



ANACOSTIA WATERSHED RESTORATION PARTNERSHIP STEERING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, March 27, 2019
10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Room 4/5; First Floor
Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments
777 N. Capitol St., NE, Suite 300
Washington, DC 20002

PROPOSED AGENDA

- 10:00 A.M. 1. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**
Joe Gill, Steering Committee Chair
- *Introduction of new Committee Chair Joe Gill, Acting Director of Prince George's County Department of Environment (DOE)*
 - *Introduction of Adam Ortiz, Director of Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection.*
- 10:05 A.M. 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
Joe Gill, Steering Committee Chair
- 10:10 A.M. 3. TIDAL RIVER BACTERIAL MONITORING**
Robbie O'Donnell, Anacostia Riverkeeper (ARK)
- In 2018, the Anacostia Riverkeeper implemented the first full year of a new bacterial water quality monitoring program along the entire main stem of the Anacostia River in Maryland and the District. ARK monitored 8 sites from Bladensburg (MD) down to the Washington Shipping Channel (DC). Starting in 2019, a grant from the District Department of Energy and Environment, ARK will train volunteers to start monitoring over 20 sites across all DC waters including the Anacostia and Potomac Rivers and Rock Creek. The effort will also include the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, Audubon Naturalist Society, Potomac Riverkeeper Network, and Rock Creek Conservancy. ARK will provide up-to-date water quality data for all DC waters to ensure safe, clean, and fun recreation for all of DC's residents and visitors, educate future changes to the District's primary contact regulations. ARK hopes to expand this program into Maryland portion of the Anacostia River.
- Recommended Action: Receive briefing**

10:30 A.M. 4. ANACOSTIA MESSAGING WORKGROUP

*Vernice Miller-Travis, Skeo
Erin Garnaas-Holmes, Anacostia Waterfront Trust
Lisa Ragain, COG*

Skeo convened two focus groups in Prince George's County in collaboration with the County's Department of the Environment. Ms. Miller-Travis will summarize the key findings and recommendations from the focus group participant responses including perceptions of the Anacostia Watershed and participant ideas on opportunities and barriers to access and enjoy the Anacostia River and watershed.

Mr. Garnaas-Holmes and Ms. Ragain will present plans for continuation of the Anacostia messaging campaign post Year of the Anacostia.

Recommended Action: Reach agreement continuation of the messaging program in 2019.

11:10 A.M. 5. ANACOSTIA.NET REDEVELOPMENT, DASHBOARD AND MAPS

Phong Trieu, COG; Aubin Maynard, COG

Mr. Trieu and Mr. Maynard will provide updates to the Anacostia Website. They will also highlight the recent versions of the dashboard and the maps.

Recommended Action: Receive briefing.

11:30 A.M. 6. ANACOSTIA RIVER SEDIMENT PROJECT UPDATES

Dev Murali, DOEE

Mr. Murali will provide a project update on both the River Sediment and the Tributary study portion of the project.

Recommended Action: Receive briefing.

11:45 P.M. 7. STEERING COMMITTEE BUSINESS

*A. Management Committee and Workgroup Updates
Kate Bennett, Management Committee Chair*

*B. AWCAC Update
Marian Dombroski, AWCAC Chair*

*C. New Initiatives
All Members*

At this time any member present will be given the floor to introduce any new initiatives or projects they would like to share with the members.

12:00 P.M. 8. ADJOURN AND LUNCH