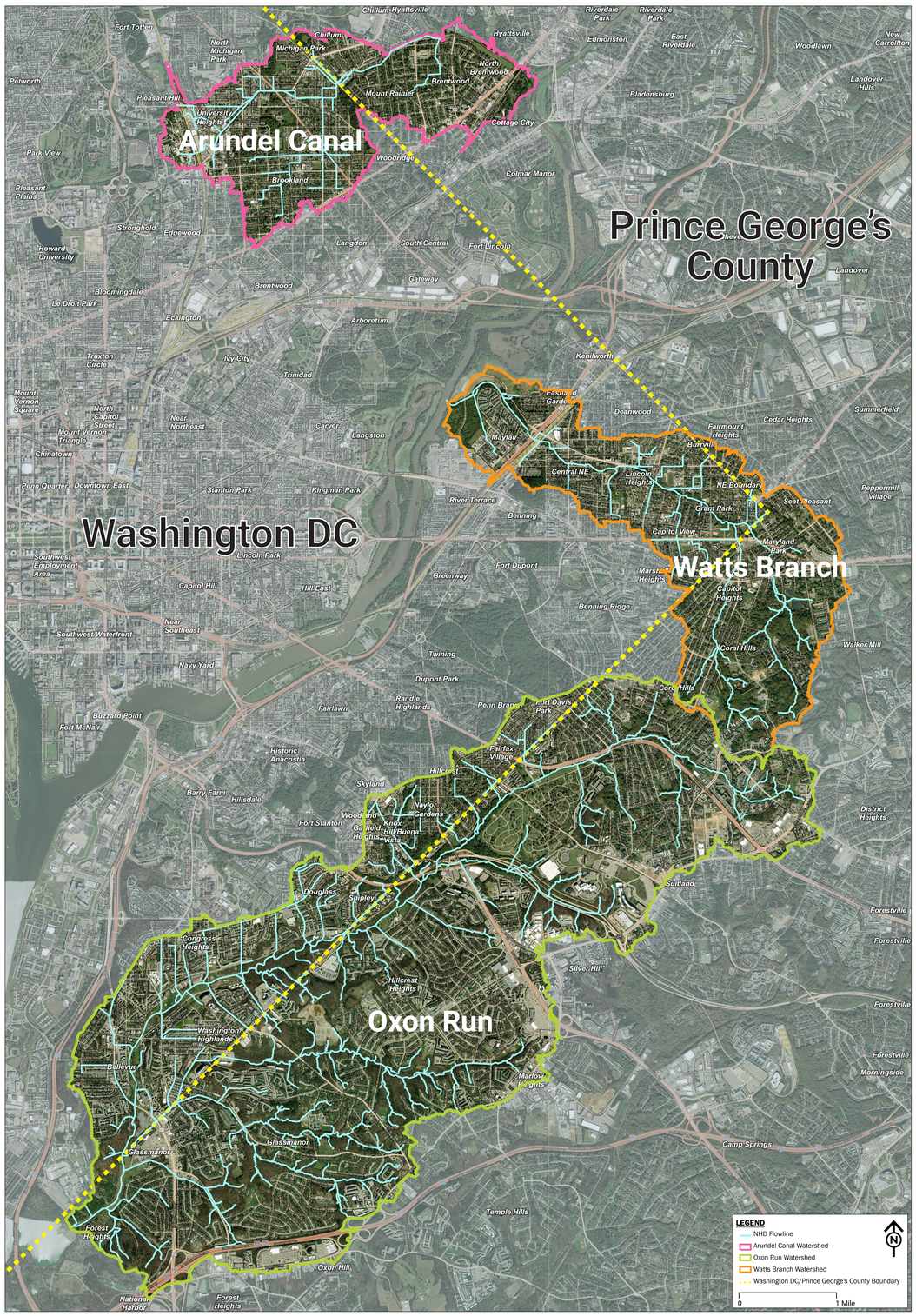
Breakout Room Discussion: Watts Branch Subwatershed

Tell us about your organization. How do our efforts under this project align with your organization goals?

- CWS - Prince George's County
  - take a holistic look at the watershed
- W7RHCC ward 7 - flooding a major concern. Existing efforts in the DC
- Lack of funding to implement BGI
- emphasis on the big picture to drive funding
- Constituent Services WW - ward 6 + 7. Workforce development + job training aspect.
- outreach focus on district, home level + neighborhood



Local Needs & Priorities

8 minutes

Are there ongoing or upcoming projects you're tracking that may interact with, benefit from, or potentially conflict with our project and are there specific community assets or needs we should consider?

- need to create local employment opportunities, sign of success for these kind of projects
- engaging local businesses, residents and all entities alike
- projects don't always serve the immediate redsident's needs - projects can also be obstacles sometimes
- A lot of opportunities for BGI projects in the area
- local project in watts branch for ref - Paradise Park. Mayfair paradise area
- projects in the watts branch stop at the NPS sites

Community Engagement & Knowledge Exchange on BGI

8 minutes

Has your organization encountered interest in increasing green infrastructure, tree canopy coverage, stormwater runoff solutions, etc.?

- evidence of neighborhood interest, but don't always have access to the right people
- capacity is a big obstacle
- many people tend to look at these practices as obstructions vs benefits - need for localized education and make it relatable
- there needs to be a more localized approach - community liaisons or ambassadors, champions; make the community feel part of the PRACTICE

Collaboration Opportunities

5 minutes

How can we make this BGI process meaningful and beneficial to your work, and are there ways your organization would like to contribute?

- Capital Nature engaged in local engagement, working closely with W7RHCC
- overlay EJ data
- Seniors in the community know a lot about BGI in the old fashioned way, through lived experiences
- tap into community history and knowledge

Instructions

Please use the sticky notes to write your answers and drop them in the relevant section on the board.