



Metropolitan Washington
Council of Governments

ADDENDUM 1
July 18, 2022

Questions/**Answers**

1. How do you intend to connect perception of trash in a photo to daily trash load thresholds? Is this only trash in the water, or can it be on the land as well—tidal flat, beaches, on shore?

All trash pictured in the photo can be estimated and then extrapolated into daily load thresholds. All trash in the photo, whether in the water, stream channel, etc. should be counted in the load estimation.

2. How is trash released into the water? How is trash load measured at a site/ for the watershed? How does it vary though the year? (Minimum and Maximum amounts)

See the Anacostia Trash TMDL attachment.

3. What sites have a trash problem that is affecting recreation use (boating, fishing, swimming)?

This project is for the Anacostia Watershed including the streams and the tidal river.

4. What are the highest use recreation sites (for boating, fishing, swimming)?

The recreational level uses vary. They include boating, paddling, hiking, biking, and fishing. Swimming is currently banned in the DC tidal river portion.

5. What types of trash are of concern? Plastic bags, tires, branches, algae/weeds, ... ?

Man-made trash items. Generally, organics are not a concern for trash.

6. Who would they recommend that we could talk to about trash load in this watershed?

Please see the Anacostia Trash TMDL attachment for trash loads in the watershed.

7. What is the maximum budget for this project?

This would be a task order contract. For this proposal, the budget is \$49,915 (pending COG receipt of funds from the sponsoring agency).

8. In terms of locations that will be evaluated. Has the committee already identified the locations that they would like to be included in the survey, would the vendor be responsible for identifying the locations, or is it anticipated that the workgroup and vendor would work together the identify the locations?

Vendor would work with Workgroup.

9. Are there specific areas of interest that the COG wants to assess (i.e. parks, boat landings, particular streams, etc.)?

Existing trash conditions present in and along the river and streams.

10. Should the survey focus on the assessment of those recreating on the shore, those recreating on the water, or both?

Representative survey participants will be selected possibly by demographics and locations.

11. Are there specific recreational activities the assessment should focus on such as shore uses like hiking, picnicking, fishing, water uses such as kayaking/canoeing, boating?

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12. Does COG want the survey conducted in English only? If the COG would like other languages which languages?

Primarily in English, other languages have not been discussed but Spanish would be the secondary version.

13. The RFP states that proposals are Due July 28, is there a specific time they are due by?

RFP Cover page: Proposals shall be uploaded no later than 2:00 p.m. EDT, July 28, 2022.