

# Potomac WFP Consent Decree Program

A. Identification and Coding Information		
Agency Number	Project Number	Update Code
W - 000073.33	173801	Change

PDF Date	October 1, 2024
Date Revised	

Pressure Zones	Potomac WFP HGPOWF
Drainage Basins	
Planning Areas	Bi-County

## B. Expenditure Schedule (000's)

Cost Elements	Total	Thru FY'23	Estimate FY'24	Total 6 Years	Year 1 FY'25	Year 2 FY'26	Year 3 FY'27	Year 4 FY'28	Year 5 FY'29	Year 6 FY'30	Beyond 6 Years
Planning, Design & Supervision	24,142	18,673	2,247	3,222	2,079	1,143					
Land	1,000	1,000									
Construction	174,160	41,453	51,625	81,082	51,172	29,910					
Other	6,910		2,694	4,216	2,663	1,553					
<b>Total</b>	<b>206,212</b>	<b>61,126</b>	<b>56,566</b>	<b>88,520</b>	<b>55,914</b>	<b>32,606</b>					

## C. Funding Schedule (000's)

WSSC Bonds	206,212	61,126	56,566	88,520	55,914	32,606					
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## D. Description & Justification

**DESCRIPTION**  
 The Potomac WFP Consent Decree Program provides for the planning, design, and construction required for the implementation of Short-Term Operational and Long-Term Capital Improvements at the Potomac Water Filtration Plant (WFP) to allow WSSC Water to meet the new discharge limitations identified in the Consent Decree.

**BENEFIT**  
 Regulatory & Other Agreements: This project is required to meet regulatory requirements, multi-jurisdictional agreements, and/or consent decrees;  
 Environmental Sustainability: This project supports WSSC Water's commitment to protect the natural environment of Prince George's and Montgomery Counties

**JUSTIFICATION**  
 The Consent Decree (CD) was Entered by the U.S. District Court of Maryland on April 15, 2016. Under the terms of the CD WSSC Water is required to "undertake short-term operational changes and capital improvements at the Potomac WFP that will enable WSSC Water to reduce significantly the pounds per day of solids discharged to the River" (CD Section II. Paragraph 6.i); and to plan, design, and implement long-term "upgrades to the existing Plant or to design and construct a new plant to achieve the effluent limits, conditions, and waste load allocations established by the Maryland Department of the Environment (the Department) and/or in this Consent Decree, and incorporated in a new discharge permit to be issued by the Department" (CD Section II. Paragraph 6.ii). The CD required WSSC Water to submit a Draft Audit Report and Draft Long-Term Upgrade Plan to the Citizens and the Department by November 15, 2016, and final reports to the Citizens and the Department by January 1, 2017. The Final Audit and Long-Term Upgrade Plan Reports were submitted to the Citizens and the Department on December 29, 2016. The Department reviews the Audit Report and selects recommended improvements in operations, monitoring, and waste tracking, along with select capital projects that can be completed no later than April 1, 2020 and that are necessary to achieve the goals identified in CD Section IV. Paragraph 24. Additionally, the work required to implement the Long-Term Capital Improvements Project(s) shall be fully implemented in accordance with the schedule set forth in the Long-Term Upgrade Plan. WSSC Water shall be subject to a lump-sum stipulated penalty in accordance with the CD for failure to implement the Long-Term Capital Improvement Project(s) by January 1, 2026.

## COST CHANGE

The schedule and expenditure projections were revised based upon actual bids. An additional project to refurbish the sedimentation basins and filter booths in the amount of \$1,750,000 was added to the program.

## OTHER

The schedule and expenditure projections shown in Block B above are based on actual bids and include \$1,000,000 for Supplemental Environmental Projects included under CD Section IX. Paragraph 50. WSSC Water Green Bonds will be utilized to fund a portion of this project. The reduction in suspended solids discharged into the Potomac River will address the following International Capital Market Association (ICMA) Green Bond Principles 2016 categories: Pollution prevention/control; and Terrestrial and aquatic biodiversity conservation.

## COORDINATION

Coordinating Agencies: Maryland Department of the Environment; Montgomery County Government; National Park Service; Prince George's County Government; U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III  
 Coordinating Projects: W - 000073.30 - Potomac WFP Submerged Channel Intake; W - 000073.32 - Potomac WFP Main Zone Pipeline

E. Annual Operating Budget Impact (000's)		FY of Impact
Staff & Other		
Maintenance		
Debt Service	\$2,502	27
Total Cost	\$2,502	27
Impact on Water and Sewer Rate	\$0.01	27

## F. Approval and Expenditure Data (000's)

Date First in Program	FY'17
Date First Approved	FY'16
Initial Cost Estimate	27,250
Cost Estimate Last FY	206,212
Present Cost Estimate	206,212
Approved Request Last FY	55,914
Total Expense & Encumbrances	61,126
Approval Request Year 1	55,914

## G. Status Information

Land Status	Land Acquired
Project Phase	Construction
Percent Complete	57 %
Estimated Completion Date	June 2026

Growth	
System Improvement	
Environmental Regulation	100%
Population Served	
Capacity	

## H. Map



