



## Anacostia Watershed Society

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### **MORE THAN 3,000 D.C. METRO AREA RESIDENTS EXPECTED TO HELP CLEAN UP THE ANACOSTIA RIVER!**

THE ANACOSTIA WATERSHED SOCIETY AND SEAFARERS YACHT CLUB WILL HOST THE 15<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ANACOSTIA RIVER CLEANUP AND EARTH DAY CELEBRATION ON APRIL 18, 2009. VOLUNTEER TODAY!

**Bladensburg, MD**—On April 18, 2009, the Anacostia Watershed Society (AWS), Seafarers Yacht Club, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, EarthShare, and more than 50 other sponsor and partner organizations will celebrate Earth Day 2009 by removing tons of trash and floating debris from more than 30 public cleanup sites throughout Maryland and the District of Columbia. Each year, water from rain and snow storms push upwards of 20,000 tons of trash and debris off sidewalks, streets, and parking lots into the Anacostia River. Since 1994, AWS and Seafarers have lead this massive community cleanup to draw public attention to the Anacostia's many pollution problems and remove as much litter as possible from both water and shoreline. This year, AWS representatives expect more than 3,000 D.C. metro area residents and visitors to volunteer for the effort. To become a volunteer, visit the AWS web site at [www.anacostiaws.org](http://www.anacostiaws.org) and click on the **2009 Anacostia River Cleanup & Earth Day Celebration** link.

Major cleanups will take place at the following locations:

- **Kenilworth Park off Deane Rd. in northeast D.C.**
- **Kingman Island and Heritage Island off Benning Rd. in northeast D.C.**
- **Seafarers Yacht Club, 1950 M St., SE Washington, D.C.**
- **Bladensburg Waterfront Park, 4601 Annapolis Rd., Bladensburg, MD**
- **Northeast Branch Stream Valley Park off Taylor Rd. in Riverdale, MD**
- **Indian Creek at 5050 Powder Mill Rd. in Beltsville, MD**
- **Long Branch Park, 8700 Piney Branch Rd., Silver Spring, MD**
- **Matthew Henson State Park, at corner of May and Munsey Sts., Silver Spring, MD**

In addition to the recognition received for their participation, each cleanup volunteer will receive a free tote bag (while supplies last) and an invitation to attend a two hour Earth Day Celebration picnic at Bladensburg Waterfront Park at 4601 Annapolis Rd. in Bladensburg, MD. The celebration will feature free food, entertainment by the band Never In Denver, environmental exhibits, an awards ceremony, and an opportunity to speak with local elected officials about environmental concerns. This year's Earth Day tote bag features winning art and poetry submission from local school students entered in the Anacostia Watershed Society's annual River of Words Competition. More than 100 area students submitted works inspired by the Anacostia and their experiences on the water back in January 2009. The top three winners in the category of art and the category of poetry will receive cash prizes during the awards ceremony on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

### **AWS Earth Day Event Partners and Sponsor Organizations**

**2009 Sponsors:** Anacostia Watershed Society; Seafarers Yacht Club; National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; Konterra; EarthShare; Washington Gas; The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission; Pepco; District Department of the Environment; U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; Convanta Energy; Sun Services, Inc.; U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; Montgomery County Dept. of Environmental Protection; Montgomery County Dept. Housing and Community Affairs; Frager's Hardware; Prince George's County Dept. of Environmental Restoration; Fox-5 WTTG; WDCA my20.

**2009 Partners:** Alice Ferguson Foundation; Anacostia Marina; Anacostia Riverkeeper; Anacostia Watershed Restoration Partnership; Anacostia Watershed Society; Beaverdam Creek Watershed Watch Group; B.K Miller; Bolling Air Force Base; Citizens to Conserve and Restore Indian Creek; City of Hyattsville; Covanta Energy; Executive Office of the Mayor of the District of Columbia, Office of the Clean City; D.C. Army National Guard; D.C. Fire Dept. and Emergency Medical Services; D.C. Dept. of Parks and Recreation; D.C. Water and Sewer Authority; D.C. Dept. of Public Works; District Dept. of the Environment; District Yacht Club; Earth Conservation Corps; Extended House, Inc., D.C. Dept. of Corrections; EarthShare; End Time Harvest Ministries; Frager's Hardware; Friends of Little Paint Branch; Friends of Lower Beaverdam Creek; Friends of Sligo Creek; Friends of Still Creek; Forest City; Greenpeace; Groundwork Anacostia River, DC; Keep Prince George's County Beautiful; Konterra; Living Classrooms of the National Capital Region; Maryland Dept. of the Environment; The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission; Montgomery County Dept. of Environmental Protection; Montgomery County Dept. of Housing and Community Affairs; Metropolitan Police Harbor Patrol; Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments; National Maritime Heritage Foundation; National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; National Park Service; National Parks Conservation Association; Naval District Washington; Neighbors of Northwest Branch; Olde Beaver Dam Estates Neighborhood Association; Pepco and Pepco Holdings, Inc.; Prince George's County Government; Prince George's County Dept. of Environmental Resources; Prince George's County Department of Public Works and Transportation; Prince George's County Livable Communities; Port Towns Community Development Corporation; Potomac River Yacht Club Association; Potomac River Squadron (US Power Squadron); Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Stadium; Seafarers Yacht Club; Sierra Club Environmental Justice Program; Sun Services; DC Surfriders; Town of Colmar Manor; Town of Riverdale Park; Transit Employees' Federal Credit Union; U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; Washington Gas; Washington Parks & People; Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission; WDCA my20; WTTG-Fox5.

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