

## Resolution 2011-R-25

### Resolution to Pay Anacostia Trails Heritage Area (ATHA) Annual Dues

Introduced by: **CM Jonathan Ebbeler**

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WHEREAS the town of Riverdale Park wishes to continue to support efforts organizations focused on optimizing opportunities for economic development and supporting the character, natural resources, and history of our town ;

WHEREAS becoming partner opens up grant opportunities within ATHA and major activities are planned in support of the Bicentennial celebration of the War of 1812;

WHEREAS The Anacostia Trails Heritage Area is a territory of some 83.7 square miles, encompassing 14 municipalities as well as many neighborhoods in the unincorporated portions of the County. It is bounded on three sides by the County boundary and on the east, in part by the Baltimore-Washington Parkway, and in part by a line further east following Federal land ownership to the Patuxent River, the County's northern boundary;

WHEREAS the vision of ATHA is to create a major tourist destination where visitors may come and enjoy a wide variety of attractions along the trail system, visit well-maintained communities, stay overnight at a comfortable hotel, eat at any number of different restaurants, and conduct research if so inclined, all while spending tourist dollars and thereby contributing to the success of the area, its resources, and its citizens;

WHEREAS the Anacostia Trails Heritage Area also contains sites that document the nature of settlement patterns around Washington, D.C., and the rise of the African-American middle class. These include plantation and tobacco culture sites, a nationally known Depression-era planned "Greentown," streetcar suburb sites, and several examples of pattern book architecture from the 19th and 20th centuries. In addition, the area has one-of-a-kind educational and scientific study centers and diverse cultural resources;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that:

The town of Riverdale Park shall pay out of its 2011-2012 budget applicable annual dues to ATHA.