



Environmental Justice Organizations in Washington DC



Anacostia Riverkeeper(ARK)

Working together to understand the health of District of

Columbia Waters, the District of

Columbia Department of Energy and Environment awarded a grant to Anacostia Riverkeeper to implement a volunteer-based, citizen-science water quality monitoring program with the goal of providing up-to-date, weekly water quality data to residents and visitors. For more information, visit doee.dc.gov/service/citizen-science-initiatives.

In addition to that, the ARK recruits volunteers for their Clean Waterways Cleanups, which focuses on the trash hotspots along the river. In 2020, ARK, along with community partners and volunteers, stopped over 16,000 pounds of trash from entering the Anacostia.

Lastly, the ARK hosts Friday Night Fishing, which is a free all-inclusive program held in the summer. Its objective is to teach children, families, and community members how to fish. For many, this is the first time they experience the Anacostia in this way.

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Water Quality Monitoring:

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All other general questions:

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Website: anacostiariverkeeper.org



DC Statehood Green Party

Stalwarts of almost any local Green activity, whether legislative or environmental justice-motivated, the

Green Party members are always present in the conversation. Currently, parallel to their goal to gain statehood, the DCSGP is working towards securing accessible, secure, and sanitary homes for the people of Woodberry Village in DC's South East quadrant.

Overarching website: statehoodgreensofdc.org

DC specific website: N/A

Social media: Twitter



Extinction Rebellion DC

Founded in DC three years ago, Extinction Rebellion of DC(XRDC)

aims to mobilize its members as well as other organizations to disrupt and expose actions (or lack thereof) that only go to worsen the status of the climate emergency. Filling a critical niche XRDC has seen other chapters pop up across the country, and it continuously brings media attention to Congress's stagnation.

Overarching website: extinctionrebellion.us

DC Specific website: xrdc.org

Social media: [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#)



Labor Network For Sustainability(LNS)

The LNS strives for policy change that is more conscious of the

environment but also conscious of the jobs policies affect. It hopes to create a 'just transition' for workers and communities negatively affected by climate change and by industry transitions to renewable energy. The work done by LNS includes reports and events that educate the public on how climate change will affect the livelihoods of those working in unsustainable domains as well as amplify the voices of those who are already feeling the consequences of unjust transitions.

Overarching website: labor4sustainability.org

DC specific website: N/A

Social media: [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#)



SIERRA CLUB

**Sierra Club:
Washington DC
Chapter**

The Sierra Club

continuously campaigns for clean energy, clean water, smart growth, and zero waste. Through community involvement and donations, the Sierra Club has been able to accomplish many things that have benefited the citizens of the District. For example, their Zero Waste Committee is actively advocating for policies that will reduce the amount of waste that is incinerated within the city which



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not only help the environment but the health of those in proximity to waste management facilities.

Overarching website: sierraclub.org
DC specific website: sierraclub.org/dc
Social media: [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#)

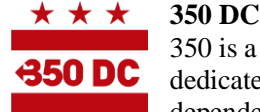
that the city has a clean, affordable, and equitable energy system that serves every DC resident.

Overarching website: wepowerdc.org
DC specific website: N/A
Social media: [Twitter](#)



ONE DC
Although ONE DC is not a designated environmental justice organization, it is a designated equity organization. ONE DC is incredibly outspoken about inclusivity and intersectionality regarding policy decisions within the city. Through its mission to find racial and economic equity, this organization directly contributes to finding environmental justice in DC.

Website: onedconline.org
Social media: [Facebook](#)



350 DC
350 is a nation-wide organization dedicated to ending fossil fuel dependency while also building a future with community-led renewable energy for all. DC's chapter of 350 has been able to fight off pipeline projects such as the Potomac pipeline and continues to lobby the city council against future plans for projects that will displace residents and hurt the environment.

Overarching website: 350.org
Social media: [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#)



Washington Parks & People
DC's alliance for park-based community health for all, this non-profit organization works to activate public lands and waters for broad community revitalization. Through several programs, they reconnect underserved and vulnerable communities with their natural surroundings. Notably, Washington Parks and People's Green Corps training program introduces forestry, stormwater mitigation, urban agriculture, and other fields to their trainees, many of whom are formally incarcerated. Through this, WPP hopes to break cycles of crime and incarceration.

Overarching website: washingtonparks.net
Social media: [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#)



WE POWER DC
We Power DC is a coalition of community members and organizations fighting for a public energy system in the District. Their message is that DC needs public power to ensure