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## **DDOE ANNOUNCES “RECLAIMING OUR RIVERS” SERIES OF COMMUNITY MEETINGS STARTING JUNE 17**

**WASHINGTON, DC**, June 16, 2015—The District Department of the Environment (DDOE) announced today that it will host a series of four community meetings this June focused on restoring the District’s rivers. These meetings will inform the public about sources of pollution, District programs to clean up that pollution, and ways residents can get involved.

“Our rivers and streams are impacted by pollution from many sources, and the District is making huge strides to address them on all fronts,” said DDOE Director Tommy Wells. “From innovative and rigorous programs to reduce stormwater runoff, to creative approaches for eliminating trash and litter, to responding to the legacy of industrial contamination in the Anacostia River, the District is putting in place the tools we need to ensure our waters are healthy, safe, and clean for future generations.”

**WHAT:** DDOE’s “Reclaiming Our Rivers” Community Meetings

**DATES:** **June 17:** Mt. Pleasant Library  
3160 16<sup>th</sup> Street NW | Metro: Columbia Heights

**June 23:** Friendship Public Charter School - Collegiate Academy  
4095 Minnesota Avenue NE | Metro: Minnesota Avenue

**June 24:** St. Coletta of Greater Washington  
1901 Independence Avenue SE | Metro: Stadium-Armory

**June 30:** Thurgood Marshall Academy Public Charter School  
2427 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue SE | Metro: Anacostia

**TIMES:** All meetings will be open house style from 6:30 to 8:30pm with a presentation from 7 to 7:30pm

**NOTE:** All four meetings are designed to be similar in scope. Meetings are open to the public and no RSVP is required.

For more information, visit <http://ddoe.dc.gov/event/reclaiming-our-rivers> or contact Jonathan Champion, Branch Chief for Planning and Reporting, DDOE Stormwater Management Division at (202) 535-1722 or by email at [jonathan.champion@dc.gov](mailto:jonathan.champion@dc.gov).

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