



ANACOSTIA WATERSHED CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

November 20, 2009

Richard S. Madaleno, Jr.
State Senator, District 18
James Senate Office Building
11 Bladen Street, Room 203
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Senator Madaleno,

In your letter of February 19th of this year declining support of Senate Bill 753/House Bill 27, legislation which would have canceled funding for the Intercounty Connector (ICC), you wrote:

“The decline of water quality is an issue of grave concern in Montgomery County. However, with the ICC project, the State Highway Administration (SHA) has taken extra care to protect the diverse and sensitive natural environment that will be traversed by the ICC, including the Anacostia watershed. The SHA plans to invest \$370 million, more than 15 percent of the project’s estimated cost, to protect the environment and mitigate environmental impacts. This money includes funding for a comprehensive set of avoidance, minimization and mitigation measures, more than 70 initiatives that address man-made environmental stresses caused by past development over several decades, and a team of full-time, on-site, highly-environmental inspectors to ensure that construction activities do not adversely affect the surrounding environment.

Within the Anacostia Watershed alone, SHA has:

- Completed 1.1 Mile of stream Restoration in Anacostia watershed. Most of them are providing fish passage.
- Projected creation of 31.5 acres of tidal and non-tidal wetlands;
- Constructed and maintains 95 storm water facilities within the watershed treating approximately 1120 acres;
- With the ICC proposed close to 5 miles of stream restoration work, 2 acres of wetland creation, and treating several hundred acres of drainage area with Storm water retrofits above and beyond the regulatory requirements; and
- Committed \$23.5 for Low Impact Development methods designed to treat run-off from approximately 3,300 acres in the watershed and millions more to minimize impact on aquatic resources in the project area. “

The Anacostia Watershed Citizen’s Advisory Committee (AWCAC) recognizes and endorses the importance of all ICC-related environmental projects. Unfortunately, the State Highway Administration has recently proposed eliminating and reducing the scale of many of these projects, particularly in Prince George’s County. AWCAC asks that you lead the members of the General Assembly representing Districts in the Anacostia Watershed in restoring every cent of funding for every environmental project in the original Aquatic Resources Projects List. We then ask that you lead this Anacostia Delegation in seeing that all the environmental projects are fully implemented as originally envisioned.

Thank you for your prompt reply.

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