



ANACOSTIA WATERSHED SOCIETY

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Dear Review Committee,

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On behalf of the Anacostia Watershed Society (AWS), I am pleased to express our intent to partner with the City of Hyattsville to advance the City's proposed 2023 Stormwater Stewardship Grant project aimed at preserving the city's existing tree canopy.

The Anacostia Watershed Society (AWS) will partner with the City of Hyattsville to host monthly engagement events in Driskell Park focusing on education, restoration and community-based science. We will host an event one weekend per month from April 2023 through October 2023 for a total of seven events. These events will be held in Spanish, and we will work collaboratively with Defensores de la Cuenca to recruit participants. AWS and Defensores worked together successfully in 2022 to host engagement events at Bladensburg Waterfront Park, which attracted 30-60 participants per event.

The event series will cover a variety of topics ranging from hands-on tree maintenance events to educational nature walks. We will also incorporate the use of community science (citizen science) tools such as iNaturalist to engage participants with restoration efforts. We will create a flyer in Spanish that will be distributed early in 2023 to advertise the event series. We will work with existing networks to distribute the message to our target audience. One particular avenue to distribute the information will be through the participants of La Academia, a Spanish version of the Watershed Stewards Academy launched in 2022 by Defensores de la Cuenca. AWS has been leading the Watershed Stewards Academy for over a decade, and we were thrilled to partner with Defensores de la Cuenca on the first class in 2022. We have found that the graduates of La Academia are excellent ambassadors and conduits of information to the Latin@ community. These stewards will help us recruit participants and facilitate events. We will also distribute bilingual copies of our Field Guide to the Plants and Animals of the Anacostia Watershed to event participants.

Proposed Outputs & Outcomes:

- 7 events/workshops hosted
- 175 participants educated and engaged
- 175 field guides distributed

Proposed cost: \$10,000

Thank you for your consideration.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'CEW', followed by a long horizontal flourish.

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