



Public Meeting Scheduled on Future Management of Park



Overview of the Project

The National Park Service (NPS) is preparing a Management Plan/Environmental Assessment (plan/EA) to guide future management of the park. A public scoping meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 27, 2013, from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the Smithsonian's Anacostia Community Museum, located at 1901 Fort Place, SE, Washington, D.C.

The NPS is resuming this planning process and will update previously drafted alternatives to develop a comprehensive vision for management of the park. The purpose of this project is to provide broad guidance and long-term strategies for management of the park, for protecting and restoring its resources, for providing for public understanding and use, and for promoting partnership opportunities that will support and complement management of the park.

Background Anacostia Park has numerous opportunities to showcase urban environmental management and civic engagement. In recent years the Anacostia River and adjacent park lands have been the focus of public and governmental attention, resulting in improved access, new recreational facilities, and opportunities to improve lingering environmental issues. We need a plan for the park to help us make decisions about the issues and concerns confronting Anacostia Park, ensure that park resources are preserved, and provide a diversity of quality visitor experiences.

The NPS initiated a General Management Plan (GMP) for the park in 2001 and solicited public comments on the proposed plan alternatives in 2003; however, after refining those alternatives, the process was put on hold in 2005 due to a pending land transfer. As mentioned above, the NPS is resuming work on this project and will revisit and update the 2005 alternatives to develop a comprehensive vision for management of the park.

Meeting Details and How to Comment

A public scoping meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 27, 2013, from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the Smithsonian's Anacostia Community Museum, located at 1901 Fort Place, SE, Washington, D.C. Information will be provided about the current status of this effort, and park staff will be available to answer your questions. The public is invited to visit at any point during the scheduled time to review materials and provide comments.

While attending the meeting, the museum welcomes the public to view the exhibition, *Reclaiming the Edge: Urban Waterways and Civic Engagement*, which explores the history, public use, and attitudes toward the Anacostia River and its watershed. For more information on the exhibition and the museum, please visit the museum's website at www.Anacostia.si.edu.

The park is inviting public comments regarding potential issues and concerns that should be considered during the planning process. Comments may be made on-line at: <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/anacostiagmp>.

Please provide comments by the end of the comment period, April 27, 2013. Another public meeting will be held when additional information is available on the alternatives that will be analyzed in the plan/EA.

If you do not have internet access, comments by mail may be sent to:
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