

DOEE District of Columbia
Anacostia River Corridor Restoration Plan
Public Survey #1
Consolidated Summary of Responses

Survey was open for public response from:

July 22 - September 29, 2022

Total respondents: 575

**(respondents were not required to answer any specific question,
all were invited to share as much or as little feedback as desired)**

The District of Columbia Anacostia River Corridor Restoration Plan

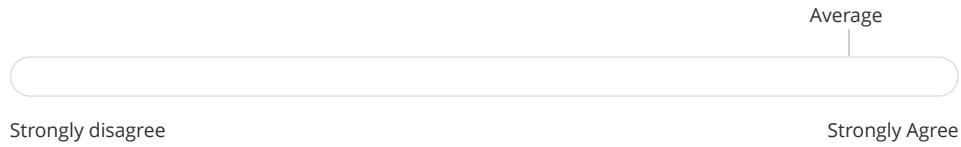
Project Engagement

VIEWS	PARTICIPANTS
1,607	575
RESPONSES	COMMENTS
6,771	538
SUBSCRIBERS	
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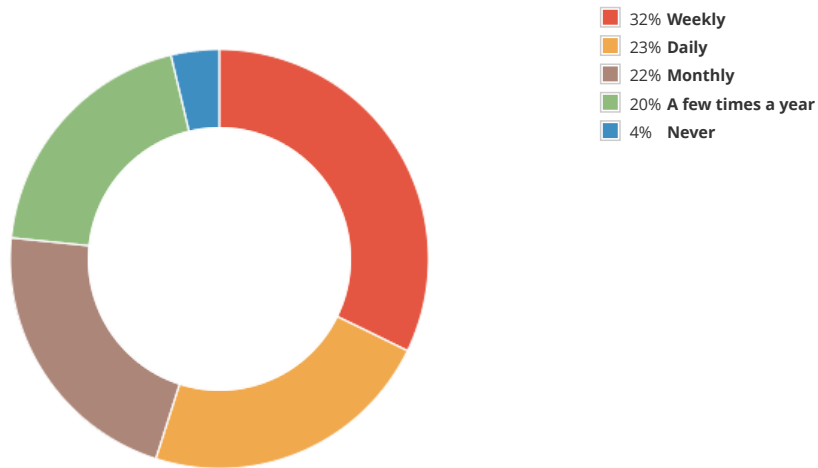
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*** 1. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: I believe the Anacostia River is an important part of my community:**



2. In the past year, how often have you enjoyed activities (biking, running, walking, boating, kayaking, fishing, etc.) on or near the shores of the Anacostia River?



287 respondents

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A few times a year	57
Daily	64
Monthly	62
Never	10
Weekly	94

3. In the last year, please indicate which river-based activities have you participated in this past year.

(Check all that apply).

81%	Using the trails along the river (walking, biking, running)	208 ✓
71%	Visiting parks along the river	181 ✓
70%	Nature/wildlife appreciation	178 ✓
40%	Picnic or other social gatherings	102 ✓
33%	Kayaking/Canoeing	85 ✓
17%	Other Boating (Sailing etc.)	44 ✓
12%	Rowing	31 ✓
10%	Fishing	25 ✓
10%	Other	25 ✓

256 Respondents

4. Which of these activities do you think needs to be more available along the Anacostia River Corridor?

58%	Nature/wildlife appreciation	152 ✓
57%	Using the trails along the river (walking, biking, running)	147 ✓
55%	Kayaking/Canoeing	143 ✓
45%	Visiting parks along the river	116 ✓
43%	Picnic or other social gatherings	113 ✓
28%	Other Boating (Sailing etc.)	72 ✓
25%	Rowing	65 ✓
25%	Fishing	65 ✓
15%	Other	38 ✓

260 Respondents

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*** 5. Rank the following factors from most important to least important to you when deciding to participate in river-based activities on the Anacostia River.**

99%	Cleanliness of the river and local area	Rank: 2.24	229 ✓
98%	Nature and wildlife habitat	Rank: 3.26	228 ✓
98%	Scenic beauty	Rank: 4.23	228 ✓
99%	Security and safety	Rank: 4.64	229 ✓
99%	Health and fitness opportunities	Rank: 4.67	229 ✓
99%	Easy access to amenities along the river	Rank: 5.14	229 ✓
98%	Gathering with friends and family	Rank: 5.64	228 ✓
98%	Opportunity to participate in organized activities and interesting events	Rank: 6.18	228 ✓

232 Respondents

1	Rank: 1	Rank: 2	Rank: 3	Rank: 4	Rank: 5	Rank: 6	Rank: 7	Rank: 8
Cleanliness of the river and local area	90	71	34	12	11	3	7	1
Nature and wildlife habitat	39	57	42	40	21	11	11	7
Security and safety	36	28	17	23	23	33	45	24
Health and fitness opportunities	31	21	28	24	24	42	27	32
Easy access to amenities along the river	17	12	29	34	32	35	22	48
Scenic beauty	10	25	47	56	40	23	15	12
Gathering with friends and family	6	6	17	21	44	51	57	26
Opportunity to participate in organized activities and interesting events	3	8	14	18	33	30	44	78

*** 6. Based on your experience, what do you think are the most pressing priorities for the Anacostia River? Rate each of the following as either high, medium, or low priorities:**

	High priority - should be addressed as soon as possible	Medium priority - this would be nice and could make a positive impact	Low priority - This won't have much effect
Reducing litter and pollution	93% High priority - should be addressed as soon as possible	6% Medium priority - this would be nice and could make a positive impact	1% Low priority - This won't have much effect
Reducing flood risks	52% High priority - should be addressed as soon as possible	36% Medium priority - this would be nice and could make a positive impact	11% Low priority - This won't have much effect
Improving availability and options for recreational activities	38% High priority - should be addressed as soon as possible	56% Medium priority - this would be nice and could make a positive impact	6% Low priority - This won't have much effect
Improving ease of access to recreational amenities and open space	42% High priority - should be addressed as soon as possible	50% Medium priority - this would be nice and could make a positive impact	8% Low priority - This won't have much effect
Improving fish and wildlife habitat	77% High priority - should be addressed as soon as possible	20% Medium priority - this would be nice and could make a positive impact	3% Low priority - This won't have much effect
Improving scenic quality	34% High priority - should be addressed as soon as possible	57% Medium priority - this would be nice and could make a positive impact	9% Low priority - This won't have much effect
Improving safety and security	49% High priority - should be addressed as soon as possible	44% Medium priority - this would be nice and could make a positive impact	7% Low priority - This won't have much effect

269 respondents

High, Med, Low	Priority 1: Reducing litter and pollution	Priority 2: Reducing flood risks	Priority 3: Improving availability and options for recreational activities	Priority 4: Improving ease of access to recreational amenities and open space	Priority 5: Improving scenic quality	Priority 6: Improving fish and wildlife habitat	Priority 7: Improving safety and security
High priority - should be addressed as soon as possible	248	139	101	111	89	203	128
Medium priority - this would be nice and could make a positive impact	17	97	148	131	146	54	116
Low priority - This won't have much effect	3	29	15	21	23	8	19

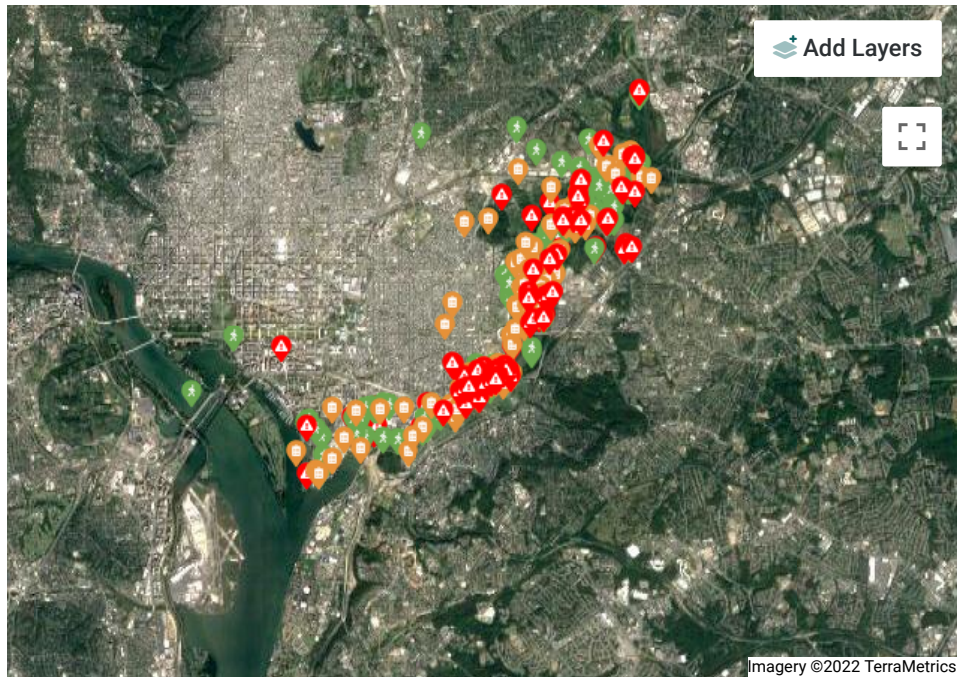
What other activities you participate in on the river corridor	
Biking	1
Date Night	1
Golfing	5
Kites	1
Paddle boarding	1
Playground	1
Senior Community Gathering	2
Social engaging	1
Water Quality Monitoring	1
birding	1
Clean up activities	3



What other activities would you like to see more of on the Anacostia River Corridor?	
Access points to the water in neighborhoods	1
Camping	1
Community Events	1
Dinning/ Concessions / Vending	4
Foraging for native plants	1
Historical interpretation of what once was along the river.	1
Kiting, pickle ball, tennis, horses	1
More plastic/trash cleanups	1
Skating	3
Sporting (local) games	1
Swimming	11
fitness classes	1
restoring nature	1
Docks	1
Lights	1
ATV Park	1



*Use the pins below to share areas you like to visit, areas of concern, and locations where you think improvements can be made.



The pins seemed like a good idea, but are super awkward to use. I literally cannot pin any of the locations we frequent.

one month ago

[+ 18 Agree](#)

Seafarers Yacht Club is to Oldest African American Yacht Club in the US that needs significant access to waterway improvements in order to not become extinct. This has been an ongoing issue for over 15 years.

2 months ago

[+ 18 Agree](#)

Agree

7 days ago

More kayak launches between Anacostia boat ramp and bladensburg park! Especially if there are super-nice like bladensburg

one month ago

[+ 14 Agree](#)

Ensure affordable community boating remains

one month ago

[+ 12 Agree](#)

Seafarers Yacht Club

2 months ago [+ 5 Agree](#)

City needs to ensure boathouse remains to ensure affordable community boating

one month ago

[+ 4 Agree](#)

Seafarers Yacht Club

2 months ago [+ 4 Agree](#)

These bathrooms are horrible and often completely unusable. More bathroom access means more access to recreation and the environment.

27 days ago

[+ 3 Agree](#)

Anacostia River Trail

one month ago [3 Agree](#)

Can the trail on the east bank be extended all the way up and connected to existing ones on the east bank?

13 days ago

I like to kayak downriver from Bladensburg

one month ago [3 Agree](#)

Need to dredge to remove sandbars that interfere with boating use of the lower Anacostia.

one month ago

[3 Agree](#)

Good Hope Road is in disrepair, the sidewalks don't exist for portions and the underpass is dangerous. This would be such a great way to get to the water!

2 months ago

[3 Agree](#)

The trash boom just south of railroad Bridge needs to be reinstalled and DC trash skimmers to collect trash and logs which hamper boating activities. Dredging of the channels is needed. Sea wall at Seafarers Yacht Club needs to be repaired.

one month ago

[2 Agree](#)

The seawall at Seafarers Yacht Club needs to be repaired. Dredging of the area is a high priority. Trash boom south of the railroad bridge needs to be reinstalled and DC Trash Skimmers need to collect contents and well as tree logs with is/are a negative impacts to boating on the river.

one month ago

[2 Agree](#)

I don't know what's going on with "Mystery Mountain" back here, but I hope the city can find a way to do some remediation and do something good with the land. Growing up in Kenilworth, I loved coming to Kenilworth Park because there was a recreation center and a pool, and tennis courts, and open space to play sports. I understand this former dump may be best returned to nature, but practical recreational concerns for Washingtonians should be kept in mind. Especially low income communities of color, such as in Kenilworth Courts nearby, and for the Latino community that needs spaces for soccer.

one month ago

[2 Agree](#)

Improvement is always welcome on all levels

one month ago [2 Agree](#)

Preservation of historic marinas along boathouse row

one month ago [2 Agree](#)

The river needs to be dredged. As a power-boater, I have been stranded on several occasions while operating my vessel.

one month ago

[2 Agree](#)

Preserve affordable boating at the Historic Washington Yacht Club, as well as the other clubs along boathouse row.

one month ago

[2 Agree](#)

Affordable, accessible community boating has been the mantra of the clubs along Boathouse Row. For decades (some over a century) have been stewards of the river. Whether they are power boaters or rowers, these organizations are an essential part of the Anacostia River community.

one month ago

[2 Agree](#)

Historic Washington Yacht Club est. April 1910

one month ago

[2 Agree](#)

Flooding of the trails at Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens is more and more frequent. I would also be worried as to how this will affect the community outside the park, as it offers a flood barrier.

one month ago

[2 Agree](#)

The pins were hard to use. I like to visit the Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens and the National Arboretum. I am concerned about the trail when it enters the neighborhood at Educare until it enters the park. There is too much litter there. I am waiting anxiously for the Arboretum Bridge, but even better would be the continuation of the West Bank Trail to connect the Navy Yard with the Arboretum on the East Side. We also need more kayak rentals. What is the point of the fancy new dock at Kingman Island if no kayak rentals?

one month ago

[2 Agree](#)

Signage to parks and within parks needs to be improved, visitor centers at Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens needs improvement, Anacostia Park needs a visitor center, trails within Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens needs improvement for ADA. Need a dock near Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens and ART.

one month ago

[2 Agree](#)

Need a kayak/canoe launch

one month ago

[2 Agree](#)

That stretch of the Anacostia river trail where you either have to take a detour through a neighborhood or take the unsanctioned dirt road route through Kenilworth park. This section always discourages me from biking there

one month ago

[2 Agree](#)

Whatever happened to the bridge that was going to connected the arboretum to the Anacostia river trail??

one month ago

[2 Agree](#)

Kayak dock is showing signs of age and failure.

7 days ago

[1 Agree](#)

this area feels a little unsafe (security) to bike

7 days ago

[1 Agree](#)

Get rid of RFK and establish affordable housing here.

7 days ago

[1 Agree](#)

Disagree. Build a state of the art football stadium

5 days ago

Heavy silting here creates a boating hazard, especially at low tide. The river is actually much, much narrower than it looks. Dangerous sand bars ~

12 days ago

[1 Agree](#)

Need safer pedestrian/bike connection over the bridge

12 days ago

[1 Agree](#)

Very little trail maintenance and poor access on this section of the island

13 days ago

[1 Agree](#)

running

19 days ago

[1 Agree](#)

Add boat dock at KPN

19 days ago [1 Agree](#)

sand bar - boating hazard

19 days ago [1 Agree](#)

Dredging and continual clearing of debris from the river is essential for all boaters--the spans under the bridges are often obstructed--this is a real safety issue

7 days ago

Protect the Seafarers Yacht Club and African American boat owners access to clean water.

25 days ago

[1 Agree](#)

The skating park in Anacostia Park is a great area. IT's nice to see people of all ages here. We need to preserve it and have more accessible activities for kids and all ages. Please don't make Anacostia Park like the Navy Yard, a place that is inaccessible if you are not middle or upper middle class. We need somewhere where you don't have to pay to park, you have access to the water and to the land. I would love to see more visible restoration efforts. Cleaning up the Anacostia River should be a great priority.

25 days ago

[1 Agree](#)

Dredging is needed.

27 days ago [1 Agree](#)

Dredging is needed.

27 days ago [1 Agree](#)

Dredging is needed.

27 days ago [1 Agree](#)

Better bathroom access/condition.

27 days ago

[1 Agree](#)

I like to paddleboard but this boat ramp and dock are often loaded with trash and debris and don't feel safe/comfortable for launching.

27 days ago

[1 Agree](#)

Abandoned vehicles need to be removed.

one month ago

[1 Agree](#)

Seafarers Yacht Club

one month ago [1 Agree](#)

Trash collection boom is needed.

one month ago

[1 Agree](#)

Trash collection boom is needed.

one month ago

[1 Agree](#)

Trash removal, Log removal, Dredging

one month ago

[1 Agree](#)

DC Trash Skimmers.

one month ago

[1 Agree](#)

Dredging is needed.

one month ago [⊕ 1 Agree](#)

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one month ago [⊕ 1 Agree](#)

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one month ago [⊕ 1 Agree](#)

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one month ago [⊕ 1 Agree](#)

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one month ago [⊕ 1 Agree](#)

Dredging

one month ago [⊕ 1 Agree](#)

I strongly believe that the Anacostia River and its ecosystem is the answer to social ills such as crime, violence and reduction in health disparities. People of color need to feel welcomed, be better informed and have access to everything. Thank you.

one month ago [⊕ 1 Agree](#)

Accessible bathrooms at Anacostia Park

one month ago [⊕ 1 Agree](#)

fairlawn north of pennsylvania is an open dump. Up to k st

one month ago [⊕ 1 Agree](#)

need bicycle access over the river at east capitol

one month ago [⊕ 1 Agree](#)

Great habitat.

one month ago [⊕ 1 Agree](#)

The sidewalks here are horrible. I tried to rollerblade here and you just can't.

one month ago

[1 Agree](#)

Skate pavilion is a unique amenity.

one month ago

[1 Agree](#)

The concrete pathway on the U.S. Govt Navy Yard property is in disrepair. There are large gaps in the concrete that pose a hazard to bicyclists, pets, and people.

The very narrow metal bridge that crosses the river on the U.S. Govt's Navy Yard property is a bottle neck and should be replaced with something much wider.

one month ago

[1 Agree](#)

Metro Accessibility

one month ago

[1 Agree](#)

incredibly dangerous intersection

one month ago

[1 Agree](#)

It's fun to kayak/canoe into the marshland area of the kenilworth aquatic gardens to gain a different viewpoint from the boardwalk.

one month ago

[1 Agree](#)

more regular trash clean up, especially after sporting events

one month ago

[1 Agree](#)

Need to connect areas across the river, for example ART with the National Arboretum east entrance via a walking/biking bridge, and the River Terrace neighborhood with Kingman Island via a walking/biking bridge. More canoe/kayak/paddle board launches would be good, and free rentals could be provided for every bag of plastic pollution users bring back from their trip on the river.

one month ago

[1 Agree](#)

Anacostia trail needs more shade, dedicated bike lane, & access points

one month ago

[1 Agree](#)

Would love go have more bus options to get to Anacostia from different parts of the city.

one month ago

[1 Agree](#)

Convergence of trails is narrow

one month ago

[1 Agree](#)

Cars often drive up onto the grass here.

one month ago

[1 Agree](#)

There are also a lot of teens and young adults who ride motorcycles and 4-wheelers on the trail. It's scary and dangerous.

one month ago

Couldn't get this part of the survey to work.

one month ago

[1 Agree](#)

Needs of the river need to be balanced with needs of communities along it, that at least on the east side have been historically Black and often low-income. I understand and support the need to rehabilitate the river, but I know that lack of recreational options has also historically contributed to urban problems such as youth crime in local neighborhoods. Growing up in Kenilworth, being able to use the recreation center, pool, and tennis courts in Kenilworth Park was great. So in terms of land use, recreation for local youth should be a priority. Also, as more amenities are built up along the river, gentrification east of the river will accelerate. Planners should work with communities to help ensure that adding amenities won't simply drive out present occupants, especially low-income residents of color. Recent articles in WaPo and NYT about the 11th Street Bridge project highlight some of these issues and point toward solutions. Joe Lapp

one month ago

[1 Agree](#)

Living in the neighborhood as a kid, this stretch of Kenilworth Park was one of the few places I could easily access the river, as the grassy parkland went all the way down to the river here and the river wasn't blocked by trees. I think this would be a great place for a boat launch for kayakers etc.

one month ago

[1 Agree](#)

The Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens is a national treasure and one of my favorite spots in DC, with some amazing history.

one month ago

[1 Agree](#)

love the new river trail and being able to see the river and the marsh

one month ago

[1 Agree](#)

I would like for there to be a way to collect waste and trash in and along the Bladensburg Waterfront area and towards NY Avenue, since this is a major thoroughfare for kayakers, student rowing, cyclists and pedestrians. I have seen and heard signs of poaching additionally--once found the head of a deer across from the kennel worth watergardens.

one month ago

[1 Agree](#)

Litter collects.

one month ago [1 Agree](#)

Litter collects.

one month ago [1 Agree](#)

litter

one month ago [1 Agree](#)

Too hard to pin

one month ago [1 Agree](#)

No bike lane. Dangerous to cross .

one month ago [1 Agree](#)

along the trails doesn't give one confidence of safety

one month ago [1 Agree](#)

This area needs a protected path/bike lane to enable users to access the trails. It would also help users transit from the Marvin Gaye trail to the Anacostia River Trail.

one month ago

[1 Agree](#)

Difficult to access trails for running, walking and biking due to lack of protected pathways under 295/metro line.

one month ago

[1 Agree](#)

Unsafe and difficult access point for walking, running and riding a bike to the Anacostia River trails.

one month ago

[1 Agree](#)

Need more amenities in the area

one month ago

[1 Agree](#)

I really love the Aquatic Gardens as a peaceful retreat. But the park surrounding could use a lot of work, the fences are falling down, the road to the baseball field is in disrepair. The Aquatic Gardens parking lot is also in need of more spaces and new pavement.

one month ago

[1 Agree](#)

Fence must come down at Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens to be more accessible. Not necessary. Kenilworth Park needs designation on which agency maintains and needs more access to river and gardens like footbridge

one month ago

[1 Agree](#)

Pedestrian and bicycle access between the Arboretum and Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens will improve community access and appreciation for these neighborhood gems. This section of NE DC is underserved with limited public transportation options. A bridge at this location would offer a link between communities, increase walkability in NE, and create outdoor learning opportunities.

one month ago

[1 Agree](#)

There needs to be better paddling access in the seawall area between the Harbor Police and Fort McNair.

one month ago

[1 Agree](#)

Assure that the Historic Washington Yacht Club as well as the other Yacht Clubs along Boathouse Row have their marinas redeveloped as a part of the future development and the preservation of affordable community recreational boating on the Anacostia River.

one month ago

[1 Agree](#)

upgrade to the docks

one month ago [1 Agree](#)

fun to bike on path and enjoy scenery, stop for picnic

one month ago

[1 Agree](#)

Langston Golf Course

one month ago [1 Agree](#)

Also appreciate the nature pull outs along the trail, but they are not well maintained. The vegetation is too high or overgrown to see the river/wetlands.

one month ago

[1 Agree](#)

This road should be closed to all cars. The trail is very popular in this location and runners/bikers overflow to the road, but drivers still go fast in this location.

one month ago

[1 Agree](#)

Love the trails in this location. They do get flooded after storms and can be hard to navigate in the winter. Improvements should be made to the drainage.

one month ago

[1 Agree](#)

I enjoy the Anacostia Park but it is devoid of natural features. Transformation of the abundant grass to wooded areas for shade and habitat would be a great improvement.

one month ago

[1 Agree](#)

Suggest more trees/shade along the trail.

one month ago

[1 Agree](#)

Request new bike access to the Anacostia River Trail from Reservation 13 improvements. This access would be take advantage of new protected bike lanes along Mass Ave on the property and would be a better/safer alternative than Independence Ave.

one month ago

[1 Agree](#)

Love to walk through Anacostia Park

one month ago

[1 Agree](#)

Sandbar opposite the dock at Anacostia Community Boathouse grows bigger every year. I know it will be expensive to dredge it but it is getting worse!

one month ago

[1 Agree](#)

Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens is one of the most serene and beautiful places in DC! It's a haven for wildlife and has been a place for me to safely recreate during the peak months of the pandemic.

one month ago

[1 Agree](#)

Children's & Kingman Islands

one month ago

[1 Agree](#)

National Arboretum

one month ago

[1 Agree](#)

Kennilwork Park & Aquatic Gardens

one month ago

[1 Agree](#)

Create recreational access and mitigate invasive species

one month ago

[1 Agree](#)

More trees instead of wide open grass

one month ago

[1 Agree](#)

The river trail is awesome! Thanks.

one month ago

[1 Agree](#)

I bike 2-3 times/week up the trail from Benning Road to Colmar Manor.

one month ago

[1 Agree](#)

Many of the green spaces along the Anacostia are completely overrun with invasive species, thus yielding low quality forage + habitat for insects + animals. Water quality, as we all know, is poor + needs deep, thoughtful investment (in addition to what DC Water is currently doing). We have 2 centuries of treating the river as a dump and afterthought to remediate, and need to work harder and with more real purpose.

one month ago

[1 Agree](#)

More shade trees along the river trail

one month ago

[1 Agree](#)

Whatever happened to the bridge connecting the arboretum to Anacostia River trail?

one month ago

[1 Agree](#)

This survey is general and a bit awkward. I hope my "pins" are on point. In the Upper Anacostia, it is very important to employ a light hand - preserving the scale and naturalistic qualities of the area as well as restoring habitat vital to the future health of the river and surrounding communities. There is dynamic rowing, recreating from the north, BWP, MD. Strategically plan for increased access to recreation facilities south on the river. Provide more access to watercraft rentals, perhaps near the old power plant so more residents can recreate and access the river. Do not allow more bridges to be built over the river. The river is silting in and extensive dredging will be needed if more structures are introduced. Keep the natural view without manmade structures. There are potential crossing areas for bike/pedestrians along NY Ave or Benning Rd bridge (already existing). These will connect communities.

3 days ago

Provide additional access to watercraft rentals.

3 days ago

Help ensure the northern stretch of the river is kept as natural as possible. It is necessary for the watershed to remain undeveloped and protected for the wildlife and natural setting.

3 days ago

There is a possible bike path improvement along Benning road Bridge to the Langley Golf Course to connect to the Arboretum. Consider already established trails and natural connections with the current bridge instead of further upstream.

3 days ago

Consider extending the Anacostia River Trail bike path along NY Avenue to the arboretum and connect communities.

3 days ago

Tentative site of the proposed Anacostia River Trail bridge over the river. Very poor idea. Do not ruin the natural setting of this area. Do not block the river's flow with a pedestrian bridge to nowhere. The US Natural Arboretum has no bike routes planned through their property. This connect of the East and West side communities of the river can be better located further north. It will not serve as a commuter bike route with limited hours and access.

3 days ago

BWP is where Washington Rowing School and other schools have large recreational programs. It is the only area in the northern stretch to access the river by various watercraft. Keep the natural setting and park access. More sites are necessary.

3 days ago

It's hard to pin on the map. But the trail leading to the end with the Park police is. It needs attention badly, the invasive plants took over the view.

4 days ago

The river from New York Avenue downstream to Benning is one of the most scenic spots in all of DC. All improvements to recreational resources along this stretch of the river must avoid sullyng this incredible amenity.

4 days ago

Proposed location of biker/hiker bridge will ruin a scenic stretch of the river with a man-made obstruction that increasing the likelihood of accidents for rowers and boaters.

4 days ago

We would like to see better storm water runoff management. In addition to trash, pollutants from nearby highway 295 degrade the water quality of the river.

4 days ago

We would love more opportunities to get involved in helping improve the water quality of the river. A great example of this is the Anacostia Watershed Society Mussel Restoration Project. We would like to see more programs like this to help improve the water quality and make the river safe to swim in.

4 days ago

Please improve the bike trail near Dix St. NE & Anacostia Ave NE. The trail has many potholes, is in poor condition, and can be dangerous.

4 days ago

The bike trail is in very poor condition. Many potholes and poses a danger to trail users.

4 days ago

Protection of important natural habitat from too much human intrusion. The Heritage/Kingman vernal pools risk being loved to death. Dogs are a risk to native animals.

4 days ago

Mussels

4 days ago

Don't understand.

5 days ago

Don't understand,

5 days ago

I don't understand how to use this.

5 days ago

I don't understand Hal's to use this.

5 days ago

relocate NPS maintenance Yard. Construct "River House" with community boats, art and science classrooms

5 days ago

dredge this cove for boating use

5 days ago

remove seawall

5 days ago

remove corrugated seawall

5 days ago

dangerous sandbar

5 days ago

concrete ruin creates hazard

5 days ago

concrete ruins create hazard

5 days ago

dangerous sandbar

5 days ago

pilings create a hazard

5 days ago

brand new dock is already broken. No designed for all watercraft.

5 days ago

Dock too close to bridge opening

5 days ago

dangerous sandbars, chute too small and angled

5 days ago

dangerous sandbars

5 days ago

sandbar makes passage here very dangerous

5 days ago

I really love the Anacostia trail and appreciate the effort to extend it.

5 days ago

Would love to see better access for residents east of Heritage and Kingman Island. The entrance design emphasizes residents west of the river and residents east of the river appear to be an after thought.

5 days ago

Single narrow sidewalk on one side of the street over 295 allows pedestrians to access to the Anacostia for residents east of 295.

5 days ago

No pedestrian access for residents east of 295.

5 days ago

More benches and river views between anacostia park, river terrace, and the aquatic gardens

5 days ago

Walk here twice a day with my dogs!

5 days ago

Kingman island is someplace I like to visit

5 days ago

Safety issue, minimal light even with bridge light

5 days ago

I'm love to see northern section which connects to Parkside neighborhood have better lighting on the trail, boathouse docks & cafe on that side, connection from our side of river to golf course or arboretum, skating rink or more skating events like at the rink in the southern part.

5 days ago

Increased boating access to the northern section of Kingman Lake would be awesome!

6 days ago

Excellent opportunity for a pedestrian-only bridge here. Access from one side of the River to the other is sorely lacking in this area.

6 days ago

Kingman and Heritage Islands are great! Would love to see more boating access here.

6 days ago

We greatly enjoy Kingman and Heritage Islands.

6 days ago

Permeable pavement paths to and around the tables would be nice, there is so much foot traffic that the grass is gone.

6 days ago

Trash collection needs significant improvement.

6 days ago

This is a terrible component of this survey. Who knows exactly what they're pinning? Not everyone are ecology engineers or whatever

6 days ago

The pedestrian bike bridge next to the anacostia high school is old and could use some repairs. It would be prudent to do so and enhance safety and quality of park for neighborhood residents, students at anacostia and Kramer schools, and promote better access to the park.

6 days ago

This area of parkland is projected to be a flood risk in coming years due to climate change. Mitigation efforts should be considered to protect parkland and neighborhoods beyond the freeway.

6 days ago

Anacostia recreation center and parkland across from Fairlawn neighborhood. I walk and ride my bike over the pedestrian bridge. It's great to connect to the rest of DC bike trails and enjoy park space.

6 days ago

Hard time navigating these comments on a mobile device. Can't finish survey or scroll to bottom of this page

7 days ago

Post construction clean up

7 days ago

need regular removal of trees that get stuck in the bottom after big storms.

7 days ago

need dredging to remove sandbar created by bridge abutment

7 days ago

I couldn't use the pins!

I LOVE the natural beauty of the river and would not like to see it built up. The Bladensburg Park with water sports like rowing & areas for the community to gather are major positive community assets. I also use bike paths and like to see how popular it is with the community and bikers from DC.

#Affordableriveraccess!

7 days ago

Glad you are doing survey

7 days ago

Glad you are doing survey.

7 days ago

Sandbars created by sediment laden tributaries and bridge abutments constrain boating activity. We need to address the sediment and at least refrain from building more bridges. In the meantime dredging may be the only option.

7 days ago

Improvements in the BWP boathouse facilities should be a high priority. A great opportunity to serve the public and reach out to surrounding communities, is being missed by this facility which is in poor condition.

7 days ago

Huge sandbar interferes with boating

7 days ago

It can be dangerously muddy for bicylists under the bridge

7 days ago

the are water hazards for boaters by the bridges

7 days ago

Running/walking through this stretch feels less safe than other areas.

7 days ago

Sandbar--treacherous for rowers

7 days ago

Currently dead tree is stuck in the river creating an obstacle to boat traffic

7 days ago

The proposed bike/pedestrian bridge should be a clear span for boater safety.

7 days ago

Rowing

7 days ago

Rowing from BWP

7 days ago

giant sandbar, makes waterway a "one way street"

7 days ago

there are two trees stuck in the middle of the river here, and they keep collecting more

7 days ago

Proposed bike/pedestrian bridge should be a clear span for boater safety

7 days ago

Huge sandbar, getting bigger every year.

7 days ago

By boat

7 days ago

Rowing from Bladensburg to the Potomac

7 days ago

No idea how to drop a pin. Hyattsville Waterfront. Kingman island. Anacostia Park boat launch. We need to urgently control invasive vines to preserve tree cover and habitat along the river. Need to organize more community clean-ups.

7 days ago

The Anacostia pool has great potential but needs some serious upgrades.

7 days ago

I would like to see more police and/or security presence in this area and along the trails in this area. We have seen drug use and other illegal activities.

7 days ago

I like to wander through the park open space

7 days ago

Without road names or towns I can't really identify my area, which is Riverdale park.

7 days ago

Rowing here

7 days ago

Running on the trail here in the summer becomes much more difficult due to the lack of consistent shade - tree cover here (and along the rest of the trail) would be a big improvement

9 days ago

sorry 😊 cannot access/use pins

I would like to see safer trails at Kenilworth Aquatic Garden and the Anacostia Trail. More community activities at Anacostia. Better citywide notifications regarding activities at the various locations. Fishing locations. Benches. More security. Metro access in and closer to the parks. Handicap accessible in more areas.

9 days ago

Sidewalk maintenance EOTR is poor. Flood resilience esp. in residential areas around tributary too

10 days ago

this question is too hard to navigate

10 days ago

I cycle along the river a few times a week from DC/MD line to Sousa bridge. I frequently pick up trash and try to trim vines off trees. There is too much trash and too many invasive vines choking trees. We will lose these trees if we don't keep them from being smothered. There's not enough places to throw out trash along the RFK river side and no one seems to pick up from the few trash baskets. The bathroom and park by RFK is really nice to have. I'd like to see a labyrinth somewhere too

10 days ago

When planning development along the river, don't forget that thousands of rowers use the river daily 10 months a year. Any land-use plans need to consider the impact on the rowing community. Tides, rain, silting, and time of year all influence rowing conditions. Anyone making suggestions on river use needs to get out in a boat at low tide to see what it looks like.

12 days ago

Motor boats sticking out into the river right where rowing shells need to pivot in order to return to the dock is a hazard

12 days ago

Sometimes at high tide, rowers can only go through one very low arch of this railroad bridge.

12 days ago

Anacostia Community Boathouse is a great resource for the community -- maybe it should get more \$\$\$ to offer true community rowing events

12 days ago

Concern about toxic mud near where Pepco plant was removed

12 days ago

The fishermen with their lines out into the river -- if rowers are not careful, the lines can get caught up in our skegs. Not good.

12 days ago

Rowers need to navigate through the NY Avenue and railroad bridge at high tide, low tide, after rain, when there's a drought. Any bridge abutments in the river represent safety hazards, due to sight lines, silting, and tidal fluctuations. Please keep the rowing community in mind when any proposals are brought forth. Don't make navigating the Anacostia harder than it needs to be!

12 days ago

National Arboretum - wonderful! How about a rowing-accessible dock?

12 days ago

Where the Pepco plant was removed a few years ago - this could be made more accessible to the (rowing) community

12 days ago

Rowing from Bladensburg Waterfront Park

12 days ago

Ward 7 access to the river. There seems to be a default of letting the brush and trees block Ward 7 residents from accessing the river.

12 days ago

sedimentation from northwest branch and sligo creek in md affect turbidity from sedimentation of anacostia river; need to modify those riverbanks with stone walls that keep river straight and fast but prevent areas that can accomodate current and future flooding; developments need to address this, especially RFK area with insufficient room for natural flooding areas

12 days ago

flooding area especially depending on development RFK stadium

12 days ago

PEPCO site is polluted and not cleaned up yet

12 days ago

noise pollution from metro

12 days ago

kingman island frog watching

12 days ago

walking on riverfront

12 days ago

Plant trees, remove impervious surfaces, and treat stormwater on JBAB

12 days ago

Restore Stickfoot Branch. Improve non-tidal wetlands.

12 days ago

Remove parking lots and restore to natural area. At least treat stormwater from parking lots.

12 days ago

Restore piped stream

12 days ago

Improve golf course to make more habitat and reduce pesticides and fertilizers

12 days ago

Improve parkland here to make more recreational opportunities. Restore wetlands at the mouth of Watts Branch.

12 days ago

Improve wetland area here

12 days ago

Remove fence along arboretum lands.

12 days ago

Add a dock at the aquatic gardens so can access from the river.

12 days ago

Let's bring camping and more permanent learning centers/structures to Kingman Island

12 days ago

Better/safer pedestrian and bike access of this bridge is necessary. It's not currently wide enough for both bikes and pedestrians

12 days ago

More trash clean-up is needed in this area of the marsh.

12 days ago

encampment under this narrow bridge is a bit disconcerting

12 days ago

Would also be a good place for a canoe/kayak boat launch b/c of easy access to parking lot.

12 days ago

Launch canoe from the muddy bank. Would be nice to have a more built-out launch like at the Arboretum. Not looking for a big dock like at Anacostia or Bladensburg

12 days ago

Walk here daily and think it's beautiful

12 days ago

The trails should be well lit with call boxes if you are injured or harmed. I would like to see trails connected without having to travel on roadways.

12 days ago

Can island be made accessible and safe for bikes and canoes

12 days ago

The Anacostia Community Boat House is the main access to the river for most kayak/canoe/rowing boats. The boathouse needs to be both expanded and upgraded so that it can be used by more people in the community.

12 days ago

There is a sand bar here that seems to be growing every year. The river channel used to be 45 feet deep a century ago. Why doesn't the river flow carry sediment out into the Potomac anymore?

12 days ago

There is a combination storm/sewer outlet at this bend that usually smells like sewage contamination is leaking into the river.

12 days ago

I am a member of the Anacostia Community Boathouse. I visit it twice a week. It is currently my only access to the river.

12 days ago

It would be helpful to add signage that explains the historical context of various places along the east and west banks of the river (like the District Wharf Heritage Program has done...)

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12 days ago

I run along this path.

13 days ago

This area needs shoreline restoration, better garbage management, and opportunities for the unhoused living here.

13 days ago

I run and walk along this trail

13 days ago

Please improve these trails!

13 days ago

Hidden gem of DC!

13 days ago

The Anacostia River is a treasure. Please prioritize keeping the upper stretch of the river wild, without significant additional development right on the river. It is home to an amazing number of water birds. Additional steps to reduce the amount of trash entering the river would be tremendous.

14 days ago

Kingman and Heritage Islands are a great natural space that is free and open to the public to visit. You can launch private boats here or participate in the Green Boats program here.

14 days ago

I would pin lake Artemesia if I could find it

17 days ago

more storage for private small boats

17 days ago

debris in water

17 days ago

sailing with DC Sail

17 days ago

views obstructed by signs about the environment

17 days ago

The Point restaurant

17 days ago

Kenilworth is beautiful, could use litter abatement along the river. Plus more amenities to enjoy the river

18 days ago

When bike riding on the trail, I've run into aggressive people hanging out on this portion of the trail. Need more safety measures

18 days ago

Langston golf course's back nine is beautiful, could benefit from litter clean ups along the river and better habitat/views. Front nine needs a lot of work I.

18 days ago

The entire Kingman Island can be improved with amenities, better landscaping and litter clean up.

18 days ago

Kingman island is a great escape, wish it had better amenities and/or the landscape was better maintained as a natural area. Right now it still has a feel of just being a forgotten opportunity.

18 days ago

Love yards park! Wish the concerts still allowed private picnicking like Wolf Trap.

18 days ago

Kayaking! More launch points for private kayaks and canoes would be much appreciated!

18 days ago

Both the parks at the end of the wharf to the titanic memorial plus Hains Point.

18 days ago

Path from ACBA across pedestrian bridge to ARK too isolated after evening paddle practices for safe passage

19 days ago

swimming area needed

19 days ago

how will area be incorporated into 11th street bridge park

19 days ago

boat dock needed

19 days ago

need tp extend ART around Fort McNair

19 days ago

extend bike trail through WGL. Add dock for boating

19 days ago

National Capital Area Outrigger 20 year member. Frequent ACBA approx. 3 times/week

19 days ago

Would like to see lighting to illuminate the park in the evenings. It's feels unsafe not to have lights at night. Would also like to see some of the overgrown foliage reduced so we can view the waterways while walking along the trail. Currently, their is limited to No visibility.

20 days ago

Please widen the trail and keep the path evenly paved. The patchwork or pavement not only looks bad but it is a safety hazard as well. I've sprained my ankle multiple times. Recently, I've had to help an elderly women who tripped and fell down as a result of the uneven pavement.

20 days ago

Would like to see a bridge connect River Terrace neighborhood to Kingman Island. Would also like to see lights turned on in the River Terrace Park. It's not safe in the evenings and it detracts from using the park.

20 days ago

Complete boardwalk/trail connection from Navy Yard to Buzzard Point

20 days ago

Areas of trails flood due to poor drainage

20 days ago

Remove parking lots, restore habitat

20 days ago

Create trail connection from river to Fort Lincoln community

20 days ago

Extend trail along west side from Arboretum to M Street, NE

20 days ago

Establish bridge connection to island, create trail loop

20 days ago

Remove surface parking and create more habitat - wetlands and meadows

20 days ago

Bridge connection from Kingman Island to River Terrace

20 days ago

Splash Park around the river, Double Dutch competitions near skate pavillion

25 days ago

Looks like a nice place to stay fish and do other things near the lake/water

25 days ago

There is so little shade along this trail, and no benches for resting. Makes it very inaccessible to take my elderly parents on a walk.

27 days ago

I love the trail!

27 days ago

The CSO and stream outlet structures are excellent perches to look at the water and birds. What if we put some furniture out here? Maybe some Adirondack chairs, shade structures?

27 days ago

Beachfront/wading/swimming area?

27 days ago

I love these new park hangout areas.

27 days ago

I have seen SO MUCH POISON IVY on the trails on this island, like bushes that completely block the trail. Not everyone can identify poison ivy, I get very worried about people bushwacking.

27 days ago

What if we had a swimming pool in Kingman Lake?

27 days ago

A pedestrian bridge from the Mayfair community here into Kenilworth Park would bring the Anacostia riverfront to just a few minutes walk from these residents, that would be amazing.

27 days ago

What if we had a kayak-share station here, like a bike-share station, that connected to Kingman Island and maybe Bladensburg Waterfront Park, Navy Yard, Anacostia Park?

27 days ago

My family comes here often via the arboretum.

27 days ago

What if there was a safe beach access area here along with the new bridge coming?

27 days ago

This entrance area doesn't feel very welcoming from Benning Road even if/when it is publicly accessible

27 days ago

What if the DPR pool was also adjacent to a RIVER swimming pool!

27 days ago

This bike path has been very helpful after its reconstruction in the past couple of years

27 days ago

This is the closest you can get to being in the river, having your feet in the splash fountain while looking at the river.

27 days ago

I would like to jump off and swim from these docks if the water were clean enough

27 days ago

I love this building and the view of the water.

27 days ago

Better wayfinding into the park and river corridor from the Metro would be helpful!

27 days ago

Off-leash dogs are a big problem here.

one month ago

The road is in serious need of re-paving.

one month ago

Off-leash dogs are a big problem in Kenilworth Park.

one month ago

This NPS space should be improved to remove impervious surface, add kayaking and swimming options, and extend Anacostia Riverwalk Trail.

one month ago

I walk along Buzzard Point trails at least once per week.

one month ago

Clearer bike route to cross the bridge and connect back to the path through Navy Yard

one month ago

Add shade trees along the path

one month ago

Observing native plants on the Anacostia Riverfront trail by bike or walking

one month ago

Lounging in shaded Navy Yard chairs overlooking the river

one month ago

Viewing the river and renting kayaks

one month ago

Cleared, paved, accessible paths to view aquatic plants, birds, and other wildlife in the "wild" areas of the river

one month ago

More paved paths near the "wild" parts of the river, handicapped accessible

one month ago

I would like to see meaningful effort to improve and maintain wildlife habitat in the Anacostia River corridor - especially at Kenilworth Park. A wide, forested riparian buffer along the river would be a huge improvement for wildlife habitat, bank stabilization, and water quality. Wetland and stream restoration wherever feasible would be similarly meaningful for many reasons. Same for meadow restoration, particularly at Kenilworth Park. I have been discouraged to see land use planning for NPS and other public property in the District focused solely on development for recreation - this must be balanced with maintenance and improvement of wildlife habitat.

one month ago

All of this is irrelevant if people don't feel safe in public. Culture of violence vs. culture of sustainability

one month ago

have to cross 4 highway on ramps to cross pennsylvania ave se by bicycle

one month ago

I like to look for the roosting black vultures here.

one month ago

This area with the informal trail between the decaying road and the river trail, and then as the trail swings back to the river is great habitat with lots of birds. It's a good spot to see uncommon birds or migration.

one month ago

The effects of climate change are very visible here. The ponds flood more often. When there are major rain events and floods you can see the water level rise abnormally. It's a sign of how much the river needs freed and more walls need taken down and edges developed to absorb the flow.

one month ago

This island is good for seeing birds. There seems to be a lot more social trails not that more people have discovered the island during the pandemic. I think over use is a concern for this island if the habitat appeal is going to be maintained. Maybe finishing the and maintaining the trail around the island - particularly on the east side where it can get very muddy would help.

one month ago

The circular areas designed for people to step off the trail are nice, but the vegetation around them is never cut down so in the summer there is no view of the river and some of them are being over taken with plants.

one month ago

I'd like to visit the aquatic education spot some day. It seems to only be open to school groups?

one month ago

So much goose poop on the feilds where kids play!

one month ago

I look for the turkeys in the woods here. Behind the thicker woods where the old buildings are, I've seen a variety of song birds.

one month ago

The meadows is nice habitat for flowers and animals.

one month ago

I like the areas to step out and view the river out of the flow of other walkers and bikers.

one month ago

I can't agree more: These pins are too difficult to negotiate. This is my second time attempting to fill out this survey and my responses will not be submitted/accepted unless I use the pins. Ugh!

one month ago

love the bike trail. could use a restroom

one month ago

I love the anacostia trail. Bathrooms, shade trees, connecting to Arboretum are all great ideas. Litter should be addressed.

one month ago

Yards Park and the Boardwalk/Marina are a favorite place for us to visit and spend time with friends.

one month ago

I love the entirety of the trail! I would like more boat launches, pedestrian bridges between River Terrace the islands and RFK. I would also like to see the tennis and basketball courts in the park along River Terrace fixed up.

one month ago

Access to North of the river via bikes or walking

one month ago

maybe place a bench or two where folks tend to fish (?)

one month ago

- Late Skates at Anacostia Park
- Picnics with friends just for fun

one month ago

Observing turtles and birds from the boardwalk between the two islands; just appreciating nature

one month ago

search for frogs and snakes to observe or photograph for personal enjoyment

one month ago

remove barrier fence at the gardens or greatly reduce it

one month ago

barrier fence at Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens - not welcoming

one month ago

view birds and other wildlife along the river

one month ago

WELLderness at KAG

one month ago

Hazardous materials legacy that has not been cleaned up

one month ago

Beautiful area to run and bike ride

one month ago

None

one month ago

Had difficulty using the pins. I like to visit areas from Bladensburg down to Kingman Park. The entirety of the area/river should be considered.

one month ago

Clean

one month ago

I walk and fish the park area between Harbor Police and Ft . Mcnair.

one month ago

Across from Anacostia park

one month ago

here be trash

one month ago

Golf

one month ago

one month ago

love to visit

one month ago

Row five days a week at Anacostia Community Boathouse

one month ago

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one month ago

Continued trash removal. It's so sad looking at our beautiful river and always seeing litter floating amongst the critters and plants.

one month ago

Improved trail through this section of the island. I've definitely gotten turned around a few times hiking here with my dog :)

one month ago

This trail consistently floods and becomes too muddy to traverse. Improving the trail on this little island would be great for improving usability and hopefully the number of people who use it. Lots of poison oak/ivy too. I know it's useful for critters, but clearing away some from the immediate edge of the trail would be great.

one month ago

Need to improve bike crossings at NYAve and Benning instead of installing yet another bridge here. Bridges interfere with flow of and use of the water.

one month ago

Love Kenilworth, but area could use some amenities

one month ago

The accumulated garbage in the river just NE of Benning Road is really depressing.

one month ago

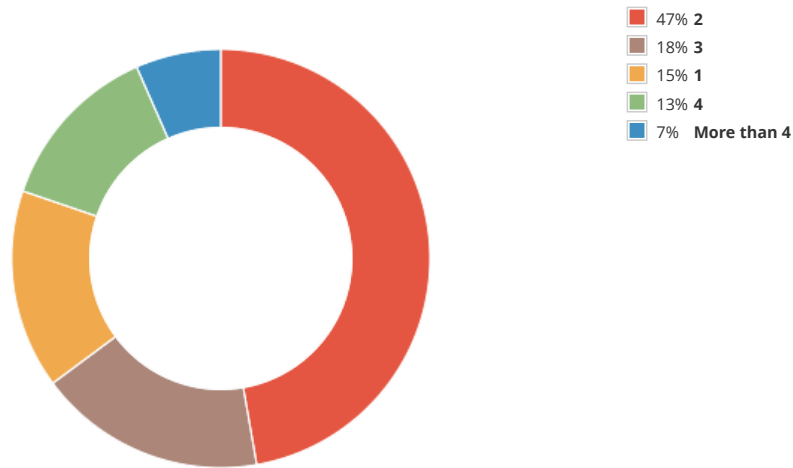
I would use the Anacostia River Trail for running and biking, but I am concerned about my safety.

one month ago

No data to display...

No data to display...

Including yourself, how many people currently live in your household?



91 respondents

2. In the past year, how often have you enjoyed activities (biking, running, walking, boating, kayaking, fishing, etc.) on or near the shores of the Anacostia River?

No data to display...

* Please place one or more red pin(s) on the map below to identify:

b) Areas where I have a concern

No data to display...

* Please place one or more yellow pin(s) on the map below to identify:

c) Suggested locations where improvements can be made (litter collection, walking trail, benches, picnic tables, etc.)

No data to display...

7. Based on your experience, what do you think are the most pressing priorities for the Anacostia River? Rate each of the following as either high, medium, or low priorities:

No data to display...

1. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: I believe the Anacostia River is an important part of my community:

Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
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0 respondents

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Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
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0 respondents

Do you agree to participate on the Envisioning the Anacostia River Survey?

No data to display...