



ANACOSTIA WATERSHED SOCIETY

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Anacostia Watershed Society Appoints Two New Members to Board of Directors

Adds Expertise in Environmental Policy, Philanthropy and Financial Management

Washington DC, June 14, 2016 – The Anacostia Watershed Society recently appointed Cynthia Quarterman and Kathryn Petrillo-Smith to the Board of Directors for three year terms of service.

Cynthia Quarterman, currently Distinguished Senior Fellow, Energy Program at the Atlantic Council, has held senior leadership positions in the U.S. Department of the Interior and the U.S Department of Transportation, and served on the Presidential Transition Agency Review Team for the Department of Energy, on behalf of President-elect Barack Obama. An attorney, an industrial engineer and expert on energy law, Cynthia was a partner at Steptoe and Johnson between government appointments. Cynthia, her husband and daughter live in Washington D.C.

Kathryn Petrillo-Smith is the Chief Operating Officer of Digital Promise, an innovative non-profit working to improve learning with the power of technology. Prior to joining Digital Promise, Kathryn served as Managing Director at Exponent Philanthropy (previously the Association of Small Foundations). Kathryn also worked in environmental policy at the Environmental Protection Agency, implementing innovative market-based mechanisms to reduce air pollution and was a Peace Corps Volunteer in Bulgaria. Kathryn married into a family of avid fly fishermen and she and her family are frequently found on the waters of the Anacostia and the Potomac.

“We’re delighted that Cynthia and Kathryn have agreed to contribute their energy and their expertise to our Board,” said Elissa Feldman, Chair of the Board. “Their skills and commitment will help us sustain our momentum toward a swimmable and fishable Anacostia River by 2025.”

About the Anacostia Watershed Society (AWS)

The mission of the Anacostia Watershed Society is to protect and restore the Anacostia River and its watershed communities by cleaning the water, recovering the shores, and honoring the heritage. The vision is to make the Anacostia River and its tributaries swimmable and fishable by 2025, in keeping with the Clean Water Act, for the health and enjoyment of everyone in the community. Community involvement is critical to achieving this vision and AWS seeks strong partnerships and coalitions with all parts of the community, government, and other stakeholders. Anacostia Watershed Society's programs include environmental education, stewardship, recreation, and engaging the community through advocacy and volunteer opportunities. www.anacostiaws.org

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