

## **AWI Turns 10! 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the Anacostia Waterfront Initiative**

Over the past ten years, District agencies have leveraged over \$9 billion in public and private investments to create a safe, clean Anacostia River where people can live, work and play. As the rebirth of Washington as a sustainable waterfront city is becoming a reality, we are celebrating the tremendous strides across the AWI Framework Plan's 5 themes: (Destinations) Cultural Destinations of Distinct Character, (Environment) A Clean and Active River, (Parks) A Great Riverfront Park System, (Transportation) Breaking Down Barriers and Gaining Access, (Neighborhoods) Building Strong Waterfront Neighborhoods

### **Major milestones delivered in first 10 years**

#### **AWI Strategy & Planning**

- Anacostia Waterfront Initiative Framework Plan to set the vision, context, history and goals for restoring the 2,800 acre waterfront zone
- Elevation of AWI with the "2010 Presidential Executive Order to Restore and Protect the Chesapeake Bay"
- AWI 10-year report highlighting the accomplishments and next steps to achieving a transformed Anacostia Waterfront

#### **Destinations**

- Nationals Ballpark – \$611 million, LEED-certified, new home for the Washington Nationals
- Mandarin Hotel – The District's newest five-star hotel, offering incredible views of the Tidal Basin and Southwest Waterfront
- The Yards Waterfront Park – The 6-acre, world-class centerpiece for the Capitol Riverfront neighborhood with retail complex and marina

#### **Environment**

- 36% decrease in combined sewer overflow in the Anacostia River
- \$2.6 billion Long Term Control Plan to build miles of new underground wastewater tunnels
- A decrease in HALF of the dangerous chemicals that lead to acidification of water in the rivers
- 95 new acres of Wetlands planted along the banks of the Anacostia and through the Watershed

#### **Parks**

- Canal Park – A 3-block long park celebrating the history of the Washington Canal with LEED-standard amenities, restaurant and public fountain/winter ice rink
- Diamond Teague Park – A memorial park offering floating wetlands, water-taxi service and an environmental pier for non-motor boats
- Kingman Island – A natural sanctuary for marsh wildlife and wetlands that include an environmental learning lab complete with walking trails and an environmental learning center
- Marvin Gaye Park – A transformed contiguous park space that celebrates one of the District's best known musicians near his childhood home

#### **Transportation**

- New construction for the \$300 million new 11<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge
- 13 miles of the Anacostia Riverwalk Trail

- Introduction of Water Taxi Service

**Neighborhoods**

- \$135 million renovated Mead Center for American Theater at Arena Stage
- 10 million square feet of new residential, office and retail space in the newly emerging Capitol Riverfront neighborhood
- 140% population growth (8,021 to 11,423)
- Capper Carrollsburg Phase I

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](http://www.theanacostiawaterfront.com).