



ANACOSTIA WATERSHED CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

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House Office Building, Room 209
6 Bladen Street
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Dear XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX,

The Maryland reporter H.L. Mencken famously described the Baltimore of his youth as “very near the immense protein factory of the Chesapeake Bay, and out of the bay it ate divinely.” In our own lifetimes the Chesapeake Bay produced abundant oysters, crabs, and other seafood. Yet now we are on the path to hand over a shadow of this Chesapeake Bay to our children.

The Anacostia Watershed Citizens Advisory Committee (AWCAC) would like you to take the strongest possible actions to protect our contribution to the Chesapeake Bay, the Anacostia River watershed. The Anacostia is now among the most polluted rivers in the entire Bay largely because of the damage of uncontrolled stormwater. The General Assembly took a terrific step to help the Anacostia by passing the Maryland Stormwater Act of 2007, but House Bill 1125 now threatens its fruition. Please do everything possible to defeat this Bill and any other attempt to prevent the quick and widespread implementation of the Maryland Stormwater Act of 2007. Please also join your fellow members of the General Assembly’s Anacostia Delegation, Delegate Tom Hucker and Senator Jamie Raskin, in passing the Watershed Protection and Restoration Act (HB999/SB686) which will enable the creation of stormwater utility fee structures in the entire State.

The Chesapeake Bay is the core of Maryland’s identity, and the Anacostia River watershed is our collective responsibility. Please take action to help the Anacostia in the General Assembly. Thank you for your consideration.

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