

The Anacostia Waterfront Initiative: A 10-Year Anniversary

Washington, D.C. - September 3, 2010 – Today, the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning & Economic Development announces a week of events celebrating the 10-year anniversary of the Anacostia Waterfront Initiative and summary of progress report entitled, “Anacostia Waterfront Initiative: 10 Years of Progress”.

The Anacostia Waterfront Initiative (AWI) is a series of over \$2 billion of DC and federal government investments and \$7 billion of private investments being made to create a safe, clean Anacostia River where people can live, work, and play. Stretching 14 miles to the Southwest Waterfront, the Anacostia is drawing investments to its shores to create one of the largest economic, social and ecological transformations of any national urban waterfront ever.

“Ten years ago, on March 22, 2000, nineteen Federal and District agencies committed themselves to the unprecedented effort of restoring the Anacostia River and its waterfronts,” said Mayor Fenty. “Now, in 2010, the rebirth of Washington as a sustainable, waterfront city is becoming a reality.”

The Administration along with its federal, community and business partners will host the following community events and is inviting residents to participate in the following events in celebration of the revitalization of the District waterfront:

- **Tuesday, September 7th @ 10:30am – The Waterfront Park at the Yards Groundbreaking**
- **Wednesday, September 8th**
 - **@ 9:00am –Anacostia Conservation Service event @ Diamond Teague Park**
 - **@ 12:00pm – Kingman Island Natural Conservatory Groundbreaking**
 - **@ 1:00pm – Environmental tour of Marvin Gaye Park**
- **Thursday, September 9th @ 10am – Transportation Open House and Community Tour**
 - **@5:30pm - Southwest Waterfront 7th Street Landing Opening Event**
- **Friday & Saturday, September 10th & 11th -- Festivities at the Waterfront Park at the Yards**
 - **Friday, 3:30pm – 11:00pm**
 - **Saturday, 9:00am – 10:00pm**

About the Anacostia Waterfront Initiative - The Anacostia is at the nexus of a 21st century Washington – connecting equitable natural resource conservation with vibrant cultural destinations, inviting urban neighborhoods and inclusive opportunities for economic growth. Over the past ten years, District agencies have leveraged over \$9 billion in public and private investments to create a safe, clean Anacostia River delivering on the following core objectives:

- Environmental healing and rejuvenation of water-dependent activities
- Improved access to waterfront lands and transportation infrastructure that better serve waterfront neighborhoods
- Interconnected and continuous waterfront parks that celebrate the green add new civic space and common ground to share
- Neighborhood sustainable economic development opportunities to live, work and play
- Celebrate and explore the distinctive destinations that highlight the cultural heritage of our city and the nation

To access more information on the accomplishments of the Anacostia Waterfront Initiative and the Anacostia Waterfront Celebration Week, click the following link to the main webpage, www.theanacostiawaterfront.com.