

EVOSTC PROGRAMS c. 1999

- Research, Monitoring, and General Restoration (23%)
- Habitat Protection and Acquisition (50%)
- Reimbursements (\$213M)
- Public Info, Science Management, and Admin (4%)
- Restoration Reserve (23%; ~\$175M)
 - Long-term Restoration Needs
 - → Habitat (\$55M) and Research (\$120M in 1999 → \$87M in 2001)



- Remainder in Habitat Subaccount
- Shortage in Research Subaccount
- Shortage in Available Funds Through EFY3 I
- Funding eligibility tied to Subaccounts by law
- Market unpredictability in gains/losses over time

DELTA PLAN | ALTERNATIVE ORANGE

THE PLAN

Combine the Subaccounts

or

Authorize expenditures from Habitat

Requires **one** of the following:

- 1. Congress authorizes the expenditures
- 2. Congress repeals law splitting accounts
- 3. Council moves funds to NRDAR/Court

THE RESULT

Allows for maximum discretion in use of remaining funds

Does not require revisiting which projects to fund, with time to respond to anticipated shortfalls

Congress must act before Research funds are exhausted

DELTA PLAN | ALTERNATIVE PURPLE

THE PLAN

Revisit Council funding decisions to align with revised spending scenarios

Guidance from PAC, public, consultation, Science Panel, community engagement

Funds must fit within current restrictions

THE RESULT

Potential \$26M in Habitat funds available

Does <u>not</u> require Congressional Action

Ensures project funding through EFY26 by restructuring previous funding decisions

Uncertain funding availability after EFY26

DELTA PLAN | ALTERNATIVE GREEN

THE PLAN

Revisit Council decisions on the 10-year invitation with revised spending scenarios

Guidance from PAC, public, consultation, Science Panel, community engagement

Choosing an Orange Alternative option, funds will <u>not</u> have to fit within current subaccount restrictions

THE RESULT

Maximize available funds to support approved projects for as long as possible

Combines engagement in Purple with the flexibility and continuity in Orange

Full funding for all 5-year projects

PUBLIC COMMENTS

• Public Comment Period: Oct 7 to Nov 7, 2022

Generally indicating support for

• Purple: 1

• Orange: 5

• Green: 11

• Unclear: 1

