

DRAIN the RAIN!

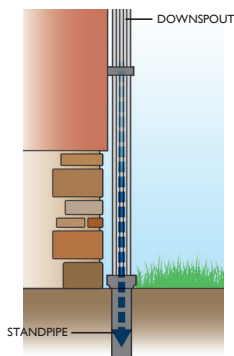
GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM

A Part of the DC Clean Rivers Project

DOWNSPOUT DISCONNECTION PROGRAM...DRAIN the RAIN!

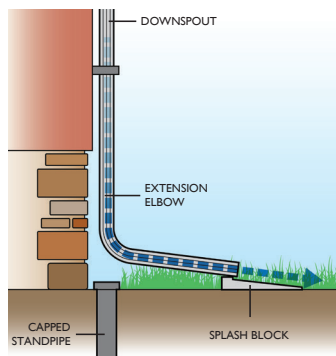
Like many other cities, the older portions of the District's sewer system carries both sewage and stormwater in a combined sewer system. During storms, a combined sewer system can be overwhelmed, and sewage and stormwater can overflow into our local waterways. This overflow is called combined sewer overflow (CSO). CSOs release pollutants and can be harmful to the environment. Downspouts connected to the combined sewer system add to the CSO problem.

YOU can reduce CSOs and help clean the District's rivers by disconnecting your downspout! Join us and **DRAIN the RAIN!** The DC Clean Rivers Project (DCCR) is launching a voluntary pilot program for **FREE** downspout disconnection with **FREE** rain barrels in select areas (see maps below). Read below to find out if you may be eligible for the program. More information can be found at dcwater.com/draintherain.



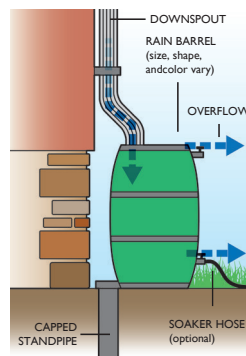
DOWNSPOUT CONNECTED TO SEWER SYSTEM

Downspouts connected directly to the combined sewer system contribute to combined sewer overflows (CSOs).



DOWNSPOUT DISCONNECTED FROM SEWER SYSTEM

Downspout disconnection reduces CSOs. The process involves cutting the downspout, attaching an elbow and extension to direct the water to an adjacent pervious area, and capping the standpipe.



DOWNSPOUT CONNECTED TO RAIN BARREL

Downspouts can be connected to a rain barrel so that stormwater is collected and stored for non-potable uses (i.e., exterior washing, gardening).



Potomac River Project A Project Boundary



Rock Creek Project A Project Boundary

If you would like other green infrastructure such as rain gardens, green roofs, and pervious pavers or if you are not currently eligible for DCCR's downspout disconnection program, the District's Department of Energy & Environment (DOEE) RiverSmart Program may have options for you. Visit <http://doee.dc.gov/riversmart> to learn about their programs for green infrastructure.

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PROJECT AT A GLANCE

PROJECT IN BRIEF

- Disconnections will occur within Rock Creek and Potomac River sewersheds.
- Will slow untreated storm runoff before entering Rock Creek and Potomac River.

PROJECT PROGRESS

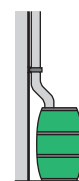


We will be coming to your neighborhood in the Spring! The downspout disconnection program is scheduled to launch in March 2017.

DID YOU KNOW?

- About one-third of the District is served by the combined sewer system.

BENEFITS OF DOWNSPOUT DISCONNECTION



- Helps control combined sewer overflows (CSOs) and reduce stormwater runoff.
- Can help you save money on water bills by reducing water usage, if you disconnect to a rain barrel.

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE?

- Is your home within one of the project areas?
- Do you have downspouts connected to the combined sewer system?
- Is there a lawn or landscaped area where the water can be directed away from your house?

If you answered **YES** to all three of these questions, apply for a free home assessment at:

dcwater.com/draintherain