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360-Degree Views of Anacostia Tributary Trail System Viewable on New Interactive Map

Washington, DC – Metropolitan Washington's residents and visitors can preview nearly 63 miles of the Anacostia Tributary Trail System (ATTS) from a computer or hand held device before setting out to hike or bike, thanks to a new interactive digital map that features 360-degree panoramic views of the system's trails.

The ATTS is a system of trails located throughout the Anacostia watershed in the District of Columbia and suburban Maryland. The trails are maintained by the Prince George County Department of Parks and Recreation, the Montgomery County Department of Parks, and the National Park Service, among others.

The interactive map is a project of the Anacostia Watershed Restoration Partnership (AWRP), a regional effort supported by the District of Columbia, Montgomery and Prince George's Counties, state and federal partners, and led by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) to coordinate the restoration and protection of the Anacostia River.

Eleven trails are available for digital viewing, including The Anacostia Riverwalk Trail (District of Columbia), Rachel Carson Greenway Trail (Montgomery County), and Indian Creek Trail (Prince George's County).

In addition to the panoramic images, information on the length of each trail, elevation, temperature, and wind speed is also provided. The map also identifies points of interest along each trail, such as Wheaton Regional Park, Bladensburg Waterfront Park, and the Aquatic Resources Education Center. Capital Bikeshare docking stations are pinpointed, and trailgoers can also tell when a part of the system is under construction.

"As the National Park Service enters its centennial year, one of our goals is to connect more people with incredible places right in their communities," said Gopaul Noojibail, Superintendent of the National Park Service East, which oversees many mapped trails in the District of Columbia. "We're excited to help launch this new, interactive map to inspire more District residents and visitors to find their park in Anacostia Park."

The panoramic images were captured by Terrain360 using cameras mounted on a backpack and bikes. Terrain360 has created virtual tours of other trails, waterways, and landscapes—such as the Shenandoah Valley and the James River.

Additional imagery will be added when the Anacostia Riverwalk Trail is complete in October 2016. This will make the ATTS and linking trails one of the largest urban trails systems in the country.

Visit the map at: http://anacostia.net/trails.html

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