

## General Manager's Message

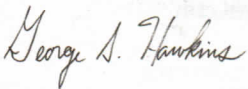


To raise capital for DC Water's Clean Rivers Project, a mandated project to reduce combined sewer overflows, the Authority went to the bond market in early July with a first-of-its-kind bond offering.

The 100-year final maturity is a first for the water/wastewater sector, and is significant for ratepayers. Since the tunnel system will be constructed to last more than 100 years, and several generations will be using it, it makes sense that it shouldn't all be paid for by the current customers. A 100-year maturity means that the cost will be borne more fairly by the generations who get use from it. It also speaks to the confidence the financial market has in DC Water's strength and long-term viability.

This was the first green bond offering in the U.S. to be certified by a third party for the environmentally beneficial project the sale is funding. These benefits include remediating CSOs, promoting climate resilience through flood mitigation and improving quality of life on the waterfront. This attracted a new investor group of socially responsible investors to DC Water bonds.

DC Water sold \$350 million in bonds at 4.81 percent interest in less than a day.

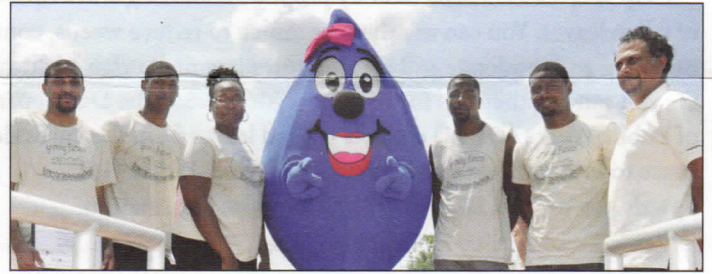


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## DC Water celebrates green infrastructure and green job training program for local residents

On July 23, DC Water General Manager George S. Hawkins, Ward 3 DC Councilmember Mary Cheh, DC Greenworks' Program Director Neil Qusba and other DC leaders celebrated Green Infrastructure (GI) projects installed at DC Water facilities. The event took place atop DC Water's Ft. Reno Reservoir, where a new one-acre greenroof tops the covered reservoir. The site has also been used for a unique job training program in GI maintenance for local residents. Called *Growing Futures*, the training program prepares its graduates for jobs maintaining green projects.

General Manager Hawkins commented, "*Growing Futures* is providing a sustainable career path for local residents while also keeping green infrastructure working properly to infiltrate stormwater, an important function in keeping our waterways healthy while providing additional environmental benefits."



Graduates of the *Growing Futures* program celebrate with Wendy the Waterdrop.

DC Water provided funding to DC Greenworks to create the *Growing Futures* Program, which provided local residents with training including planting and weeding, irrigation system operation, pest and invasive species control and plant identification.

In addition to the Ft. Reno Reservoir greenroof, DC Water retrofitted several water and sewer facilities.

DC Water is also collaborating with neighboring Alice Deal Middle School to provide educational materials for a curriculum in stormwater management.

For more information about *Growing Futures* or the collaboration with Alice Deal Middle School, please visit [dcwater.com/giatdcwater](http://dcwater.com/giatdcwater).

## Free water education programs for local students

DC Water offers a variety of educational opportunities to students attending schools in the District. Our water education program is designed to provide information about the role water plays in our daily lives, our drinking water supply, and ways to protect and conserve our water resources.

Environmental lessons are free and suitable for students in kindergarten through high school. Each lesson features hands-on activities and interactive presentations. All lessons can be customized for any grade level, class size or time schedule. To schedule a presentation, please send an email request