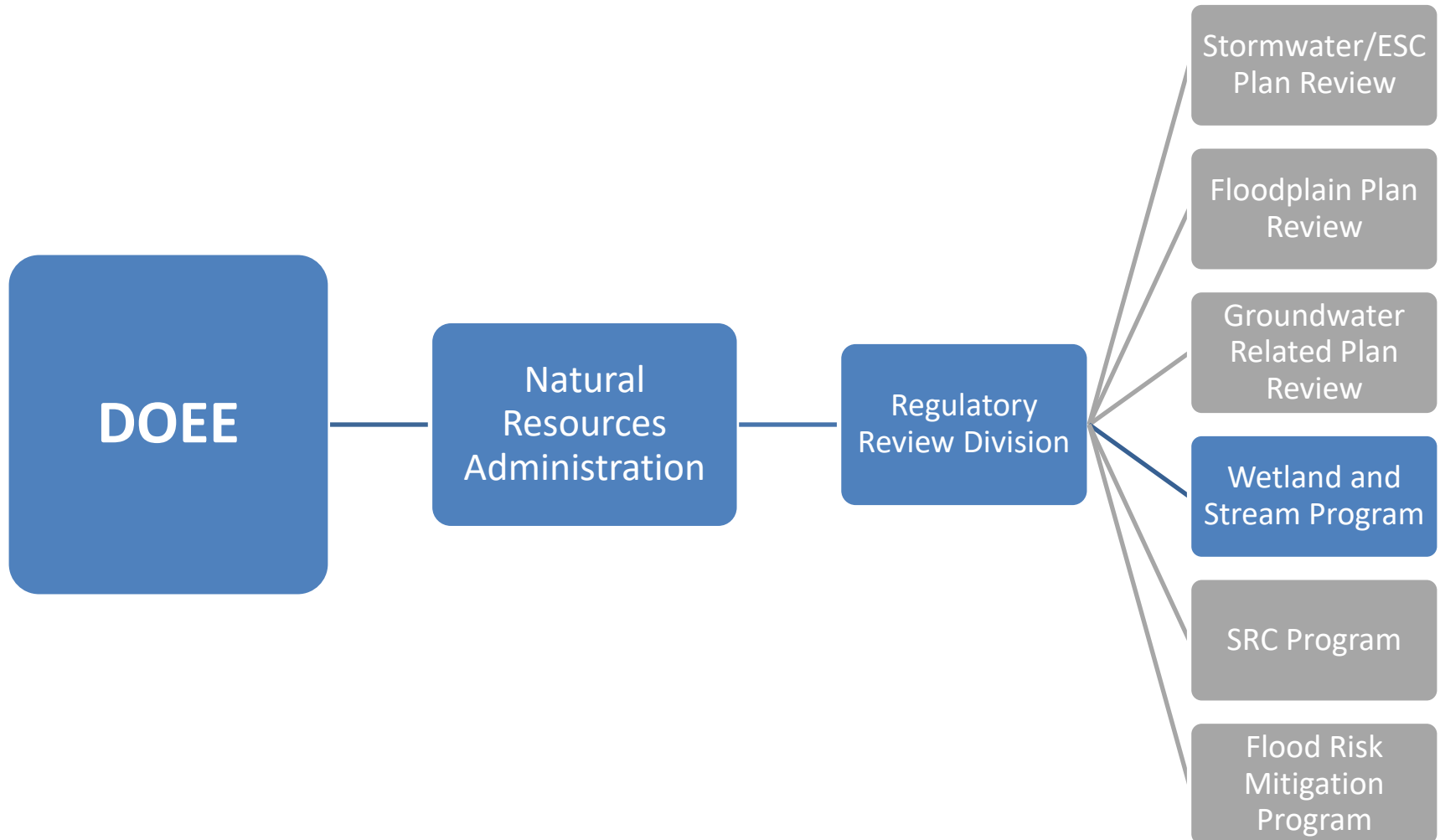


# DISTRICT WETLAND AND STREAM PROGRAM



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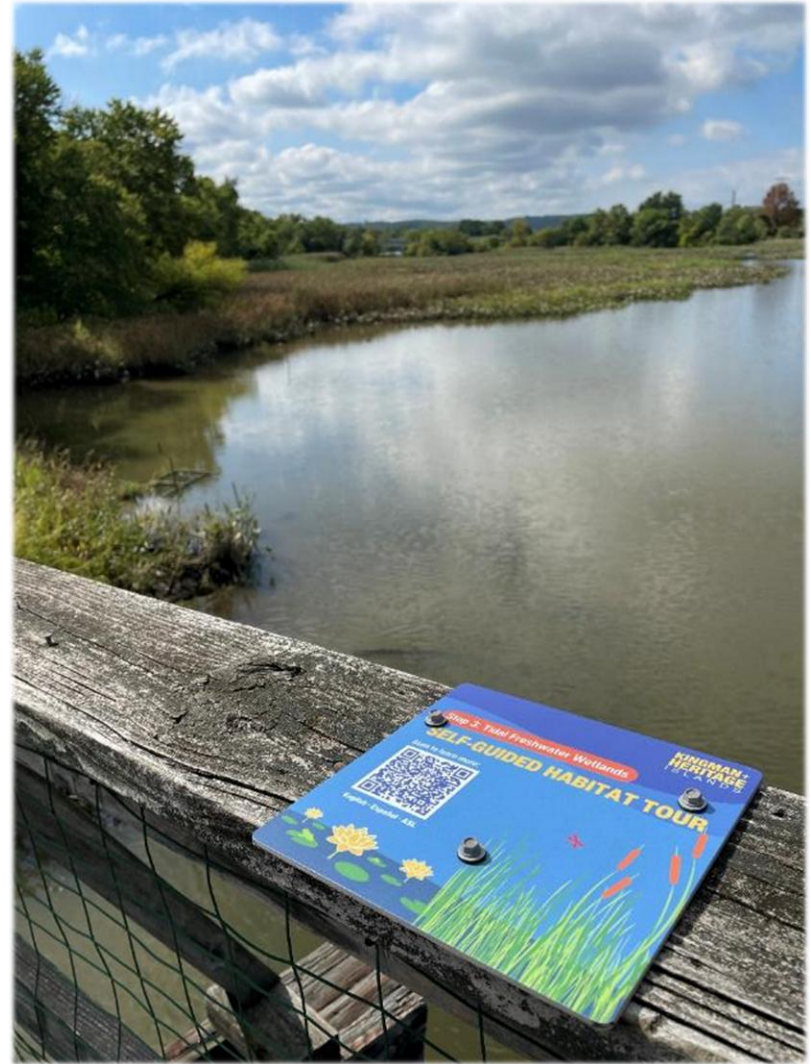
# Wetland and Stream Program at DOEE



# Outreach and Education

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- WPDG funded
- Audio-tour for all ages
- Accessibility – multiple languages and ASL
- Recordings by stakeholders
- Kingman Island – 80,000 visitors/year
- Kingman Island Family Day





# Outreach and Education

- Partnership with Living Classrooms

## ANSWER THE CALL MEET YOUR AMPHIBIAN NEIGHBORS JOIN THE FROGWATCH

You can contribute to amphibian conservation by joining the FrogWatch USA™ chapter hosted by the District of Columbia, Department of Energy & Environment and Living Classrooms Foundation.

FrogWatch Chapter Volunteers will collect and submit data on calling frogs & toads at ponds, wetlands and streams throughout the District.



At least 1/3 of the world's amphibians are threatened with extinction.



More than 1/2 of amphibian species in the District are listed as Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN).

### Prospective volunteers should:

- Have an interest in frogs and toads.
- Learn how to recognize frogs and toads by their unique calls.
- Visit a local aquatic habitat after sunset to conduct 3 minute listening visits. Preview the protocol online at: [agility-akronzoo.coassemble.com/unlock/xJ5f0nM](https://agility-akronzoo.coassemble.com/unlock/xJ5f0nM)
- Be available at least 3 times during March - August, the peak frog and toad breeding season, to monitor one or more location.
- Submit data online through Field Scope.

### Hop To It!

Attend two trainings hosted by the District Department of Energy & Environment and Living Classrooms Foundation to learn how to locate a site, recognize species, and collect and submit data

### FrogWatch Meeting Dates

Find information about our Kingman + Heritage Islands field monitoring sessions on [kingmanisland.com](https://kingmanisland.com).

Visit [doee.dc.gov/service/frogwatch](https://doee.dc.gov/service/frogwatch) to learn more about the national program and watch the orientation video.

# Outreach and Education

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## The District's wetlands are urban oases

**LAND USE** OPINION By **Tess Danielson** February 5, 2025

Finding the balance between preserving natural areas like wetlands and making way for urban development is a challenge for planners, conservationists, regulators, and residents alike. A District Department of the Environment staffer explains how their agency does the work.

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# River Terrace Wetland Enhancement

- Year 2
- 11-acre wetland on the Anacostia River
- American lotus
- Extensive stakeholder outreach and participation





# 36<sup>th</sup> Place Wetland Enhancement

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- Completed May 2025
- Monitoring and maintenance
- Storymap



# Wild Rice Restoration – Goose Management

2022



10 acres

2023



23 acres

2025



26 acres

\*Anacostia Watershed Society



# Regulatory Updates

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- Improvements to online application system
  - Inspector dashboard
  - Turbidity monitoring alerts and reporting notifications
- Turbidity guidance document
- Updated WQC conditions
- Focus on customer service

# Regulatory Success – Poplar Point

- 110-acre site
- Last undeveloped riverfront parcel
- Wildlife habitat, large wetlands (for DC)
- >10 years of planning
- Preferred alternative expands wetlands





# Looking Ahead

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- Changing federal regulations - challenge
- Funding
- Enforcement responsibility – stop the hot potato game
- Strengthen guidance document
- Increase public engagement

# Questions / Comments?

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