

## **Leadership Council for a Cleaner Anacostia River (LCCAR) Purpose Statement**

In 2014, the District launched the Anacostia River Sediment Project (ARSP) to address contaminated sediment in the Anacostia River and tasked the Department of Energy & Environment (DOEE) to lead the cleanup efforts. Given the complexity of this undertaking, Mayor Bowser created the Leadership Council for a Cleaner Anacostia River (LCCAR) in 2015 to help ensure that the project receives the guidance and support it needs to succeed.

### **Purpose**

The purpose of LCCAR as stated in the Mayor's Order is, "to utilize the knowledge and influence of its members to advise and support the District's For a Cleaner Anacostia River project<sup>1</sup>, and to address ongoing pollution to the river from sources in multiple jurisdictions, throughout the Anacostia River's watershed."

### **Membership and Activities**

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

### **Timeline**

LCCAR convened its first meeting on September 22, 2014 and will remain intact to continually advise on effective restoration of the Anacostia River. Each LCCAR member serves for a three-year term that can be renewed upon request of the LCCAR Chair and agreement with LCCAR members. The term of current LCCAR members concludes on September 30, 2021. The term commencing on October 1, 2021 will end September 30, 2024.

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<sup>1</sup> Known as Anacostia River Sediment Project (ARSP)