



2017 Projects and Priorities  
MWCOG Management Committee  
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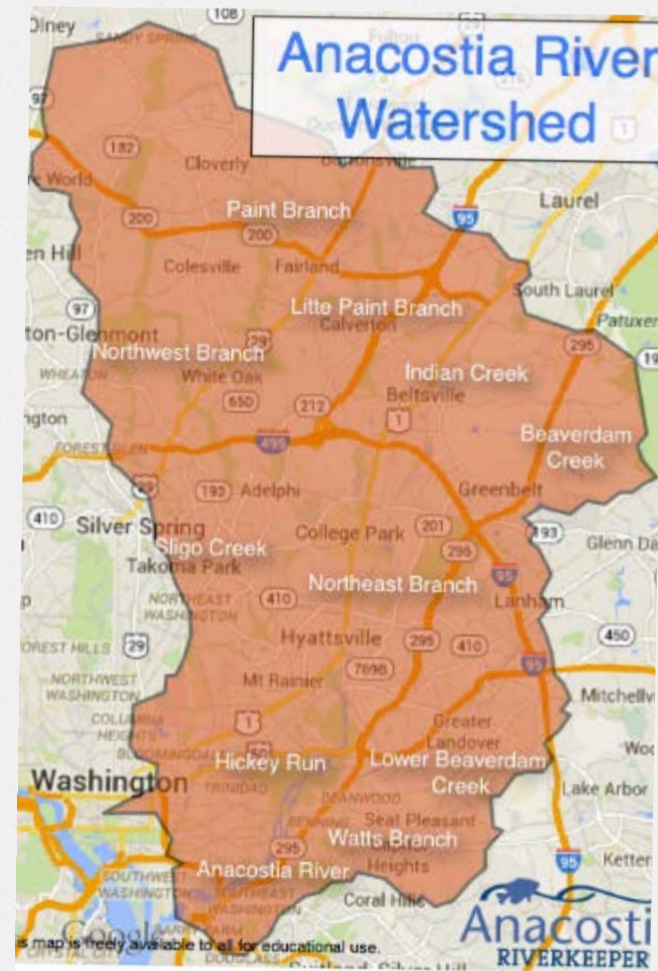
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## Anacostia River Watershed

- 176 square mile watershed
- 8.5 mile River
- 15 subwatersheds
- 1.2 million residents
- Three jurisdictions:
  - Washington, DC,
  - Montgomery County, and
  - Prince George's County



# What is a Riverkeeper?

- Mission: The Mission of the Anacostia Riverkeeper is to protect and restore the Anacostia River for all who live, work, and play in the watershed
- Vision: Everyone has the right to clean, swimmable, fishable, drinkable water!

# What is a Riverkeeper?

- o Waterkeeper Alliance:
  - o Over 300 Waterkeepers in 36 countries, and six continents
  - o Dedicated to preserving and protecting waterbodies from pollution
  - o Unwavering commitment to their communities and the rule of law
- o What sets a Riverkeeper Apart?
  - o We utilize science, advocacy and legal processes to advocate for the preservation of these rights on behalf of citizens to strengthen clean water laws
  - o We hold polluters and government agencies accountable
  - o We are also a Resource and partner for grassroots action

*“If its good for the river, I do it,*

*If its bad for the river, I fight it!”*



## Advocacy

Legal Action  
Testimony  
Legislation



## Action

Education/  
Outreach  
Networking  
Volunteers  
Restoration  
Projects



## Access

Free Programs  
Friday Night  
Fishing  
Cleanups  
Boat Tours

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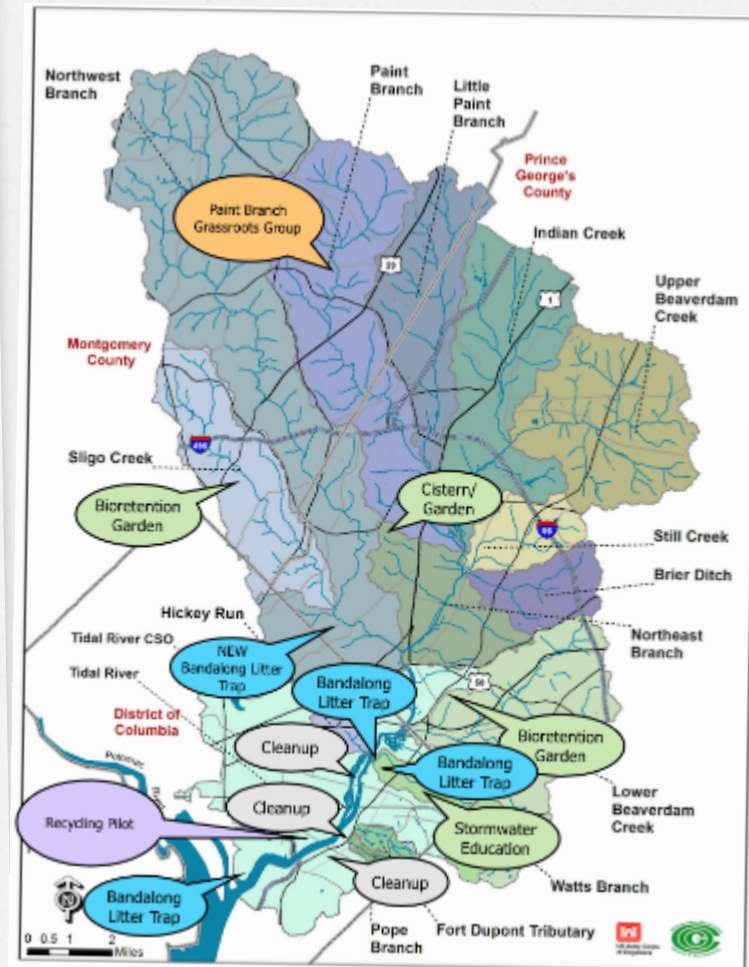
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- o Community Outreach Activities

# ARK 2017 Projects

- ◆ Anacostia River Explorers
- ◆ Volunteer Cleanups
  - January - Pope Branch Park (Pope Branch)
  - April - Anacostia Park (Tidal Anacostia)
  - September – TBD (Kingman Island In 2016)
- ◆ Restoration Projects And Education Activities (English And Spanish)
  - St. Mark The Evangelist Church – Cistern (Northeast Branch)
  - Silver Spring United Methodist Church – Bioretention Garden (Sligo Creek)
  - St. Ambrose Catholic Church –Bioretention Garden (Lower Beaverdam Creek)
  - Progressive National Baptist Church (With AWT) – Education (Watts Branch)
- ◆ Bandalong Litter Traps
  - Washington DC
    - Kenilworth Park
    - James Creek
    - Marvin Gaye Park
  - Prince George’s County
    - Arundel Canal
- ◆ New Paint Branch Subwatershed Group
- ◆ Recycling Pilot In SW Waterfront – *“Making The Case For Public Space Recycling”*





*“If we clean up the Anacostia River, only good things occur  
for our community and our next generation”*

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