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**THE 2ND ANACOSTIA WATERFRONT
COMMUNITY FAIR PROVIDES PEEK INTO A
REVITALIZED DISTRICT**

The transformation of the Anacostia Waterfront will soon make Washington, D.C. a world class waterfront city, like London or Paris or Cairo. And progress along this seven-mile waterfront, which weaves through the city, is becoming more and more visible.

District residents and their families, small business owners, and civic organizations participating in today's fair will have an opportunity to learn more about this exciting transformation. For example, replacement of the 11th Street Bridges will begin by summer2009, easing travel on one of the busiest bridges spanning the waterfront. When construction is completed, local traffic will be separated from commuter traffic and the new bridges will accommodate pedestrians, bicyclists and transit.

Nearly a dozen of a host of waterfront projects that will reach significant milestones in 2009 will be highlighted, including the Anacostia Riverwalk, Poplar Point, Diamond Teague Park, and Hill East Waterfront.

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The fair is a family event, both fun and informative.

- Participants will enjoy performances by DC youth
- There will also be clowns and face-painting for kids
- There will free tree giveaways throughout the day.

There will be presentations on key elements of revitalizing the Anacostia Waterfront:

- Transportation and development
- Environment and open spaces
- Creating a world class waterfront

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Agencies, developers and nonprofit organizations will be staffing information exhibits.

Bus tours will take interested participants to several waterfront projects, such as Poplar Point; Waterside (Waterside Mall)/Southwest Waterfront; and "Boathouse Row."

The fair will feature a "green" pavilion, which will offer information about 'green' jobs and green entrepreneurship.

The vision for the Anacostia Waterfront is:

- **Environment:** Creating a clean and active river
- **Transportation:** Gaining access to, along, and across the river
- **Parks:** Creating a great riverfront park system
- **Destinations:** Cultural destinations and places of distinct character
- **Neighborhoods:** Building and sustaining strong waterfront neighborhoods

The Anacostia Waterfront Framework Plan seeks to create a waterfront where both sides of the river prosper from the social and economic benefits flowing from a revitalized waterfront. It calls for 6,500 units of new housing, three million square feet of new office space, 32 acres of new public park space and a 20-mile network of pedestrian and bicycle trails along both sides of the river. It adds up to thousands of jobs and more than \$10 billion in new investment during the next two decades.

The fair is part of the ongoing civic engagement program to keep District residents informed and involved in the transformation of the Anacostia Waterfront into a world class waterfront. The fair is sponsored by the District Department of Transportation (DDOT), the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development (DMPED), the District Department of Environment (DDOE) and the Office of Planning (OP). These four agencies are playing a leading role in carrying out the Anacostia Waterfront vision.

For more information, visit www.theanacostiawaterfront.com

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