

EPA Region III Green Infrastructure Activities

<http://www.epa.gov/region03/green/infrastructure.html>

Recognizing the value of ecological services, Region III's Green Infrastructure Strategy aims to strategically protect intact resources and to improve ecosystem services through strategic restoration. The strategy uses the Green Infrastructure Approach to address regional priorities as well as to influence cross program integration.

Region III Initiatives

Ongoing State Green Infrastructure assessments

- Pennsylvania:
 - Data analysis complete for watershed integrity and assessment
 - Ecosystem (hubs and corridors analysis) in process
- West Virginia:
 - Region 3 assisting WV in developing a statewide green infrastructure assessment
 - Region 3 in partnership with USFWS is funding The Conservation Fund and The Nature Conservancy to work with WV agencies to develop a Green Infrastructure Framework
- Assessments completed by the states of Maryland, Virginia and Delaware

Local Assessments

- Frederick County Maryland (Monocacy Watershed)
 - EPA providing technical assistance with wetlands GI network analyses and providing assistance in preparing the overall assessment.

Interface with Region III and National Programs

- Superfund –working with ecological risk assessor to develop remedies that reflect the green infrastructure approach
- Chesapeake Bay Program – strategically focusing restoration and protection activities
- Healthy Watersheds – Assisting EPA Headquarters in developing and promoting a national Healthy Watersheds initiative

If you are interested in the Green Infrastructure work Region 3 is doing or would like information about the MidAtlantic Green Infrastructure Community of Practice please contact Matt Nicholson at:

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