

# A strong stormwater permit protects the Anacostia

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## The Petition

Swimmable, Boatable, Fishable, is the governor's pledge for the waterways of Maryland. As avid rowers, we love our sport and we love the rivers upon which we row. The Anacostia is a beautiful river nestled into a very urban environment. Surrounded by highways, metro, trains, nearly 1,000,000 people, EPA's superfund sights, and former landfills this river struggles to maintain and improve its health. Perhaps the nesting pairs of bald eagles on this river should be our totem - living proof that endangered species and rivers can rebound. We are confident that we can continue to build momentum to restore this river and pledge to do our part in the watershed. However, we individuals must work together to ensure that these pledges have an impact. Please help us at the community level by strengthening the permit to ensure the health of the Anacostia.

Areas where we feel the permit needs to be strengthened:

Everybody plays a part

1. The county's own discharges should meet water quality standards.
2. Let's make it better and more beautiful: retrofit sewer discharges should meet appropriate green standards to ensure erosion and pollution discharge are minimized.
3. Clean water matters, not just doing things we think will work: establish milestones for water quality, don't just measure how many things we do. It only counts if it works.
4. Measure how we are doing: support full monitoring of the river's quality with testing at multiple sites in the tributaries and the river itself.

Those who sign below are urging that the permitting process for the Anacostia watershed strive to achieve the highest level of protection for the river. The river is beautiful today, imagine what it could be like tomorrow.

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- 1   **Name:** Carolyn Williams on Jun 4, 2013  
**Comments:** [Flag](#)
- 2   **Name:** Richard Williams on Jun 4, 2013  
**Comments:** [Flag](#)
- 3   **Name:** Douglas McElrath on Jun 4, 2013  
**Comments:** I row on the Anacostia from Bladensburg about 3 times a week. It is a beautiful river that deserves to be restored to a level that permits all to enjoy it. [Flag](#)
- 4   **Name:** Eric Voit on Jun 4, 2013  
**Comments:** I boat on the river weekly. My children row on it for crew daily. I have seen the pollution data. This data has resulted in them wearing t-shirts calling it the "poop-river". I can send a Photo of the shirts if you wish. It would be great to turn that around. [Flag](#)
- 5   **Name:** M.Y. Wei on Jun 4, 2013  
**Comments:** I wholeheartedly support this petition. (BTW - "EPA superfund sights" should be "EPA superfund sites.") [Flag](#)
- 6   **Name:** Emmy Johnson on Jun 4, 2013  
**Comments:** [Flag](#)
- 7   **Name:** Tom Misteli on Jun 4, 2013  
**Comments:** [Flag](#)
- 8   **Name:** John Beach on Jun 4, 2013  
**Comments:** [Flag](#)
- 9   **Name:** Cynthia Cole on Jun 4, 2013  
**Comments:** [Flag](#)
- 10   **Name:** Mike Arnold on Jun 4, 2013  
**Comments:** Start the process NOW! Any inconvenience will pale in comparison to not acting NOW. [Flag](#)
- 11   **Name:** TJ Campbell on Jun 4, 2013  
**Comments:** [Flag](#)
- 12   **Name:** Terry Walters on Jun 4, 2013  
**Comments:** [Flag](#)
- 13   **Name:** Trey Sherard on Jun 4, 2013  
**Comments:** [Flag](#)
- 14   **Name:** Andrew Irving on Jun 4, 2013  
**Comments:** I live in Greenbelt, row every week on the Anacostia out of Bladensburg, and am a member of the Anacostia Watershed Society. "Washington's Other River" is a treasure that must be protected. [Flag](#)
- 15   **Name:** The Silva Family on Jun 4, 2013  
**Comments:** [Flag](#)
- 16   **Name:** Frances McCollum on Jun 4, 2013  
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- Comments:** [Flag](#)
- 17 **Name:** Enid on Jun 4, 2013  
**Comments:** [Flag](#)
- 18 **Name:** Kate Kelly on Jun 4, 2013  
**Comments:** With the amount of growth projected for the Anacostia watershed over just the next decade it will be impossible to preserve this priceless gift to our region unless action is taken right now. Please act now so your children and their children and their children's children will have an even better opportunity than we have to use and enjoy this beautiful river. [Flag](#)
- 19 **Name:** Amy Drew on Jun 5, 2013  
**Comments:** [Flag](#)
- 20 **Name:** Jennie Larkin on Jun 5, 2013  
**Comments:** I discovered the anacostia in just the last few years. It has the promise to be a real gem, if only you support its continued improvement and cleaning! [Flag](#)
- 21 **Name:** Emma Green on Jun 5, 2013  
**Comments:** We row out of Bladensburg everyday - some days the water is beautiful and others (especially after a rain) it's hard to want to get anywhere near it [Flag](#)
- 22 **Name:** Stuart Kerr on Jun 5, 2013  
**Comments:** I am a PG County resident and frequent user of the Anacostia. Please support these sensible suggestions. [Flag](#)
- 23 **Name:** Andrew Bright on Jun 5, 2013  
**Comments:** [Flag](#)
- 24 **Name:** ELIZABETH GORDON-MCNEIL on Jun 5, 2013  
**Comments:** [Flag](#)
- 25 **Name:** Susan Dorn on Jun 5, 2013  
**Comments:** I row on this beautiful tributary of the Chesapeake weekly. Please help our community to cherish this resource by strengthening this permit! [Flag](#)
- 26 **Name:** Tonya Johnson on Jun 5, 2013  
**Comments:** [Flag](#)
- 27 **Name:** Janice Byrum-Jackson on Jun 5, 2013  
**Comments:** I have lived and worked on the Anacostia for 25 years. It is well past the time to protect and preserve this vital waterway. [Flag](#)
- 28 **Name:** Sheila Boyle on Jun 5, 2013  
**Comments:** [Flag](#)
- 29 **Name:** Chouchin Jiang on Jun 5, 2013  
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- 30 **Name:** C. Fassas on Jun 5, 2013  
**Comments:** [Flag](#)
- 31 **Name:** Anonymous on Jun 5, 2013  
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- 32 **Name:** Richard Blorstad on Jun 5, 2013  
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- 33 **Name:** Diane Rojas on Jun 5, 2013  
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- 34 **Name:** Geraldine Timon on Jun 5, 2013  
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- 35 **Name:** Joe Timon on Jun 5, 2013  
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- 36 **Name:** Ryan Gillis on Jun 5, 2013  
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- 37 **Name:** Anonymous on Jun 5, 2013  
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- 38 **Name:** Ian on Jun 5, 2013  
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- 39 **Name:** Rachel Auerbach on Jun 5, 2013  
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- 40 **Name:** Hope Pinkerton on Jun 5, 2013  
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- 41 **Name:** Mandy McNeely on Jun 5, 2013  
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- 42 **Name:** Linda Tipton on Jun 5, 2013  
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- 43 **Name:** Daniela Zara on Jun 5, 2013  
**Comments:** [Flag](#)
- 44 **Name:** Celia Nathan on Jun 5, 2013  
**Comments:** Please keep the water clean. It is important [Flag](#)
- 45 **Name:** Michael Smith on Jun 5, 2013  
**Comments:** [Flag](#)
- 46 **Name:** Luis Argueta on Jun 5, 2013  
**Comments:** [Flag](#)
- 47 **Name:** Sean Tipton on Jun 5, 2013  
**Comments:** [Flag](#)
- 48  **Name:** Katie Eileen Berendsohn on Jun 5, 2013  
**Comments:** Let's protect our waterways everywhere. They are all connected and all are part of our health and wellness. [Flag](#)
- 49 **Name:** James Siedlecki on Jun 5, 2013  
**Comments:** [Flag](#)
- 50 **Name:** Michelle on Jun 5, 2013  
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- 51 **Name:** Alex Kincaid on Jun 5, 2013  
**Comments:** [Flag](#)
- 52 **Name:** Dan Misleh on Jun 5, 2013  
**Comments:** My son rows on this river with the DeMatha Crew team. I worry about his health in this highly polluted river. it can't be cleaned up soon enough. [Flag](#)
- 53 **Name:** Linda Keely on Jun 5, 2013  
**Comments:** [Flag](#)
- 54 **Name:** Dana G. on Jun 5, 2013  
**Comments:** [Flag](#)
- 55 **Name:** Tom Casey on Jun 5, 2013  
**Comments:** [Flag](#)
- 56 **Name:** Andrew Fuchs on Jun 5, 2013  
**Comments:** [Flag](#)
- 57 **Name:** Charles Cooke on Jun 5, 2013  
**Comments:** I support this endeavor. clean water is our birthright and our children's. [Flag](#)
- 58 **Name:** Benjamin Cento on Jun 5, 2013  
**Comments:** [Flag](#)
- 59 **Name:** Susan Misleh on Jun 5, 2013  
**Comments:** I have lived five minutes from the Bladensburg Waterfront for 18 years. Our family participated in River Cleanups, learned how to cast a fishing pole, participated in homeschool programs, took rides on the river boat and rented canoes. My son even organized a localized river clean up with his friends when he was 9 years old. We visited the nature centers - old and new. What we haven't done is swim in the Anacostia or eat fish from the Anacostia. My husband and I have begun to kayak, and usually go to Bladensburg, but we are very careful to keep the water away from us. The same goes for my son who is rowing for DeMatha's crew team. Please do all you can to make the river safe for all. [Flag](#)
- 60 **Name:** Nipun Kottage on Jun 5, 2013  
**Comments:** [Flag](#)
- 61 **Name:** Nipun Kottage on Jun 5, 2013  
**Comments:** [Flag](#)
- 62 **Name:** Matt Longshore on Jun 5, 2013  
**Comments:** [Flag](#)
- 63 **Name:** Karen Sultan on Jun 5, 2013  
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- 64 **Name:** Emily O'Brien on Jun 5, 2013  
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- 65 **Name:** Caroline Larkin on Jun 5, 2013  
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- 66 **Name:** Connor Smith on Jun 5, 2013  
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- 67  **Name:** Tanya Tsytareva on Jun 5, 2013  
**Comments:** [Flag](#)
- 68 **Name:** Rebecca Estrada on Jun 5, 2013  
**Comments:** Please make the drainage restrictions as tough as you can. My sons do crew practice and competitions there and it needs to be cleaner. Thank you. [Flag](#)
- 69 **Name:** Loreen Arnold on Jun 5, 2013  
**Comments:** This is a great and valuable resource for our county - let's demonstrate our stewardship and make the water clean once again. [Flag](#)
- 70 **Name:** Nora Kincaid on Jun 5, 2013  
**Comments:** [Flag](#)
- 71 **Name:** Mary Ridgell on Jun 5, 2013  
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- 72 **Name:** Erika Fusco on Jun 5, 2013  
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- 73 **Name:** Cailyn Keely on Jun 5, 2013  
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- 74 **Name:** Kevin Carroll on Jun 5, 2013  
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- 75 **Name:** KEVIN CARROLL on Jun 5, 2013  
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- 76 **Name:** Grant Tipton on Jun 5, 2013  
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- 77 **Name:** Terri Brandt on Jun 5, 2013  
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- 78 **Name:** Edward Nusinovich on Jun 6, 2013  
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- 79 **Name:** Julie Kaplan on Jun 6, 2013  
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- 80 **Name:** Margaret Cooper on Jun 6, 2013  
**Comments:** [Flag](#)
- 81 **Name:** Eva Sullivan on Jun 6, 2013  
**Comments:** Let's keep working to make the Anacostia a proud home to the Bald Eagle and other wildlife. [Flag](#)
- 82 **Name:** *Anonymous* on Jun 6, 2013  
**Comments:** [Flag](#)
- 83 **Name:** *Anonymous* on Jun 6, 2013  
**Comments:** [Flag](#)
- 84 **Name:** Julia Taladay on Jun 6, 2013  
**Comments:** [Flag](#)
- 85 **Name:** Sherri Mohebbi on Jun 6, 2013  
**Comments:** Water Quality should not be optional [Flag](#)
- 86 **Name:** Tierra Moore on Jun 6, 2013  
**Comments:** [Flag](#)
- 87 **Name:** Laurel Van Scoy on Jun 6, 2013  
**Comments:** [Flag](#)
- 88 **Name:** Emily Dahl on Jun 6, 2013 [Flag](#)

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- 89 **Name:** Sam Carroll on Jun 6, 2013 [Flag](#)  
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- 90 **Name:** April Carroll on Jun 6, 2013 [Flag](#)  
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- 91 **Name:** Martha L. Gay on Jun 6, 2013 [Flag](#)  
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- 92 **Name:** Brian Carroll on Jun 6, 2013 [Flag](#)  
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- 93 **Name:** Mike N. on Jun 6, 2013 [Flag](#)  
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- 94 **Name:** Catherine Plaisant on Jun 6, 2013 [Flag](#)  
**Comments:** I do not row but walk and bike along the river all the time. Please protect - and restore - the river.
- 95 **Name:** *Anonymous* on Jun 6, 2013 [Flag](#)  
**Comments:**
- 96 **Name:** William H. Cavitt, President, IHHAAC, Inc. on Jun 6, 2013 [Flag](#)  
**Comments:** The IHHAAC Board of Directors supports this effort wholeheartedly.
- 97 **Name:** Jeff Seidleck on Jun 6, 2013 [Flag](#)  
**Comments:**
- 98 **Name:** Dale Allen on Jun 6, 2013 [Flag](#)  
**Comments:** My son is a rower who is frequently on the Anacostia. I would like to thank the efforts of groups like yours that made this possible. I want clean-up efforts to continue to allow other uses of the river too.
- 99 **Name:** Patricia Lai on Jun 6, 2013 [Flag](#)  
**Comments:**
- 100  **Name:** Christina Reese on Jun 6, 2013 [Flag](#)  
**Comments:**

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| 102 | <p><b>Name:</b> Andrew DeSantis on Jun 7, 2013<br/><b>Comments:</b> I am a rower, and practice on the Anacostia almost every day in the school year. The pollution is bad enough as it is. Please do not endorse this permit. It is not only disgusting to see and get splashed with the polluted water, but there is profuse wildlife including heron and turtles. It would be harmful to their well-being if this permit occurred</p> | <a href="#">Flag</a> |
| 103 | <p><b>Name:</b> Kathryn Fusco on Jun 7, 2013<br/><b>Comments:</b></p>   | <a href="#">Flag</a> |
| 104 | <p><b>Name:</b> Stephanie Fitzpatrick on Jun 7, 2013<br/><b>Comments:</b></p>   | <a href="#">Flag</a> |
| 105 | <p><b>Name:</b> Alex Fitzpatrick on Jun 7, 2013<br/><b>Comments:</b></p>  | <a href="#">Flag</a> |
| 106 | <p><b>Name:</b> Robbie Fitzpatrick on Jun 7, 2013<br/><b>Comments:</b></p>  | <a href="#">Flag</a> |
| 107 | <p><b>Name:</b> Julie Powers on Jun 7, 2013<br/><b>Comments:</b></p>  | <a href="#">Flag</a> |
| 108 | <p><b>Name:</b> Claire N on Jun 8, 2013<br/><b>Comments:</b></p>  | <a href="#">Flag</a> |
| 109 | <p><b>Name:</b> Maria Barbosa on Jun 8, 2013<br/><b>Comments:</b> Protect the Anacostia r</p>   | <a href="#">Flag</a> |
| 110 | <p><b>Name:</b> Tom Carroll on Jun 8, 2013<br/><b>Comments:</b></p>   | <a href="#">Flag</a> |
| 111 | <p><b>Name:</b> Matt Reback on Jun 9, 2013<br/><b>Comments:</b></p>   | <a href="#">Flag</a> |
| 112 | <p><b>Name:</b> Damon Catacalos on Jun 10, 2013<br/><b>Comments:</b> I wish more people could see what I see on the Anacostia on a regular basis (as I row several times a week on the river). The amount of filth and contamination is palpable and we must do something to preserve this resource.</p>  | <a href="#">Flag</a> |
| 113 | <p><b>Name:</b> Iern Rutledge on Jun 10, 2013<br/><b>Comments:</b> Please protect the Anacostia by setting the standards as high as possible!</p>   | <a href="#">Flag</a> |
| 114 | <p><b>Name:</b> Robert McDermott on Jun 10, 2013<br/><b>Comments:</b></p>   | <a href="#">Flag</a> |
| 115 | <p><b>Name:</b> Ursula Tooley on Jun 10, 2013<br/><b>Comments:</b></p>  | <a href="#">Flag</a> |
| 116 | <p><b>Name:</b> Jahlin on Jun 11, 2013<br/><b>Comments:</b> Save the Anacostia</p>  | <a href="#">Flag</a> |

- 117 **Name:** Starr on Jun 12, 2013  
**Comments:** That's a smart answer to a difficult question. [Flag](#)
- 118 **Name:** Colleen Kelley on Jun 16, 2013  
**Comments:** [Flag](#)
- 119 **Name:** Michael Howes on Jun 17, 2013  
**Comments:** [Flag](#)
- 120 **Name:** Joseph Mangino on Jun 19, 2013  
**Comments:** [Flag](#)
- 121 **Name:** *Anonymous* on Jun 19, 2013  
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- 122 **Name:** Chris Carman on Jun 19, 2013  
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- 124 **Name:** Dale Park on Jun 20, 2013  
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- 125 **Name:** Prisca Alilio on Jun 20, 2013  
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- 126 **Name:** *Anonymous* on Jun 20, 2013  
**Comments:** [Flag](#)
- 127 **Name:** Diane Cameron on Jun 26, 2013  
**Comments:** I support the Anacostia rowers' plea for a restored Anacostia River. In order to restore the river, we must change our land management practices. Let's put people to work with well-paying green stormwater jobs – planting trees and installing other green roofs! We estimate that there are 9,000 jobs that Prince George's County DER can create and support in the Anacostia part of the County through investing in this stormwater program. [Flag](#)
- 128 **Name:** Patricia Lucid on Jun 28, 2013  
**Comments:** Water quality affects everyone. [Flag](#)