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# Getting to Restoration via a Natural Resources Damage Assessment



<https://darrp.noaa.gov/what-we-do/natural-resource-damage-assessment>

# ANACOSTIA RIVER NRDAR PROGRESS

- Monthly meetings of NRDA working groups: General Trustee, Technical, Legal since March 2020
- Consultant assistance:
  - Industrial Economics (IEc) renewing contract with NPS to assist with river-wide NRDAR on behalf of NRDAR Trustees
  - IEc under contract to the District to assist with groundwater and EJ assessments
- Draft Damage Assessment Plan (DAP): Public Comment period was July 16 through September 16, 2023
  - 12 commenters
  - Comments being compiled by NPS for response by Trustees

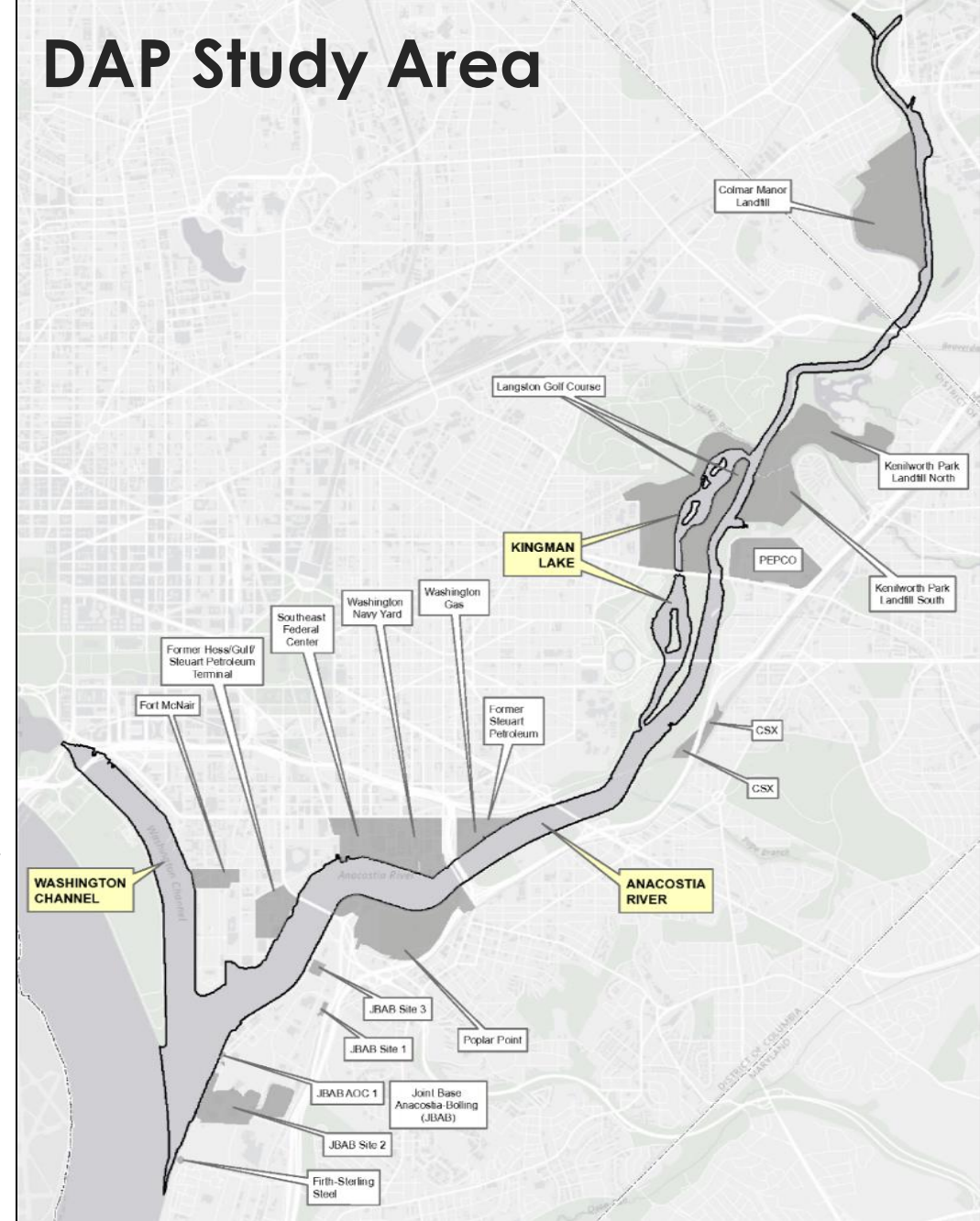
# DAMAGE ASSESSMENT PLAN (DAP)

**DAP establishes the process for assessing natural resource injuries, service losses, and associated damages stemming from release of hazardous substances to Anacostia River**

- **Ecological injuries**
  - Impacted habitat (aquatic habitat, connected wetlands)
  - Impacted representative species (birds, mammals, reptiles)
- **Groundwater injuries** (District): service losses from contaminated groundwater
- **Lost human use services:** Evaluation of reduced opportunities: fishing (recreational and subsistence), boating, swimming, including lost human uses considering Environmental Justice (EJ) implications

**Damages: the amount of money to be sought in compensation for injuries to natural resources resulting from a ... release of a hazardous substance" (43 C.F.R. § 11.80(b)**

## DAP Study Area



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# QUESTIONS?

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