



Environmental Stewardship/ Compensatory Mitigation/Community Stewardship Project Facts

The State Highway Administration's (SHA) Intercounty Connector (ICC) project includes a comprehensive package of Environmental Stewardship/ Compensatory Mitigation/ Community Stewardship (ES/CM/CS) activities as part of the project. The ES/CM/CS program not only comprises mitigation to offset those environmental impacts associated with the ICC, but also includes an unprecedented level of stewardship projects designed to reverse environmental degradation in the project area caused by development that occurred prior to the construction of the ICC. The ES/CM/CS package contains a wide variety of projects, including but not limited to stream and fish passage restoration, wetlands creation and enhancement, and bicycle/pedestrian trails, all located in Montgomery and Prince George's Counties.

Program Highlights

- Environmental Stewardship and Mitigation projects will be constructed throughout Montgomery and Prince George's Counties in the affected or nearby watersheds, including Paint Branch, Northwest Branch, Rock Creek, Indian Creek, Seneca Creek and Patuxent River.
 - ◇ **Thirty-eight stormwater management projects**, including new stormwater ponds, stormwater pond retrofits, and biotrenches. Eight of the projects were completed in 2009 and a majority of the rest will be completed in 2011.
 - ◇ **Five wetland mitigation projects** which will create over 50 acres of wetlands. One project, NW 128 in Northwest Branch Park off of Bonifant Road, is completed; another project, NW-69 off of Batchellors Forest Road, is currently under construction; and two will be constructed in 2011 and one in 2012.
 - ◇ **Nineteen stream restoration projects** – the largest project, which covers all of the ICC stream mitigation requirements (16,000 linear feet), is in the Northwest Branch and is currently under construction; the remaining stream restoration projects are Environmental Stewardship projects and will be constructed in 2011-2012.
 - ◇ **Seventeen reforestation sites** totaling over 540 acres off-site and 230 acres on-site (within the ICC mainline). Six projects are completed.
- Community Stewardship projects will be constructed throughout Montgomery and Prince George's Counties, including the Rockville, Derwood, Silver Spring, Olney, Sandy Spring and Beltsville areas.
 - ◇ A dog park was constructed in Olney Manor Recreational Park and opened in 2010.
 - ◇ A bicycle/pedestrian trail project at Lake Frank in Rock Creek Park will begin construction in 2011.
 - ◇ Ball fields and park improvement project in Northwest Branch Recreational Park will begin construction in 2011.
 - ◇ A bicycle/pedestrian trail project near Redland Middle School will begin construction in 2011.
 - ◇ A bicycle/pedestrian trail project along Cherry Hill Road and Sellman Road will begin construction in 2012.

For more information on the ES/CM/CS program, please visit the ICC website at www.iccproject.com, where you can also view an interactive map showing all of the environmental sites.



**Left & Below:
NW 160/170 Stream Restoration**



Left: The Dog Park



**Right: NW Branch Stream
Restoration under BR 29**