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Dear Lieutenant General Spellmon and Chief Bierly,

Friends of Sligo Creek, a community non-profit organization dedicated to the ecological health of Sligo Creek and its surrounding watershed, recently had a program meeting via Zoom about the prospect for the return of migratory fish such as herring to Sligo Creek. The speaker was Phong Trieu of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Anacostia program.

We learned about a potential Army Corps of Engineers project described at <https://www.nab.usace.army.mil/Media/News-Releases/Article/1719374/anacostia-watershed-restoration-project-plan-in-prince-georges-county-gets-gree/> that would remove existing fish blockages in Sligo Creek and the Northwest Branch. We also learned that since the 1990s the Army Corps "focus has intently revolved around ecosystem restoration." (<https://www.nab.usace.army.mil/Missions/Environmental/Anacostia-Watershed-Restoration/>)

Friends of Sligo Creek strongly supports these efforts to remove fish blockages as well as the Army Corps focus on ecosystem restoration. We are looking forward to the day when the return of herring and other migratory fish to Sligo Creek is a reliable annual natural event.

Thank you for your efforts to restore Sligo Creek and please let us know if there is something we can do to assist in this effort.

Sincerely yours,

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