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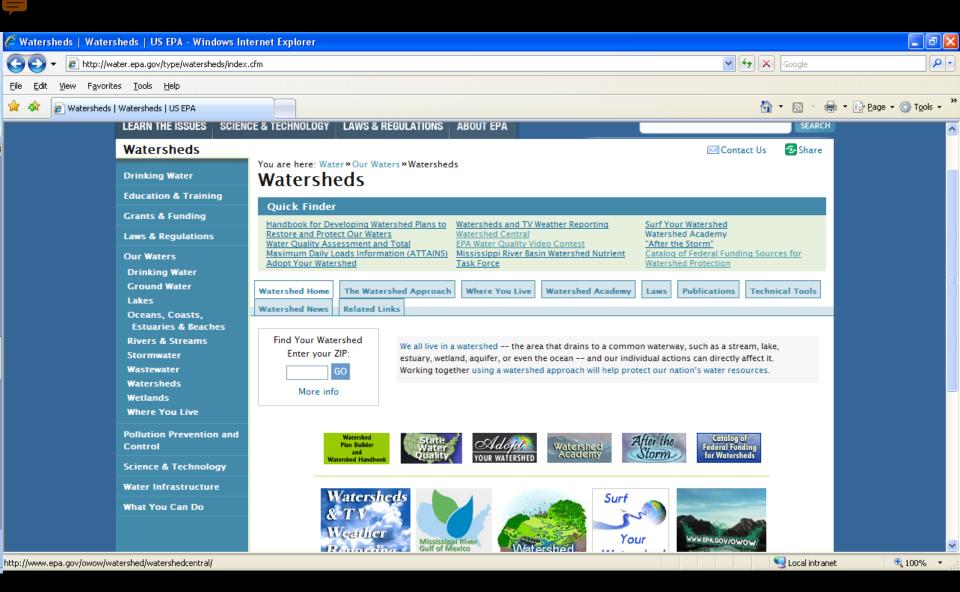
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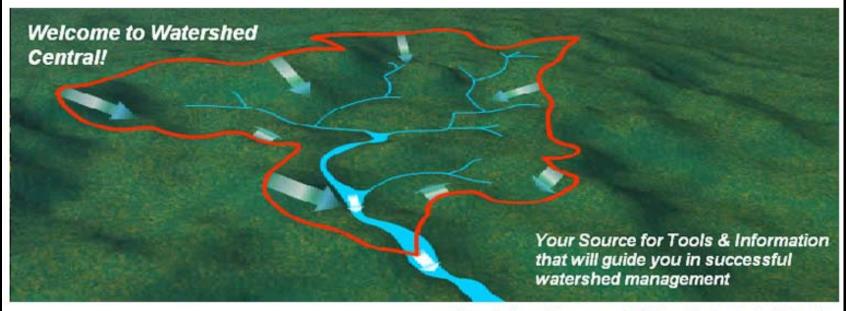
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## Watershed Central

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Watershed Central provides state, local, and voluntary

## Watershed Central Wiki

The Watershed Central Wiki is where you can share tools,

## Links to WS handbook and resources

## Watershed Management Process

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This section of the Watershed Management website is designed to walk you through each step of the watershed planning and implementation process. You may wish to use this information after you have used the Watershed Plan Builder to create a costomized watershed plan outline.

## Steps

- Build Partnerships
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- Set Goals and Identify Solutions
- Design an Implementation Program
- Develop Watershed Plan Outline
- Implement the Watershed Plan
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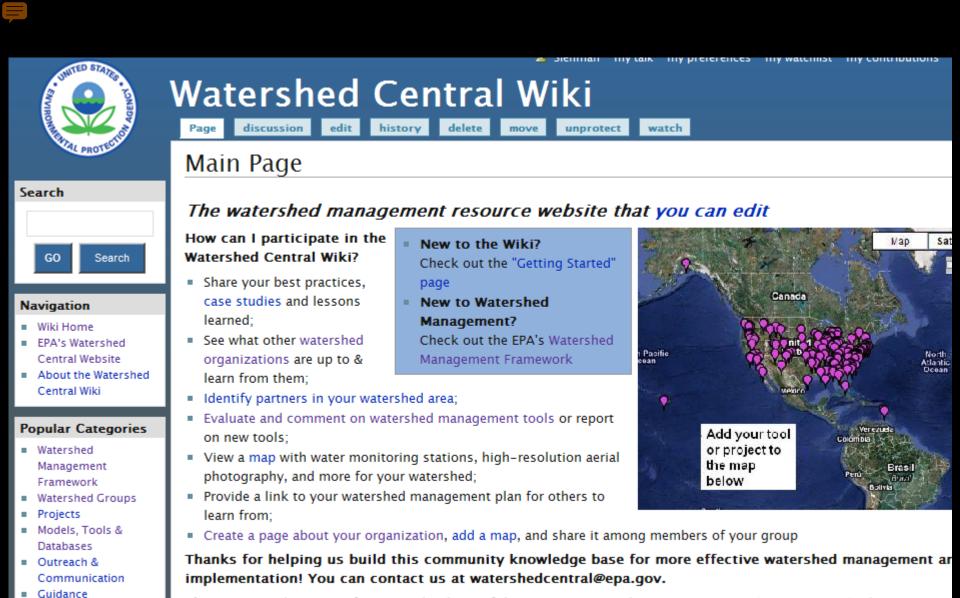
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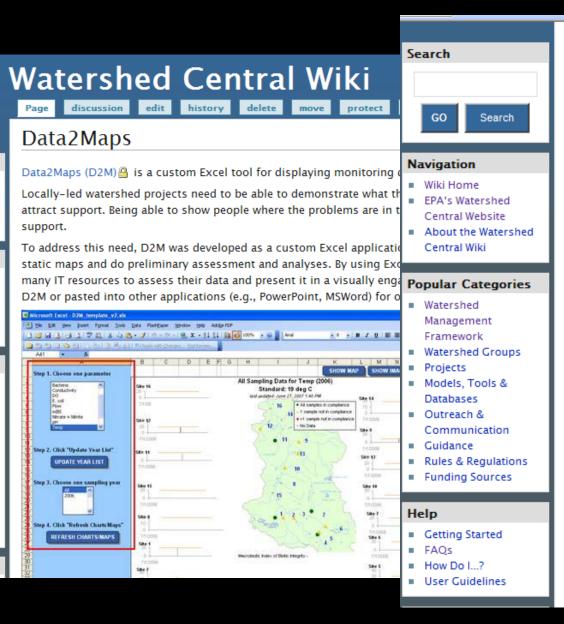


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Spa Creek watershed group in Annapolis, MD - monitoring wate local organizations to protect and clean up the Creek. (Contact:

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Map of Spa Creek area showing SCC Projects [map link @]}}

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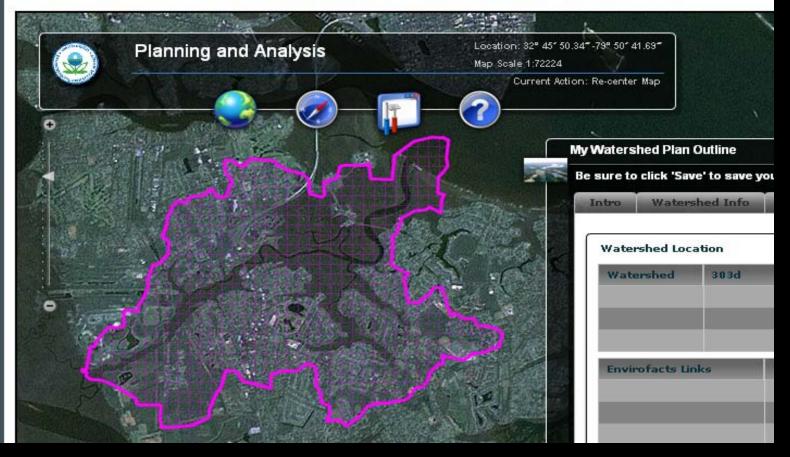
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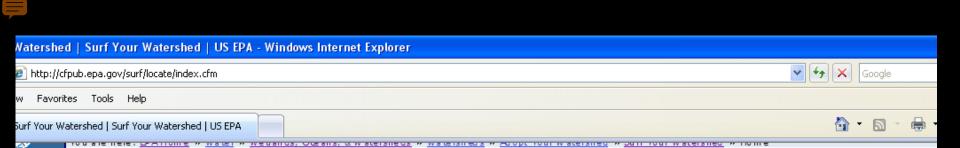
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## Surf Your Watershed

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This video tutorial on Surf Your Watershed shows how to locate your watershed, learn about its health, and connect with local watershed groups through Adopt Your Watershed.

### Find your watershed

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#### Step 1) Pick your geographic unit:

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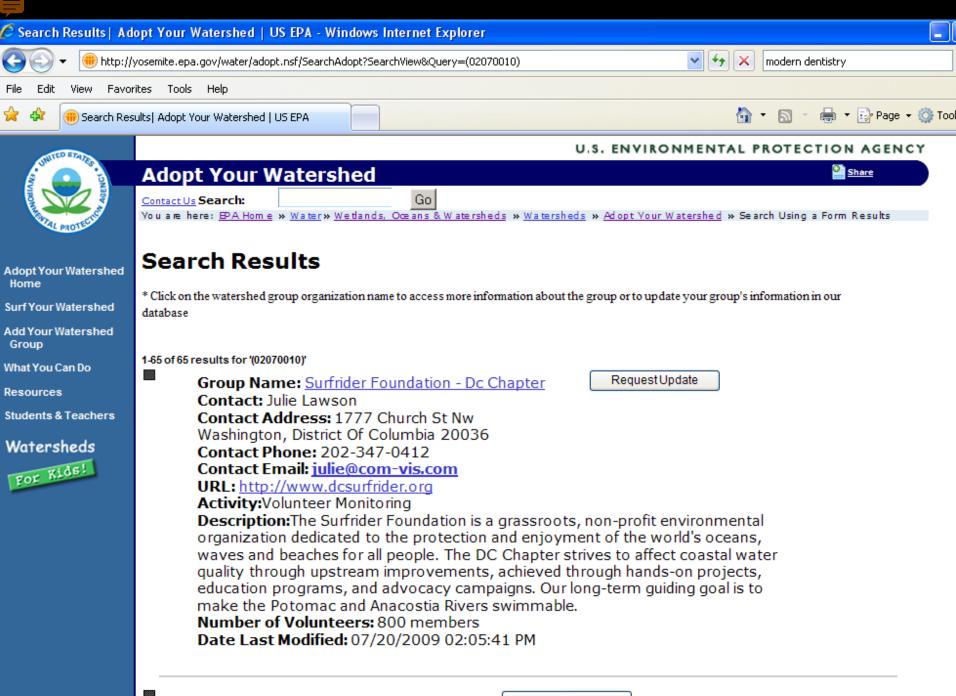
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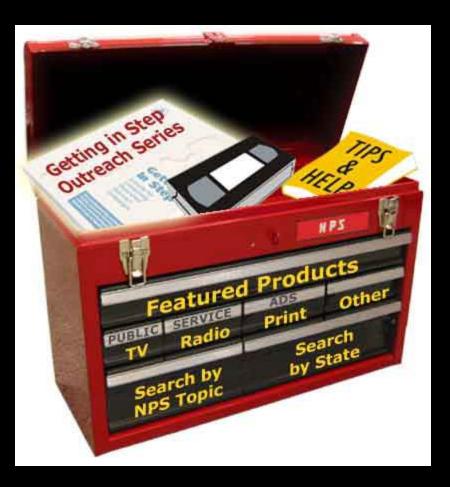
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Group Name: Anacostia Riverkeeper

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## Search the NPS Outreach Toolbox

There are several ways to search the NPS Outreach Toolbox. Use the keyword search or the topic and media search below, or use the links to the right to view print materials. radio and TV ads, and other products or search for outreach materials by state.

Note: The EPA search box in the upper right corner of this page will not search the contents of the toolbox. Choosing "This Area" results in a search of all Web pages with "epa.gov/nps" in the URL but will not find specific items within the toolbox.

### Keyword Search

Search the material available within the toolbox by entering one or more keywords in the search box. Click the "Search" button to view the results of your search.

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## NPS Outreach Featured Products

In this section you will find a selection of television, radio, and print products on nonpoint source pollution that have been developed by various agencies and organizations around the country. While also listed in the catalog, we have drawn attention to them as featured products because they are good examples of outreach in the mass media. Many have been evaluated well after being aired or used in campaigns, and all have offered users some level of permission to use their material. Browse the featured items to view or listen to exemplary outreach messages in each of the six topic areas.

### Motor Vehicle Care



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Application Deadline	Pre-proposal deadline: December 2009; Full proposal deadline: February 2010
When Funds are Available	Funds are usually ready for disbursement several months after the grant is awarded. Funds are given out on a reimbursement basis, so fund disbursement depends on the grantee's particular project.
Average annual number of applicants	50
Typical percentage of applicants funded	25%
Is a matched amount required?	Yes
Match Amount	2:1 non-federal match
Funding Level FY 2007	\$1.6 million
Funding Level FY 2008	\$1.5 million
Funding Level FY 2009	\$1.5 million
Funding Level FY 2010	TBD
Typical lowest amount awarded	\$10,000
Typical highest amount awarded	\$150,000
Typical median amount awarded	\$60,000
Other details on funding	The BBN program will award between 12-15 matching grants annually evaluated on a national competitive basis by a BBN Review Committee.Since 1991, BBN has supported over 244 projects and benefited over 120 species, 29 of which are federally listed as threatened or endangered.
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Primary Telephone	503-417-8700 x6007
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## **Online Training in Watershed Management**

This is the Watershed Academy's Distance Learning Program—**Watershed Academy Web**. The Web site offers a variety of self-paced training modules that represent a basic and broad introduction to the watershed management field. The modules are organized by the six themes listed above. Modules vary in the time they take to complete, from ½ hour to 2 hours. Fifteen of them (marked with asterisks \* below) are the core modules for the Watershed Academy <u>Certificate Program</u>.

## Module Themes

Introductory/Overview Modules Watershed Ecology Modules Watershed Change Modules Analysis and Planning Modules Management Practices Modules Community/Social/Water Law Modules



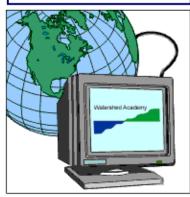
## Introductory/Overview Modules

These modules introduce the principles of the watershed approach and the value of working at a watershed level.

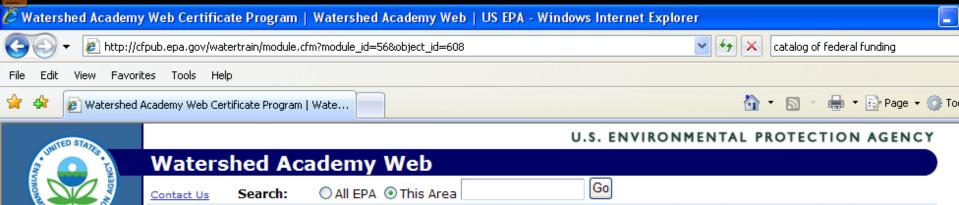
- \* Principles of Watershed Management | Printable Version (PDF) (25 pp, 2.1MB) Sustaining Healthy Aquatic Ecosystems | Printable Version (PDF) (18 pp, 278K)
- \* Ecosystem Services: Benefits to Human Societies | Printable Version (PDF) (18 pp,

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You can document your learning by meeting the requirements for Watershed Academy Web's Watershed Management Training Certificate. This certificate program recognizes trainees who complete 15 modules and pass their self-tests.

People from throughout the US and several foreign countries have completed the certificate program. They include scientists and non-scientists, local, state and federal agency staff, community leaders, consultants, college students and teachers, active citizens, and others.



### The Certificate Program Rules are:

- No registration, admission, or tuition is necessary; this program is open to everyone worldwide, at any time, and is completely Internet- or CD-based;
- Trainees must complete a minimum of 15 modules, a minimum of 12 of which must be from the core modules list;
- We recommend completing all 15 modules from the <u>core modules list</u>, but trainees may substitute alternate choices for up to 3 core modules in which their training is already sufficient;
- All core modules have self-tests which trainees must pass with a grade of 70% or higher (retesting is permitted). Copies of self-tests or test grades *do not* have to be mailed to the Watershed Academy -- this is an honor-systembased program.
- We do not have an arrangement for offering academic credit to all certificate earners, but obtaining academic credit is
  often possible through individual arrangements with college professors as part of an independent study,
  undergraduate, or graduate program.
- After completing all certificate requirements, provide your full name and mailing address to wacademy@epa.gov. We
  will mail you a signed certificate.

## Questions?

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