



## ANACOSTIA WATERSHED CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

July 15, 2010

Mr. Ken Yetman, Chair  
AWRP Management Committee  
c/o Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments  
777 North Capitol Street, NE, Suite 300  
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Dear Ken,

We appreciate your taking the lead in responding to the request to develop and install Anacostia Watershed signs throughout the Maryland portion of the watershed. We look forward to working with you as this initiative evolves. We believe the effort could be a significant boost to public awareness of the extent and importance of the watershed to the region.

We see the deployment of the signs in two stages, the first to delineate the watershed along a few major highways, and the second to mark major stream crossings with the name of the stream and the fact that it is part of the Anacostia basin.

With respect to the first, we would envision signs indicating entry to and departure from the Anacostia Watershed, approximately twelve signs at six locations (each location would have an entry sign on one side of the road and an exit sign on the other). Our preliminary list includes the I-495/95 Beltway at both east and west entries, the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and I-95 at their northern entries, US 50 at its eastern entry, and the Intercounty Connector at its western entry.

We would like to have the opportunity to meet with you to discuss design and locations for these watershed signs, a schedule for their deployment and possibly an event associated with the first signs put in place.

With respect to the second set of signs at stream crossings, different and more complex issues arise. We would like to have these signs appear along a much larger number of roads and arteries throughout the watershed and their deployment could be spread over a longer period. In addition, some signs will be naming branches of the stream proper and rather than, as is now sometimes the case, saying simply "Northwest Branch", should follow that with "Anacostia River". Signs over tributaries should say something like, "Sligo Creek, Anacostia River Watershed". In this way, the public will begin to associate these streams, for the first time in many cases, with the Anacostia.

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As with the signs for entering and leaving the watershed, we would like to meet with you to discuss design and location, a deployment schedule and local events associated with the placement of the signs.

We are encouraged by your commitment to work on this important education and awareness project, and look forward to hearing from you on a time to meet. Please contact me at [mike78smith@hotmail.com](mailto:mike78smith@hotmail.com). Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Mike R. Smith'.

Mike Smith, Chair