

## CITY OF WILMINGTON WETLANDS PARK

**STATE PROGRAM:** Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control

**ASSISTANCE RECIPIENT:** City of Wilmington

**ASSISTANCE AMOUNT:** \$15.1M



### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The City of Wilmington has experienced flooding during typical rain events. To address this issue, the City embarked on a \$28.8 million project to replace their combined sewer system with separate sanitary and stormwater collection systems. This is being done in the City's Southbridge area and these new collection systems will reduce the frequency of combined sewer overflows from entering homes and flooding the neighborhood. In addition to alleviating flooding, this project will clean up one of the largest brownfields in the City and turn this site into a new community wetland park. This park will have a wide boardwalk pathway that complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act and will provide the community access to a neighborhood retail area.

This project received a \$15.1 million CWSRF loan and a zero percent CWSRF Land Conservation Loan for \$3.5 million to create more than 20 acres in permanent easement. In addition to the CWSRF funding, this project also received a \$1.5 million DNREC Brownfields Grant, and \$8.7 million in funds from the City. These City funds include a \$2.9 million grant from The Nature Conservancy. Today, when it rains in Southbridge, water will flow through the new stormwater pipes and into the restored wetlands, where it will be held and gradually released into the Christina River.

To read more about this case study, please visit [https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2021-02/documents/2020\\_pisces\\_compendium.pdf](https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2021-02/documents/2020_pisces_compendium.pdf).