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## MEMORANDUM

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Subject: Long Branch Watershed Management Area Phase 1B Report

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Fairfax County is taking a watershed approach to restoration and ecological uplift to meet Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) requirements for sediment reductions within the Long Branch watershed. Identification of restoration projects was completed through desktop analysis and field assessments that emphasize cost-effective restoration strategies that also address community concerns, ecological impacts, and collectively maximize nutrient and sediment removal and functional uplift. The field assessment in particular, focused on the identification of potential stream and existing facility restoration projects. The goals of the field assessments were to characterize stream corridor and evaluate existing facility (stormwater retrofit) opportunities and prioritize restoration opportunities.

The purpose of this memorandum is to summarize efforts conducted within Phase 1B (Field Assessment and Opportunity Identification). A description of the field assessments followed by an overview of the prioritization process is provided below.

### Stream Assessments

The stream corridor assessment consisted of a continuous assessment of approximately 12 miles of stream and more than 150 outfalls. The stream assessment documented existing conditions such as physical in-stream habitat, floodplain conditions, and erosion potential. Data anomalies, repair needs, and potential for Regenerative Stormwater Conveyance (RSC) implementation were evaluated for outfalls within the stream corridor. Nomenclature was established to give each data point a unique identifier (ID). This nomenclature is described in **Attachment A**. Unique IDs were assigned by field assessment type and catchment location. A map of catchment locations and associated IDs is provided in **Attachment B**.

Field work was conducted with two-person field crews over the course of November and December 2020 and January 2021. An overview of the various assessments conducted within the Long Branch watershed is provided below. For additional detail on the specific fields collected within each assessment, see **Attachment C**. Field data results were provided to the County in the form of an ArcGIS geodatabase.

### Stream Restoration Assessment

The Stream Restoration Assessment is an existing assessment used by Fairfax County staff to score a stream reach for its restoration potential using two primary bins of factors: planning and instability. Planning evaluates sites for factors such as access, utility conflicts, and ownership while instability looks at stream bank vegetation, mass erosion and stream bank cutting.

### Physical Habitat Assessment

Fairfax County utilizes a customized version of the EPA rapid bioassessment protocol to assess the physical habitat of County streams. The habitat assessment form is intended for perennial reaches and was not completed on ephemeral channels. This assessment rates the physical habitat quality of the stream corridor for a wide variety of factors including bank stability, embeddedness, and frequency of riffles (or bends). Typically, each factor is given a score of 1 – 20 with 20 representing optimal conditions. For the purposes of this project, a zero was added to capture instances of no feature present. A yes/no question was included to address if a stream was previously restored. This allowed restored reaches to be flagged to recognize the influence of that effort on the channel alteration score.

### Floodplain Vegetation Assessment

Biohabitats, in conjunction with Fairfax County, created a floodplain quality assessment form to evaluate the quality of the vegetation within the floodplain. The results of this assessment helps to inform project prioritization and we may want to limit project extent in areas of high quality vegetation and identify areas with non-native vegetation. The main focus of the assessment is the type of vegetation (forest, shrub, old field, herbaceous etc.), diversity of strata within a forest, and the invasive species composition. Additional information about the floodplain was recorded such as the presence of plant regeneration (indicating deer browse intensity), standing snags, or coarse woody debris.

### BANCS Assessment

The Bank Assessment of Nonpoint source Consequences of Sediment (BANCS) is a method to determine the rate of erosion of a segment of bank along a stream. This is calculated by combining the Bank Erosion Hazard Index (BEHI) score and the Near Bank Stress (NBS) score of a bank segment. The BEHI score is calculated the potential erosion due to the condition of the bank whereas the NBS scores the amount of stress the flow of water imparts on the bank. Each segment is determined by its relative BEHI score, NBS score and bank height. If one of these factors changes significantly a new segment is created. These segments are independent of reaches defined during the habitat, floodplain, and stream scoping assessments. The BEHI score is calculated by comparing several factors including bank height, bankfull depth, root density, and bank material. After BEHI score is determined three times a team can be calibrated to that condition and can use a rapid

assessment to determine the BEHI score of a segment. The NBS score is determined by using a reference sheet provided to the field crew developed for the BANCS method.

#### Miscellaneous

The miscellaneous layer is provided for field crews to document either resident interactions or point of interest that do not fit into other categories. The homeowner interaction is important to track because it allows for the field crew to both give the resident more information about the project and also learn more about the resident's history with the area and concerns or support for potential projects. Points of interaction also documented areas that residents value and would like to see protected and left in its current condition. This information was incorporated in the prioritization framework.

#### Pipe Crossing

The pipe crossing layer documents instances where a utility or unknown pipe is exposed. The exposed pipe could be at risk of damage if it is not properly covered. This would likely occur at a known utility crossing, however unpredicted locations are equally important to note.

#### Outfall: RSC Potential

Biohabitats created a form to evaluate RSC potential at outfalls within the stream corridor. The form evaluated contributing sources to erosion, existing conditions such as head cutting and erosion, immediate vegetation quality, and ease of access.

#### Outfall: Repair Needs

This field assessment documented if any pipe outfall or receiving channel (structural or earthen) requires a repair. Field crews used best professional judgement to determine the need for a repair. Examples include erosion that has caused the headwall and/or apron to be undercut, pipe corrosion, the concrete pipe or liner is breaking apart, etc.

### **Existing Facility Assessment**

A total of 23 sites were assessed throughout the Long Branch watershed in November 2020 using a two-person field crew. The sites included 21 existing stormwater management facilities along with potential new facilities identified at the Brandywine Swim Club and Fairfax Memorial Park. The 21 existing stormwater management facilities were identified by filtering Fairfax County's stormwater facility data base by watershed and facility type (dry pond, farm pond, and wet ponds) to identify facilities with restoration potential. Dry ponds included both those classified as peak shavers (ponds designed to reduce peak flows from stormwater runoff) and extended detention. Field work occurred in November of 2020 using a two-person field crew. For additional detail on the specific fields collected within each assessment, see **Attachment C**. Field data results were provided to the County in the form of an ArcGIS geodatabase.

The field assessment of existing stormwater facilities included a characterization of the existing conditions, identification of site constraints, and recommended retrofit. The characterization of existing conditions included comparison to design plans where available, inventory of facility components (inflows, embankments, basin, outlet works, etc.), and the condition of these

components. Site constraints included presence of utilities, presence of regulated natural resources (mature trees, wetlands, etc.), location of existing property boundaries, presence of steep slopes, limited or obstructed construction access, and limitation to vertical storage adjustments were assessed on a binary (yes/no) basis. Comment fields and site sketches were used to provide detail on the nature of observed constraints. Based on the field observations, crews selected a potential retrofit type for the facility, the level of expected benefits of that retrofit, created a field sketch of the proposed retrofit, and wrote a brief description of the proposed retrofit. Photographs taken included a site overview, observed deficiencies, critical site constraints, and field sketches.

The field assessments at Brandywine Swim Club and Fairfax Memorial Park sought to identify locations for installation of new stormwater best management practices (BMPs). A unique point was added to the database to record the location of the proposed practice. Data collected included identification of site constraints and characterization of the proposed practice. The site constraints fields were assessed in the same manner as existing facilities. The proposed practice characterization included recommended practice type, level of expected benefits, existing land use, proposed embankment height, footprint type (excavated or impounded), inlet configuration (open channel, closed conduit, or overland flow), and proposed outfall channel (existing, new, or modified). Comment fields, photographs, and site sketches were used to provide further details.

### **Prioritization Framework**

Data from the field assessment was used to identify and prioritize potential restoration projects. Scoring schemas were developed for three different project types: stream restoration, RSCs, and stormwater BMP retrofits. For stream restoration, the prioritization scoring criteria was applied on a reach-by-reach basis. Each potential project was scored within its project type; prioritization did not cut across project types. While scoring metrics varied by project type, a similar scoring framework was developed and applied across all three project types. Scoring metrics were organized into three bins:

- Ecological benefits: parameters included sediment load addressed, floodplain vegetation quality, etc.
- Ancillary benefits: parameters included public input obtained via County complaints database, correspondence with County staff, field crew interactions, and the public input map.
- Feasibility: parameters included constraints, property ownership, access, etc.

Individual metrics within each bin were normalized by scoring by quartile for comparative ranking. Each “bin” was assigned equal weight and was worth a total of one point each. Therefore, the highest possible score was three points. In this scoring schema, a lower score is better. Highly scored projects indicate that the project may be infeasible and/or have little benefit. The metrics and scoring established by the prioritization framework for the three project types (stream restoration, RSC, and stormwater BMP retrofit) can be found in **Attachment D**. Prioritization results, in spreadsheet format, are available in **Attachment E**. Maps showing prioritization results by quartile in **Attachments F and G** (Stream & Outfall and Stormwater BMP, Retrofit, respectively).

The County established a Design Group to provide input and oversight throughout the entirety of the Long Branch effort (beyond Phase 1B). The Design Group includes more than a dozen representatives from a range of interests and backgrounds relevant to the restoration of the Long Branch watershed. Participation included, but was not limited to, representatives from Department of Public Works, Park Authority, Soil and Water Conservation District, Friends of Accotink Creek, and Friends of Long Branch. During Phase 1B, the Design Group provided input and feedback on the prioritization framework and results during work sessions held in March and April 2020.

### **Next Steps**

Restoration of the Long Branch watershed is an ongoing, multi-year effort with multiple phases leading up to the construction of restoration projects. The prioritization of potential restoration projects from this Phase (1B) will inform future steps which include the following:

- Ongoing stakeholder outreach to continue communicating project intent and results to date while also obtaining input and feedback from the community.
- Initiating pre-construction monitoring to establish a baseline of conditions in the Long Branch watershed with the ultimate goal of demonstrating ecological uplift post-construction.
- Developing an implementation work plan (Phase 1C) that will aggregate the prioritization results into 22 projects. Descriptions will be developed for each project and will include details critical to restoration design including the identification of the restoration approach and design intent and areas for access and staging.

### **Attachments**

A: Unique ID Nomenclature

B: Long Branch Catchment Map

C: Assessment Form Layout

D: Prioritization Framework

E: Prioritization Results Spreadsheets (available as Microsoft Excel files)

F: Stream & Outfall Prioritization Results Maps

G: Stormwater BMP Retrofit Prioritization Results Map

## **Attachment A: Unique ID Nomenclature**

## ATTACHMENT A: FIELD ASSESSMENT NOMENCLATURE

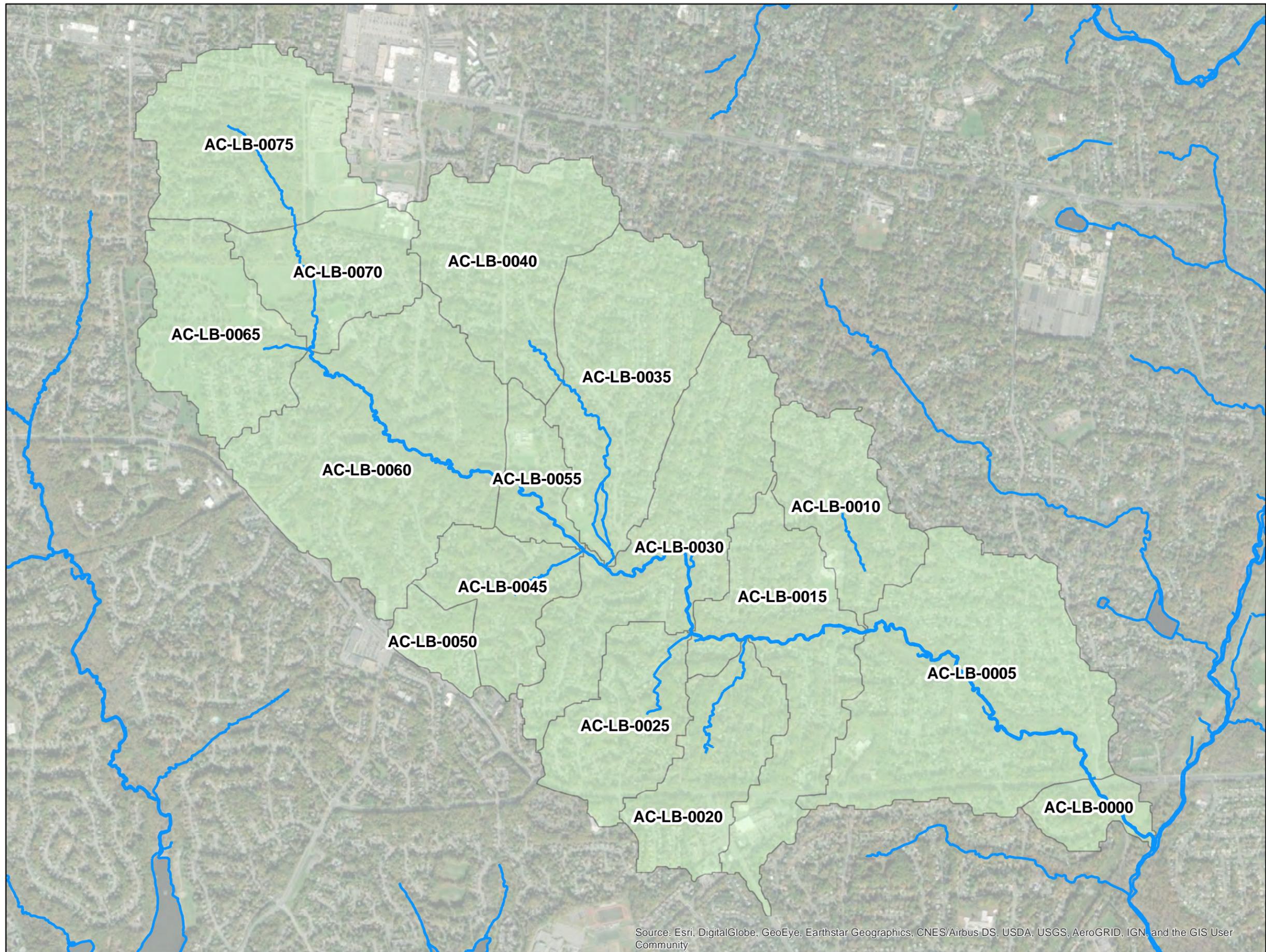
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Assessment	Abbreviation
Habitat Assessment	HA
Stream Scoping	SC
Floodplain Assessment	FP
BANCS	R or L
Outfall Assessment	OF
RSC	RC
Pipe Crossing	PC
BMP Retrofit	BMP

<b>REACH ID</b>	[WATERSHED ID] – [SUBWATERSHED ID] – [SUBWATERSHED CODE] – [REACH ID] i.e., AC-LB-0050-001
<b>RBP HABITAT ID</b>	[WATERSHED ID] – [SUBWATERSHED ID] – [SUBWATERSHED CODE] – [REACH ID] – HA – [UNIQUE ID] i.e., AC-LB-0050-001-HA-01
<b>STREAM SCOPING ID</b>	[WATERSHED ID] – [SUBWATERSHED ID] – [SUBWATERSHED CODE] – [REACH ID] – SC – [UNIQUE ID] i.e., AC-LB-0050-001-SC-01
<b>FLOODPLAIN ASSESSMENT ID</b>	[WATERSHED ID] – [SUBWATERSHED ID] – [SUBWATERSHED CODE] – [REACH ID] – FP – [UNIQUE ID] i.e., AC-LB-0050-001-FP-01
<b>BANCS ID</b>	[WATERSHED ID] – [SUBWATERSHED ID] – [SUBWATERSHED CODE] – [REACH ID] – [BANK SIDE (R OR L)] – [UNIQUE ID] i.e., AC-LB-0050-001-L-12
<b>OUTFALL ASSESSMENT ID</b>	[WATERSHED ID] – [SUBWATERSHED ID] – [SUBWATERSHED CODE] – [REACH ID] – OF – [UNIQUE ID] i.e., AC-LB-0050-001-OF-05
<b>RSC ID</b>	[WATERSHED ID] – [SUBWATERSHED ID] – [SUBWATERSHED CODE] – [REACH ID] – SC – [UNIQUE ID] i.e., AC-LB-0050-001-RC-02
<b>PIPE CROSSING ID</b>	[WATERSHED ID] – [SUBWATERSHED ID] – [SUBWATERSHED CODE] – [REACH ID] – PC – [UNIQUE ID] i.e., AC-LB-0050-001-PC-01
<b>BMP RETROFIT ID</b>	[WATERSHED ID] – [SUBWATERSHED ID] – [SUBWATERSHED CODE] – [REACH ID] – BMP – [UNIQUE ID] i.e., AC-LB-0040-BMP-01

Note: Reach IDs were assigned moving from downstream to upstream, a confluence receive the next ID number before continuing upstream to the next reach. This method was modeled after the Subwatershed code.

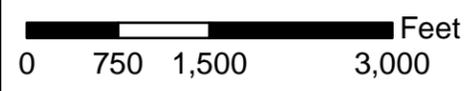
**Attachment B: Long Branch Watershed Catchment Map**



**Long Branch**  
Assessment Subsheds  
Fairfax County, VA

**Legend**

-  Streams
-  Subshed



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Source: Esri, DigitalGlobe, GeoEye, Earthstar Geographics, CNES/Airbus DS, USDA, USGS, AeroGRID, IGN, and the GIS User Community

## **Attachment C: Assessment Form Layout**





## Floodplain Vegetation Assessment

Field	Description	Type	Method					
Assessor		Text	Dropdown					
DateTime		Date	Auto Populate					
Bank		Text	Dropdown	Left	Right	Both		
MatForPerc	% Mature Forest (>12" dbh trees present)	Long	Entry					
MatForDiv	Matural Forest Vertical Diversity	Text	Dropdown	1 Strata	2 Strata	3 Strata	4 Strata	>4 Strata
YngForPerc	% Young Forest (>12" dbh trees present)	Long	Entry					
YngForDiv	Young Forest Vertical Diversity	Text	Dropdown	1 Strata	2 Strata	3 Strata	4 Strata	>4 Strata
SapSrbPerc	% Dense sapling or shrub only (<4" dbh)	Long	Entry					
OfRpPerc	% Old field or recent planting	Long	Entry					
HerbPerc	% Herbaceous	Long	Entry					
MowPerc	% Mowed grass	Long	Entry					
ParkPerc	% Park trees over grass	Long	Entry					
HerbNNI	NNI Cover % Herbaceous	Text	Dropdown	0%	1 - 25 %	26 - 50 %	51 - 75 %	>75%
HerbNNIC	NNI Herb Species of Concern	Text	Entry					
ShrubNNI	NNI Cover % Shrub	Text	Dropdown	0%	1 - 25 %	26 - 50 %	51 - 75 %	>75%
ShrubNNIC	NNI Shrub Species of Concern	Text	Entry					
TreeNNI	NNI Cover % Tree	Text	Dropdown	0%	1 - 25 %	26 - 50 %	51 - 75 %	>75%
TreeNNIC	NNI Tree Species of Concern	Text	Entry					
SigTree	Presence of Large Diameter >24" dbh Trees	Text	Dropdown	Absent	Present			
Regen	Regeneration	Text	Dropdown	Absent	Present < 18" ht	Present > 18"ht		
CWD	CWD (>6" diam & 10' Length)	Text	Dropdown	Absent	Present			
Snags	Snags (Standing dead > 12" dbh)	Text	Dropdown	Optimal Abundant	Suboptimal	Marginal Present	Fair	Poor Absent
Duff	Duff(Fine woody debris, leaf litter, organics)	Text	Dropdown	Absent (bare ground visible)	Thin (<1/2" thick)	Thick (> 1/2" thick)		
UtlTree	Are there trees near utilities	Text	Dropdown	Yes	No			
FallTree	Are there trees threatening to fall into the channel	Text	Dropdown	Yes	No			
EaseTree	Are there trees in the easement	Text	Dropdown	Yes	No			
SenseFeat	Sensitive feature notes (Wetland , RTE, Slopes)	Text	Entry					
MatAvail	Available material notes	Text	Entry					
Encroach	Encroachment of private property	Text	Entry					
Notes		Text	Entry					
Photo1		Text	Entry					
Photo2		Text	Entry					
Photo3		Text	Entry					
FloodplainAssessmentID		Text	Entry					
ReachID		Text	Entry					

## BANCS

Field	Description	Type	Method						
Assessor		Text	Dropdown						
DateTime		Date	Auto Populate						
SUBSHED		Text	Entry						
ReachID		Text	Entry						
BEHI	BEHI Rating	Text	Dropdown	Very Low	Low	Moderate	High	Very High	Extreme
NBS	NBS Rating	Text	Dropdown	Very Low	Low	Moderate	High	Very High	Extreme
Length		Double	Calculated						
BankHeight		Double	Entry						
Erosion_CY_YR		Text	Entry						
BANCS_ID		Text	Entry						
SegmentID		Text	Entry						

## Miscellaneous

Field	Description	Type	Method
Assessor		Text	Dropdown
DateTime		Date	Auto Populate
HomeownerInteraction		Text	Entry
Notes1		Text	Entry
Notes2		Text	Entry
Photo1		Text	Entry
Photo2		Text	Entry
Photo3		Text	Entry
Photo4		Text	Entry
Photo5		Text	Entry

**Pipe Crossing**

Field	Description	Type	Method
Assessor		Text	Dropdown
DateTime		Date	Auto Populate
Exp_type	Type of pipe exposure	Text	Dropdown
Exp_type_other	Description of other pipe exposed	Text	Entry
Exp_pipe_mat	Exposed pipe Material	Text	Dropdown
Exp_pipe_mat_other	Description of other pipe material	Text	Entry
Pipe_diam_in	Diameter of exposed pipe (in)	Double	Entry
Pipe_length_ft	Estimated length of pipe that is exposed (ft)	Long	Entry
Pipe_purp	Purpose of pipe	Text	Dropdown
Pipe_purp_other	Description of other pipe purpose	Text	Entry
Pipe_dis	States presence of pipe discharge	Text	Dropdown
Pipe_dis_color	Pipe discharge color, if pipe discharge is present	Text	Dropdown
Pipe_dis_color_other	Additional description of pipe discharge color if "Other" was chosen	Text	Entry
Pipe_dis_odor	Pipe discharge odor, if pipe discharge is present	Text	Dropdown
li_potential	Exposed pipe infiltration/ inflow potential	Text	Dropdown
Notes		Text	Entry
Photo1		Text	Entry
Photo2		Text	Entry
Photo3		Text	Entry
Photo4		Text	Entry
Photo5		Text	Entry
PipeCrossingID		Text	Entry

- bottom
- Exposed along stream
- Exposed manhole
- Above stream
- Other
- Reinforced Concrete pipe
- Corrugated Metal pipe
- High Density Polyethylene
- Ductile Iron pipe
- Polyvinyl Chloride
- Concrete (Non-Reinforced)
- Vitrified Clay pipe
- Clay Tile
- Asbestos Cement
- Plastic / Steel Composite
- Roller Compacted Concrete pipe
- Brick
- Cast iron
- Reinforced Plastic (Truss)
- Transite pipe
- Segmented Block
- Pre-stressed Concrete Cylinder pipe
- Not Known
- Other
- Polypropylene

**Outfall: RSC Assessment**

Field	Description	Type	Method						
Assessor		Text	Dropdown						
DateTime		Date	Auto Populate						
Severity		Long	Dropdown	Severe	Moderate	Minor			
Access		Long	Dropdown	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	
AccessNotes	Potential access path type ie trail, park entrance, clearing needed etc...	Text	Entry						
OutfallOrigin	Does the RSC originate at an outfall?	Text	Dropdown	Yes	No				
HerbQual	Quality of the herbaceous vegetation at the RSC potent	Text	Dropdown	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	
ShrubQual	Quality of the shrub vegetation at the RSC potential loc	Text	Dropdown	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	
CanopyQual	Quality of the canopy vegetation at the RSC potential lc	Text	Dropdown	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	
UtilityConflict	Any evident utility conflicts?	Text	Dropdown	Sewer	Gas	Electric	Cable	Multiple	Unknown
ConflictComment	Optional field for any additional comments related to potential RSC conflicts	Text	Entry						
RegConf	RSC located within Waters of the US or Wetland	Text	Dropdown	WOTUS	Wetland	Both	Neither		
OpenArea	Is there sufficient area nearby that could be used for staging and stockpile?	Text	Dropdown	Yes	No				
UniqueFeat	Particular feature that makes this location well suited for a retrofit	Text	Entry						
Headcut	State presence of a drop, nickpoints, or headcuts in the channel	Text	Dropdown	Yes	No				
EstLengthFt	Estimated potential RSC length (ft)	Long	Entry						
EstElevFt	Estimated potential RSC drop (ft)	Double	Entry						
GullyWidthFt	Average width of the existing gully (ft)	Double	Entry						
GullyDepthFt	Average depth of the existing gully (ft)	Double	Entry						
TreeConf	State presence of mature trees at the RSC potential location	Text	Dropdown	Yes	No				
Notes		Text	Entry						
Photo1		Text	Entry						
Photo2		Text	Entry						
Photo3		Text	Entry						
Photo4		Text	Entry						
Photo5		Text	Entry						
RSCID		Text	Entry						



**Stormwater BMP Retrofit**

Field	Description	Type	Method							
Assessor		Text	Dropdown							
DateTime		Date	Auto Populate							
Facility ID		Text	Auto Populate							
Drainage_Area		Text	Auto Populate							
Treated_Area		Text	Auto Populate							
PFM_CAT		Text	Auto Populate							
FA_Present	Facility Present	Text	Dropdown	Yes	No					
FA_New	Facility New	Text	Dropdown	Yes	No					
FA_Inline	Inline Facility	Text	Dropdown	Yes	No					
FA_DA	Facility Drainage Area Accuracy	Text	Dropdown	Accurate	Needs Revision		N/A			
FA_Plan	Facility Matches Plans	Text	Dropdown	Yes	No		N/A			
OW_Cond	Outlet Works Condition	Text	Dropdown	Good Condition	Needs Repair					
OW_Cond_Com	Outlet Works Condition Comment	Text	Entry							
OW_Type	Outlet Works Type	Text	Dropdown	Concrete Riser	Metal Riser	No Riser		Other		
OW_Type_Com	Outlet Works Type Comment	Text	Entry							
OW_LF	Outlet Works - Low Flow	Text	Dropdown	Yes	No					
OW_ES	Outlet Works - Emergency Spillway	Text	Dropdown	Yes	No					
OW_OfC	Outlet Works - Outfall Condition	Text	Dropdown	Good	Needs Repair					
OW_OfCom	Outlet Works - Outfall Comment	Text	Entry							
EM_Cond	Embankment Condition	Text	Dropdown	Good Condition	Needs Repair					
EM_Height	Embankment - Height	Text	Dropdown	Less than 3'	3-5'	5'-8'	8-12'	12'-15'	Greater than 15'	
EM_Com	Embankment Comment	Text	Entry							
BA_Fb	Basin - Forebay	Text	Dropdown	Yes	No					
BA_SW	Basin - Standing Water	Text	Dropdown	Yes	No					
BA_Horiz	Basin - Room for Horizontal Expansion	Text	Dropdown	Yes	No					
BA_Vert	Basin - Room for Vertical Expansion	Text	Dropdown	Yes	No					
BA_Veg_Cond	Basin - Vegetation	Text	Dropdown	Good (100%-85% Coverage)	Fair (85-50% Coverage)	Sparse (under 50% coverage)				
BA_Veg_T	Basin - Vegetation Type	Text	Dropdown	Grasses Only	Grass and Shrubs	Trees		None		
BA_Com	Basin Comments	Text	Entry							
SC_Utl	Site Constraints - Utility	Text	Dropdown	Yes	No					
SC_NR	Site Constraints - Natural Resources	Text	Dropdown	Yes	No					
SC_Prop	Site Constraints - Property Boundaries	Text	Dropdown	Yes	No					
SC_SS	Site Constraints - Steep Slopes	Text	Dropdown	Yes	No					
SC_Vert	Site Constraints - Vertical Storage	Text	Dropdown	Yes	No					
SC_Acc	Site Constraints - Access	Text	Dropdown	Yes	No					
SC_Com	Site Constraints Comments	Text	Entry							
IN_Num	Inflow - Number of Inflows	Long	Dropdown		1	2	3	4	5	
IN_Type	Inflow - Type	Text	Dropdown	Circular Pipe	Stream Channel	Swale		Other		
IN_Cond	Inflow - Condition	Text	Dropdown	Good	Fair	Poor				
IN_Vert	Inflow - Vertical Offset	Text	Dropdown	Vertical Clearance	At Basin Bottom	Submerged				
IN_VertCon	Inflow - Vertical Constraints	Text	Dropdown	Yes	No					
IN_Com	Inflow Comment	Text	Entry							
PR_Type	Proposed Retrofit Type	Text	Dropdown	Wet Pond	Wetland	Submerged Gravel	Wetland	Bioretention	Sand Filter	Wet Meadow
PR_Ben	Proposed Retrofit - Expected Benefits	Text	Dropdown	High (likley to achieve significant water quality benefits)	Minimal (likely to achieve some water quality benefit)	None				
PR_Com	Proposed Retrofit Comment	Text	Entry							
PR_FpSize	Proposed Retrofit - Footprint Size	Long	PostProcess							
PR_Depth	Proposed Retrofit - Depth	Long	PostProcess							
PR_WQ	Proposed Retrofit - Expected Water Quality	Long	PostProcess							
New_LU	New Facility - Existing Landuse	Text	Dropdown	Forest	Open Space	Paved		Other		
New_Emb	New Facility - Embankment	Text	Dropdown	0 ft	1-3 ft	3-10 ft		10-15 ft	Greater than 15 ft	
New_FP	New Facility - Footprint	Text	Dropdown	Excavated	Impondment					
New_Inlets	New Facility - Inlets	Text	Dropdown	Open Channel	Piped		Overland only			
New_Outfall	New Facility - Outfall	Text	Dropdown	Existing flow path sufficient	Modify existing flow path		Would require new flow path			
New_Com	New Facility Comment	Text	Entry							
Photo 1	Overview of Site									
Photo 2	Sketch									
Photo 3	Detail									
Photo 4	Detail									
BMPRetrofitID	BMPRetrofitID	Text								

If New Facility is Yes Show: FA, SC, PR, and New fields. If New Facility is No: All fields except New

## Stream Assessment Status

<b>Field</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Method</b>
SubShed	Subwatershed	Text	Prepopulated
StreamType	Perennial or Ephemeral	Text	Drop down
Status	Assessed or not eligible for assessment	Text	Entry
ReachID	Unique Reach ID	Text	Assigned
StreamScopingID	Unique stream scoping ID	Text	Calculated
FloodplainAssessmentID	Unique floodplain assessment ID	Text	Calculated
RBPHabitatID	Unique RBPHabitat ID	Text	Calculated
MilesCalc	Lengthin miles	Double	Calculated

## **Attachment D: Prioritization Framework**

**LONG BRANCH FIELD ASSESSMENT  
STREAM PRIORITIZATION FRAMEWORK**

Metrics	Scoring	Scoring Breakdown	Source of Data/ Scoring Metrics	Notes	Weight
<b>Tier 1: Ecological Benefits</b>					<b>1.0</b>
Floodplain Connection	Where is greatest need; greatest disconnect  10: 75 – 100% 20: 50 – 75% 30: 25 – 50% 40: 0 – 25%	Bankfull/bank height: BANCS Index 1 - 10 inversed (low score = more erosive/ worse conditions)  Headcut adjustment: 0 to -3 (No headcuts to multiple large headcuts)  <i>Total score and quartiling</i>	Bank height / Bankfull: BANCS Index  Headcut adjustment (Stream Scoping)	Compare the bankfull depth to bank height, use headcut adjustments to locate reaches of abrupt change	0.25
Floodplain Vegetation Quality	High quality = low priority  10: 75 – 100% 20: 50 – 75% 30: 25 – 50% 40: 0 – 25%	<i>Total score and quartiling</i>	Floodplain Assessment Form	Poor quality indicative of potential improvement-wetland restoration, least impacts, etc.	0.20
Invasive control	High % invasives = greater opportunity to address  10: 75 – 100% 20: 50 – 75% 30: 25 – 50% 40: 0 – 25%	Herbaceous, Shrub, and Canopy % Cover  <i>Total score and quartiling</i>	Floodplain Assessment: %NNI	Opportunity for improvement; controlling can be challenging.	0.10

<b>Metrics</b>	<b>Scoring</b>	<b>Scoring Breakdown</b>	<b>Source of Data/ Scoring Metrics</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>Weight</b>
Sediment Load Addressed	Higher sediment load = higher priority  10: 75 – 100% 20: 50 – 75% 30: 25 – 50% 40: 0 – 25%	Summed loading rate per reach divided by length  <i>Loading Rate quartiling</i>	BEHI/NBS: Average rate (sq ft/yr) per reach	Highlight disproportionately high load areas (hotspots)	0.25
RBP Habitat Score	Low RBP score = High priority  10: 75 – 100% 20: 50 – 75% 30: 25 – 50% 40: 0 – 25%	<i>Total score and quartiling</i>	RBP Habitat: Total Score	Low score = more need Need to separate out ephemeral since RBP Assessment not performed on these stream reaches	0.20
<b>Tier 2: Ancillary Benefits</b>					<b>1.0</b>
Opportunity to address high flows	Conditions for high flow = greater opportunity  10: 75 – 100% 20: 50 – 75% 30: 25 – 50% 40: 0 – 25%	Combination of watershed slope, impervious percentage, occurrence of outfall, RSC opportunity, BMPs connection quartiling	GIS Watershed Metrics: Watershed slope High IA Uncontrolled outfalls	Existing outfalls with no BMP	0.40
Alignment with Neighborhood Needs	Density of concerns	<i>Density of concern proximity</i>  10: Most dense 20: 30: 40: Least dense	Public input geodatabase; stormwater complaints database	Public input geodatabase; stormwater complaints database	0.40

Metrics	Scoring	Scoring Breakdown	Source of Data/ Scoring Metrics	Notes	Weight
Utility Protection Tie-In	Exposed Pipe = higher priority	10: Above stream 20: Across bottom 30: Along stream/Exposes manhole 40: None	Pipe Crossing Location		0.20
<b>Tier 3: Feasibility</b>					<b>1.0</b>
Ownership	Parks/County = higher priority	10: Parks/County 20: Institutional 30: HOA 40: Private	GIS Parcel Layer: Property Owner Type – Parks/County, HOA, Institutional, Residential/Private	Who owns the land	0.20
Private Property distance and elevation difference	Distance and elevation from private property to assess floodplain reconnection impacts	10: >75' and >2' elev 25: >75 and <2' or <75' and >2' 40: <75' and <2'	Parcel distance from stream centerline and average elevation above the stream channel	Concern of water entering private property	0.20
Access	Good access = higher priority	Scoping access field:  10: 1 20: 2 25: 3 30: 4 40: 5	Stream scoping: Access	Stream scoping, RSC, and outfall have access scores	0.15
Utility Conflicts	Little to no utility conflicts = higher priority	10: 1 25: 3 40: 5	Stream scoping: Utilities		0.20
Easements	Existing easement = higher priority	10: 1 25: 3 40: 5	Stream scoping: Easements (data was desktop generated)	County, Easement, No Easement (Scoping Form scoring)	0.15

Metrics	Scoring	Scoring Breakdown	Source of Data/ Scoring Metrics	Notes	Weight
Trail Adjacency	Trail too close (10 ft) or too far (100 ft) from stream	10: 10' – 50' 25: 50' – 100' 40: >100' or <10'	GIS: trail and stream layers Score lower if too close (<10 ft), due to potential collapse, medium if access if reasonable (10-100 ft) or lower if not reasonable for access (>100 ft)	Low weighting for this metric since trail adjacency may not prevent a project from occurring; may require more thoughtful design; there is also an upside to trail adjacency from outreach/ public engagement standpoint	0.10

**Notes:**

- Every reach gets a score (perennial or ephemeral)
- 108 individual reaches; largest one is 1800; avg 460ft
- Larger tend to be more towards mainstem; smaller ones are side tributaries

**LONG BRANCH FIELD ASSESSMENT  
RSC PRIORITIZATION FRAMEWORK**

Metric	Scoring	Scoring Breakdown	Source of Data/ Scoring Metrics	Notes	Weight
<b>Tier 1: Ecological Benefits</b>					<b>1.0</b>
Adjacent Vegetation	Low quality = higher priority  10: 75 – 100% 20: 50 – 75% 30: 25 – 50% 40: 0 – 25%	Veg Quality: Very Poor to Excellent: 1 – 5 pt for each (Herb, Shrub, Canopy)  Tree Conflicts: Y: 5 pts N: 1 pt	RSC form attributes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HerbQual</li> <li>• ShrubQual</li> <li>• CanopyQual</li> <li>• TreeConf: mature trees (Y/N)</li> </ul>		0.3
Pollutant removal benefits	Greater area = higher priority  10: 75 – 100% 20: 50 – 75% 30: 25 – 50% 40: 0 – 25%	Determine footprint area; score then based on quartile	RSC form fields: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• length</li> <li>• gully depth</li> </ul>		0.4
Severity	Higher severity = higher priority	Based on severity rating: 1 (Severe) to 5 (Minor)  10: 1 20: 2 25: 3 30: 4 40: 5	RSC form severity field		0.3

Metric	Scoring	Scoring Breakdown	Source of Data/ Scoring Metrics	Notes	Weight
<b>Tier 2: Ancillary Benefits</b>					<b>1.0</b>
Runoff Contribution	Higher amount of uncontrolled IA = higher priority  10: 75 – 100% 20: 50 – 75% 30: 25 – 50% 40: 0 – 25%	Uncontrolled IA (acres); scoring based on quartile	Desktop/GIS exercise: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>% or quantity of DA footprint IA</li> </ul>	Auto generate DAs; calc IA; identify areas largely untreated (i.e., no US BMPs)	0.4
Utility Protection Tie-In	Exposed pipe/outfall in need of repair = higher priority  10: 75 – 100% 20: 50 - 75 % 30: 25 – 50% 40: 0 – 25%	Damage to outfall channel: 1 1: Major bank erosion 2: Banks >5' 3: Banks <5' 4: Minor erosion at outfall only 5: None or Not Applicable  Immediate Outfall Repair Needed: Yes: 1pt No: 5 pts	Outfall Assessment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Impact to Stream Channel</li> <li></li> </ul> Outfall Assessment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Immediate Outfall Repair Needed</li> </ul>	just one; also count outfalls in need of repair?	0.2
Alignment with neighborhood needs	alignment with public input and stormwater complaints database; more public input = higher priority	Determine the 'statistically likely' count of public input responses based on existing public input responses; density of concern proximity  10: most dense 20: 30: 40: least dense	Field interactions, public input online map, Fairfax County communication; complaints database	Public input geodatabase; stormwater complaints database	0.4

Metric	Scoring	Scoring Breakdown	Source of Data/ Scoring Metrics	Notes	Weight
<b>Tier 3: Feasibility</b>					<b>1.0</b>
Ownership	Parks/County = higher priority	10: Parks/County 20: Institutional 30: HOA 40: Private	GIS Parcel Layer fields: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>OWN1 (owner name) – need to make data request to see if more specific ownership information is available</li> </ul>		0.2
Access	Better access – higher priority	Access: Very Poor to Excellent: 5 – 1pts  10: 1 20: 2 25: 3 30: 4 40: 5	RSC Form fields: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Access</li> </ul>		0.15
Utility Conflicts	Little to no utility conflicts = higher priority	Utility Conflict:  10: no conflicts 25: 2 conflict 40: multiple conflicts	RSC Form fields: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UtilityConflict</li> </ul>		0.2
Easement	Existing easement = higher priority	Easement Status:  10: County owned 25: Easement 40: No Easement	Easement layer and RSC field data		0.15
Adequate Space	Adequate space = higher priority	Open Area:  10: Yes 40: No	RSC Form	Open area available for staging and stockpiling (per RSC form)	0.15
Regulatory Conflicts	No conflict = higher priority	Regulatory Conflicts: 10: None 25: WOTUS or Wetland 40: Both	RSC Form	All the same value, no regulatory issues	0.15

**LONG BRANCH FIELD ASSESSMENT  
STORMWATER BMP RETROFIT PRIORITIZATION FRAMEWORK**

Metric	Scoring	Scoring Breakdown	Source of Data/ Scoring Metrics	Notes	Weight
<b>Tier 1: Ecological Benefits</b>					<b>1.0</b>
Environmental Benefits	Retrofit Type with greatest WQ benefits = high priority	Wet Pond = Low Sand Filter = Medium Bioretention = Medium Wet Meadow = Medium Submerged Gravel Wetland = High Wetland = High Other = Low  10: High 25: Medium 40: Low	BMP form attributes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PR_Type</li> </ul>		0.5
Pollutant Removal Benefits	Greater benefits = high priority	Weight PR_Ben field as follows:  10: High 25: Minimal 40: Low	BMP form attributes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PR_Ben</li> </ul>		0.5
<b>Tier 2: Ancillary Benefits</b>					<b>1.0</b>
Direct discharge to stream	Drains to stream reach(es) exhibiting significant erosion = highest priority  10: 75 – 100% 20: 50 – 75% 30: 25 – 50% 40: 0 – 25%	Sediment load quartiling from each downstream reach averaged starting from pond outfall to next confluence	BANCS Assessment combined with GIS calculation to determine distance	GIS Calculation	0.3

Metric	Scoring	Scoring Breakdown	Source of Data/ Scoring Metrics	Notes	Weight
Alignment with neighborhood needs	Density of concerns	<i>Density of concern proximity</i>  10: Most dense 20: 30: 40: Least dense	Public input geodatabase; stormwater complaints database	Public input geodatabase; stormwater complaints database	0.4
Flow Reduction	Increased storage = highest priority  10: 75 – 100% 20: 50 – 75% 30: 25 – 50% 40: 0 – 25%	Score = BA_Horiz+BA_Vert+EM_Height  BA_Horiz: Y = 1 N = 3  BA_Vert: Y = 1 N = 3  EM_Height: 8-12' = 1 5-8' = 2 3-5' = 5 Less than 3' = 10	BMP form attributes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BA_Horiz</li> <li>• BA_Vert</li> <li>• EM_Height</li> </ul>		0.3

Metric	Scoring	Scoring Breakdown	Source of Data/ Scoring Metrics	Notes	Weight
<b>Tier 3: Feasibility</b>					<b>1.0</b>
Complexity	Less Complex = high priority  10: 75 – 100% 20: 50 – 75% 30: 25 – 50% 40: 0 – 25%	Constraints (SC) fields: Yes = 5 No = 1  EM_Height: 8-12' = 10 5-8' = 5 3-5' = 2 Less than 3' = 1  MAINT_RESP Public = 1 Private = 5	BMP form attributes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SC_Utl</li> <li>• SC_NR</li> <li>• SC_Prop</li> <li>• SC_SS</li> <li>• SC_Vert</li> <li>• SC_Acc</li> <li>• SC_Com</li> <li>• EM_Height</li> </ul> StormNET layer: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MAINT_RESP</li> </ul>		0.5
Maintenance Needs	Needs Maintenance = highest priority	Condition:  10: Needs Repair 40: Good Condition	BMP form attributes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EM_Cond</li> <li>• OW_Cond</li> <li>• OUT_Cond</li> </ul>		0.5

**Attachment E: Prioritization Results**

**[only available as Microsoft Excel Spreadsheets]**

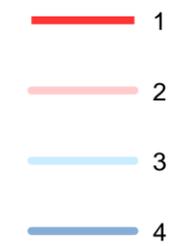
## **Attachment F: Stream & Outfall Prioritization Results Map**

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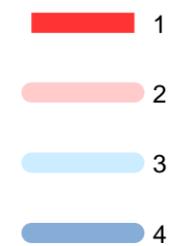
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Fairfax County, VA

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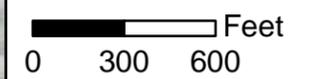


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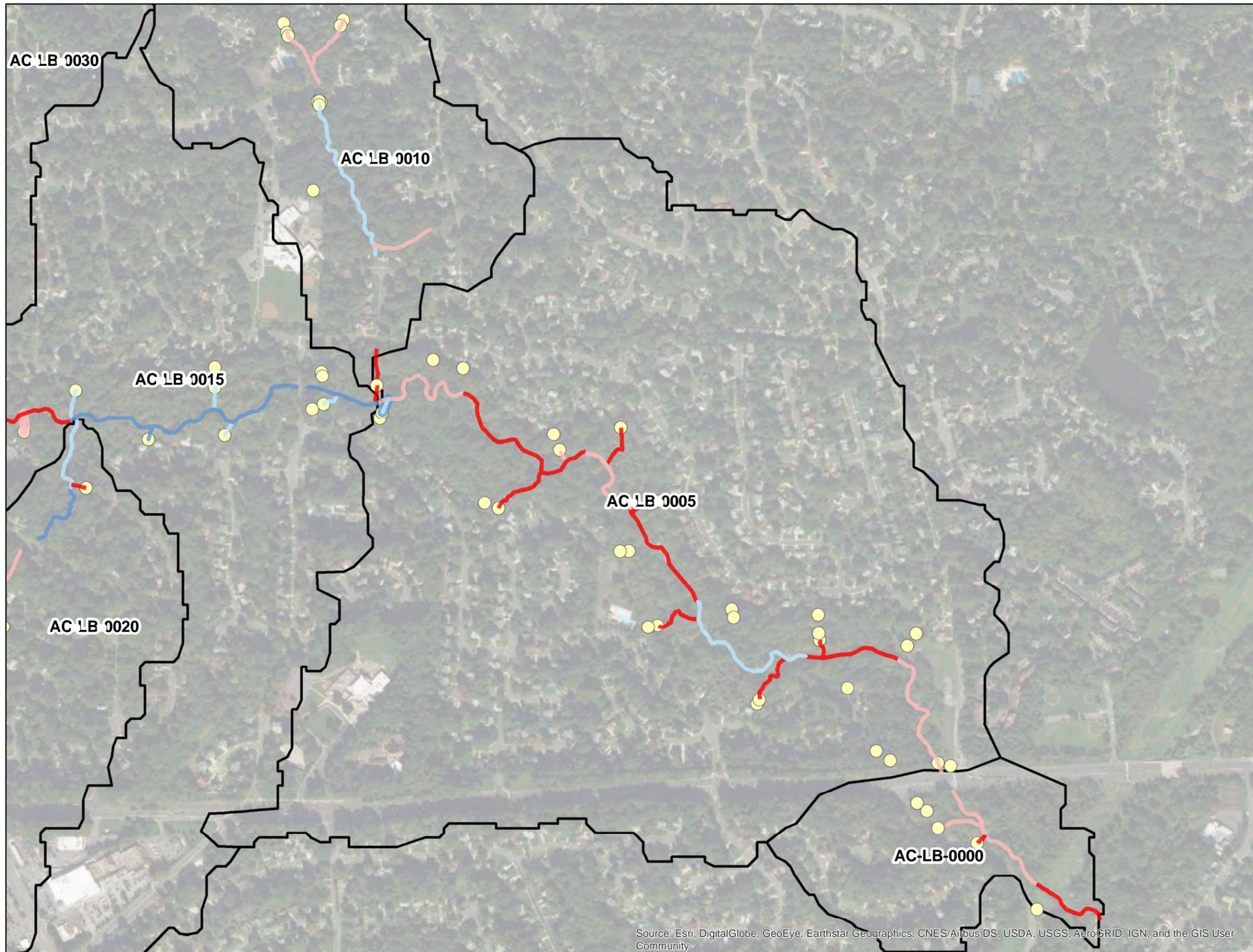


Outfall Assessment

Subwatersheds



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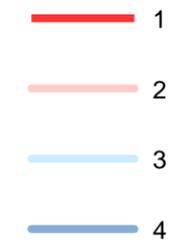
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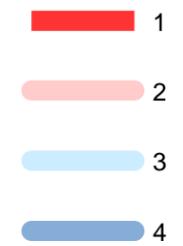
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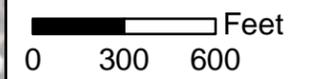


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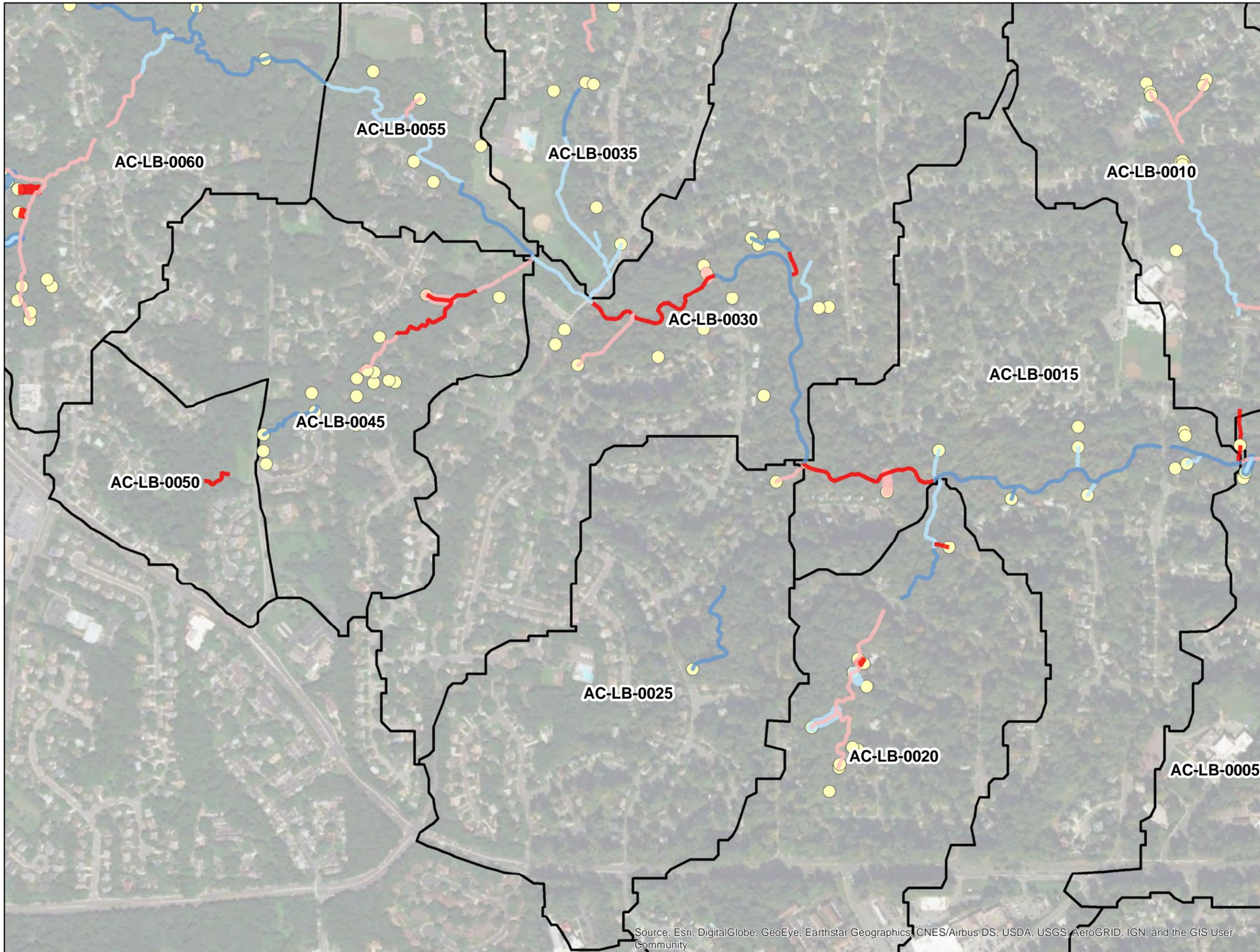


Yellow circle: Outfall Assessment

Black outline: Subwatersheds



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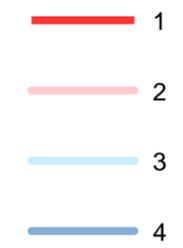
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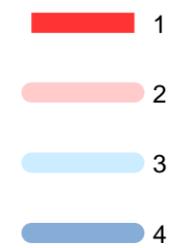
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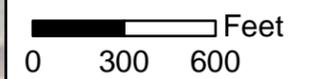


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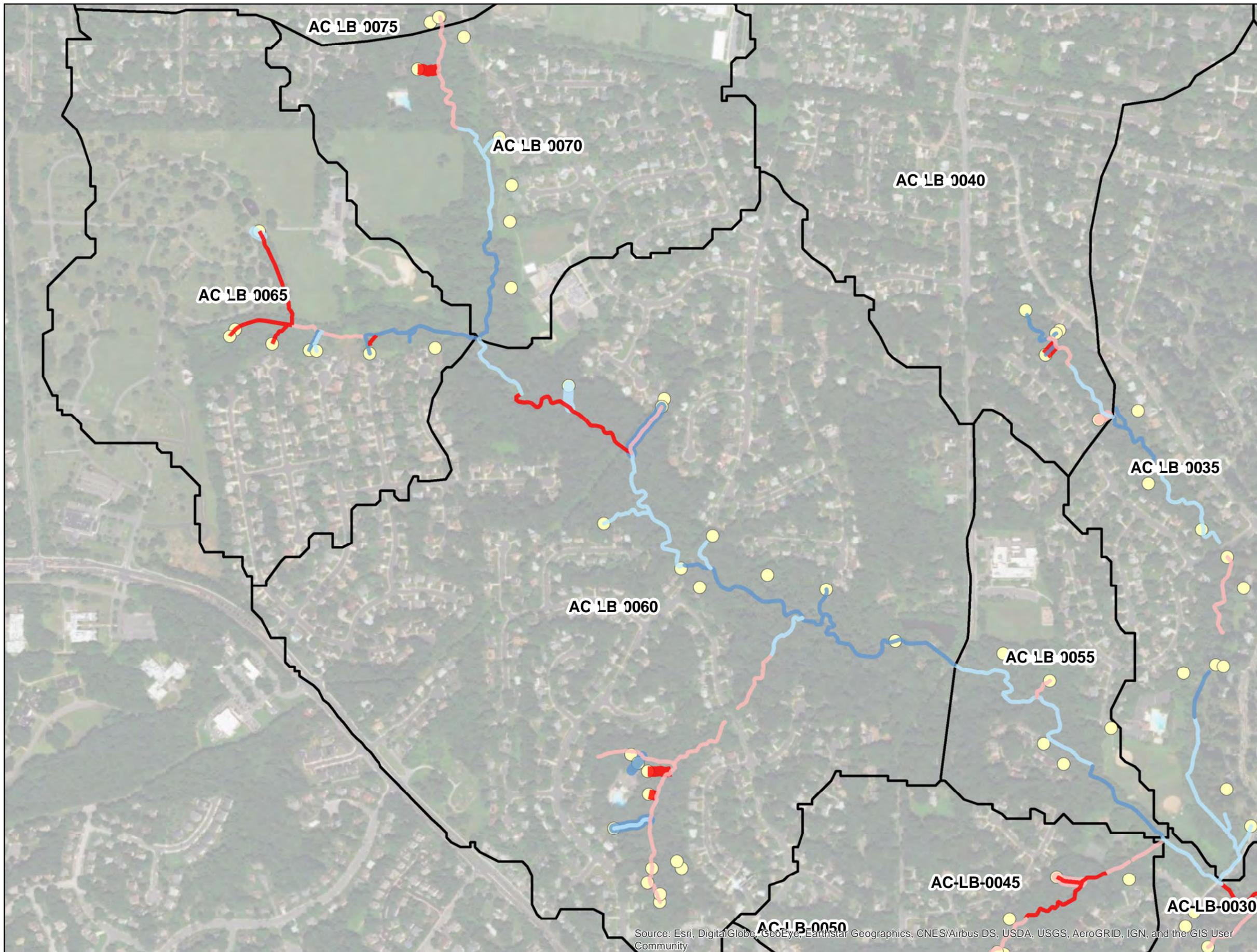


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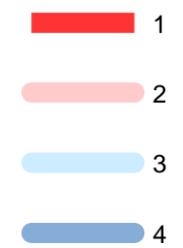
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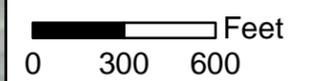
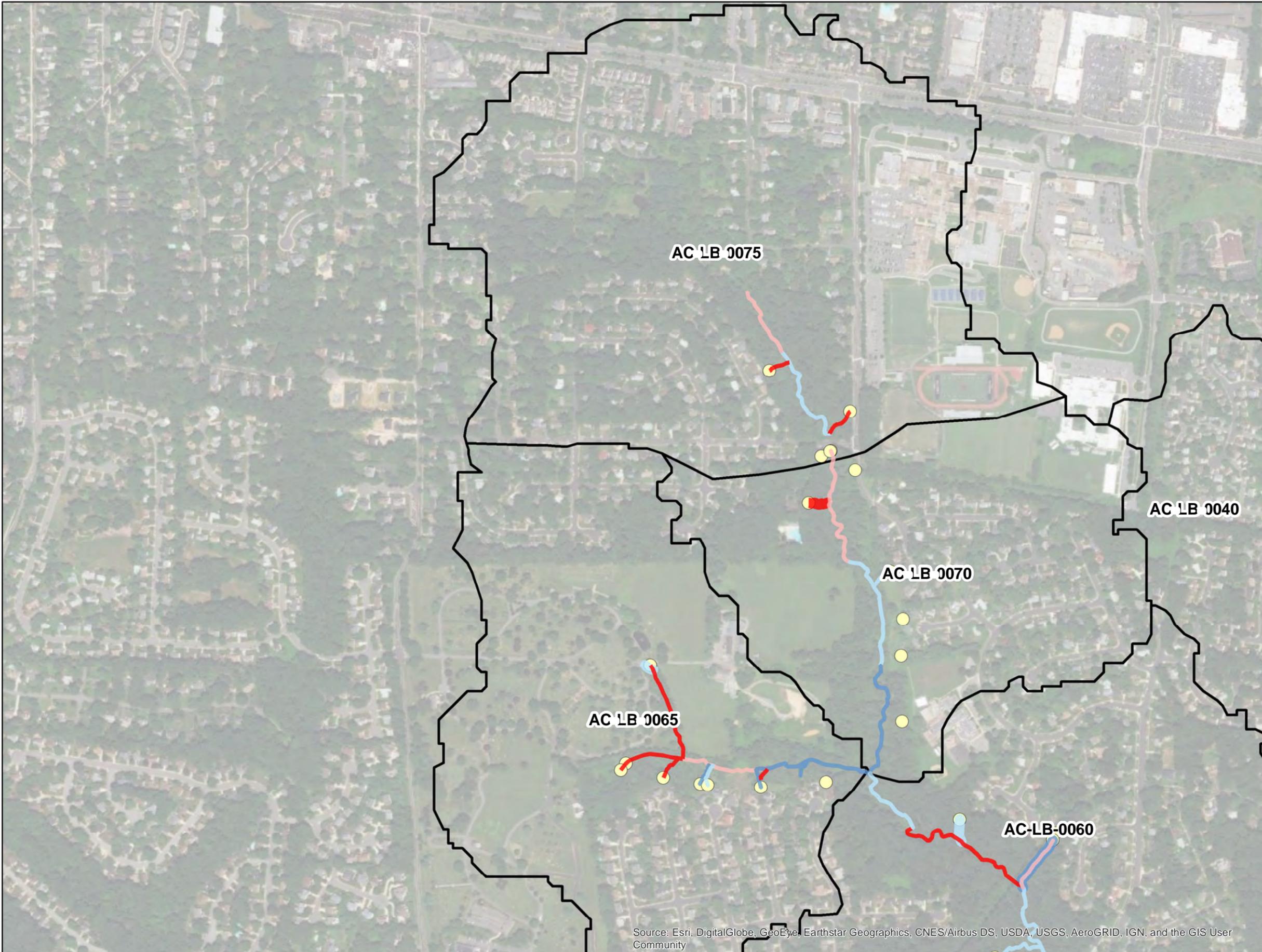


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**Attachment G: Stormwater BMP Retrofit  
Prioritization Results Map**

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Watershed Assessment**  
BMP Retrofit Assessments  
Fairfax County, VA

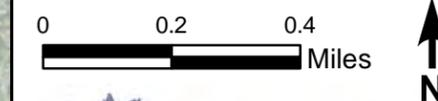
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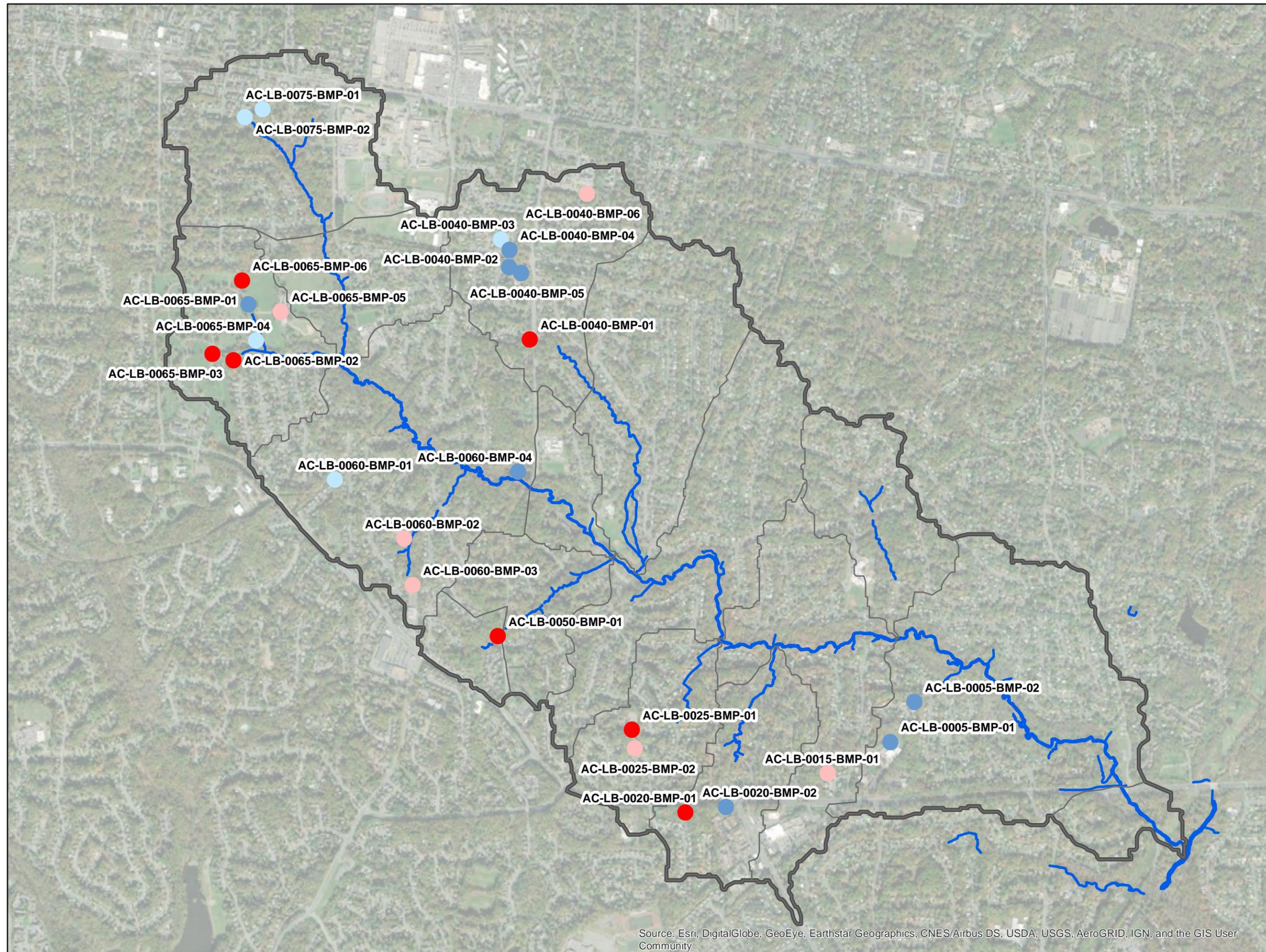
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- Watershed Boundary
- Streams

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