Following the driest December-January combined period in the Washington, DC climate record, a pattern shift led to increasing rainfall throughout 2018, becoming more pronounced from the middle of May.

On numerous occasions during the mid-May through September timeframe, the two primary synoptic-scale drivers of heavy precipitation in the mid-Atlantic region – stalled fronts and coastal lows – repeatedly occurred. This led to numerous records being broken during the course of the year, along with widespread and occasionally significant flooding.

Precipitation Records Set in 2018 (BWI Airport)

Stream Flooding Facts:

5 flood-related fatalities in the Baltimore/Washington area
87 Flash Flood Warnings (+ Emergencies) issued
142 River Forecast Point Flood Warnings issued
426 Areal/Stream Flood Warnings issued

For more information: http://weather.gov/washington/2018floods