

Anacostia Watershed Society

EARTH DAY CLEANUP 2024

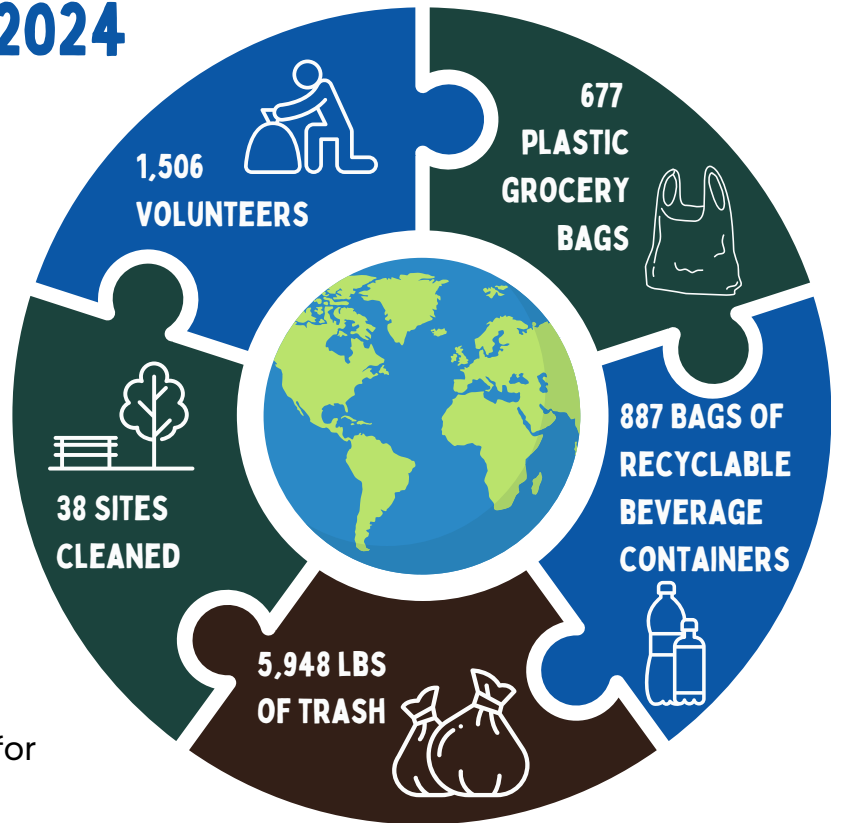
On April 20, 2024, over 1500 Anacostia Watershed Society Earth Day Cleanup Volunteers of all ages worked to make the Anacostia River healthier and safer by cleaning up trash and debris that would otherwise flow into the river.

AWS Earth Day volunteers cleared out nearly 6,000 pounds of trash (that's about as heavy as the tongue of a Blue Whale!) from sites throughout the watershed.

This year, we focused our efforts on cleaning up recyclable beverage containers, hoping to elevate the need for a bottle bill in Maryland.

Nearly 900 bags of plastic, glass, and aluminum beverage containers were collected! This is a small fraction of the more than 5.2 billion beverage containers that Marylanders buy annually and only about a quarter of those are recycled. We need a bottle bill in Maryland to reduce beverage container litter and reduce plastic pollution!

We're so thankful for our volunteers, site leaders, sponsors, and government partners for another terrific day for the Anacostia River!



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