

The Anacostia Waterfront

Frequently Asked Questions



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Where is the Anacostia Waterfront?

The District boundary of the Anacostia Waterfront stretches from the Potomac River to the Maryland border. This seven-mile urban waterfront weaves through Wards 5, 6, 7, and 8 and is home to nearly 25 percent of the District's population.

Is there a plan to develop the Anacostia Waterfront?

Yes. It is called the Anacostia Waterfront Framework Plan. It evolved from an unprecedented partnership between 20 federal and District agencies that own or control land along the Anacostia River to transform the Anacostia River and its shoreline into a world class waterfront offering more options for sustainable living, work and relaxation for D.C. residents and visitors alike.

What is involved in the Anacostia Waterfront Framework Plan?

The 20-year plan calls for more than \$10 billion worth of public and private investment – open spaces and new parks, biking and walking trails, transportation and environmental improvements, housing, retail, office space and places for people simply to meet, relax, enjoy nature and the heritage of waterfront neighborhoods – along the Anacostia River's shores. Revitalizing the Anacostia Waterfront will also reconnect District residents to the river.

What will be achieved when the waterfront is fully built-out?

The plan calls for up to 20,000 units of new housing and 20 million square feet of new commercial, retail, and service-oriented space. That adds up to an estimated \$1.5 billion in additional tax revenues for the District and thousands of new jobs created. In addition, there is planned more than 100 acres of public park space as well as 20 miles of a continuous Anacostia Riverwalk, a trail along both banks of the river that will serve pedestrians, cyclists, roller skaters, and wheelchair users.



Navy Yard construction workers



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The Anacostia Waterfront will better serve alternative modes of transportation, like bicycles.

How will the benefits along the waterfront be shared equitably?

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. This means the Anacostia River and its rebuilt crossings at South Capitol Street and 11th Street will become a unifying force, bringing diverse communities together and connecting them to a common asset.

Will the Anacostia Waterfront become more accessible?

Currently, more than 50,000 people live within a 10-minute walk of the Anacostia River, but there are no sidewalks to take them there. The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) has taken the lead to upgrade the transportation network in the Anacostia Waterfront area, launching projects that will make it easier for pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and transit riders to reach the waterfront’s many attractions.

Will District residents have opportunities to gain waterfront construction jobs?

Yes. Many contractors abide by “First Source” hiring for District residents.

Will the Anacostia River become safe for swimming and fishing again?

Yes. The restoration of the Anacostia River and its tributaries and improved stormwater management are central to sustainable development on the Anacostia Waterfront. Restoration work will not be accomplished all at once, but instead it will take place gradually over time. Led by the District Department of the Environment (DDOE), the District’s goal is to restore the Anacostia to a fishable and swimmable river by the year 2032.



DC youth learn to paddle in the Anacostia River.

