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UPDATED DEPARTURE TIME!

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VISIT BY U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY ADMINISTRATOR LISA JACKSON AND WATER TOUR OF ANACOSTIA RIVER EARTH DAY VOLUNTEER SITES

THE ANACOSTIA WATERSHED SOCIETY WILL RUN A COMPLIMENTARY PONTOON BOAT TOUR FOR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ON SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2009 FROM 9:15AM TO 11:30AM. THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO DOCUMENT VOLUNTEER RIVER CLEANUP ACTIVITIES IN CELEBRATION OF EARTH DAY AND LEVELS AND TYPES OF TRASH FOUND ON THE ANACOSTIA RIVER.

Washington, DC—As part of the 15th Annual Anacostia Watershed River Cleanup and Earth Day Celebration, the Anacostia Watershed Society will sponsor a complimentary water tour of the Anacostia River on Saturday, April 18, 2009, beginning at **9:15AM**. The tour boat will leave Bladensburg Waterfront Park in Bladensburg, MD, at **9:30AM** sharp, travel into the District of Columbia, past riverside volunteer sites, then return to dock in Bladensburg at approximately **11:15AM**. Media will have an opportunity to speak with many local volunteers working to remove trash and floating debris from the river that day. A description of other potential points of interest, including Administrator Jackson's visit, appears below.

What: Water Tour of the Anacostia River for Media & Visit by U.S. E.P.A. Administrator Lisa Jackson

When: 9:15 AM to 11:15AM on Saturday, April 18, 2009 (Updated!)

Where: Depart from and return to Bladensburg Waterfront Park, 4601 Annapolis Rd., Bladensburg, MD 20710

Updated Who: The Anacostia Watershed Society is pleased to announce the **U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Lisa Jackson** will participate in and speak at the Kenilworth Park cleanup site (Deane Rd., NE, Washington, DC) along the Anacostia River. AWS's media boat tour will take reporters to the park for this event beginning at 9:30AM.

Who: Steven Reynolds, Director of Communications & Outreach, Anacostia Watershed Society and other guests

RSVP: Seating is limited. Please RSVP to Steven Reynolds at **301-699-6204** or **240-644-4827** as soon as possible if you plan to attend. Please indicate if you will bring photography or videography equipment.

Why Attend—

Updated: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Lisa Jackson will appear and speak at the Kenilworth Park during this Anacostia Watershed Society event. She will bring 300 volunteers from Michigan and Washington, D.C. with her to participate in this river cleanup. For additional information on this visit see:

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/d0cf6618525a9efb85257359003fb69d/e133fb0de869add98525759b00681b0f!OpenDocument>

In addition to the large numbers of boats and volunteers working on the river on April 18, points of interest during the boat tour will include views of the ANA-11 wetland project (a new man-made marsh created along the river in response to construction on the Woodrow Wilson Bridge); AWS and Army Corp of Engineers wetland and wild rice restoration sites; the river gate and Asia Valley section at the U.S. National Arboretum; Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens; Kingman Island (time permitting); and RFK Stadium (time permitting). Please note: The tour boat will be limited to travel north of the railway bridge at Anacostia Park.

Please dress appropriately for an outdoor event. As of Monday, April 13, 2009, the weather is expected to be partly cloudy with a high of 69°F and a low of 49°F. Layers are recommended; as are, flat closed-toed shoes.

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