



DC Water trains District residents for good jobs

More than a year ago, DC Water began a large-scale initiative to place more local residents on DC Water construction and service projects. Called DC Water Works, the program serves as the first source for recruitment and referral of qualified candidates for new jobs – with a priority placed on District residents. In the program's first year, DC Water contractors filled 125 new positions. Of these, 112 were filled by residents of the jurisdictions we serve, including 76 District residents.

One strategy was to develop training and mentorship programs, including:

- Partnering with the Water Environment Federation and other organizations to develop a curriculum for a standardized green infrastructure certification. Graduates can sit for a standardized exam – those who pass are among an elite group who hold the national certification.
- In March 2017, DC Water conducted a 15-week CDL training program for 13 District residents. Ten trainees successfully completed the course and all 10 were successfully employed.
- DC Water's Department of Facilities partners with local community-based programs to provide District residents with summer employment. This program also includes mentoring and basic training opportunities.

We also sped up the candidate matching process to quickly get qualified candidates in front of the contractors for interviews. Lastly, we surveyed employers and nonprofit skills providers to understand the types of job openings, skills training requirements, and ways to better identify candidates with potential.

DC Water Works maintained three job centers citywide that assisted job seekers. Further, DC Water identified local resources including government agencies, labor organizations, training providers, and high schools, that could assist in identifying candidates. We look forward to applying more lessons learned to increase local hiring even more. For more detail, please visit page 42 of our annual report at dcwater.com/annualreport.

General Manager's Message

With rates and affordability top of mind, I am pleased to announce that DC Water is bringing back the



Budget Town Hall meetings this year. These meetings are an opportunity for ratepayers and other concerned members of the public to hear what pressing initiatives at DC Water are driving our budget decisions. You will have a chance to learn more about our projects and our costs, and how we determine rate structures.

In addition, we will have experts from different departments so that you can talk to a Customer Care Associate about your specific water bill (bring it with you), or an engineer about a project in your neighborhood, or speak with an expert about the water quality in your home.

We co-host these Town Hall meetings with the Councilmember in each ward. You are invited to join us and to ask questions after the presentation. It is important to us that we hear your concerns and I look forward to the meetings this spring. Please visit dcwater.com/rates to find your local meeting or to learn more about the budget process.

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Get rid of unwanted medicine

Protect your community and waterways by safely discarding expired medications

On Saturday, April 28, the public is encouraged to safely dispose of prescription and over-the-counter medications at locations throughout DC, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency's Drug Take Back Day is a nationwide event to promote the safe disposal of expired and unwanted medications. Proper medication disposal keeps our communities safe by preventing drug abuse, accidental ingestion, and water pollution. Visit <http://bit.ly/Medtakeback> (available April 1) to find a drop-off location near you. The service is free and anonymous.

"Medications that are flushed down the toilet eventually enter our waterways," said DC Water Interim CEO and General Manager Henderson J. Brown, IV. "This free, safe and anonymous service is one step the public can take to protect drinking water supplies and marine environments."

Dropping off your unwanted medications at a disposal site is easy; gather medications and their containers, bring them to a drop-off location, and a law enforcement official will take them off your hands in minutes. Medications are then incinerated at a secure facility, which prevents water pollution caused by flushing medicine down the toilet.

For those who can't make it to the take-back locations on April 28, a list of permanent, secure disposal locations in the region is posted at <http://bit.ly/ManageMedication>.



April is Earth Month

Anacostia Watershed Society

Saturday, April 21, 2018 • 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

With nearly 30 sites across the watershed, volunteers will be collecting litter while beautifying and restoring their Anacostia River. Contact the AWS Earth Day team at earthday@anacostiaaws.org.

Alice Ferguson Foundation

Saturday, April 14, 2018 • 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

The official date is Saturday, April 14, however, there will be cleanups throughout the entire month of April. Contact the Cleanup Coordinator at potomaccleanup@fergusonfoundation.org

Town Hall Meetings begin in March

DC Water proudly hosts the spring Town Hall Meetings in the months of March and April. Come out to hear the General Manager of your water utility explain what your water bill pays for. Please check dcwater.com/rates for the latest schedule and contact information.



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