Vegetation

- Plant vegetation appropriate to elevations
- Provide conditions for wetlands to establish naturally - no planting

## Urbanization Effects (trash, debris, and outfalls)

- Plant high uptake plants
- Utilize volunteers to remove trash
- Mitigate outfall impacts

## Invasive and Exotic Plants

- Map and survey invasive and exotic species in wetland areas
- Mechanical removal
- Chemical control (EPA approved herbicides)
- Biocontrols (e.g. beetles to control purple loosestrife)



# NEPA Process/DO- 12

February 2007

- Internal Scoping for the Plan/EA

March 2007

- Agency Scoping

July 15 – August 10, 2007

**Public Meetings and Public Scoping and Comment Period**

Fall & Winter 2007

- NPS Reviews Public Scoping Comments, Completes the Development of Alternatives, and Analyzes Impacts of the Alternatives

Winter 2008

- Release Plan/EA to Public for Review; 30- day Public Review and Comment Period

Spring 2008

- Decision Document