

# **Anacostia Watershed Restoration Partnership— Overview**



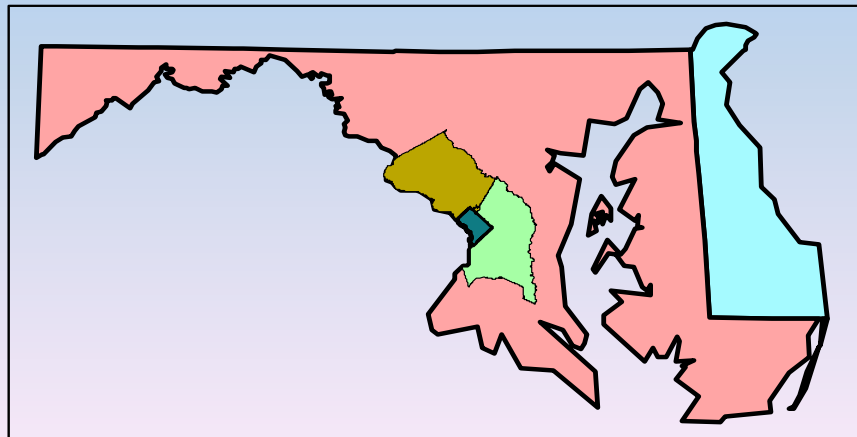
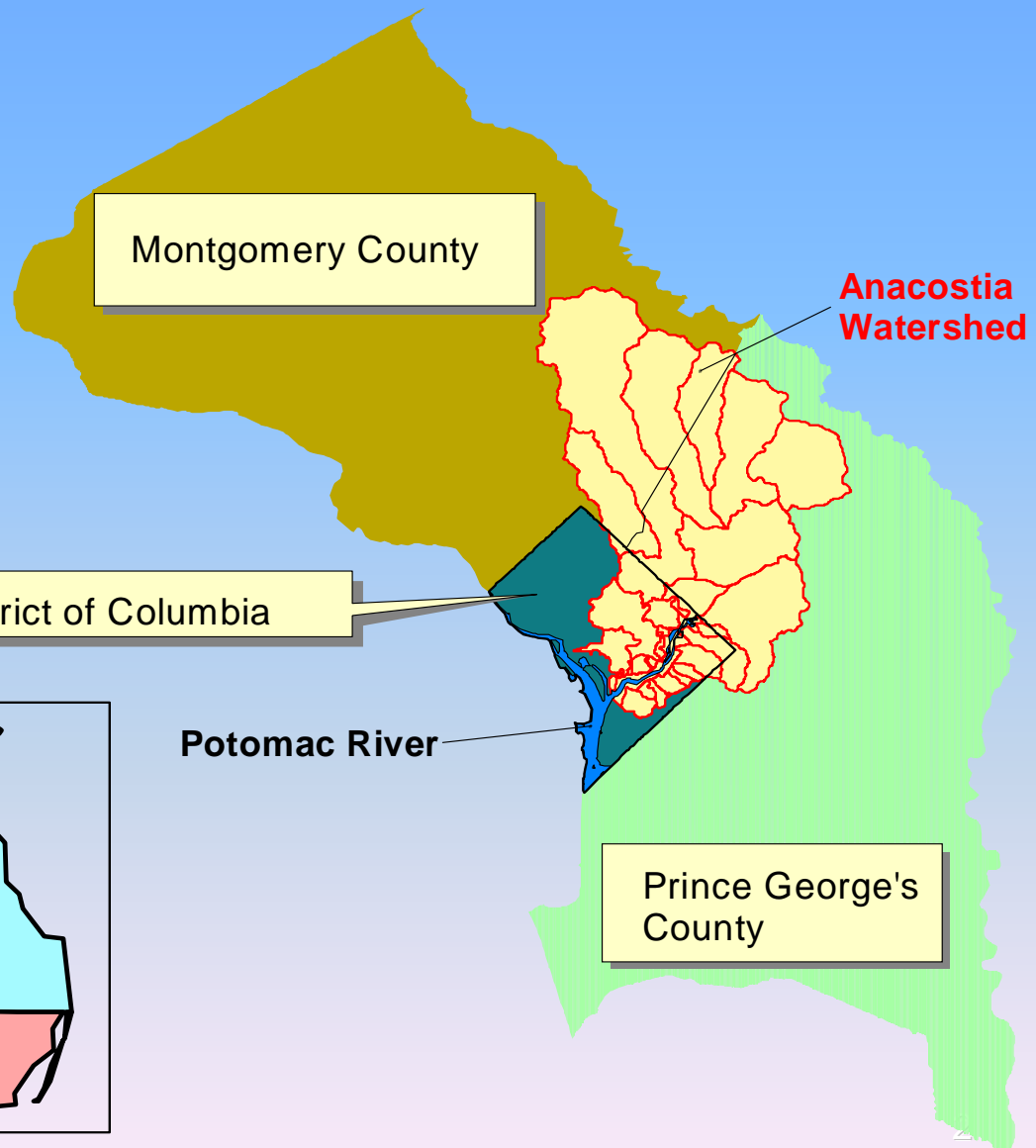
**Steve  
Pattison**

**Chair,  
Steering  
Committee**

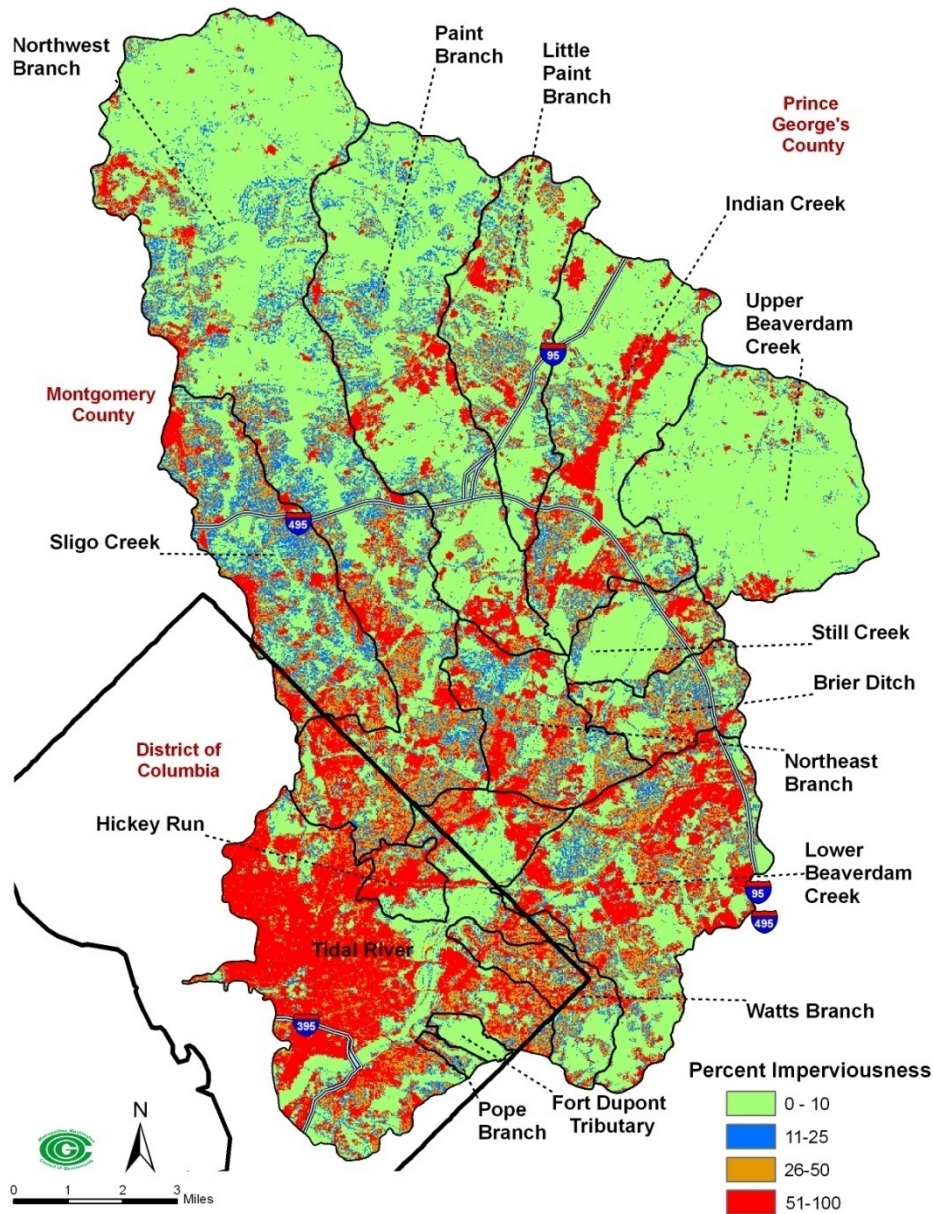
# The Watershed: Parts of Washington, DC, Prince George's and Montgomery Counties



5 0 5 10 Miles



# The Watershed At A Glance



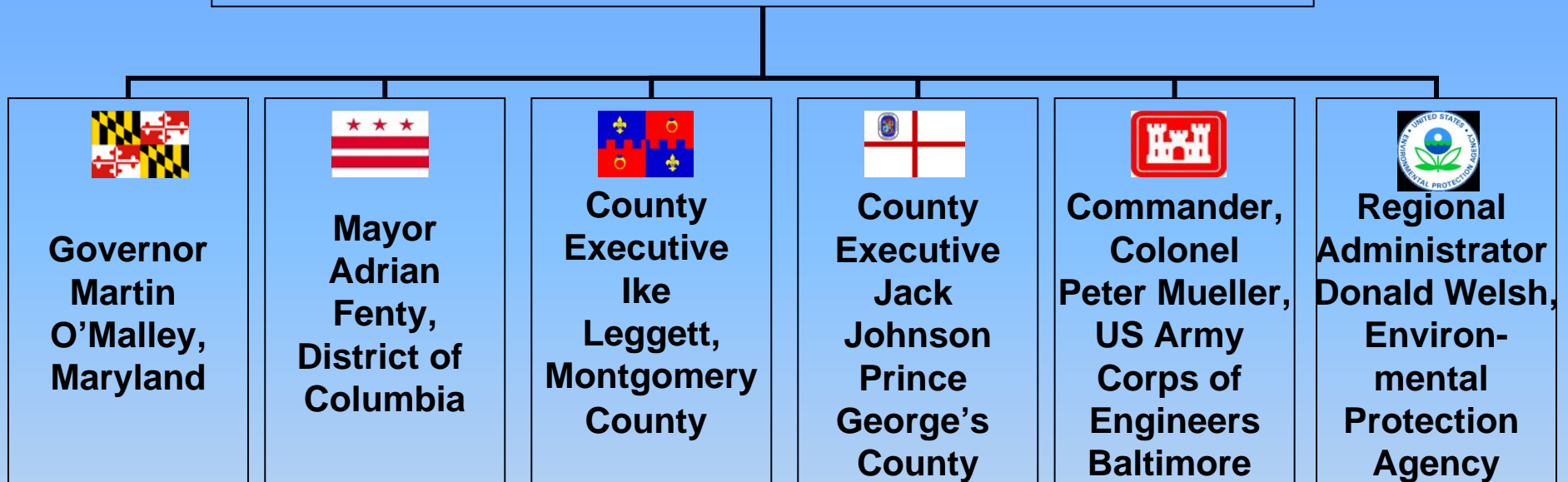
- 176 square miles
- 83% of the land area is in Maryland-17% in Washington, DC
- One of the most developed in the Chesapeake: 70% developed
- 25% impervious
- Generally considered to be one of the most polluted rivers in the nation



## **and the Partnership:**

- **Created by MWCOG Resolution R28-06**
- **MWCOG “houses” the Partnership providing staff and other support**
- **Funding primarily from the:**
  - **District of Columbia,**
  - **Montgomery County,**
  - **Prince George’s County,**
  - **the State of Maryland,**
  - **USEPA,**
  - **and the Summit Fund of Washington**
- **Website: [anacostia.net](http://anacostia.net), hosted by MWCOG**

# Leadership Council



## Steering Committee

## Management Committee

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Maryland Departments of the Environ- ment, Natural Resources	District of Columbia Department of the Environment	Montgomery County Department of Environ- mental Protection	Prince George's County Department of Environ- mental Resources	US Environ- mental Protection Agency, Region 3	US Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District	Anacostia Citizens Advisory Committee
						
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Adminis- tration	National Park Service	University of Maryland	The Summit Fund of Washington	City of Hyattsville	Natural Resources Defense Council	John E. Akridge, The Akridge Companies

# Management Committee

Similar Membership  
 + Beltsville Agricultural Research Center  
 and Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission

# **The Restoration Vision: Six Goals**

<b>1</b>	<b>Dramatically Reduce Pollutant Loads</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Protect and Restore Ecological Integrity</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Improve Fish Passage</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Increase Wetland Acreage</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Expand Forest Cover</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Increase Public and Private Participation</b>

**And we measure our progress  
against indicators!**

# Report on Progress

**1**



- Long Term Control Plan: will reduce CSO volumes by 98% by the year 2018.
- Trash is declining but a very big problem.
- Water quality not meeting indicators primarily due to stormwater

**2**



- Partners have retrofitted stormwater systems for over 2 square miles of the watershed, work is ongoing
- Over 10 miles of streams have been restored.
- Sediments still greatly exceed standards

**3**



- Fourteen additional miles have been opened to fish passage.
- The Partnership goal of 20 additional miles will be achieved by 2010.



# Report on Progress

**4**



- 27 tidal acres have been created. The tidal wetland goal will be met.
- The goal for non-tidal wetlands has not been met and we are working to identify potential sites.

**5**



- 3.5 miles of riparian land have been reforested (22 acres).
- While progress has been steady, there are a decreasing number of publicly available sites and meeting this goal will be difficult.

**6**



- Excellent progress toward creating “Friends of” groups for every major subwatershed
- The number of groups increased from 2 to 10.

# Recent Governance Successes

- Leadership Council event (September 17)
- Action Agenda
- Local sponsor: Anacostia Watershed Restoration Plan (and Congressional delegation outreach)
- Applied for Chesapeake 2010 Grant
- Steering Committee expansion
- Hired Executive Director





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