



SILVER JACKETS

Many Agencies One Solution

Who Are The Silver Jackets?

Interagency teams typically comprised of state, Federal, regional and local agencies that work together to reduce flood risks. In June 2014, D.C. became the 43rd team, joining 42 other state Silver Jackets teams.

The name Silver Jackets is symbolic and showcases the common mission of diverse agencies during flood-disaster response, as agencies generally wear different colored jackets while responding.



District of Columbia Silver Jackets

Vision Statement

Establish and strengthen intergovernmental Federal and District partnerships as a catalyst in developing and implementing comprehensive, resilient, and sustainable solutions to the District's flood-hazard challenges.

Goals

- Ensure continuous collaboration before, during, and after a flood.
- Identify and quantify flood risk.
- Provide assistance in implementing projects.
- Improve outreach on flood risk.

D.C. Silver Jackets Task Groups

To aid in fulfilling the team's goals, the following sub-groups have been formed:

- Flood Inundation Mapping
- Flood Emergency Planning
- Levee Certification and Accreditation
- Communication

Leveraging Resources to Identify and Implement Solutions to Reduce Flood Risk in D.C.

Flooding in D.C.

There are three types of flooding that can impact low areas of the city: 1) river, 2) coastal storm surge, 3) interior.

Major Potomac River floods occurred in 1889, 1936, 1942, 1972 and twice in 1996. An inland flood in 2006 inundated Constitution Avenue and many buildings in the Federal Triangle.



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Flood risk is a shared responsibility. Agencies, businesses, and the public are strongly encouraged to know their flood risk and take actions to mitigate their risk.

Before the Flood

In order to be prepared for a flood, it is essential to understand how floods work. Silver Jackets team members collect flood-related data, provide information to help determine your flood risk, and provide ways to reduce flood damages.

Learn more about emergency preparedness at Ready.gov



During the Flood

To better protect your family and yourself during a potential flood situation, team members provide information on weather predictions, local emergency management, levees and evacuation procedures.

After the Flood

After a flood, team members can assist with important items such as what to do with debris and garbage, how to move forward with damaged property, and information on permits and financial assistance.

Developing Flood Inundation Mapping is a priority of the D.C. Silver Jackets Team



Another priority for the team is updating the Flood Emergency Action Plan that takes into account lessons learned from previous years' events.

Pictured at back, the 17th Street Closure, Potomac Levee Project, in Washington, D.C., reduces the flood risk to critical infrastructure downtown. The coordination of this project, along with Federal Triangle Flood Mitigation, is a priority for the D.C. Silver Jackets.

Current Participating Agencies

District Government agencies: District Department of the Environment; D.C. Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency; D.C. Office of Planning; Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice; Department of Public Works; Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs; District Department of Transportation; and Department of Insurance, Securities and Banking.

Federal agencies: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency; National Park Service; National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration - National Weather Service; U.S. Geological Survey; U.S. Army; U.S. Navy; General Services Administration; U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; and National Capital Planning Commission.

Other Participating regional organizations: D.C. Water and Sewer Authority; Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority; University of the District of Columbia; University of Maryland; and George Mason University.



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