

Wissahickon Creek

Wissahickon Creek is a 64 square mile watershed and tributary to the Schuylkill River in Montgomery and Philadelphia Counties. Land use consists of approximately 27% forest, 68% developed with relatively high impervious cover, and 5% agriculture. It is impaired by nutrients and siltation. This watershed has a TMDL developed for sediment by EPA Region 3 and a draft nutrient TMDL in process.

EPA Region 3, in response to DEP, has agreed to pursue a TMDL alternative for the nutrient impairment in the watershed. DEP SERO in cooperation with EPA Region 3 is working with watershed stakeholders that are interested in developing a TMDL alternative for the nutrient impairment. In addition, Wissahickon Creek already has a Watershed Restoration Action Strategy developed, making this watershed a good candidate for a TMDL alternative.