

# Action Plan

## Category 8 - Flood Mitigation Planning and Coordination

### Action: Update DC Silver Jackets MOU



## Overview and Implementation Strategy:

The [DC Silver Jackets Team](#), composed of District, federal, and regional organizations, is dedicated to working collaboratively in developing and implementing solutions to flood hazards by combining available agency resources, which include funding, programs, and technical expertise.

The District formalized its Silver Jackets team in 2014 through an interagency Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) currently signed by 13 federal and District agencies. However, the full team extends well beyond these agencies with meetings often attended by 20 or more agency partners.

The vision of the DC Silver Jackets' MOU is to 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. It is therefore important to include all of the participating District agencies as signatories on the updated MOU.

## Background:

### Impact of this Effort on Task Force Goal:

The effort will increase flood mitigation planning and coordination by engaging all participating District agencies as DC Silver Jackets members.

### Historical Context:

- The current MOU was signed in 2014 with 13 signatories (listed below):
  - DC government agencies
    - Department of Energy and Environment (DOEE)
    - D.C. Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency (HSEMA) D.C.
    - Office of Planning (OP)
    - Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice (DMPSJ)
  - Federal agencies
    - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Baltimore District
    - U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Region III
    - National Park Service (NPS)
    - National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Weather Service (NOAA/NWS)
    - U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)
    - National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC)
    - General Services Administration (GSA)
    - District of Columbia National Guard
  - Regional agencies
    - DC Water and Sewer Authority (DC Water)
- The DC Silver Jackets recommends updating the MOU and including more participating agencies who have become active since the original 13 in 2014. These should include:
  - DC government agencies



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- DMOI (in place of current signatory DMPSJ)
- DDOT
- DISB
- DPW
- DCRA
- DPR
- DGS
- Federal agencies
  - JBAB
  - JBMHH- MDW
  - Navy Yard / NAVFAC
  - EPA
- Regional agencies
  - MWCOG
  - WMATA
- Academia and Community-Based Organizations (CBO's) to be determined / considered for recommendation

### Equity

#### How does this action assist vulnerable communities?

- Increases the support multiple agencies to leverage resources and knowledge. By bringing in the perspective of multiple agencies we can be more likely to ensure that all community members and their needs are included.

### Timeline:

Fiscal Year	Responsible Agency	Action
2023	DOEE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Include MOU Update as agenda item for DC Silver Jackets quarterly meeting. Make first draft of revisions</li> </ul>
	DMOI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coordinate signatures and OGC review from all participating DC agencies</li> <li>• Coordinate Press Release</li> </ul>
	USACE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update Silver Jackets Website</li> </ul>

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## Budget:

**Total Estimated Cost:** N/A (Staff Time)

## Public Outreach and Input:

**Public outreach & engagement approach/actions:** - List outreach undertaken in support of this Action Plan Category.

- N/A

**What were the Public Comments of relevance to this Action?**

- N/A