



ANACOSTIA WATERSHED CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

December 9, 2009

The Honorable Nancy Floreen
President, Montgomery County Council
100 Maryland Avenue
Rockville, MD 20850

Dear Council President Floreen,

The Anacostia Watershed Citizens Advisory Committee (AWCAC) has learned that Montgomery County has decided to make cuts to numerous programs that are important to local streams, including the Northwest Branch, Sligo Creek, and Paint Branch. Apparently cuts are planned to the regional U.S. Geological Survey stream gage program, tree planting, tree maintenance, weed eradication, the Keep Montgomery Beautiful program, and bikeway and roadway maintenance. All of the County's urban streams are failing to meet U.S. Clean Water Act standards for water quality. All of the mentioned programs help over time to improve water quality. AWCAC therefore advises the County to make plans to increase funding for all of these important programs. Thank you for your prompt reply.

Sincerely,

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Cc: County Executive Ike Leggett