

A RESOLUTION

**Proposed
Resolution
20-657**

To declare the sense of the Council in support of the proposal of the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority to incorporate green infrastructure into its Long Term Control Plan to address combined sewer overflows to the Rock Creek and Potomac River.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Sense of the Council in Support of the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority’s Long Term Control Plan Modification to Include Green Infrastructure Resolution of 2014”.

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Sec. 2. The Council finds that:

(1) District of Columbia residents and businesses are funding a \$2.6 billion Clean Rivers project to reduce combined sewer overflows into the Anacostia, Potomac, and Rock Creek waterways, and to help achieve the Mayor’s Sustainable DC target of making 100% of the District’s waterways fishable and swimmable by 2032.

(2) The District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority (“DC Water”) is currently constructing a \$1.8 billion underground tunnel to reduce sewer overflows into the Anacostia River by 98%.

(3) DC Water has released a \$100 million proposal for public comment that will modify the Clean Rivers Project to incorporate green infrastructure as a partial solution to address combined sewer overflows to the Potomac River and Rock Creek.

(4) A green infrastructure approach to the Clean Rivers project has the potential to benefit District residents through local job creation, faster water quality improvements than the existing plan, improved air quality, enhanced green spaces, expanded wildlife habitats, and decreased scale of future rate increases for District ratepayers.

(5) DC Water states that its proposal to use green infrastructure in the Potomac River and Rock Creek will yield comparable water quality results to the existing plan to use only underground storage and conveyance tunnels.

(6) After implementation of the proposed green infrastructure, DC Water will remain responsible for achieving the District’s and all other legally applicable water quality standards.

Sec. 3. It is the sense of the Council that the Council supports DC Water’s proposal to incorporate green infrastructure in its Long Term Control Plan; provided, that there is assurance

of the same or greater reductions in the volume and incidence of combined sewage overflows into District waterways as provided in the existing Long Term Control Plan.

Sec. 4. The Council of the District of Columbia shall transmit copies of this resolution upon its adoption to the Administrator and Region 3 Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency and the General Manager of DC Water.

Sec. 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.