

June 2001

CALENDER OF UPCOMING EVENTS

June 14 at 9:30am: ARBC Meeting at Earth Conservation Corps' Old Capitol Pumphouse (1st and Potomac Avenue, SE). For more information, contact Karen Fligger (ICPRB) at 301-984-1908 ext. 103.

June 16: Watts Branch Work Day and Clean-up. For more information contact Steve Coleman at Washington Parks & People at 202-462-7275.

July 12 at 6:00pm: Anacostia Waterfront Initiative Public Workshops. Workshops to be held for five target areas: Southwest, Near Southeast, Poplar Point, RFK Area, and Anacostia Park. For more information, contact the DC Office of Planning at 202-442-7600 or visit their website at www.anacostiawaterfront.net.

Toxics Reduction Strategy

The Chesapeake Bay Program has rededicated itself to fulfilling the following goal:

"Our goal is a Chesapeake Bay free of toxics by reducing or eliminating the input of chemical contaminants from all controllable sources to levels that result in no toxic or bioaccumulative impact on the living resources that inhabit the Bay or on human health."

To ensure progress towards this goal which was first established in 1994, the existing strategy was reevaluated and revised.

It was determined that significant progress has been made in the following areas:

- Industries and federal facilities have achieved their basinwide goals of reducing chemical releases and transfers.
- Over 250 businesses are participating in the voluntary pollution prevention program, *Businesses for*

the Bay.

- The *1999 Toxics Characterization* and the *1999 Chesapeake Bay Basinwide Toxics Loading and Release Inventory* illustrate an improved understanding of chemical contaminant sources, loads, and impacts on the bay.

However, further actions are needed to fulfill the above goal. The Anacostia River, along with Baltimore Harbor and the Elizabeth River, remains designated as a "Region of Concern." According to the *Toxics 2000 Strategy*, to restore "Regions of Concern," including the Anacostia River, the Chesapeake Bay Program commits to:

- By 2001, initiate a series of technology exchanges with scientists, managers, and engineers to identify approaches, methods, and technologies for addressing contaminated sediment.
- By 2002, develop and implement plans to deal with contaminated sediment based on information obtained in these technology exchanges.
- Prevent or reduce current chemical contaminant loads to these regions by taking voluntary actions that go beyond point and non-point source regulatory programs.

How can you reduce pollution on your property?

Seven measures that businesses can take to reduce non-point source pollution water originating from their properties:

- ★ **Recycle.** Used antifreeze, tires and car batteries; engine and lubricating oil; uncontaminated gasoline and brake oil; metal scraps; untreated wood; and latex paint are all potentially recyclable.
- ★ **Stencil your storm drain.** Stenciled messages saying "Dumping Pollutes, Drains to Anacostia, Potomac or Bay" are a good reminder that nothing but water belongs down a storm drain.
- ★ **Use and maintain oil/ water separators.**
- ★ **Cover fueling areas.** This keeps rain from hitting the ground and washing away any spilled materials.
- ★ **Practice preventative maintenance on equipment**

to avoid spills and leaks.

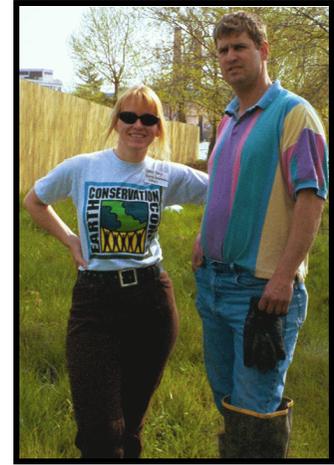
- ★ **Control runoff during construction.** Divert runoff from exposed areas using controls such as diversion dikes, ditches and swales. Reduce runoff velocities.
- ★ **Join *Businesses for the Bay*.** For more information contact April Marcy at 1-800-YOUR-BAY, ext. 719 or marcy.april@epa.gov

Anacostia Earth Day Clean-up

The Earth Conservation Corps would like to thank the many members of the ARBC who joined us at the Old Capitol Pumpouse in Southeast for the Anacostia Watershed Society's annual Earth Day clean up on April 21. We were graced with good weather and 70 enthusiastic volunteers who helped pull over 2 tons of debris off the shores of the Anacostia River and surrounding area. A special thank you goes to Dave Cantwell of DC Rock for his exceptional enthusiasm. Dave came equipped with his Bobcat to help pick up

piles of trash from the street in front of our center. We look forward to seeing you all throughout the year and again at Earth Day 2002!

Photo:
Lara Day of Earth Conservation Corps and Dave Cantwell of DC Rock at the Anacostia River Earth Day Celebration and Clean-up.



**Membership Form
JOIN ARBC!!!**

ARBC encourages business to get involved and join the coalition. Become an ARBC member by filling out this ARBC Membership Form, and mailing to the address below. For more information, call Joan LaLecheur (WMATA), 202-962-5113.

Name of Business: _____

Type of Business: _____

Name of Contact: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Fax _____

E-mail: _____

____ I have enclosed annual ARBC dues of \$100

____ Bill me later for annual ARBC dues of \$100

Make checks payable to/Send ARBC membership form to:

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