

## **A Commitment to Restore Our Home River**

### **A Six-Point Action Plan To Restore The Anacostia River**

In 1991, the Anacostia Watershed Restoration Committee, a unique partnership of some 60 federal, state and local agencies, adopted an action plan to restore the Anacostia River. The plan is the primary guidance document for the ongoing restoration effort. Its six goals are:

1. Dramatically reduce pollutant loads delivered to the tidal estuary to improve water quality conditions by the turn of the century.
2. Protect and restore the ecological integrity of urban Anacostia streams to enhance aquatic diversity and provide for a quality urban fishery.
3. Restore the spawning range of fish to its historical limits.
4. Increase the natural filtering capacity of the watershed by sharply increasing the acreage and quality of tidal and non-tidal wetlands.
5. Expand forest cover throughout the watershed and create a contiguous corridor of forest along the margins of its streams and rivers.
6. Make the public aware of its key role in the cleanup of the river, and increase volunteer participation in watershed restoration activities.