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**ANACOSTIA WATERSHED SOCIETY EMPLOYS HERD OF GOATS AS AN
ECO-FRIENDLY WAY TO REMOVE INVASIVE PLANTS AROUND ANACOSTIA WATERSHED**
*Herd of 60 Goats to Return to Hyattsville, MD to Feed on Destructive Kudzu Plant in an Effort to
Restore the Overall Health of the Anacostia River*

WHAT: The Anacostia Watershed Society is employing over 60 goats to help manage invasive plant populations along the Northwest Branch of the Anacostia River in Hyattsville, MD. Starting on Thursday, May 8, 2014, the goats will feed on non-native kudzu for an 8 day period.

WHO: **Ashley Parker**, Restoration Project Manager, Anacostia Watershed Society
Mary Abe, Manager of Stewardship, Anacostia Watershed Society

WHEN: **Thursday, May 8, 2014 – Thursday, May 15, 2014**
Goats will be on site day and night

To schedule a visit and interviews contact **Laura Hager** at Laura@MaroonPR.com

WHERE: **Northwest Branch of the Anacostia River, Hyattsville, MD**
NW Branch Trail (just south of Ager Rd.)
Chillum, MD 20782
(Please email Eve@MaroonPR.com for further directions)

WHY: The Anacostia Watershed Society is employing a herd of goats to help clear invasive kudzu plant populations along the Northwest Branch of the Anacostia River. Employed by many land management entities, this removal technique is considered a low impact and sustainable land management tool. Unlike machines or herbicides, the heard of goats will not compress nor contaminate the soil around the river's habitat.

The kudzu removal project is part of a larger initiative led by the Anacostia Watershed Society. In June of 2013, the Anacostia Watershed Society was awarded a grant from Maryland Department of Natural Resources to engage communities within Prince George's County implementing stormwater management retrofits and stream restoration projects. These projects will serve to demonstrate the connection between sustainable methods of handling stormwater to create a safer and healthier environment for the plants, animals and humans in the Anacostia watershed.

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