THE ANACOSTIA RIVER TRAIL (ART)
What you will learn

• Overview of the Anacostia River Trail (ART)
• Accessing the ART via Metro and Bridges
• Amenities/Facilities along the trail
• Highlights of the Anacostia Neighborhood (which shares its name)
Overview of the Anacostia River Trail
About the ART?

- The ART consists of Two Parts - The East Bank Trail and The West Bank Trail, which runs along both sides of the Anacostia River
About the ART Cont

• Connects Two National Parks - Anacostia Park and Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens

• Offers Alternative Transportation Routes (About 16 Miles of Off-Street Trails that includes Protected Bike Lanes)

• Access to Sports, Recreational, Educational, Art and Entertainment facilities as well as Restaurants and Shopping

• DC Portion of the ART ends right after Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens at US-50
How the trail looks
Sharrow & Protected Lanes
Where Does the ART Go?

- East Bank Trail (Starts at the base of Frederick Douglass Memorial Bridge (at Anacostia Park) and goes to Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens)

- West Bank Trail (Starts at National Park and goes to Kingman Island then meets the East Bank Trail at Benning Road in the River Terrace Neighborhood)
Different Types of Signage on the ART
Directional Signs Loaded with Information

• Tells you what Street/Bridge you are near
• How near/far Metro & what lines
• What neighborhood you are near/far and if there’s a bike route
• How near/far the other trail is
Art Work with Area Information

The “Freedmen's Bureau” acquired 375 acres of land that was originally a tobacco plantation from the Barry Family in the late 1800s. In 1867, the land was named Hillsdale by African Americans who came to Washington in great numbers before and during the Civil War. From there, a thriving community of formerly enslaved and free persons was established. The acreage was subdivided and sold, and the proceeds went to fund the start of Howard, Lincoln and Wilberforce Universities.

Frederick Douglass, an internationally known abolitionist, orator, writer and statesman, was very active and engaged in the affairs of this community. After escaping from slavery, he became a leader of the abolitionist movement. In the 1870s, he broke the restrictive all-white land covenant that prohibited the sale of land and homes in Anacostia to African Americans by purchasing his prestigious home on Cedar Hill.
Information Signs

Anacostia Pavilion
DC Urban Tree House
Aquatic Education Center
Boat Ramp

← Park Headquarters
DC Recreation Center

Memorial Day to Labor Day
7am – 10pm
Saturday and Sunday

Park Closed at Dark
No Alcoholic Beverages
* Capital Bikeshare Map

- CaBi Stations are located throughout the ART, and each Station has an Area Map loaded with information
Bike Routes to Local Neighborhoods

- Bike Route to Alabama Ave 1.5
- Anacostia River West Bank Tr 0.6
- Capitol Hill 2.7
- Downtown 5.4
Accessing the ART

• Walking/Biking/Jogging
• Metro
• Bridges
Walking/Biking/Jogging

• The ART goes through many neighborhoods allowing easy access by walking, biking or jogging.

• Some of the East Bank Trail Neighborhoods are: Anacostia, River Terrace, Parkside, Mayfield and Kenilworth

• Some of the West Bank Trail Neighborhoods are: Navy Yard and Capitol Hill

• Bike Routes signs are provided when leaving the ART into Neighborhoods
ART Neighborhoods
Metro Stations

- Anacostia Metro Station - Parking Garage (East Bank Trail)
- Minnesota Ave. Metro Station - Parking Garage (East Bank Trail)
- Deanwood Metro Station - Parking Garage (East Bank Trail)
- Navy Yard Metro Station - West Bank Trail
- Potomac Ave Metro Station - West Bank Trail
- Stadium/Armory Metro Station - West Bank Trail
Anacostia Metro Station
Parking Garage Exit
Bridges
(All Bridges Give Access to Both East and West Bank Trails)

- The Frederick Douglas (South Capitol St) Memorial Bridge
- Welsh (11th St) Memorial Bridge
- Sousa (Pennsylvania Ave) Bridge
- Whitney Young (East Capitol St) Memorial Bridge
- Ethel Kennedy (Benning Rd) Bridge
Frederick Douglass (S. Capitol St) Bridge
Welsh (11th St) Bridge & Benning Rd Bridge
Amenities/Facilities Along the ART

- Anacostia Park - Fishing, Boating, Sport Fields, Playgrounds, Restrooms, Outdoor Fitness Station, Skating Pavilion, Pavilion, Pool, Recreation Center, Capital Bikeshare and the Aquatic Resources Education Center

- River Terrace - Playground, Basketball, Tennis Courts, Capital Bikeshare, grills and benches

- Kenilworth - Recreation Center, Playground, Track and Field, Handball Court and Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens
The Aquatic Resources Education Center and The Skate Rink at AP
CaBi and Playground at AP
Track & Field and Handball at Kenilworth Park
Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens and Kenilworth Marsh
Amenities/Facilities Cont.

- Kingman and Heritage Islands - Are District-owned public parkland dedicated to environmental education and the preservation of natural resources.
- Across from Kingman Island on Benning Rd is Langston Golf Range
- The Fields at RFK Campus - Three multi-purpose turf fields to accommodate kickball, soccer, lacrosse, baseball, softball, and more, Restrooms, Playground, Celebration Pavilion and plaza, picnic area, walking/bike paths and dedicated parking.
Kingman & Heritage Islands
The Fields at RFK Campus
The Fields Cont
Highlights in Anacostia

• Frederick Douglas Home & Historic Site - Located at 1411 W ST SE

• Smithsonian Anacostia Community Museum - Located at 1901 Fort PL SE

• Anacostia Art Center (AAC) - Located 1231 Good Hope RD SE, closed Mondays
Anacostia
Anacostia Cont.
Places to Eat

- Turning Natural - Juice and smoothie bar that serves healthy food, smoothies, detox juices, pressed juices, and vegan options as well.
- Caribbeans Citations - Informal counter-service eatery offering Jamaican classics.
- MLK Deli - A healthy and yummy food option.
- ELife Vegan Restaurant - Serves delicious, plant-based soul food, located inside of the AAC.
- Tony's Place - Open for breakfast and lunch (near Minnesota Ave)
Eats

Caribbeans Citations
Places to Shop

- Mahogany Books - Located inside the AAC
- Nubian Hueman - Ethnic clothing shop, sells clothing, accessories, and art. Located inside the AAC
- Vintage & Charmed - is a unique and eccentric women’s clothing boutique for the upscale and everyday. Located inside the AAC
Questions???

• We have answers!!!!!!!