

OCTOBER 2001

**CALENDER OF UPCOMING EVENTS**

**October 22 at 6:00pm: Public Hearing for Combined Sewer System Draft Long Term Control Plan (LTCP)** at Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Library (901 G Street, NW; Auditorium A-5). For more information contact Dr. Moshin Siddique at DC WASA at [Moshin\\_Siddique@dcwasa.com](mailto:Moshin_Siddique@dcwasa.com) or 202-787-2634

**October 31 at 9:30am: ARBC Meeting** at Earth Conservation Corps' Old Capitol Pumpouse (1<sup>st</sup> and Potomac Avenues, SE). For more information, contact Karen Fligger (ICPRB) at 301-984-1908 x103 or [kfligger@potomac-commission.org](mailto:kfligger@potomac-commission.org)

**November 5, 2001: The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Businesses for the Bay Meeting and Awards** at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center in Hershey, PA. For additional information or to register, contact April Marcy, Businesses for the Bay Coordinator, at 1-800-YOUR-BAY, x 719 or [marcy.april@epa.gov](mailto:marcy.april@epa.gov)

**October 27 at 9:00am: Tree Planting** with Anacostia Watershed Society(AWS). Contact Josh Ungar (AWS) at 301.699.6204 or [josh@anacostiaws.org](mailto:josh@anacostiaws.org)

**November 3: Tree Planting** in the Paint Branch with Potomac-Patuxent Trout Unlimited. Contact David Dunmire at 301-989-0331 or [ddunmire@eopb.org](mailto:ddunmire@eopb.org)

**November 13-14: Conference "Reaching Zero: The Future of Pollution Prevention"** -- A Technology and Policy Forum on Advanced Pollution Prevention Processes sponsored by Chesapeake Bay Program and Businesses for the Bay. This conference will be held on at the Radisson Old Town Alexandria, VA . High level policy makers will be featured, and panel discussions will highlight corporate and other facility policies regarding zero release. Industry successes in reducing and eliminating pollutants will be showcased. Conference registration materials and additional information may be found at [www.b4bay.org](http://www.b4bay.org), or contact April Marcy, Businesses for the Bay Coordinator, at 1-800-YOUR-BAY x719 or [marcy.april@epa.gov](mailto:marcy.april@epa.gov)

**New Public Awareness Campaign**

The Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin (ICPRB) and the ARBC will be launching a new public awareness campaign dubbed, "A Cleaner Anacostia: Make It Happen", this winter. The campaign, funded through the Chesapeake Bay Small Watershed Grant program, builds on a public awareness campaign begun by ARBC in 1998.

The campaign aims to educate the public about how everyday activities impacts the water quality of the Anacostia River and its tributaries. Many everyday activities, such as car and lawn maintenance, result in pollutants entering waterways. The project focuses on non-point source pollution in five categories: trash, lawn fertilization, pesticide application, motor oil, and car maintenance such as washing and fluid changes. The campaign will include advertisements in regional Metro Stations and the development of environmental education materials for distribution to area school teachers.

The project is one of 59 to be awarded funding through the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's Chesapeake Bay Small Watershed Grants Program. Funding for the Chesapeake Bay Small Watershed Grants Program is provided by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the USDA-Forest Service, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Dover Corporation.

**Pollution Prevention 101**

**What is Pollution Prevention (P2)?** One of the best ways to protect the Bay is to prevent pollution and waste from entering the waterways. Pollution prevention is a hierarchy of activities that eliminate or reduce the amount of chemical contaminants or other wastes at the source of production. Source reduction (or not creating the waste in the first place) is the preferred method to addressing waste issues, followed by reuse/recycling,

then energy recovery. Treatment, followed by safe disposal, should be used as a last alternative.

**How to Do Pollution Prevention:** If you want to reduce or eliminate your wastes, it is important to know what they are, how much you are producing and where they are coming from. Waste manifests, invoices for disposal, reports to regulatory agencies, sampling programs, and purchase orders are good sources of information about your wastes. If you do not have this type of information, you can go "Dumpster Diving." Go out to your dumpster or other waste storage area and inventory the types and amounts of waste you see. Repeat the process at different times over a period of a month or two for more accurate results. Include releases to other areas, such as water or air.

**Ask yourself these questions:**

- 1) What is the main component of our waste? Chemicals? Solvents? Paints? Nutrients? Paper?
- 2) Can we make our processes more efficient (or fine tune them) to reduce the waste?
- 3) Are there any hazardous wastes that we could minimize by substituting another, less toxic material somewhere in the process or by changing the process?

4) What can we do about our purchasing or inventory procedures to reduce the waste?

5) Is there anything in our waste that we could reuse or recycle?

6) Is there anything in our waste that someone else may be able to reuse?

By reducing waste at the source your company can save money and time and can become more efficient. Businesses for the Bay can provide help in identifying opportunities to reduce your wastes and possibly save money. Call April Marcy, Businesses for the Bay Coordinator, 1-800-YOUR-BAY x719 to find out more information.

**Join ARBC**

ARBC encourages businesses to get involved and join the coalition. Annual ARBC dues are \$100. For more information or to become an ARBC Member, please contact ARBC President Joan LeLacheur (WMATA) at 202-962-5113 or [jlelacheur@wmata.com](mailto:jlelacheur@wmata.com)

**Anacostia River Business Coalition Update**

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**ARBC UPDATE!**

How can you participate in protecting the Anacostia River? See inside for details