Washington, D.C.'s Stormwater Retention Credit (SRC) Trading Program

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Quality score: 40/100

Evidence strength: Observational / pre–post

Summary

Washington, D.C.'s stormwater credit market lets developers buy tradeable credits from landowners who install green infrastructure, meeting part of their runoff-retention rules while avoiding costly grey infrastructure.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Carbon — sequestration / storage, evidenced	0/3
Biodiversity — conservation / improvement, evidenced	0/3
Water & soil — retention, infiltration, erosion control	3/3
Fire resilience — risk reduction, evidenced	0/3
Governance, certification & transferability	3/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

C-NAPSE web research — accessed 2026-08-01

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