

Town of Brentwood

Presentation for the
Chesapeake Bay Commission

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Background



Town of Brentwood, Maryland

- One mile from the northeast line of Washington, DC, in the Anacostia Watershed
- Population 3,848 with median income \$78,000 and 51% Hispanic or Latino residents
- Area .38 square miles bordered by the Northwest Branch of the Anacostia River and the CSX railroad line
- Mainspring of the Gateway Arts District, an arts-based economic development initiative that recognizes arts and entertainment as core to the community's identity and economic vitality

Historical Commitment to Environmental Policy



- Ordinance 1994-03 – Trees
- Resolution 2011-03 – Participation in Sustainable Maryland Certification Program
- Ordinance 2013-01 – Provide mulch for residents
- Resolution 2013-17 – Application for Prince George’s County Sustainable Community Designation
- Resolution 2016-08 – Enrolled as a Maryland Smart Energy Community: Renewable Energy Policy
- Resolution 2016-10 – Enrolled as a Maryland Smart Energy Community: Petroleum Reduction Policy
- Resolution 2016-11 – Enrolled as a Maryland Smart Energy Community: Energy Efficiency Policy
- Resolution 2017-09 – Creation Of Town of Brentwood Sustainability Committee
- Resolution 2017-11 – Sustainable Purchasing Policy
- Resolution 2018-02 – Green Energy Policy to pursue EPA Energy Star Building Certification
- Ordinance 2018-04 – Brush, Grass and Weeds to protect native plants
- Ordinance 2018-05 – Sediment and Erosion Control permitting and management to minimize impact
- Resolution 2021-04 – Appointment councilmember as Chair to Green Team/Tree Committee
- Resolution 2023-05 – Appointment councilmember as Chair to Green Team/Tree Committee

2020 Flooding



Allison and 34th



Recovery support for residents & watershed biodiversity

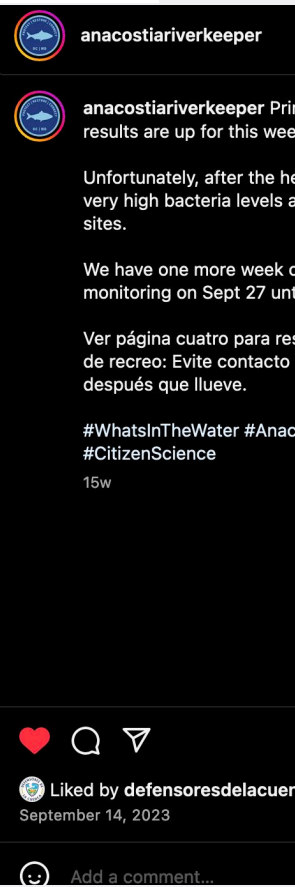
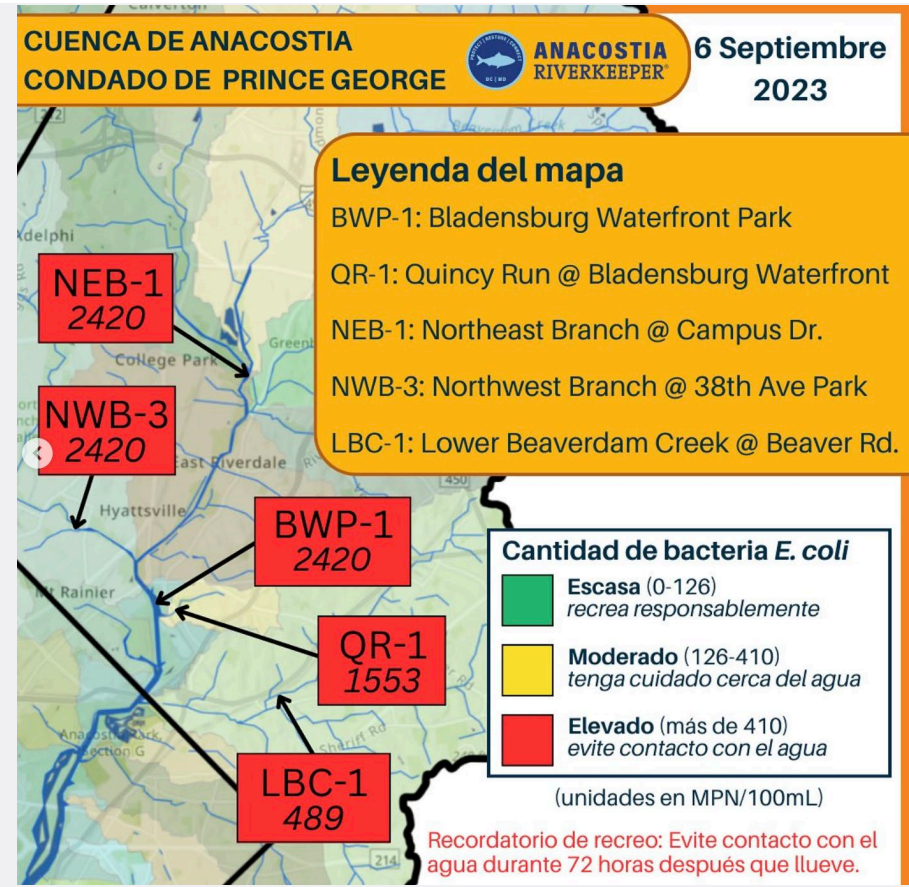
Pollution

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Emergency responses from County Dept of the Environment Stormwater Management Division / Inspection & Compliance Section

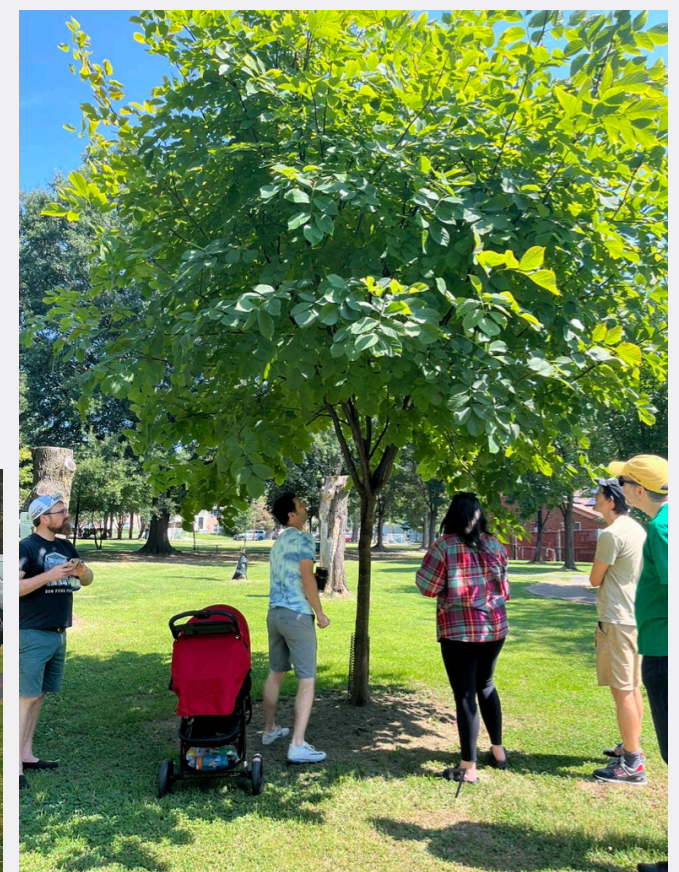
Water quality testing



Community collaboration, education & communication for safe enjoyment of the river

Photos and information courtesy Anacostia Riverkeeper <https://www.instagram.com/anacostiariverkeeper/>

Resident engagement



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gUr2DQyVEPY>

Forward Looking for Environmental Health & Justice



- **Continuous Seeking of Funding Appropriate to Capacity** – from Maryland-National Parks and Planning Commission & Prince George’s County for Climate Action Plan, Flooding and Stormwater Risk Management Planning, stormwater management for tree trenches and permeable pavement project with Town of North Brentwood
- **Building Partnerships** – upstream river coordination with elected officials
- **Education & Outreach** – multilingual (Spanish, ASL) and multi-cultural communication and engagement
- **Community Projects for Engagement** – storm drain stenciling, invasive vines removal
- **Knowledge Transfer** – maintaining information for future councils & staff

