



ANACOSTIA WATERSHED CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Dedicated to the protection and restoration of the Anacostia River and its tributaries

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Dear Colonel Anderson:

On behalf of the Anacostia Watershed Citizens Advisory Committee, I would like to thank the Corps of Engineers for its efforts to remove large debris from the portion of the Anacostia upstream of the CSX Bridge. In a letter dated December 1, 2010, you reaffirmed the Corps' commitment to conduct debris removal from the federal channel on this section of the river, and this is now being done on a regular basis. Gabe Horchler, an AWCAC member representing Prince Georges County who is frequently on the river, will notify the Corps if large debris is present at times other than those regularly scheduled.

We are happy to see an increasing number of citizens enjoying the Anacostia River and want to support any effort to that end. We would greatly appreciate similar debris clearing between New York Avenue and Bladensburg as well. Unfortunately, the Corps of Engineers boat is unable to get past the New York Avenue Bridge. Please contact me or Mr. Horchler if AWCAC can be of assistance to attract attention or resources to that important effort.

We truly appreciate the contributions of the Corps towards ensuring a safe environment for the many high school and college rowing crews for whom Bladensburg is the home port and for the growing number of citizens who are discovering this scenic stretch of the Anacostia.

Sincerely,

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Chair, Anacostia Watershed Citizens Advisory Committee

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