

result in detailed designs for stream restoration, stormwater management, and stormwater retrofit projects. These projects are expected to restore stream habitat, provide wetland habitat, and improve water quality. A DEIS will be integrated into the feasibility study to document existing conditions, project actions, and project effects and products. Montgomery County and the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission are the non-Federal sponsors for the project.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. The U.S. House of Representatives, Committee on Public Works and Transportation, authorized the Anacostia River and Tributaries Reconnaissance Study in a resolution dated September 8, 1988. It was further authorized in the June 25, 1990 Statement of New Environmental Approaches by the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), which gave fish and wildlife restoration the status of a priority project output.

2. The Anacostia River and Tributaries Phase 1 Feasibility Study produced by the Corps in 1994 determined that previous Corps activity in the Anacostia Watershed has had a detrimental impact to the ecosystem of the Anacostia. The study recommended that additional feasibility studies focusing on environmental restoration be pursued. Following the completion of the 1994 Phase 1 feasibility report, the Baltimore District Corps of Engineers and Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection identified the potential for additional environmental restoration opportunities within the Anacostia watershed.

3. In September of this year, the Corps and Montgomery County executed a feasibility cost-sharing agreement for a Phase 2 Feasibility study. The area proposed for environmental restoration is known as the Northwest Branch of the Anacostia River and is located in the western portion of Montgomery County. The watershed has several environmental problems including channel instability, erosion, and sedimentation that adversely impact the existing habitat and threaten planned restoration measures. The Phase 2 study will identify areas with such problems

and recommend projects for specific sites that will be selected. It is anticipated that the study will result in a combination of stream restoration and stormwater management projects.

4. The planning goals of the Phase 2 study are to restore aquatic and riparian habitat, improve water quality, and contribute to the restoration of the Anacostia River ecosystem by stabilizing stream channels that make significant contributions to stream channel erosion and sedimentation and by reducing stormwater runoff rates, velocities, and pollutant loads. To achieve this goal, the Corps will further define the problems and opportunities in the Northwest Branch watershed; analyze and forecast environmental resource conditions; formulate, evaluate, and compare alternative plans for multiple sites; develop detailed designs and costs at selected sites; and recommend a cost-effective plan for the Montgomery County portion of the Northwest Branch watershed.

5. The decision to implement these actions will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact of the proposed activities on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal will be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable costs. The Baltimore District is preparing a DEIS which will describe the impacts of the proposed projects on environmental and cultural resources in the study area and the overall public interest. The DEIS will be in accordance with NEPA and will document all factors which may be relevant to the proposal, including the cumulative effects thereof. Among these factors are habitat restoration, channel and erosion control, improvements to water quality, and stormwater management. If applicable, the DEIS will also apply guidelines issued by the Environmental Protection Agency, under the authority of Section 404(b)(1) of the Clean Water Act of 1977 (Pub. L. 95-217).

6. The public involvement program will include workshops, meetings, and other coordination with interested private individuals and organizations, as well as with concerned Federal, state and local agencies. Coordination letters and newsletters have been sent to appropriate agencies, organizations, and individuals on an extensive mailing list. Additional public information will be provided through print media, mailings, radio and television announcements.

7. In addition to the Corps, Montgomery County, the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning

Commission, other participants that will be involved in the study and DEIS process include the following: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; U.S. Forest Service; U.S. Geological Survey; Natural Resource Conservation Service; and the U.S. National Park Service. The Baltimore District invites potentially affected Federal, state, and local agencies, and other organizations and entities to participate in this study.

8. The Anacostia Phase 2 Feasibility Study and integrated DEIS are tentatively scheduled for public review in March 1999.

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Notice of Availability of Invention for Licensing; Government Owned Invention

SUMMARY: The invention listed below is assigned to the United States Government as represented by the Secretary of the Navy and is available for licensing by the Department of the Navy.

Copies of the patent cited are available from the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231, for \$3.00 each. Requests for copies of the patent should include the patent number.

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U.S. Patent No. 5,552.93: AUDIO INFORMATION APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING POSITION INFORMATION, patented September 3, 1996.

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