Stormwater Partners Network (SWPN) seeks a contractor to engage new organizations in the network and facilitate the network’s planning for its future with new members. This contract will be held by Rock Creek Conservancy and managed by the SWPN cochairs.

SPWN is a network of organizations and individuals that share a common vision: Montgomery County’s waterways are clean, pollution-free, and resilient to the climate crisis, providing healthy, equitable, safe, and thriving green spaces for communities, families, and wildlife.

The proposed work will build capacity for the network by bringing a broader cross section of voices to the network’s membership and constituency, in turn shaping an agenda for County stormwater and flood resilience mitigation.

Community Engagement

Goal: Expand membership in SWPN to organizations that represent the communities identified as priority areas in the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection equity assessment map[1]

Timeline: The network expects to have a fully executed contract by May 15. Outreach and activities may continue through Thanksgiving.

- Project kickoff and administration
- Build list of at least 30 civic organizations
- Initial engagement with 15 organizations
- Meet with and engage personally 15 organizations, share SWPN information
- Organize and implement family festival
- Organize and implement two additional highly-visible activities to engage publics
- Reporting and administration

Network Facilitation

Goal: Revisit, refine, and adapt the SWPN framework to reflect the needs, interests, and norms of the expanded membership, including identifying and laying the foundation for 2-3 clear areas of focus for the next five years

Timeline: This phase will begin as new member organizations join the network. Meetings should be completed by late January 2023

- Facilitate 3 SWPN planning meetings to foster inclusion of new organizations to the network, to revisit the framework with this broader cohort of perspectives and needs, and to discuss and adopt the revised framework.
- Prepare revised framework

A full report of activities and outcomes of the contract should be provided by February 10, 2023.
**Desired Qualifications:**

- Ability to facilitate, manage, and maintain discussions
- Experience in working with a diverse group of stakeholders
- Demonstrated experience working respectfully across differences and bringing diverse communities together
- Spanish fluency desirable
- Experience working with community organizations in Montgomery County
- Familiarity with Montgomery County’s communities and environmental concerns
- Demonstrated experience supporting network organization, connecting organizations and individuals around a common goal, and fostering a sense of community

Interested contractors should submit a scope of work with timeline and description of approach to the project; a description of qualifications of the project team; and three references to info@rockcreekconservancy.org by April 30, 2022.