

# Anacostia Watershed Society

## EARTH DAY CLEANUP 2025

On April 26, 2025, nearly **1200** Anacostia Watershed Society Earth Day Cleanup Volunteers of all ages worked to make the Anacostia River healthier and safer by cleaning up trash and debris that would otherwise flow into the river.

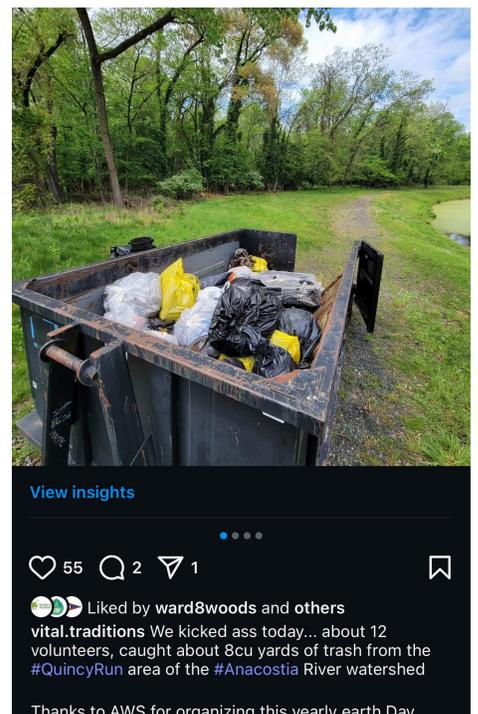
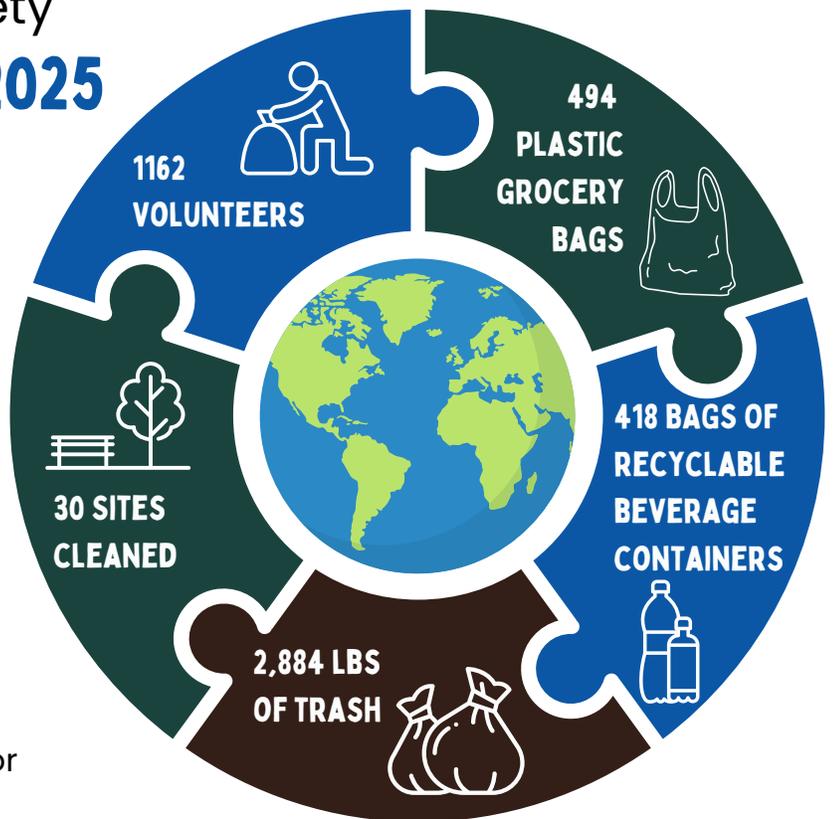
AWS Earth Day volunteers cleared out nearly **3,000 pounds of trash** (that's about as heavy as an American Bison) from sites throughout the watershed.

This year, we focused our efforts on cleaning up recyclable beverage containers, hoping to elevate the need for a bottle bill in Maryland.

Over **400 bags** of plastic, glass, and aluminum beverage containers were collected! This is a small fraction of the more than **5.2 billion beverage containers** that Marylanders buy annually, and only about a quarter of those are recycled. Although the MD Bottle Bill was not passed this year, we continue to advocate to reduce beverage container litter and reduce plastic pollution!

We're so thankful for our volunteers, site leaders, sponsors, and government partners for another impactful day for the Anacostia River!

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