

## **Synergistic D/B/M Team, the Foundation to Transformative Restoration**

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Construction of ecological restoration projects rely on the work of multiple practitioners that often precede the engagement of the contractor. However, the degree of success in maximizing restoration potential, serving multiple stakeholders, accurately estimating schedule and budget, minimizing disturbance, and identifying and managing risks, to name a few, greatly depends on the level of collaboration consistently practiced by the team. As prime contractor, Actaeon forged a small and mighty group of practitioners to design, permit, construct and maintain a severely degraded, ultra-urban stream with 43-acre drainage area and 35% impervious surface in Southeast Washington, DC. Following the presentations by District Department of Environment and Energy (DOEE) on behind-the-scenes effort leading up to the contract award and Straughan Environmental on collaborative design and permitting process, Actaeon will discuss the tenet of our restoration team that facilitated synergy and guided the expert execution of the Branch Ave Park Stream Restoration in minimizing tree removal and constructing grade control structures on 12-25% slopes to achieve stability, improve water quality and increase habitat.

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