**Vision for Leadership Council for a Cleaner Anacostia River**

Decades of industrial and urban activities throughout the Anacostia River watershed have degraded the river and led to elevated levels of hazardous substances that pose a risk to aquatic and human health. While cleanup efforts have been ongoing for decades, the Anacostia River has yet to meet water quality standards.

In an effort to remediate and transform the Anacostia River into a fishable and swimmable river, the District launched a long-term project to address contaminated sediments. For a Cleaner Anacostia River is the most comprehensive approach to restore the river in its history; the District allocated $45 million to support restoration efforts and tasked the District Department of the Environment to lead the cleanup. Given the complexity of this undertaking, the Leadership Council will help ensure that the project receives the guidance and support to succeed.

**Mission**

1. Advise and support the *For a Cleaner Anacostia River* sediment remediation project.
2. Address ongoing pollution to the Anacostia River from all jurisdictional sources in the watershed (the District, Montgomery County, and Prince George’s County).

Central to the Leadership Council’s mission is using the knowledge and influence of members and subject matter experts to help advise and promote the *For a Cleaner Anacostia River* project, contribute to the progress and momentum of the project, and foster collaboration across jurisdictions and different sectors to help ensure project success.

**Membership and Activities**

Chaired by the Honorable Anthony A. Williams, the Leadership Council is comprised of high-ranking officials and environmental leaders from federal, state and local agencies and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) with decades of experience working on the Anacostia River. The Leadership Council formal convenes quarterly where members receive project updates, discuss issues pertaining to project implementation, share relevant data, and exchange ideas and best practices. The Leadership Council serves as a mechanism for cooperation between government officials and NGOs and reduces transaction costs by bringing all relevant stakeholders into one shared space.

**Timeline**

The Leadership Council convened its first meeting on September 22, 2014, and it will remain active until a record of decision (ROD) detailing the recommended cleanup approach for remediating the river is published by the District (due by June 29, 2018). At that time, the Leadership Council may be restructured so that it can continue to most effectively advise the restoration of the river.

**Leadership Council for a Cleaner Anacostia River**

**Member List**

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| **Member** | **Title** | **Organization** |
| Anthony Williams | CEO and Executive Director | FCC |
| Tommy Wells | Director | DOEE |
| Brent Bolin | Chesapeake Regional Director | Clean Water Action |
| Matt Fleming | Director, Chesapeake and Coastal Service | MD DNR |
| Dominique Lueckenhoff | Acting Division Director, Water Protection Division | US EPA Region 3 |
| Rhonda Chapman | Executive Director | Groundwork Anacostia River DC |
| Lisa Feldt | Director | MO Co DEP |
| Jim Foster | President | AWS |
| Emily Franc | Anacostia Riverkeeper | Anacostia Riverkeeper |
| Glen O'Gilvie | CEO | Center for Nonprofit Advancement |
| Ben Grumbles | Secretary | MD DOE |
| Simeon Hahn | OR&R Assessment and Restoration | NOAA |
| George Hawkins | CEO & GM | DC Water |
| William Matuszeski | Board member | Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay |
| Adam Ortiz | Director | PG Co DOE |
| Fred Pinkney | Biologist | USFWS |
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| Chris Weiss | Executive Director | DC Environmental Network |