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To: Guidebook, SW (DDOE)
Subject: Comments on Stormwater SRC

Dear DDOE,

My name is Alexander and I live in the community of Trinidad in North East DC. I am writing to voice my approval for the city's plan to require a 1.2-inch stormwater retention standard for new developments and redevelopments. This is essential for DC to continue on the path toward meeting Mayor Gray's goal of fishable, swimmable, and drinkable water in the district. It is also the law as mandated by the cities new MS4 permit!

I am saddened to learn that there are currently many attempts afoot to weaken and debase this requirement. Most shocking is the idea that off-site retention credits could be "banked" indefinitely. We need real results in real time, i.e. when storms hit! Not that peter-in over years. Take a look at the Anacostia river after Sandy and tell me how "banking" such credits is going to help.

To make sure this new process is transparent and we meet out necessary goal of 1.2 inch retention, I join my voice with many other DC residents in demanding an annual report on the SRC market. This way we can fairly judge its environmental impacts.

Thank You,

Alexander Briggs