

The Anacostia Waterfront Initiative: A 10-Year Anniversary

Realizing the Vision: Cultural Destinations of Distinct Character

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The Anacostia Waterfront presents an unparalleled opportunity to attract Washington’s 20 million annual visitors “off the Mall and to the water”. Along the Anacostia River lie more than 25 waterfront sites for museums, concert venues, fairs, and commemorative places, among other cultural amenities. With exciting destinations that include the country’s longest continuously operating fish market, the country’s first LEED-certified ballpark, the District’s newest five-star hotel and one of the nation’s original resident theaters, the Anacostia River will become a national waterfront corridor, helping to bolster local neighborhood economies while celebrating the rich heritage of the Anacostia Watershed.

As a part of AWI-week celebrations, the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning & Economic Development would like to invite you to kick-off our celebration and participate in the grand opening of one of the most exciting, new destinations coming to the Anacostia Waterfront community.

- Tuesday, 7 September 2010 @ The Yards Park
- 10:30am – Grand Opening at the Yards Park
- Invitee List to Include: Mayor Adrian Fenty, Deputy Mayor Valerie Santos, Forest City
- For more information, please contact Mike Durso, DMPED; Michael.Durso@dc.gov

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Realizing the Vision: A Clean and Active River (Restoration of the Anacostia River & Watershed)

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Charting the course toward environmental healing and rejuvenation of water-dependent activities has involved an exceptional commitment to improved water quality and restoration of the natural ecosystem and habitats of the Anacostia. District-based efforts to eliminate sources of pollution to the Anacostia are putting the river on track to be suitable for swimming by 2025, turning back the clock on decades of abuse and neglect.

As a part of AWI-week celebrations, the District Department of the Environment would like to invite you to participate in a day of environmental education and ecological restoration as we highlight the many achievements of environmental restoration throughout the Watershed.

- Wednesday, 8 September 2010 @ Marvin Gaye Park
- 9:00am – A Cleaner River: Anacostia Conservation Service event @ Diamond Teague Park
- 12:00pm – Kingman Island Natural Conservatory Groundbreaking
- 1:00pm – Environmental bike and Circulator tour of Marvin Gaye Park
- Invitee List includes:

For more information, please contact Nina Albert, DDOE; Nina.Albert@dc.gov

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Realizing the Vision: Breaking Down Barriers & Gaining Access

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Being the center of 21st century Washington means the Anacostia River will no longer divide our neighborhoods, but rather will serve as a great new civic space and common ground. Crossing the river will be accomplished with ease, just as Frederick Douglass once walked to work across the 11th Street Bridge from his Anacostia residence. District-based efforts to increase access to waterfront land and encourage 21st century modes of transportation are transforming the ways in which we experience the Anacostia River, providing sustainable connections between people, neighborhoods and the environment.

As a part of AWI-week celebrations, the District Department of Transportation would like to invite you to participate in a day of education and celebration as we highlight the many achievements of improved access to the Waterfront.

- Thursday, 9 September 2010 @ 11th Street Bridge Project Office, 1301 M Street SE
- 10am – 2pm: Transportation Open House and Community Tour
- Invitee List includes:
 - DDOT Director Gabe Klein
 - Deputy FHWA Administrator Gregory Nadeau
- For more information, please contact Greer Gillis, DDOT; Greer.Gillis@dc.gov

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Realizing the Vision: Building Strong Waterfront Neighborhoods

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Some 50,000 District residents in Wards 5, 6, 7 and 8 live within a 10-minute walk of the Anacostia River, sharing an interwoven network of homes, restaurants, work, religious and public spaces with the equally complex natural ecosystem of the Watershed. With over 14 million sq ft of office space, more than 20 public and charter schools, two universities, and plans for 20,000 units of new housing, an increasing number of people now call the Waterfront home and are bringing new energy to these growing communities. District-based efforts to balance the necessary infrastructure, affordable housing and sustainable employment opportunities with environmental sustainability are strengthening the economic and social fabrics of our neighborhoods and deepening the bonds of public-private partnerships.

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- Thursday, 9 September 2010 @ Southwest Waterfront 7th Street Landing Opening Event
- 5:30pm – 8:00pm
- For more information, please contact Rebecca Moudry, DMPED;
Rebecca.Moudry@dc.gov
- **Festivities at the Yards Park** – *Come join us as we cheer on our Washington Nationals during a weekend of back-to-back pre and post game activities!*
- Friday, 10 September; 3:30pm – 11:00pm
- Saturday, 11 September; 9:00am – 10:00pm

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