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| **Richard Jackson** | **District Department of Energy & Environment** | |
| is the Director of the Department of Energy & Environment (DOEE). He provides strategic guidance and leadership to a workforce of more than 450 environmental professionals and oversees the daily operations of five administrations that work collaboratively to protect the environment and conserve natural resources in the District of Columbia. | | |
| **Richard Trent** | **Friends of Anacostia Park** | |
| Is the executive director of Friends of Anacostia Park - an urban conservation nonprofit that puts Anacostians at the helm of the Park restoration effort. Richard has led fundraising for a number of DC and NY-based nonprofits, helping multiple organizations achieve financial sustainability. He lives in the Fairlawn neighborhood of Anacostia with his wife, son and dog, Basil. | | |
| **Mark Mank** | **Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE)** | |
| Is a toxicologist for the Land and Materials Administration at MDE. He assists various programs at MDE in the characterization, assessment, and cleanup of environmental impacts. | | |
| **Dr. Upal Gosh** | **University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC)** | |
| Is a professor in the department of Chemical, Biochemical, and Environmental Engineering at UMBC.  His group performs research in environmental engineering and science with a focus on the fate, effects, and remediation of toxic pollutants in the environment. His research has contributed to the development and transition of novel sediment remediation technologies based on altering sediment geochemistry and enhancing biological degradation and has been recognized through multiple awards including the University System of Maryland Regents award for Excellence in Scholarship, Research, and Creative Activity. He is an Associate Editor of the journal Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry and co-founder of two startup companies in environmental remediation. | | |
| **Kara Pennino** | **DOEE** | |
| Is as an Environmental Protection Specialist in the Watershed Protection Division. In this role, she spearheads stakeholder and community engagement, Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Justice initiatives, and is the Project Manager for the DC Anacostia River Corridor Restoration Plan. Kara holds a master’s degree in Sustainable Urban Planning from George Washington University and a certificate in Advanced Public Engagement for Local Government from Pepperdine School of Public Policy. | | |
| **Gretchen Mikeska, PE** | | **DOEE** |
| Is the Anacostia Coordinator for DOEE. She keeps Director Jackson up to date on the many aspects of the Anacostia River Sediment Project (ARSP), Natural Resources Damage Assessment and Restoration (NRDAR), and coordinates with Anacostia River Corridor stakeholders. She also serves as the District’s trustee representative for the Anacostia River NRDAR. | | |
| **Dev Murali, PG** | | |
| Is the Remedial Project Manager (RPM) for the Anacostia River Sediment Project (ARSP). He is responsible for the implementing the Interim Record of Decision (IROD) and determining its long-term effectiveness. | | |