

# Restoring the Anacostia

## A Team Effort



DC Environmental Health Collaborative



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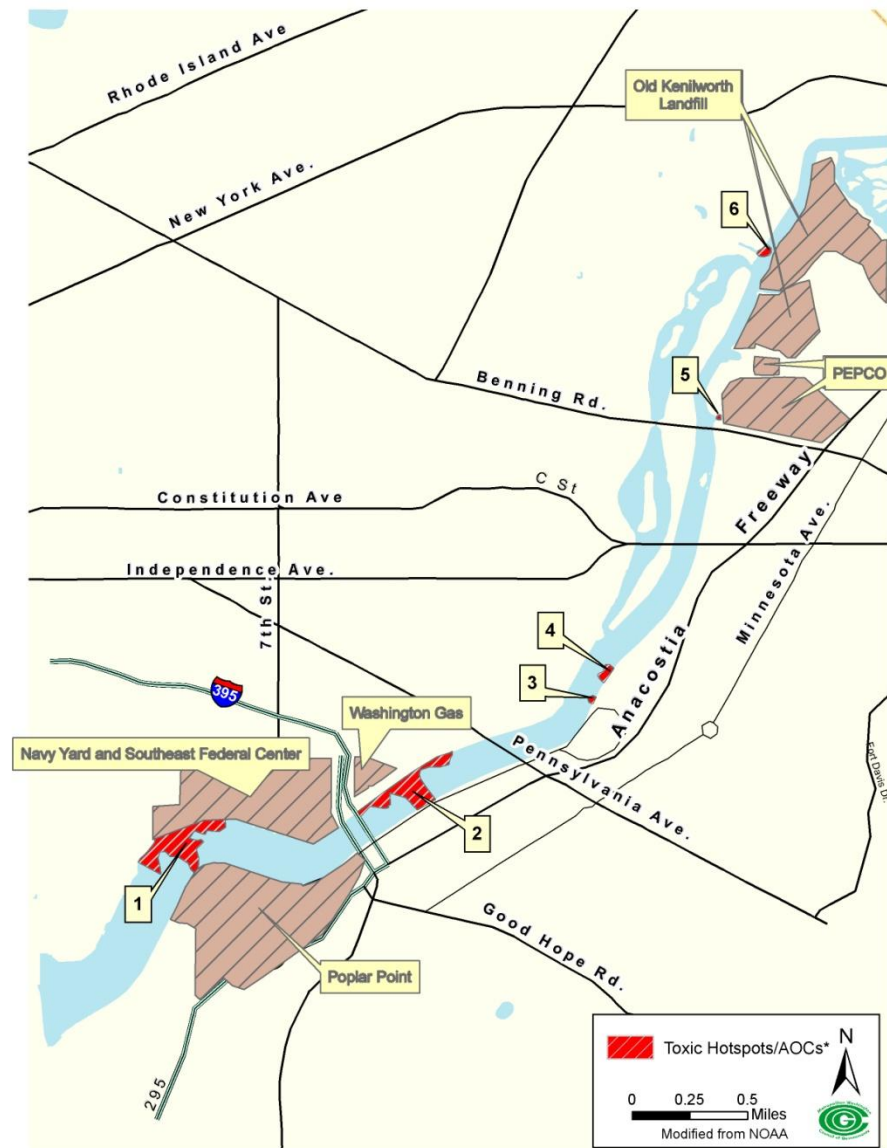
# Six Legacy Toxic Sites

*under cleanup orders*

- Poplar Point – Anacostia Park
- Navy Yard
- SE Federal Center

*without cleanup orders*

- Washington Gas Light
- Pepco Benning Road
- Kenilworth Landfill



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# Some Impacts of Toxics

Fish advisory issued in 1989 due to chemicals

Brown bullhead catfish – 23% have skin tumors,  
55% have liver tumors (levels of 5% & 12% are  
considered highly contaminated)

Kenilworth Landfill sampled fill had elevated  
levels of PCBs, PAHs, arsenic, and lead  
-NPS remediation plans remain incomplete



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Sixty percent of the brown bullhead catfish in the Anacostia River have tumors or lesions as a result of contact with polyaromatic hydrocarbons, which are the by-products of fossil fuel combustion from vehicles and coal-fire generators.

By James Forester Courtesy: USFWS



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# What's Up Right Now

After a long period of ignoring these sites, in spring 2010 US EPA under President Obama expressed interest in getting them cleaned up.

District government is acting to get cleanup agreements, under pressure from US EPA

Anacostia River advocates are raising awareness to see that appropriate clean up action is taken that addresses community needs



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Unfortunately US EPA and DDOE have controlled the timeline and process

Anacostia River advocates have directly engaged US EPA and District government, advocating for meaningful cleanup to benefit the river and the communities along it

River advocates are reaching out to the community for input



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# Pepco Benning Road Consent Decree

February 2, 2011 DC Dept of Environment announced a consent decree had been reached with Pepco for Benning Rd site

Public Comment period is open until March 7, 2011

- [Press Release](#) announcing the settlement agreement.
- [Consent decree](#) (downloads as PDF) legal document that is not very user-friendly
- [DC Register](#) notice announcing the Consent Decree and seeking public comment

## To Comment by March 7, 2011

Submit to Paul Conner, DDOE, [paul.connor@dc.gov](mailto:paul.connor@dc.gov)

-reference District of Columbia v. Potomac Electric Power Company and Pepco Energy Services, Inc.



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## Consent Decree Parties

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