EarthBeat Justice

by Gary Moos

View Author Profile

Join the Conversation

Send your thoughts to Letters to the Editor. Learn more

December 30, 2019 Share on BlueskyShare on FacebookShare on TwitterEmail to a friendPrint



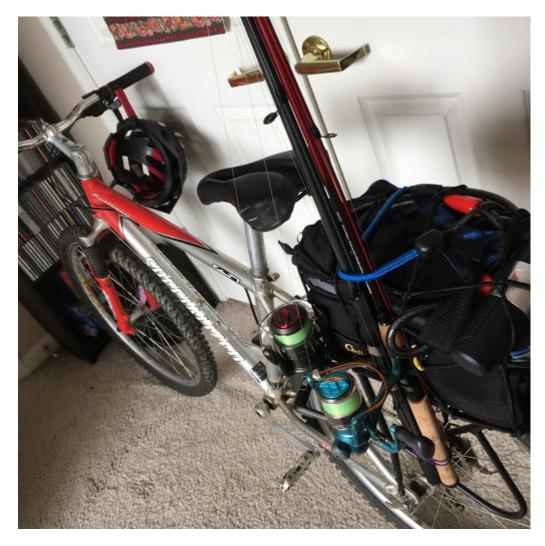
Gary Moos

I was fishing in the Potomac River when the <u>flash floods hit</u>. Driving home, the rising waters swamped our 2005 Toyota and totaled it.

According to Google maps, my ten-minute fishing commute was about to become four minutes longer. In fact, that flood added so much more. We went car-less, and I got a bike. Now, my trips to the pier include 14 minutes of the road rushing just under my feet, 14 minutes of leg-burning exercise, 14 minutes that I'm closer to the world around me, without the metal and glass cage I used to drive.

Columbia engineering researchers say flash floods are on the rise <u>due to climate</u> <u>change and various human influences</u>. That sounds right to me, but I know this for sure: This flash flood took at least one car off the road, maybe not forever, but definitely for good.

Gary Moos is a videographer/editor and cofounder of everylaststory.org who lives in Alexandria, VA.



Advertisement

This story appears in the **Small Earth Stories** feature series. <u>View the full series</u>.