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CSX Train Spill into the Anacostia River

by Irv Sheffey



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A STARK CHOICE FOR D.C.: **Streetcars or More Cars?**

by Ralph Garboushian

Our city, nation and world face serious challenges. Global warming, the relentless march of suburban sprawl, energy insecurity and consumer sentiment demand that we make a major shift in our region's transportation investments toward high quality transit, streets that are safe for pedestrians and bicyclists, transit-oriented development and mixed-use neighborhoods. Simply put, business as usual should no longer be an option.

Like cities throughout the world, the District has come to a crossroads. In the coming year, our leaders must make a choice. Will they choose business as usual and decide to invest in transportation options that lead to more pollution, more greenhouse gas emissions and ever more cars and trucks clogging city neighborhoods? Or will they decide instead to invest

On Friday, November 9, 2007, seven rail-road cars operated by CSX Transportation (CSX) tipped over, falling into the Anacostia River while crossing a bridge just north of Pennsylvania Avenue. As a result, approximately 700 tons of coal were dumped into the murky waters of this river, already known as one of the most polluted in the nation. The District's departments of the Environment, Fire, Police and crews from CSX responded immediately. The cause of the accident is still under investigation and efforts have begun to clear the remaining train cars that still hang over the water and repair the bridge itself. The dumping of tons of coal presents an environmental problem, in that coal will deteriorate into various toxic chemicals including sulfuric acid. In this case, these will affect fish, waterfowl and vegetation up- and downstream from the site because the Anacostia is a tidal estuary. That is bad enough, but the very effort to remove the seven cars that fell will create yet another problem. The Anacostia, once used as a shipping channel from Bladensburg, Md., down to the Potomac and on to the Chesapeake and

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The Importance of Protecting Public Parkland

by Jason Broehm

More than anything else, I was drawn to the Sierra Club because of its mission to “Explore, enjoy and protect the wild places of the earth” – that and the fact that the club has a long list of wild places it has actually protected. What began as a small group of outdoor enthusiasts turned advocates for protecting special places like Yosemite Valley blossomed into a movement to protect natural areas across the United States. Nowadays the club works on many additional issues, especially advocating for ways to tackle global climate change, but the organization’s roots in wild area protection remain core to who we are.

Washington, D.C., is blessed with many great parks – Rock Creek Park, the National Mall, the C&O Canal National Historical Park, Potomac Park, Anacostia Park, Theodore Roosevelt Island and others – which add significantly to our quality of life. The abundance of beautiful parks is among the top reasons I enjoy living here so much. And these parks are important enough to me that I consider it my duty to help protect them.

I first became actively involved in the Sierra Club seven years ago after learning of efforts to rebuild a road through Klingle Valley Park, a beautiful stream valley I enjoyed

walking in. I joined with fellow club members and other neighborhood activists to urge the District government to keep this valley park free of traffic. Later, I also advocated for expanding safe recreational use of Beach Drive in Rock Creek Park by limiting automobile access on weekdays.

These are just two recent Sierra Club campaigns to defend parkland. Over the years, the club has protected Kingman and Heritage islands from the inappropriate development of a large Six Flags-style amusement park and saved sensitive waterfront parkland at Oxon Cove from being developed as a private prison. And over the last several years, we have stood up for protecting the C&O Canal National Historical Park in the face of National Park Service (NPS) plans to give away parkland to Georgetown University for the development of a private boathouse.

Several weeks ago I testified before a D.C. Council committee about the importance of protecting parkland at Poplar Point across the Anacostia River from the new baseball stadium. Under federal legislation enacted in 2006, when certain conditions are met the NPS will be required to transfer 110 acres at Poplar Point to the District government with

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Upper Photo: Aerial photo of Poplar Point as it exists today.

Lower Photo: Artist's rendering of an outdoor amphitheater in future Poplar Point park.

Chair Letter

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at least 70 acres set aside for park uses and other areas slated for development. Currently, much of the land is either closed to the public or not designed to be an inviting public space, making it an underutilized resource. I stressed to the council that a tremendous opportunity exists to create a unique and special waterfront park at Poplar Point that will be an asset to residents of the surrounding communities and the city as a whole. I also let them know that we in the Sierra Club will be monitoring the process and will stand up for parkland at Poplar Point.

Our public parkland contributes so significantly to our quality of life, yet unfortunately, as past experience has shown, it is all too easy for our public officials to give it away or otherwise degrade it. We must always remain vigilant for threats to what we hold dear and when threats to our parkland emerge, we must come vigorously to its defense. For when it's gone, it's gone forever.



Green Gift Giving

by Chasta Piatakovas

Whether you're searching for a unique birthday gift or an inexpensive holiday gift, surprising loved ones with delightful and worthwhile gifts that are socially responsible, green, charitable, homemade or local allows you to show your love and appreciation while minimizing the carbon impact.

Here are some suggestions for finding the perfect gift for someone that is also a gift for the planet:

- Volunteer or donate money to organizations such as the Sierra Club in honor of the budding environmentalist;
- Purchase "The Weather Makers" by Tim Flannery, "The Owl and the Oak: The Climate Change Novel" by Robert Emmett Morris, and "My First Summer in the Sierra" by John Muir for the well-read bibliophile;

ECONOMIC JUSTICE = ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

Green Collar Jobs and Business

by Irv Sheffey

D.C. is going green! In September 2007, Mayor Adrian Fenty (D) announced the District's "Green City Campaign," declaring "The District is one of the greenest cities in the country." The hallmark of this campaign was marked the previous year by the passage by the D.C. City Council of the Green Building Act, which requires that starting in 2008 city-owned commercial projects be certified under the U.S Green Buildings Council's LEED program (for more on the program, see www.usgbc.org), with commercial developments of 50,000 square feet or more following suit by 2012. With the advent of that law, the market for businesses and workers who can provide sustainable (i.e., green) services, products and skills will dramatically increase. We are on the leading edge of a green economy that promises to bring more than \$800 million in additional revenue to the District over the next 10 years.

But who will benefit from this green agenda? In our current carbon-



Photo by Brent Thomson

based economy District residents, in particular African-Americans, have not substantially profited from such community initiatives. An October 2007 report by the D.C. Fiscal Policy Institute entitled "D.C.'s Two Economies: Many Residents Are Falling Behind" states

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- Purchase latest fashions from Hoopla Traders in Adams Morgan (www.hoopladc.com) for the eco-friendly clotheshorse;

- Give a gift certificate to redeem eco-friendly and professional cleaning services from The Green Mop LLC (www.greenmop.com) to a busy professional or college student; and

- Give organic flowers from Organic Bouquet (www.organicbouquet.com) or give that special someone dinner for two made with all locally grown food.

The key to green gift giving is creativity and practicality. Give a gift that is eco-friendly so you will have peace of mind and your recipient can appreciate its greenness. Who knows, you might even inspire them to go green or greener!

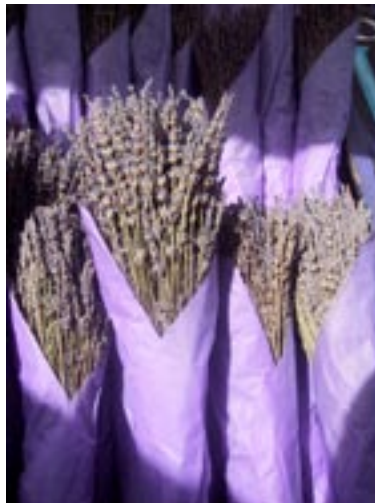


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Streetcars

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in repairing our existing transportation infrastructure and upgrading our transit system, including implementing the exciting but long-delayed plan of the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) for a 50-mile streetcar network that would reduce congestion, improve mobility for District residents, reduce air pollution and revitalize District neighborhoods.

Unfortunately, DDOT continues to move ahead with an ill-advised plan to replace the 8-lane 11th Street Bridges with a 12-lane behemoth and a new interchange that would complete an interstate highway shortcut through the District.

The primary beneficiaries of this massive \$500-million-and-growing project will be suburban commuters and interstate through traffic. Meanwhile, District taxpayers will pay for the project not only in dollars but in lost opportunity to upgrade our aging subway and surface transit on several key corridors. When combined with other massive bridge replacement projects (South Capitol Street and 14th Street), this project literally threatens to leave District residents waiting for the (unreliable and overcrowded) bus.

The relentless march forward of the 11th Street Bridges project comes at the same time that DDOT's once ambitious plan to build a 50-mile streetcar network languishes.

Streetcars hold great promise for the District. While the current subway system does an excellent job of providing access to downtown and other regional employment centers, it does not always meet the needs of those moving within the District and it does not serve all neighborhoods. The bus system addresses those shortfalls in some instances, but many routes struggle to meet demand or are plagued by congestion that hurts their effectiveness. In addition, despite heavy ridership, many bus routes traverse corridors that have waited decades for the revitalization and economic development we have seen along subway lines.

In its well-researched June 2004 "Transit Improvements Alternatives Analysis Needs Assessment" DDOT found a strong need for transit improve-

ment in a number of corridors, most notably along Georgia Avenue N.W. and from the Minnesota Avenue Metro Station to downtown via H Street N.E. and Benning Road N.E. Both corridors are served by overburdened bus routes that struggle to meet demand despite frequent service. They have low rates of car ownership and suffer from some of the longest transit travel times to jobs in the District. Unfortunately, DDOT's final report issued in October 2006 fails to meet the need outlined in 2004: it calls for vague bus improvements on Georgia Avenue, possibly culminating

in streetcar service in 2030 and for streetcar service to begin on H Street N.E. in 2020!

Over the past decade, DDOT has evolved into one of the nation's most progressive transportation agencies. It has adopted a number of forward-looking policies and has implemented many of them to the benefit of the District's neighborhoods, pedestrians, bicyclists and transit riders. Hopefully, DDOT's pending plans for the 11th Street Bridges and its failure to aggressively advance its streetcar plan are an aberration. District residents, however,

streetcars

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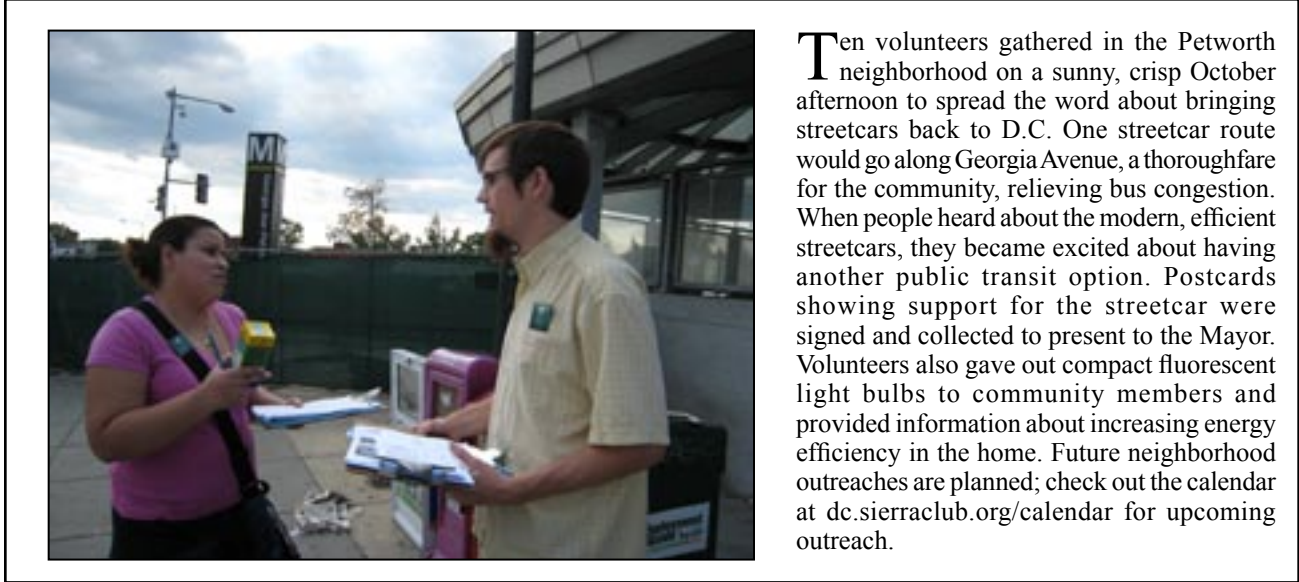
Map provided by Tom Mercier

Conservation

should take no chances. Let your public officials know that business as usual is not an option and that you demand transportation investments that address

the challenges we face and improve the lives of District citizens.
For more information about D.C. streetcars and the 11th Street Bridges,

visit <http://www.sierraclub.org/metrodc>. (Also coming soon: <http://www.dcstreetcars.org>.)



Ten volunteers gathered in the Petworth neighborhood on a sunny, crisp October afternoon to spread the word about bringing streetcars back to D.C. One streetcar route would go along Georgia Avenue, a thoroughfare for the community, relieving bus congestion. When people heard about the modern, efficient streetcars, they became excited about having another public transit option. Postcards showing support for the streetcar were signed and collected to present to the Mayor. Volunteers also gave out compact fluorescent light bulbs to community members and provided information about increasing energy efficiency in the home. Future neighborhood outreaches are planned; check out the calendar at dc.sierraclub.org/calendar for upcoming outreach.

Dear Mayor Fenty,

Thank you for signing the Mayors' Climate Protection Agreement and committing the District to reducing our greenhouse gas emissions to 7% below 1990 levels by 2012. Since it's almost 2008, we need to measure and reduce our emissions now to meet that commitment and the even greater reductions that will be needed. We especially need to provide D.C. residents with convenient, energy-efficient alternatives to driving by ending the delays in the citywide streetcar plan.

Please join us to help build a cleaner, smarter, safer energy future and stop global warming.

Sincerely,

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Green Collar Jobs

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that: "Despite citywide job growth, employment among African-American residents and those with no more than a high school diploma has been falling. The employment rate for these groups is at nearly the lowest level in 30 years."

This gap needs to be closed and "green collar" jobs may be the solution. Green-oriented construction and renovation prompted by the Green Building Act will call for local businesses capable of providing environmentally oriented products and services and a workforce with new skills. On October 22, 2007, Councilmember Kwame Brown (D-At Large) of the D.C. Council convened a symposium entitled "Green Collar Jobs: Building a Just and Sustainable Economy at the Center for American Progress." That meeting was followed by a public hearing of the council's Economic Development Committee on the same subject. Both drew several members from the labor and business sectors to listen, testify and reflect on the possibilities of greening our city. A highlight of both meetings was the presence of such environmental luminaries as Carlton Brown, CEO, Full Spectrum, LLC; Majora Carter, executive director, Sustainable South Bronx; Sadhu Johnston, chief environmental officer, City of Chicago; and Van Jones, president and founder, Ella Baker Center for Human Rights. They shared their successes in making use of green construction, business development, governmental support and job training that simultaneously address the need for sustainable development and the creation of new job opportunities to the under- or unemployed who have been bypassed by the carbon economy.

It is hoped that the District of Columbia will create similar opportunities for residents to develop businesses and a workforce that will not only install but make solar panels, not only construct green roofs but also grow the plants needed for them, and not only clean up brownfields but restore blighted land and waterways, making a healthier place to live for all of us. In providing training, apprenticeships and green jobs, we can have an impact on unemployment in the District and create a promising future for individuals,

their families and the community as a whole. Economic justice is a form of environmental justice, providing people who have been left out of the abundance in our local economy with additional opportunities to get a head start with this new green wave. The D.C. Chapter's Environmental Justice program is working with local businesses and job development leaders to hold community

briefings and charrettes to spread the word about green business and jobs and how they can take advantage of the new green economy. For more information on these efforts, please contact me at 202-610-0200.

NEW TOOLS SHOW IMPACT OF ENERGY CHOICES

Data Connects People with Their Power

National Sierra Club Press Release

Thanks to three new online databases, Americans can now see where their energy comes from and how their present and future energy choices contribute to global warming. The databases, released by the Sierra Club, the Center for Global Development and Appalachian Voices, break down the carbon emissions from the world's power plants, making it possible to chart the global warming emissions of each individual coal-fired power plant, both those currently in use and those on the drawing board. Consumers can now even track the coal that powers their homes back to the place it was mined to see its impact on the local community.

"One thing this new data makes clear is that from the time it is mined to when it is burned coal is a dirty business," said Bruce Nilles, head of the Sierra Club's national coal campaign. "There are cleaner, more efficient ways to meet our energy needs, ones that can improve public health, protect our outdoor heritage and fight global warming."

Sierra Club's New Coal Plant Tracker: www.sierraclub.org/coal

Want to know if there is a new coal plant planned for your backyard? The Sierra Club's New Coal Plant Tracker can tell you. The Tracker lists every new proposed coal-fired power plant in the United States, where it is in the permitting process and how much global warming pollution it will emit. Through a collaboration with the Rainforest Action Network, the Tracker can even tell you who is funding many of these dirty new plants.

Center for Global Development, Carbon Monitoring for Action (CARMA): www.CARMA.org

Through this expansive new database you can find the global warming emissions of over 50,000 power plants worldwide. Not only can you find out how much carbon the plants in your state emit, you can also calculate the carbon footprint of the companies that own them. You can even compare the global warming emissions of your state, county or metro area with others across the nation to see how your area stacks up.

Appalachian Voices, Your Connection to Mountaintop Removal Mining: www.ilovemountains.org/myconnection

Enter your zip code to find out how your electricity is connected to devastating mountaintop removal mining. Use Google Maps to see how mountaintop removal tears communities apart, poisoning water supplies, polluting the air and destroying our nation's natural heritage—all while making global warming worse.

The Sierra Club's new National Coal Campaign is working to ensure coal is mined responsibly and burned cleanly. Across the country the campaign is fighting to stop the construction of dirty new coal plants and direct the proposed investments into energy efficiency, renewable resources, and other clean alternatives.

GO BIG GREEN

Sierra Club Names Its Top Ten Colleges

by Jennifer Hattam

(excerpted from <http://www.sierraclub.org/sierra/200711/coolchools/>)

During finals last winter at Northeastern University in Boston, students blew off steam playing Guitar Hero, producing the video game's juice with a pedal-powered generator. Macalester College in St. Paul, Minn., handed incoming freshmen energy-saving compact fluorescent light-bulbs (CFLs) along with their campus IDs. And collegians nationwide turned down thermostats; performed waste audits; and lobbied their schools to reduce energy use, provide healthier and organic food, and set a sustainable example for the rest of the world.

Many young people see environmental problems—especially global warming—as the challenge of their generation, and 400 college and university presidents have responded by signing a pledge to make their institutions carbon neutral. Students at almost 600 U.S. and Canadian schools are organizing around clean-energy solutions as part of the Campus Climate Challenge, a two-year-old campaign initiated by youth environmental groups (including the Sierra Student Coalition) that has added sass and sex appeal to a somber topic.

Along with condoms, student educators are passing out CFLs and sponsoring candlelit “Do It in the Dark” events. At the New School in New York City, an “I [Heart] Slutty Paper” campaign helped convince the college to switch from virgin paper (get it?) to 100 percent recycled stock in all campus computer labs. At both party schools and evangelical universities, competitions between dorms, Greek houses, and neighboring campuses to reduce energy and water use are yielding more than just bragging rights: The winning residence hall at Mount Allison University in Sackville, N.B., for example, received an energy-efficient flat-screen TV.

The RecycleMania competition has been pitting colleges against each other for six years, with this year's grand champion, California State University San Marcos, recycling nearly 60 percent of its waste. Even MTV has gotten into the act, anointing student groups at Cornell and Rutgers universities winners of its Break the Addiction Challenge for their climate-friendly campus activism.

All of this activity made picking our top 10 U.S. campuses inspiring and exhausting. For Sierra's first such survey, we looked at everything from colleges' clean-energy purchases and green-building policies to their bike facilities and the food served in their dorms. We checked out how many victories their Campus Climate Challenge group had won and whether organizations such as the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education or the Sustainable Endowments Institute had lauded their efforts. Since the five schools in the Eco League consortium are explicitly dedicated to environmental education, it didn't seem fair to include them in the ranking (there goes half our list!), but it wouldn't have been right to ignore their fine efforts either. To reflect the range of initiatives, we've also highlighted bright ideas and innovative approaches—and a few duds—at other campuses. And we've identified some of the green careers these crusading students might pursue after graduation.

As the biggest purchasers and employers in many communities, colleges can create demand for ecofriendly services

and products. High-profile schools have a bully pulpit—and the financial resources—to lead by example with their actions and investments. Research institutions are primed to develop technological solutions. And even small community colleges are educating tomorrow's leaders. If students start their adult lives in a culture of sustainability, they just might take that ethos with them wherever they go.



Photo by Robb Williamson

Oberlin College's Adam Joseph Lewis Center for Environmental Studies supports its mission of educating its students to make the world a better place. The building has 4,682 square feet of photovoltaic panels, closed-loop geothermal wells that provide heating and cooling, daylighting, and a Living Machine—an engineered wastewater treatment system modeled on natural wetland ecosystems.

The Sierra Club's Top Ten:

Read descriptions of these schools' great projects online at <http://www.sierraclub.org/sierra/200711/coolchools/ten.asp>.

- 1) Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio, 2,800 students.
- 2) Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., 20,000 students.
- 3) Warren Wilson College, Swannanoa, N.C., 850 students.
- 4) University of California system, 10 locations, 214,000 students.
- 5) Duke University, Durham, N.C., 12,800 students.
- 6) Middlebury College, Middlebury, Vt., 2,400 students.
- 7) Berea College, Berea, Ky., 1,600 students.
- 8) Pennsylvania State University, 24 locations, 83,700 students.
- 9) Tufts University, Medford, Mass., 8,800 students.
- 10) Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, Pa., 10,000 students.

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Trains

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beyond, has become laden with 35 feet of silt over the past century. That silt washes into the river with each rainfall and snowmelt and is largely the product of deforestation due to development in the District and Montgomery and Prince George's counties. The silt is laden with chemicals and other pollutants that have washed into the river from our roads and from untreated sewage that pours from the city's antiquated combined sewer overflow system. (The D.C. Water and Sewer Authority is in the process of replacing this system over the next 12 years.) Removing these rail cars will potentially stir up the silt, releasing pollutants back into the water.

This accident points out an even larger environmental issue; the transportation by rail of hazardous materials through the District and the potential for an accident or intentional (i.e., terroristic) act that could affect a large number of our neighbors. In 2005, the D.C. Council passed a resolution banning the transportation of dangerous chemicals within 2.2

miles of the nation's Capitol. That and similar resolutions in other major cities are on hold while CSX challenges them in the courts. CSX has two freight routes that come through the District. The "I-95" route on which the accident occurred is no longer used to transport such materials, following an exposé in 2005 that featured a photograph of the Capitol looming over a tanker car. (That photograph was taken by Jim Dougherty, a member of the Sierra Club's Board of Directors.) Trains still come through the city along a route that enters at Silver Spring and runs down to Brookland near Catholic University before veering sharply to head northeast toward Baltimore. Should an "accident" ever occur along this route, the prevailing winds could carry a massive cloud of chlorinated gas or another toxic chemical across wide sections of northern and southeastern D.C. and adjacent Maryland communities.



Photo by Jim Dougherty

Potential pollutants near the Capitol.

Outings

Now is the Winter of Our Content

by Paul Elliott

Every fall, someone asks, “How late in the year do you hike?” And like some other local outings leaders, I typically respond with a variant on, “Oh, until the spring.”

That’s because you don’t have to be a Minnesotan, Vermonter or masochist to enjoy winter hiking in the Washington metropolitan area. We have a temperate climate, with average daily temperatures ranging from the mid-20s to the mid-40s (Fahrenheit). The sun shines frequently. And only occasionally does the wind kick up, the mercury plummet or snow or ice coat the landscape.

The season-specific pleasures include exploring trails and paths that are little frequented by humans and not at all by bugs and that also are free of the green veils that obscure so many summertime vistas. It’s in winter, too, that we can get those spectacular changes in light that transform the landscape or sky, as well as chance encounters with birds or other wildlife or an occasional plant in bloom.

And just as there are those infrequent storms when you should just curl up with a good book or person, so there are those spells of warm weather when it’s shirtsleeves time on



Photo by Paul Elliott

The National Arboretum in Northeast Washington always abounds in plants and pathways—and sometimes in curious hikers, as on this MWROP excursion.

or holiday festivities—and to gustatory opportunity.

Even so, you need to be careful about hitting the winter trail. “Temperate” does not mean warm, and it’s easy to get very cold out there. Pay prudent attention beforehand to the weather forecast. Dress warmly and in layers. Consider carrying dry socks and even a lightweight space blanket.

Also take along a compass, flashlight, food and water, matches, a cellphone and at least one companion, and maybe a thermos of something hot. Know where you’re going (rely on a map, guidebook or memory)—and be sure to inform someone who isn’t.

And on the trail, do watch your step and maybe use trekking poles, especially on wet, icy, snowy and leaf-swathed surfaces.

Oh yes, and please start 2008 right by joining Carol Ivory, Christine Ford, and me in Georgetown on January 1 for MWROP’s 34th annual New Year’s Day hike on the C&O Canal towpath (visit www.mwrop.org for details).



Photo by Paul Elliott

MWROP leader Helen Epps amplifies on the text of the plaque (foreground) marking the future site of the memorial to Martin Luther King Jr. in Washington’s Potomac Park.

the trail and you may spot the first skunk cabbage leaves in the woods. That’s also when cabin fever sometimes hits and the trails actually get crowded (as happened on the close-in C&O Canal towpath twice last winter).

Winter is also rich in organized group hiking opportunities, offered by a variety of hiking organizations. I’m active with one of them, the Sierra Club’s Metropolitan Washington Regional Outings Program (MWROP)—see the upcoming outings listed at back of this newsletter.

So it is that there are not just easy and close-in group outings during the first three months of the year, but also challenging mountain excursions and long slogs on the C&O Canal towpath and other level pathways. And there are special hikes that combine exercise and camaraderie with first-hand exposure to historical sites, environmental challenges



Photo by GB Ludwig

On an MWROP trek through Washington’s Brookland neighborhood, hikers take a nonsectarian break at the Franciscan Monastery.

Announcements

Rock Creek Park Singles Hike

by Sankar Sitaraman

Originally 77 people signed up, but only 10 braved the morning rains of October 28 and attended the singles hike organized by the Sierra Club's Washington, D.C., Chapter and the Nature Lovers' Meetup, with support from the Metropolitan Regional Outings Program (MWROP). The hike began around 10:00 a.m. as the skies cleared, and we sipped coffee, ate bagels, and greeted fellow hikers at Foster Brothers Coffee. We set off just north of Rodman Street on the eastern side of Connecticut Avenue, following the Melvin Hazen Trail. The heavy rains made it difficult to get over the streams but most of the group managed to cross by walking or, in one case, sliding down a log. After the adventurous stream crossings, the plan was to visit the Klinge mansion but the trail was closed due to the heavy rains so we explored nearby Peirce Mill, the Valley Trail and Fort DeRussy. We enjoyed a nice brown bag lunch near the Rock Creek Nature Center mid-afternoon then strolled back along the Western Ridge Trail and past Peirce Mill to visit the Klinge mansion from Porter Street and Williamsburg Lane. By the end of the hike, we had covered an estimated distance of four to five miles.

All things considered, it turned out to be a beautiful day to hike, with the forest bursting with life due to the rains and even the sun finally breaking through the clouds.

Looking forward to the next singles hike? Please visit www.dc.sierraclub.org/calendar and hiking.meetup.com/314.



Photo by Jack Shuliz
Scott Baron, Sankar Sitaraman, Uyen Truong, Chuck Dulcey, Claudia Rizzo

SUPPORT OUR CHAPTER

“Great – But Not Good Enough!”

This year, we set an ambitious goal for the D.C. Chapter's March Window fundraising effort—to raise \$7,000 to support the chapter's activities and help provide support for our first full-time staff person. The D.C. Chapter is blessed with some natural advantages in terms of its budget. We don't have big travel expenses; we have a wealth of expertise in our membership; we deal with an enlightened government compared to that facing many chapters; and we have a membership that can largely be reached through no-cost electronics. The result of these blessings can be seen in the great work of the chapter that is reported in these newsletters every quarter. What our members know, though, is that an enormous amount of the credit has gone to the superb help from our amazing chapter assistant, Joanna Winchester. Joanna has gone on to other work but is still helping the chapter and we should have a new staff person by the time you receive this newsletter who we are confident will be able to fill some very big shoes Joanna leaves behind. The one thing we need from the chapter members is the necessary financial support to make sure that we can

continue to fund both the staff position and the great substantive work of the chapter that the assistant helps make possible.

As of now, the March Window has raised almost \$6,300, and we expect to meet the \$7,000 goal. That's a great result and a big jump from last year, but as treasurer I can tell you it's not good enough. We appreciate all the donations we receive and if everyone in this chapter donated only \$10, we'd raise close to \$30,000. But, it doesn't happen that way so, in addition to all of those who can give \$25, and \$50, and \$75, we also hope that some of you can make a more substantial gift and really ensure that the chapter can continue to expand its work. Public radio talks to potential donors about becoming a “day sponsor.” The daily cost to the chapter of a staff person with benefits, office space and the like

is about \$150 — so why not consider becoming a “day sponsor” for the chapter? And not just a day, how about a week? Or maybe even a month? (Our staffer will be starting at half-time, so a month is really only 10 days!)

If you want to know about what the chapter will do with your “day sponsorship,” feel free to call any of the Executive Committee members, or committee chairs. We know you'll find a wealth of great opportunities to put your support to good use. So, what about it, chapter? Let's not just meet this goal. Let's smash it!

If you still have your March Window envelope, send it it now with your donation; if you don't, you can just send the payment directly to Karen Cordry, 10705 Torrance Drive, Silver Spring, Md. 20902, made out to Sierra Club - District of Columbia Chapter.



Announcements

Chapter Assistant Joanna Winchester Moves on

by Jason Broehm

In late September, after more than two years as the Washington, D.C., Chapter's administrative assistant, Joanna Winchester resigned to take a job in the legal field with an eye toward attending law school in the future.

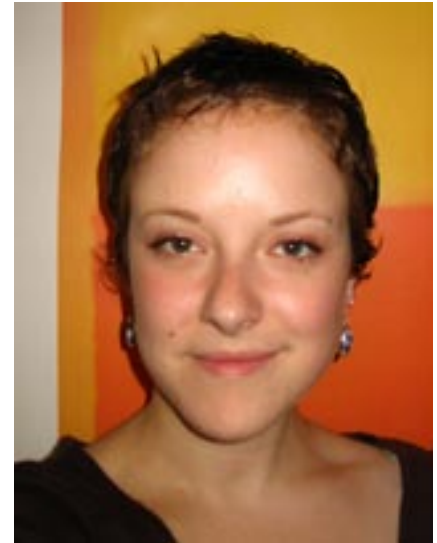
Joanna started working for the chapter part-time, as had two previous chapter employees. She brought to the position previous experience in activism and great enthusiasm. Very quickly she met with our active volunteers to learn about the chapter's various conservation campaigns and other activities and identified ways she could help attract new volunteers.

And through her efforts, the chapter attracted and engaged a significant number of new volunteers. In fact, in my seven years of involvement with the chapter, I cannot recall a time when more volunteers were involved. Based on her strong performance, and after she had been approximately a year with the chapter, the Executive Committee converted her to full-time status, the first time the chapter had taken such a step. And with more working hours each week she was able to do that much more to help the chapter grow and improve.

Joanna provided the chapter with important support for our efforts to train new volunteer leaders, develop strate-

gies for success and step up our fundraising efforts among many other activities. In the short time since she has left the chapter, I – and I am sure many other volunteer leaders – have felt a real void. We are heartened by the fact that Joanna plans to remain involved in the chapter, now as a volunteer.

The chapter is in the process of selecting from among a talented group of applicants to fill the administrative assistant position, which will be half-time.



Joanna Winchester



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Following is a *partial* list of activities offered by the Metropolitan Washington Regional Outings Program (MWROP).

No pets unless listing says otherwise.

For a more complete and up-to-date list and additional information, visit www.mwrop.org or call 202-547-2326.

Sat. Dec. 1. Rated C or A (hike only). American Chestnut Land Trust Lands: Morning Work Trip and Afternoon Hike. From 9 a.m. to noon, we'll join other ACLT volunteers in tending - and being able to see - the exotic and historic trees at the land trust's Warrior's Rest Sanctuary (usually closed to the public). The work will entail invasive vine removal, mulching, mowing, and pruning and, as ACLT adds, "Bring work gloves, clippers and a smile. Lunch will be provided!" Then, at about 1 p.m., each of us will have a choice of doing a moderately paced, 7.5 mi. two-circuit hike through the ACLT's South Side property's wooded hills, former farm fields and bottomlands; doing just the first circuit of 3.5 mi.; or leaving immediately. Call for details, directions to trailhead and Metro-based carpooling option. Joint event with AMC/DC. Leader: Paul Elliott, 703-256-6351.

Sat. Dec. 1. Rated C. Antietam Hike and Illumination. This annual event features an afternoon hike of 11 mi. (shorter options available) on mixed surfaces of Civil War battlefield, followed by a drive through the Memorial Illumination: 23,000 candles commemorating casualties of the bloodiest single-day battle in U.S. history. Bad-weather date: Dec. 8. Optional post-hike dinner at historic Old South Mountain Inn (limited reservations; e-mail/call soon). Leader: Mike Darzi, michael.darzi@saic.com or 301-593-4551.



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Sun. Dec. 2. Rated B/C. National Arboretum Plus Optional Peek at Capital City Market (Get to Know D.C. series). Leisurely paced 7.3 mi. hike through exotic and hilly landscape of botanical delights, river vistas and historical oddities. We'll have two separate loops with sheltered lunch stop in between, with option to do first loop only or second loop only (call leaders for timing). Highlights will include plants in bloom, other fall colors, both outdoors and indoors (bonsai collection), 22 Capitol columns (plus 2 broken ones) and selected revelations about Arboretum's early years. After hike, we'll stop at eclectically chockfull market, just off New York Ave. Meet at 9:30 a.m. in Arboretum's main parking lot (just inside R St. entrance); call for directions or if carless. Leashed dogs okay (but call leaders first). Joint event with AMC/DC. Leader: Paul Elliott, 703-256-6351 and Frank Wodarczyk, fwodarczyk@cox.net or 703-569-6737.

Sun. Dec. 2. Rated B. Carderock/Gold Mine Tract, Suburban Md. Easy 7 mi. walk along C&O towpath and the Gold Mine Tract to Great Falls Tavern, return via towpath. Meet at 1 p.m. at Carderock Recreation Area, Md., off the Clara Barton Parkway, 1 mi. west of Beltway. On entering Carderock, pass under the canal, turn right, and drive to the farthest parking lot. Bring water and snack. Leader: Jim Finucane, jim.finucane@yahoo.com or 301-365-3485 (before 9 p.m.).

Tue. Dec. 4. Rated H. Northern SNP: Oventop (vigorous hike). We'll start with a bushwhack climb up to Oventop rock for great views, then follow old fire trail to Pass Mountain trail to AT, and complete the loop on the AT and Buck Hollow Trail; 14 mi. with 4,000 ft. climb. Leader: Chris Nolen, chrishiker@verizon.net or 301-469-8931.

Sat. Dec. 8. Not Rated. Edwards Ferry Cleanup. Pick up trash, enjoy a beautiful part of the C&O Canal towpath and make it even more beautiful. Join C&O Canal Association "level walkers" to clean up the towpath and riverbanks near Edwards Ferry. We'll work until noon, then (optional) have lunch in Poolesville, Md. The leader will supply trash bags; please bring your own work gloves. Meet at 9 a.m. at Edwards Ferry (driving directions at www.mwrop.org/directions.htm). Leader: Carol Ivory, carolivory@verizon.net.

Sat. Dec. 8. Rated B. Piscataway Park Plus "Winter's Eve." Afternoon hike of 8.5 mi. at moderate pace along eagle-patrolled shores of Potomac River in Prince Georges County. Highlights will include superb river views, National Colonial Farm and its old buildings and heirloom animal breeds, Native American ceremonial site and lack of steep hills. After hike, stay on for farm's annual winter's eve celebration (5 to 8 p.m.) featuring colonial tea, cookies, popcorn, carol singing by the fire and illuminated buildings. Admission is \$2/person or canned-food donation

(for details, visit www.accokeek.org/events). Call for directions to meeting place or trailhead. To carpool, meet in Alexandria at 1 p.m. at Van Dorn Metro Station's Park & Ride lot (Metro riders should cross Kiss & Ride lot to get there). Joint event with AMC/DC. Leader: Paul Elliott, 703-256-6351.

Sat. Dec. 8. Rated E. Massanutten Mountain: Signal Knob. This 11-mi. circuit with a challenging climb (3,000 ft. total ups and downs) has its rewards. The high point at the Massanutten's north end offers fine views over plains below, which is why Confederate forces used it as a signal station. We'll also see the natural ramparts of the east and west Massanutten ridges, which appealed to George Washington as a potential last redoubt if the British succeeded in driving his army into the wilderness. Leader: Larry Broadwell, 301-215-7135.

Sun. Dec. 9. Rated A/B. Hains Point and Other Points (Get to Know D.C.). Flat and paved 7-8 mi. on the Mall and monument area and around East Potomac Park. Will "The Awakening" still be there? Bring a plastic garbage bag or two to help clean up the debris the river deposits. Meet at 10:30 a.m. at the Mall entrance to Smithsonian Metro Station. Bring liquids and lunch or a snack. Leader: Helen Epps, 202-363-1278 (leave message).

Sun. Dec. 9. Rated B. Christmas in Washington. Celebrate Christmas with a hike through the nation's capital. This holiday event will take us through historic Georgetown by way of the C&O Canal and up Pennsylvania Ave. to the White House and the National Christmas tree. After lunch at the Old Post Office Tower, we will return by way of the National Mall, passing the Washington Monument and Lincoln Memorial. Meet at 10 a.m. at the Roosevelt Island parking lot off the George Washington Memorial Parkway (Metro-accessible). Leader: Glenn Gillis, glennpotomacfalls@yahoo.com or 703-430-0568.

Sun. Dec. 9. Rated C. What the Heck Is a Poetry Hike? Well, come along and find out. This moderate 6 mi. circuit in the Bull Run Mountains Natural Area Preserve just off I-66 includes a long ascent to a ridge with fine views as well as a look at remains of six-story Chapman's Mill, which supplied America in peace and war for over 200 years. Poetry optional. Limited to 20 people. Leader: David Cheng, dmcheng@yahoo.com or 301-980-6112 (before 9 p.m.).

Tues. Dec. 11. Rated H. Central SP: Robertson Mtn (vigorous hike). We'll climb Robertson and Stony Man mountains, then descend Nicholson Hollow Trail; 15 mi. and 4,000 ft. climb. Leader: Chris Nolen, chrishiker@verizon.net or 301-469-8931.

Hike Rating System

One point is assigned to each mile and each 400' elevation change, up & down. The higher the point total, the more difficult the hike. For example, a five-mile hike with 1,200' elevation change (400' up, 800' down) gets a point total of 8 and is rated B; an 8-mile hike with an elevation change of 3,600' gets a point total of 17 and is rated E.

Rating	Points	Rating	Points	Rating	Points
A	7 or less	B	8-10	C	11 - 13
D	14- 16	E	17 - 19	F	20 - 22
G	23 - 25	H	more than 25		



Calendar

Sat. Dec. 15. Rated D. Riverbend and Great Falls Park, Fairfax County, Va. 9.8 miles with 2,200 elev. change along Potomac River and Difficult Run. Spectacular views of Great Falls. Meet at 8 a.m. at parking lot of the former Riverbend Park Nature Center. Leader: Russ Norfleet, russnorfleet@verizon.net or 703-294-6068.

Sat. Dec. 15. Rated D. Lands of Rolling Ridge Foundation and AT. Modified circuit hike of 7-9 mi. and up to 2,600 ft. elev. change at moderate pace, mostly in secluded and private nature preserve on forested western flanks of Blue Ridge just inside West Virginia. This hike will feature climb to AT and vista-rich Crescent Rock, but is also likely to include new-to-leader route segment and another overlook. Indoor lunch options: Bring your own or reserve \$5 omnivore or veggievore meal prepared by resident chef Sheila at Niles Cabin (call leader by Dec. 13 to make reservation). To carpool, meet at 8 a.m. at Vienna Metro Station's north parking lot (Metro riders should bear right on emerging outdoors at station). Leashed dogs okay (but call leader first). Joint event with AMC/DC. Leader: Paul Elliott, 703-256-6351.

Sat. Dec. 15-Sun. Dec. 16. Christmas at Harpers Ferry. Enjoy the holiday season in the charming and historical town of Harpers Ferry. Decked out as a winter wonderland, the town is ideal for celebrating the joys of Christmas. On Saturday, we'll hike through the historic district along the AT, visiting the many sites of old-town Harpers Ferry. On Sunday, we will follow the C&O Canal before climbing Maryland Heights for spectacular views of the Potomac and Shenandoah rivers (hike rating C). Saturday night accommodations will be at the nearby Harpers Ferry Hostel. For reservations and further information, contact

Glenn Gillis, glennpotomacfalls@yahoo.com or 703-430-0568.

Sun. Dec. 16. Rated C. Battery Kemble Park and More. A 10-mi. hike that starts and ends at Metro stations. Hike meanders through Battery Kemble Park, C&O Canal Park, Glover-Archibold Park, Whitehaven Park, Dumbarton Oaks Park and Rock Creek Park for a partially wooded ramble through 10 miles of D.C. Starts at 10 a.m., ends about 4 p.m. For meeting spot and details contact leader. Bring money for return trip on Metro. Leader: Mike Gingerich, 202-370-7957

Tues. Dec. 18. Rated H. Central SNP: Old Rag and Whiteoak Canyon (vigorous hike). Enjoy the scramble up Old Rag, down to foot of Whiteoak for a second climb, and return via Corbin Hollow; 14 mi. and 4,500 ft. climb. Leader: Chris Nolen, chrishiker@verizon.net or 301-469-8931.

Wed. Dec. 26. Rated H. Central SNP: Little Devils Stairs (vigorous hike). Work off the holiday excess. Ascend the stairs to Keyser Run Rd., to AT south over Hogback for views, then descend Piney Ridge Trail to return on Hull School Trail; about 13 mi. and 3,000 ft. climb. Leader: Chris Nolen, chrishiker@verizon.net or 301-469-8931.

Tues. Jan. 1. Rated B. 34th Annual New Year's Day Hike on C&O Canal Towpath. Start 2008 right with a 10 mi. walk along the C&O Canal. Learn about this historic area. Meet at 9:30 a.m. on Wisconsin Ave. at the canal, south of M St. in Georgetown. Walk to Little Falls Pump Station (or turn around sooner) and back. Leashed dogs OK. Leaders: Carol Ivory, carolivory@verizon.net; Christine Ford, 703-425-6899 (before 10 p.m.); and Paul Elliott, 703-256-6351.

D.C. Chapter and Related Events

Following is a partial list of activities of the D.C. Chapter at press time. All events are free unless indicated by (\$). Please RSVP where indicated. Always check online for new events or to RSVP: dc.sierraclub.org.

Tue. Dec. 4

Transportation Committee Meeting. 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Sierra Club, 401 C St. N.E. Metro: Union Station or D6, Circulator. RSVP. Contact Clayton Wilkerson at 919-539-1469 or claytonwilkerson@yahoo.com.

Wed. Dec. 5

Annual Holiday Party & Silent Auction, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. The Reef, 2446 18th Street N.W. Contact Chasta Piatakovas at 202-320-1205 or cpiatakovas@netzero.com.

Mon. Dec. 10

Second Monday Happy Hour (\$) 5:45 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Froggy Bottom Bar & Restaurant, 2142 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W. Contact Chasta Piatakovas at 202-320-1205 or cpiatakovas@netzero.com.

Thu. Dec. 13

Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Sierra Club, 401 C St. N.E. All members welcome. Metro: Union Station or D6, Circulator. Contact Jason Broehm at 202-299-0745 or jason.broehm@dc.sierraclub.org.

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Please join us for the Sierra Club – Washington, D.C., Chapter's annual holiday party! This is an excellent opportunity to meet your chapter leaders, fellow members and non-members, and distinguished guests from the D.C. government for an enjoyable evening of socializing over food and drink. There will be raffle prizes, too!

A minimum donation of \$20 per person is suggested to help cover the cost of food. There will be a cash bar.

To RSVP, please visit the Calendar of Events at www.dc.sierraclub.org, or contact Chasta Piatakovas at 202-320-1205 or washingtondc.chapter@sierraclub.org for more information.

Chapter Executive Committee Elections

Following are statements from each of the candidates running for the 2008 Executive Committee. An asterisk () denotes a current voting member of the Executive Committee.*

Jason Broehm*

I have had the pleasure of volunteering with the Sierra Club's Washington, D.C., Chapter for the past seven years, including six years as a member of the Executive Committee and the last three years as chapter chair. I am now seeking re-election to another two-year term, and I ask for your support.

I first became involved in the Sierra Club as an activist and leader of campaigns to protect Rock Creek National Park, and I remain passionate about protecting our parkland citywide. Most recently I testified before a D.C. Council committee about the importance of protecting parkland at Poplar Point, which is slated for increased development.

In the two years ahead I would like to focus on grooming new volunteer leaders, improving our fundraising efforts so we can continue to support our chapter assistant position, and eventually freeing up my own volunteer hours to return to activism on conservation issues.

Grace Cunningham*

Earlier this year, I was appointed by our elected leaders to finish the term of a departing Executive Committee member. Since then, I have been active in many club activities, taking part in media and public outreach on the campaign against Metro fare hikes and service cuts, hosting a climate change house party and providing leadership wherever help is needed.

I'm a part of the Sierra Club in order to help protect our complex and fragile urban and global environments. Protecting the planet requires many different actions: political, community-based, canvassing, tabling, letter-writing, and social events and communications to engage the public.

As a club leader, I'll continue to educate and engage District residents on global warming and transit issues by writing for the newsletter and planning neighborhood outreach events. I've also led the chapter in its search for a new

chapter assistant (coming soon!). I plan to take on new tasks such as fundraising and online communications as our streetcar and climate campaigns move forward. I would be grateful for the opportunity to continue serving in a unique leadership role for our diverse, active chapter.

Dennis Chestnut

I am a native Washingtonian and lifetime resident of Ward 7. I am president of the Hillbrook Community Association, chairman of the Watts Branch Community Alliance, a member of the Sierra Club Environmental Justice Advisory Committee, member of the Ward 7 Leadership Council, member of the Anacostia Watershed Citizens Advisory Committee, member of the Lincoln Heights/Richardson Dwellings New Communities Advisory Committee and program/volunteer coordinator for Washington Parks & People. I am very pleased and honored to be a part of these various committees and would be especially honored to serve on the Executive Committee of the D.C. Chapter of the Sierra Club. I was recently named to receive the first ever Vision Award from Greater Washington Interfaith Power and Light.

I am proud to be a member of the Sierra Club. I have been a member for two years and have thoroughly enjoyed the knowledge that I have gained and the many wonderful people that I have met. I have lived east of the Anacostia River all of my life. I feel that living and growing up in this community has contributed to the consciousness and focus that I have on saving our earth, preserving our green spaces and conserving our precious natural resources. If elected and given the opportunity to serve, I will work to expand the membership and involvement of the communities east of the Anacostia River in the D.C. Chapter and its programs and to bring the environmental learning and programs offered through the Sierra Club to the youth east of the river and throughout the city.

I am honored to receive this nomination to serve on the Executive Committee of the D.C. Chapter of the Sierra Club, and if elected I will dedicate myself to carrying out the mission

of the club. Thank you very much.

Josh Stebbins

I am excited to run for the Executive Committee because I strongly believe in the chapter's work and would like to expand the ways in which I contribute to it. I practice public interest environmental law. Over the last six years I have been active in the chapter's waste reduction program. This has included representing the Sierra Club in its litigation against, and subsequent negotiations with, the District of Columbia to compel implementation of its recycling law, and also public education and outreach efforts including, for example, helping to develop and distribute pamphlets on recycling.

As many of us do, I believe cities promise perhaps the most sustainable form of development and that there are great untapped opportunities for the District to improve its environmental performance, its quality of life and its bottom line. I hope to work on the Executive Committee to help the District realize its potential.

Lisa Swanson*

I would like to continue to serve on the Executive Committee for another term. I feel fortunate to be associated with the activist talent in the Sierra Club so visibly involved in great campaigns in the city for better air, water and transit. We do great things, and we can do more.

In my recent terms on the Executive Committee, I have served on the Political Committee, and I have continued to work on protecting parks. I currently serve in the dual roles of vice chair and chair of the Political Committee, which worked effectively in the last round of local elections — in the general election in 2006, all five of our endorsed candidates won their seats, with credit to the club for the efforts it made. In the special election in the spring of 2007, we were one for two in races that attracted a record number of candidates.

My continuing goal is to increase the numbers and influence of the Sierra Club so that environmental issues are on the political agenda for all local elected officials and candidates and

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all residents and visitors will see the economic and life-quality advantage of considering the environment in collective planning.

Scott Williamson*
No Statement

Brian Van Wye

As a life-long environmentalist who has a 2-year-old daughter, I am deeply committed to improving the health of the natural world that must sustain us and our children for generations to come. Until recently, I served as the Anacostia Riverkeeper and had the pleasure of working with Sierra Club members on numerous projects for the restoration of the river. I am excited by this opportunity to become more involved in the great work being done by Sierra Club members in the District, and, as a member of the Executive Committee, would hope to contribute particularly to the Sierra Club's advocacy for the restoration of the Anacostia River.

I was a Peace Corps Volunteer in sub-Saharan Africa from 1995 through 1997 and moved to the District of Columbia in 2000. I have worked on water quality issues since I came to the District and would be honored to serve on the Executive Committee.

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Lisa Swanson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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