



COASTAL ZONE DEVELOPMENT

USDA National Arboretum Project

CLIENT SITUATION

The United State Department of Agriculture is responsible for the National Arboretum facility in our nation's capital, Washington, DC. Approximately 800 urbanized acres drain heavily polluted stormwater through the National Arboretum grounds and into the significantly impacted Anacostia River. Considerations of the Arboretum aesthetics and related issues have stymied action over the past several years despite calls for action by local residents, environmental groups, politicians, and others.

ECOLOGIX ROLE

EcoLogix has been retained by USDA to develop and implement an innovative solution worthy of the national profile of the Arboretum and that will advance its educational and research missions while reducing the environmental impacts of the large volume of stormwater. EcoLogix is providing full project support ranging from project engineering and design to comprehensive stakeholder relations management.

ACTION TAKEN

As part of this effort EcoLogix is designing and implementing a program that will:

- * Meet the overall mission of pollution abatement in the Anacostia River & Chesapeake Bay
- * Enhance the aesthetics of the National Arboretum
- * Incorporate on-site educational opportunities & demonstrate environmentally sustainable practices
- * Engage local communities, dozens of diverse stakeholder groups & members of Congress

RESULTS ACHIEVED

The project is in the early stages of design and planning but EcoLogix team members are hard at work reviewing site documentation, exploring means for incorporating the educational and research missions of the Arboretum, considering stormwater treatment alternatives, and developing a comprehensive stakeholder outreach plan that will involve dozens of concerned organizations including regulators, NGOs, community groups, business groups, and others.