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Casey Trees Among Seven Community Organizations to Benefit from Bag Charges

The District Department of the Environment (DDOE) has awarded nearly \$1 million in grants to community-based organizations and approximately \$300,000 to private firms to assist in the restoration of the District's waterways.

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Funds for the awards were made available from fees collected through the Anacostia River Clean Up and Protection Act of 2009, commonly known as the District's Bag Law, which took effect on January 1, 2010. The projects will start at the end of the summer and will be implemented throughout the next two years.

"The District's Bag Law has been an unequivocal success," said Ward 6 Councilmember Tommy Wells, the principal architect of the Bag Bill, in a news release.

The organizations that received funds are The Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, DC Greenworks, Casey Trees, Gold Leaf, the Alice Ferguson Foundation, the Anacostia Watershed Society and the Anacostia Riverkeeper.

"Casey Trees is proud to be a part of this important environmental initiative" said Jared Powell, director of communications and development for Casey Trees, in an email.

Casey Trees will put the funds toward tree planting programs which help reduce the amount of stormwater runoff into the Potomac and Anacostia waterways, according to Powell.

Casey trees has been a big supporter of Georgetown, providing trees for [Duke Ellington Field](#) and more recently at [Tudor Place](#).

"Not only are we putting the money to good use through preventative, restorative, educational, and enforcement projects, but we are seeing more and more consumers bringing their own reusable bags to stores," said DDOE Director Christophe A.G. Tulou in a news release.

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