## Diversifying Your Partnership

**Choose Clean Water Conference Tuesday May 23, 2017** 

### Agenda

- 1. Introductions
- 2. Opening Exercise
- 3. Presentations
- 4. Mapping Exercise
- 5. Report-back and conclusion

## Introductions

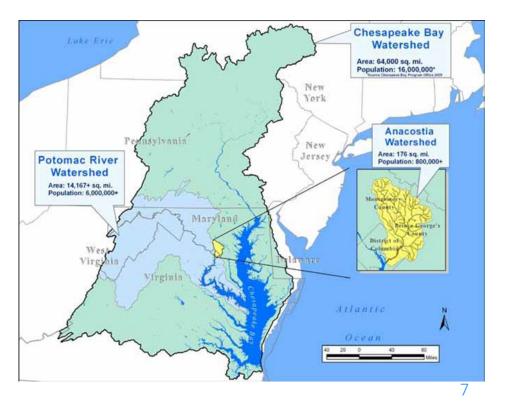
# What organizations are currently actively involved in your river/waterfront work?

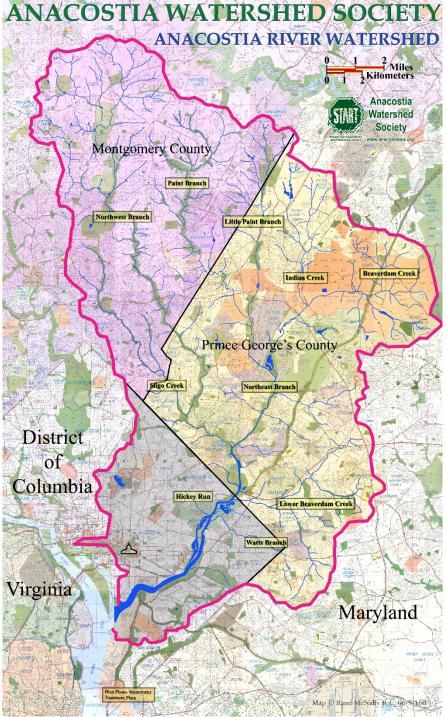
# What organizations are NOT at the decision-making table?

# Jim Foster, Anacostia Watershed Society

#### **Anacostia Watershed Society**







#### **Urban Waters Federal Partnership**

## **URBANWATERS**

#### FEDERAL PARTNERSHIP

Restoring Urban Waters, Revitalizing Communities





























#### **Urban Waters Federal Partnership**

#### Mission

The Urban Waters Federal Partnership will help urban and metropolitan areas, particularly those that are **underserved or economically distressed**, connect with their waterways and work to improve them.

#### Vision

Through our Partnership, we will **revitalize urban waters and the communities that surround them**, transforming overlooked assets into treasured centerpieces and drivers of urban revival."

#### **19 Urban Waters Locations**









# Erin Garnaas-Holmes, Anacostia Waterfront Trust

#### The Anacostia Ambassador





Katherine Antos













**AWT Staff** 

#### **Anacostia Park and Community Collaborative (APACC)**

#### East of the River Organizations

Friends of Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens

DC Promise Neighborhood Initiative

Progressive National Baptist Convention

Ward 7 Business Partnership

Groundwork Anacostia River DC

East River Family Strengthening Collaborative

Anacostia Business Improvement District

Anacostia Coordinating Council

Far Southeast Family Strengthening Collaborative

#### Other/Citywide Organizations

Anacostia Waterfront Trust

Clean Water Action

Community Preservation and Development Corporation

DC Appleseed

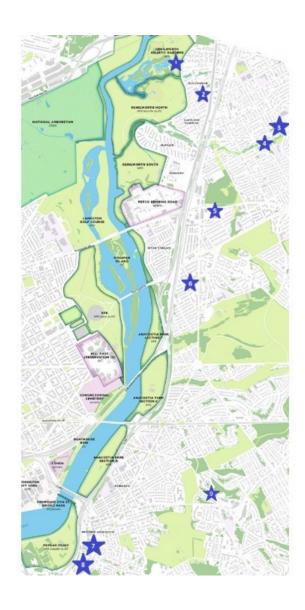
Georgetown University

Groundswell

Institute for Public Health Innovation

Neighborhood Legal Services Program

The Urban Institute





#### **#ClimateReadyDC East-of-the-river NGO Meeting**



### **#ShapeAnacostiaPark Stakeholder Meeting**



#### **Anacostia River Sediment Project Stakeholder Meeting**



#### **Human & Ecological Impacts**

Primary contaminants of concern include polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), pesticides, and metals. Potential sources of contamination are likely to include releases from contaminated land near the river, storm water discharges, sewage and stormwater overflows, stormwater runoff, city outfalls, and water from connected creeks and streams. As a result, these sources carry contaminated water and sediments tallows.



the river that cause hazardous impacts on humans and aquatic organisms.  $\,$ 

The Phase 1 Remedial Investigation found the following:

- The human health risk assessment confirmed that fish consumption presents unacceptable cancer risk to most anglers south of CSX bridge: in 10,000 could develop cancer because of contamination in the river and fish.
- In select areas, the river surface sediments show high levels of contaminants suggesting on-going or recent contamination.
- The ecological risk assessment found evidence that sediment contaminants could negatively impact benthic and aquatic invertebrates in the river. Fish were shown to bioaccumulate PCBs, dioxins, and several metals throughout the river.
- Additional data must be collected and analyzed prior to starting parts of the feasibility study.

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#### Learn More

Visit DOEE's Anacostia River website at: doee.dc.gov/Anacostiasediment

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# Rev. Keith Kitchen, Zion Baptist Church and Progressive National Baptist Convention

### Kenilworth Park and Aquatic Gardens - Welcome



### Anacostia Park





#### **Anacostia Park**

One person's trash is another's treasure





## Let's go swimming! Or get a drink!





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## **Environment, Parks and People**



The mission of East River Family Strengthening Collaborative, Inc (ERFSC) is to empower families, youth, seniors and communities to become more self-sufficient through integrated and collaborative community based services utilizing evidence based practices that are family focused and person-centered.

## We do this by collaborating with community residents and organizations (public and private) to:

- reduce the number of children from entering the child welfare system of care
- increase supports to families
- provide services to prevent homelessness
- increase financial self sufficiency
- decrease youth violence

We also collaborate with community residents and organizations to improve the quality of life for Ward 7's residents.



Old & young



Health



Homes

## All vulnerable to climate change

#### **Strategies to engage communities:**

- Town Hall Meetings on specific issues related to strengthening families and children
- Community awareness of issues related to families and children through community events, resource fairs, networking meetings
- Various other programs such as parenting classes, engaging youth servicing organizations and services for seniors



#### Partners for this work:

In addition to local environmental organizations, we've linked with:

- Local community servicing organizations
- Civic associations
- Individual leaders and Elders in the community

# Visioning and Asset-mapping Exercise:

Equitable Support for Communities

Share with your table what you are doing to engage the groups you listed earlier.

What strategies do you use?

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| COMMUNITIES OF COL | LOW COMFOT  |

| Access + Inclusion | Structural racial equity   |
|--------------------|----------------------------|
| Business as usual  | Programmatic racial equity |

**LOW CONTROL** 

**HIGH CONTROL** 

How would you modify how you are engaging and collaborating with these groups?

What are ways that you can better collaborate with the groups that are not currently meaningfully engaged in decision-making?

Write your ideas on the back of the cards and share them with your group.

## Report back