



Anacostia Watershed Restoration Partnership

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Dear Chairman Oberstar and Congressman Mica:

On behalf of the Anacostia Watershed Restoration Partnership, thank you very much for your support for the development of the Anacostia Watershed Restoration Plan.

As you know, the Anacostia river, which runs through the Nation's Capitol, and its watershed are among the most polluted in the nation, a condition that results, in part, from polluted stormwater runoff from federal facilities (which comprise 12.3 percent of the watershed). If federal government-related development in the watershed were considered, this percentage would be even greater.

To address these pollution problems, the Water Resources Development Act of 2007 directed the US Army Corps of Engineers to develop the Anacostia Watershed Restoration Plan. The Plan, which is nearly complete, will propose nearly 2700 projects to green the watershed and clean the waters of the Anacostia.

I am pleased to support the request of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources for a Water Resource Development Act authorization of funding to implement the Anacostia Watershed Restoration Plan. While the local jurisdictions of our Partnership will contribute substantially to the implementation of the Plan, we very much need the help of the federal government to "jump start" the restoration.

Thank you very much for your consideration of the Governor's request, and I would be very happy to provide any additional information needed.

Sincerely,

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