Applying the Principles of Civic Ecology to Community Engagement in the Anacostia River Corridor
Meaningful Engagement Cohort

- Bring together a group of organizations to grow their capacity to meaningfully engage community members living nearby Anacostia Park
- Improve visitor use, enjoyment and education within Anacostia Park
- Expand Anacostia Park’s network of partners
- Improve those partners’ abilities to collaborate to provide programs and activities in the park that visitors find meaningful and valuable.

Online Calendar of Events: Collective calendar of events along the Anacostia River.

Facebook Group for any interested practitioners: Resource sharing, event updates, coordination.

Capacity Building Session

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Online classroom for focused cohort on meaningful engagement: led by Aklima Price
• Co-lead, promote and actively engage diverse networks in Park events and programs.
• Expose the park and its programming to a large network of individuals in stressed situations.
• Engage specialists like social workers, principals, and mental health practitioners in nature based activities like walking talking groups, meditation, invasive species removal, bike tours, field games, sporting, and skating, bird watching, gardening, conducting wildlife surveys, and community events.

Current members and partners of the Collaborative include:

• Alice Ferguson Foundation (citywide)
• Anacostia Business Improvement District (Ward 8)
• Anacostia Coordinating Council (Ward 8)*
• Anacostia Riverkeeper (citywide)
• Anacostia Watershed Society (citywide)*
• Building Bridges Across the River (Ward 8)
• Chesapeake Bay Trust (citywide)
• Casey Trees (citywide)
• Clean Water Fund (citywide)*
• Committee to Restore Shepherd Parkway (Ward 8)
• Community Preservation and Development Corporation of (Wards 7 and 8)
• DC Appleseed Center for Law and Justice (citywide)*
• DC Department of Energy and the Environment (citywide)
• East River Family Strengthening Collaborative (Ward 7)*
• Fairlawn Citizens Association (Ward 8)
• Far Southeast Family Strengthening Collaborative (Ward 8)*
• Friends of Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens (Ward 7)
• Groundswell (citywide)
• Historic Anacostia Block Association (Ward 8)
• Institute for Public Health Innovation (citywide)
• Living Classrooms - Kingman Island (Ward 7)
• Neighborhood Legal Services Program (citywide and Wards 7 and 8)
• Policy Innovation Lab at Georgetown University (citywide)
• Sierra Club - Washington, DC Chapter (citywide)
• Urban Institute (citywide)
• Ward 7 Business Partnership (Ward 7)
• Washington Parks & People (citywide)

• Anacostia High School
• National ReEntry Network for Returning Citizens
• Office of the Mayor
• DCPS
• Martha’s Table
• Bread for the City
• Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
• Office of Victim Services & Justice Grants
• Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency
• Safer, Stronger DC Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement
• National Council on Behavioral Health
• Kenilworth Courts Resident Council
• River Terrace Community Organization
• Healthy Parks, Healthy People (NPS)
• Parks Rx
6 monthly events in Anacostia Park

Over 2,000 attendees
Over 20 partner organizations participated.
15 community members volunteered

2000 students and families participated
Over 20 new partners
2020 Season

PHASE 2 2019
- Webinar: Civic Ecology
- Workshop: Civic Ecology
- Workshop: Collaborating with NPS

PHASE 1 2020
- FAMILY DAY
- LATE SKATE
- LATE SKATE
- LATE SKATE

PARTNER PROGRAMMING