



ANACOSTIA WATERSHED CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

November 20, 2009

The Honorable Martin O'Malley
Governor, State of Maryland
100 State Circle
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Governor O'Malley,

The Anacostia Watershed Citizens Advisory Committee (AWCAC) has learned that the State Highway Administration plans to greatly reduce the number and scope of ICC-related environmental projects in the Anacostia Watershed, particularly near Indian Creek in Prince George's County. We strongly protest and request that Maryland carry out in full every project listed in the original Aquatic Resources Project List in both Prince George's County and Montgomery County with the same diligence that it has used to build the ICC.

The State Highway Administration also reported at the September meeting of the Montgomery County Forest Conservation Advisory Committee that ICC related construction has caused a deficit of 320 forested acres to take place in the Watershed. The State pledged in the 2001 Anacostia Restoration Agreement (http://www.summitfdn.org/fund/pdfs/restoration_agreement.pdf) to "protect and expand forest cover". We therefore also ask that Maryland outline for us its plan to make up for the 320 acre loss it has caused, and then to live up to its pledge to proactively protect and expand the Anacostia's forests.

Maryland's actions have caused the perception to arise that the State has abandoned its commitment to Anacostia restoration. AWCAC is especially charged with citizen outreach and Maryland's actions have increased the difficulty of our task. We therefore request that the State please outline for us the concrete steps that Maryland intends to make to fulfill its commitment to reforest the Watershed and restore the Anacostia River. Thank you for your prompt reply.

Sincerely,

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