

FACES OF THE FRONT

For almost 26 years, the **Anacostia Watershed Society (AWS)** has led efforts to protect and restore the Anacostia River and its watershed communities in order to make the river swimmable and fishable once again. These efforts include environmental education, stewardship, community engagement, and recreation.

Lee Cain, Director of Recreation at AWS, began working at AWS in 2006 as an environmental educator, and now leads stewardship and recreation programs with local and regional watershed partners. He enjoys kayaking and is always happy to share the secrets of the Anacostia to those who are interested. Read on to find out more about what you can do to restore the river, and how to enjoy the river this summer from **Ballpark Boathouse at Diamond Teague Park!**



How would you describe the Capitol Riverfront to friends/visitors?

Up and down the Anacostia River we're seeing the river itself become the centerpiece of a thriving community, and in a truly sustainable way. The Capitol Riverfront is one of the best examples of this terrific trend.

The Anacostia River is a valuable recreational asset to the Capitol Riverfront neighborhood. What is your favorite way to experience the river?

I love paddling. I can get lost for hours paddling on the Anacostia.

What is the most significant change you've seen in both the Anacostia River and in the Capitol Riverfront neighborhood since joining the AWS staff?

I've seen how sustainable development like the Capitol Riverfront is fundamental to restoring the Anacostia. The more folks experience the Anacostia River, the more they're willing to support AWS' efforts to make the Anacostia River fishable and swimmable by 2025.

Use one word to describe the Capitol Riverfront neighborhood.

Alive.

AWS provides restoration efforts to the river on a daily basis. How can Capitol Riverfront residents, visitors, and employees help with these efforts?

AWS provides a great range of restoration programs, but also education, stewardship and volunteer opportunities. Residents, visitors and employees can come out and join us to learn, to play, or to volunteer with clean ups and wetland restoration, just to name two.

AWS Paddle Nights are back by popular demand, beginning June 25th, at Ballpark Boathouse! What should Front Page News Readers know about Paddle Nights and other AWS events happening this summer in the neighborhood?

We've expanded our free Paddle Nights because of popular demand, so sign up early! And we've added a brand new Safari Series – longer guided paddles including a special Yoga Paddle that we're trying out this summer. <https://www.anacostiaws.org/safari-series>. Make 2015 the summer you get out on the Anacostia!