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Subject: June Watershed News

Watershed Partners Newsletter

June 2025

Dear Watershed Partners,

To celebrate the Bag Law's 15th anniversary, this month we feature another longstanding program it helps to fund: Community Stormwater Solutions grants!

Since 2016, this program has funded creative approaches for educating and engaging DC residents in protecting our watersheds and deepening their connection to the local environment. We have funded educational bike rides, nature photography programs, habitat restorations, field trips, trash clean-ups, accessibility walks, water quality monitoring, outdoor murals, and [more](#). The diversity of programs has demonstrated the breadth of ways the community can protect our watersheds.

Together with the Chesapeake Bay Trust, we look forward to welcoming the next round of sub-grantees later this month. We also have a mini-grant version of the program now open, so check [this webpage](#) to learn more. Happy Summer!

What's happening on Kingman + Heritage Islands



- **Anacostia River Discovery Boat Tours:** Join the Anacostia Watershed Society for an upcoming two-hour boat tour launching from Kingman Island's dock on the Anacostia River. View the upcoming dates [here](#).
- **Green Boats:** Join Living Classrooms from May to October for free opportunities to paddle and clean the river. Due to popular demand, you must [enter the monthly lottery](#). There are multiple sessions each week.
- **FrogWatch:** Join DOEE and Living Classrooms for monthly in-person FrogWatch monitoring sessions this summer. As frog call activity wanes later in the season, we may also listen for other nocturnal animals, so bring your curiosity! Check the Islands' events calendar [here](#) for dates as they are added.
- **Community Advisory Group:** [Apply](#) to join the Community Advisory Group by June 30, 2025 to help shape the future of the Islands and ensure your community priorities are part of the conversation.

Looking to book your own event, educational programming, or volunteer opportunity on the Islands? Contact Living Classrooms of the National Capital Region at kingmanisland@livingclassroomsdc.org. Visit kingmanisland.com for more information about the Islands.

To stay connected to all things Kingman + Heritage Islands, subscribe to our newsletter in the footer of the [Islands' website](#).

DOEE holds annual youth summit at Anacostia Park



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On Friday, June 6, DOEE's Watershed Protection Division hosted its annual [Anacostia Environmental Youth Summit](#) at Anacostia Park in Ward 7. Nearly 200 fourth graders from five schools in the Anacostia River watershed attended. Students participated in hands-on learning activities with exhibitors from public and private organizations, including learning about vermicomposting and beekeeping, studying aquatic creatures under a microscope, interacting with raptors, and experiencing the river by boat. Additionally, students had a peer-to-peer exchange showcasing their environmental action projects implemented throughout the year with DOEE's [Nature Near Schools Meaningful Watershed Educational Experiences program](#). It was a great day and the perfect way to wrap up the school year!

Apply Now: Community Stormwater Solutions Mini Grants

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
COMMUNITY
STORMWATER
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MINI GRANT
PROGRAM**

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Contact
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Learn More
<https://cbtrust.org/grants/district-of-columbia-community-stormwater-solutions/>

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Chesapeake Bay Trust
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DOEE and the Chesapeake Bay Trust are looking to fund small organizations and new or inexperienced applicants through our new mini grant program. Applicants can request up to \$5,000 for creative and innovative projects that:

- 🌱 Revitalize existing green infrastructure sites,
- 🌳 Connect communities to nature through programming at Kingman + Heritage Islands and other green spaces, or
- 💡 Launch innovative pilot projects that explore new community-driven approaches to stormwater management.

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis through August 29, 2025, or until all funding is expended, whichever comes first. Learn more [here](#) and apply today!

Save the date: Watershed Partners Meeting in September



DOEE will host the next Watershed Partners Meeting in September 2025. This is an opportunity for people working on all things watershed to come together and discuss our work, exchange information, and share new ideas.

Are there any topics you are especially interested in delving into? If so, please email sonia.saini@dc.gov.

In case you missed it

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