



What's New at Storm Water Systems

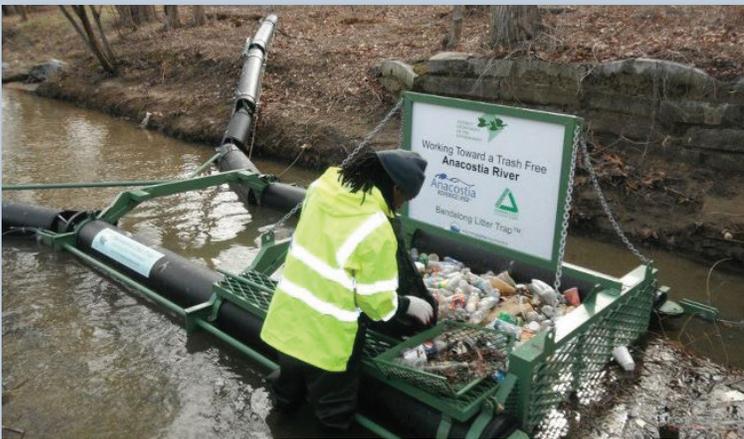
As we start off the new year with our first newsletter of 2012, all of us at Storm Water Systems would like to wish you all a happy and prosperous new year. Additionally, we would like to thank all of you for your continued support and interest as we push forward with our goal of keeping our waterways clean. As always, since our last newsletter, a lot has happened. In this issue, we are excited to share the news of two new Bandalong Litter Trap installations in

Washington, DC as part of their trash-free Anacostia River initiative. The two new installations make a total of three Bandalongs in our nation's capital. In this issue, you will also read about another exciting Bandalong Litter Trap installation in Brockton, Massachusetts. Finally, we are thrilled to announce the unveiling and launch of our new website! Thanks for reading and as always, we invite you to visit our website at www.stormwatersystems.com



SWS Vice President Mark Kirves with Anacostia Riverkeeper Mike Bolinder at the James Creek Marina Bandalong installation

Washington, DC Installs Two New Bandalong Litter Traps



GWARDC cleans out the Bandalong at Marvin Gaye Park

Once again, Storm Water Systems is proud to be involved with our nation's capital's on-going efforts to prevent trash from entering waterways. Washington DC started 2012 off right with the installation of two new Bandalong Litter Traps. According to a press release from the District Department of the Environment (DDOE), "the two Bandalongs, one installed in Marvin Gaye Park and the other at an MS4 outfall near the James Creek Marina, will be instrumental in preventing trash and debris from reaching the mainstem of the Anacostia River.

What makes this installation unique is how the District funded the new Bandalongs. In January 2010, Washington, DC became the first city in the nation to implement a fee on disposable

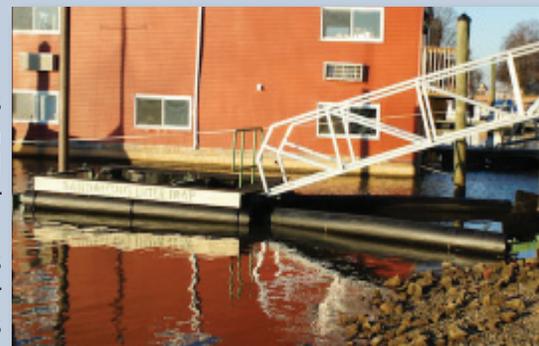
shopping bags. This innovative solution to the growing problem of trash in our water requires stores to charge 5 cents for each plastic or paper bag distributed at the point of purchase. The store keeps 1-2 cents of the fee and the remainder goes to the fund aimed at restoring and protecting the Anacostia River. This initiative raised approximately \$3.4 million through September 2011 and is used for restoration, education and trash-reduction projects in the District's waterways, outreach, implementation and reusable-bag distribution. A small portion of the funds raised were used for the two new Bandalong installations.

"I'm thrilled about today's announcement," says Council member Tommy Wells. "The city is keeping its promise to use the funds collected to invest in the clean-up and restoration of the Anacostia. Today we are marking another step in restoring the River's health for all of our residents to enjoy."

"This is another progressive step

towards restoring our rivers and streams," says DDOE Director Christophe A.G. Tulous. "With these Bandalongs, we are doing what is necessary to ensure that our waterways are trash free and, at the same time, improving the quality of life for District residents."

A press conference announcing the new installations was held January 24th at Marvin Gaye Park. Anacostia Riverkeeper and project manager Mike Bolinder said, "Everybody wins with a Bandalong project. The river is cleaner, jobs are being created, the City has help meeting its TMDL obligations and we're gathering crucial data about litter. This is a model every city in America should follow." The



Bandalongs were installed as part of a grant awarded by DDOE to Anacostia Riverkeeper.

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Bandalong in James Creek Marina

Groundwork Anacostia River DC (GWARDC), a local non-profit that uses environmental restoration as a means for community development, will be conducting annual maintenance on both devices. "Hopefully going forward, other jurisdictions will

follow DC's lead and see the incredible benefit in investing in this technology and supporting the resources that can work right along with it," commented Dennis Chestnut, Executive Director of GWARDC. "By combining effective equipment, the Bandalong, with a community's most valuable resources, the people, we are able to make the Bandalong the most efficient system operating."

Storm Water Systems President Gary Hopkins stated, "Storm Water Systems is honored to be involved in this unique clean water partnership. Washington, D.C. continues to prevent trash from entering the Anacostia River

through an important collaboration between public, private and non-profit organizations. The District serves as a model for communities across America struggling with the unfortunate issue of litter in their waterways."

Under the new MS4 permit, the District has committed to complying with the Anacostia trash TMDL by 2016. The DDOE states that projects like this will be necessary to ensure compliance with the MS4 permit, the TMDL, and other efforts for a trash-free Anacostia. Since the installation of the first Bandalong at the mouth of Watts Branch in 2009, more than six tons of trash and debris has been collected.

First Bandalong in New England Installed

The city of Brockton, Mass. has made a remarkable commitment to protect their environment by becoming the first city in New England to install a Bandalong Litter Trap to capture and remove floating litter on the Salisbury Plain River. The project is a result of the Brockton Department of Public Works and their desire to reduce the impact of litter on their environment. After watching trash in storm water runoff emptying at outfalls, the Brockton Department of Public Works realized the importance of removing litter from the waterways.

"Litter causes significant damage to our environment," said David Norton, Water & Sewer Contract Administrator for the City of Brockton. "Not only is it unsightly, but it also harms plants, animals and people, as it often contains germs that lead to a variety of disease and creates a toxic environment as it decomposes."

The Brockton installation features

unique lift-out baskets that can easily be removed and emptied with standard public works equipment. Georgia-based Storm Water Systems, North America's exclusive licensee of the Bandalong Litter Trap, installed the floating litter collection device in the Salisbury Plain River in late October. The installation of the Bandalong Litter Trap is the city of Brockton's most recent project displaying their commitment to protecting the environment. Recently, Brockton invested over \$110M to improve and upgrade the wastewater treatment facility and sewer collection systems. The installation has received support from officials in Brockton, including Mayor Linda M. Balzotti, who is eager to see the results.

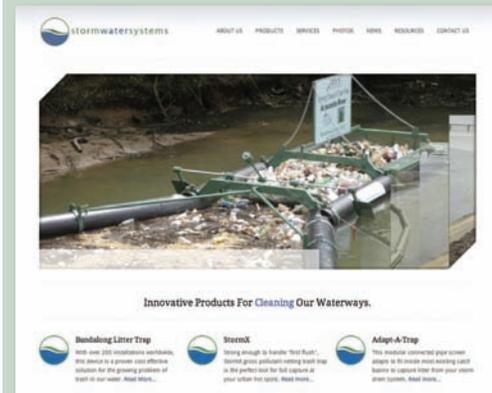
"With this investment, Brockton is making a concrete statement concerning our city's commitment to the environment and providing safe, clean water for generations to come," Mayor Linda M. Balzotti said. "We are proud to be the first city in New England to install a Bandalong Litter Trap."

Currently, there are over 205 installations in the world, with the Brockton installation being only the fourth in the United States.



Brockton, Mass. Bandalong Litter Trap

NEW WEBSITE



Storm Water Systems unveiled the new website in January 2012

All of us at Storm Water Systems are thrilled to start 2012 off with a completely new website. Recently, stormwatersystems.com went through major construction. The website "face lift" includes several new features to keep our audience constantly informed. Some of these new features include constant updates and blog posts discussing the most relevant clean water and litter reduction news and events. The new website was unveiled in January with new content being uploaded daily.

Feel free to head over to stormwatersystems.com and give it a look. While you're there, send us a note and let us know how you feel about our new website!

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