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WASHINGTON, DC - APRIL 24 : A small group of volunteers work to clean trash from the Watts Branch Stream, where its slight flow of water crosses from Maryland into northeast DC where Southern and Eastern Avenues meet to form the right corner of the District's diamond shape on April 24, 2010, in Washington, DC. It took the falling of an old tree, its trunk skimming the stream's flow just enough to be a filter, to reveal what besides water and tree debris was surely headed toward the already poisoned Anacostia River. Styrofoam folding food trays and cups in all levels of disintegration, alcohol bottles from top shelf to bottom, potato chip bags and plastic motor oil containers. In an Earth Day 2010 effort organized by the Anacostia Watershed Society, volunteers participated in a massive trash cleanup along the shores of the polluted river and its tributaries in DC and Maryland. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration reports that roughly 20,000 tons of trash enter the Anacostia River from local creeks and streams each year. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has officially declared the Anacostia to be Ã’impaired by trash", only the second river in the nation to receive such a distinction, and it lists human beings as the chief source of the litter. It's only fitting that humans chip in to repair their damage. But, more importantly, we must develop the mentality that leads us to properly dispose of our waste in the first place. (Photo by Jahi Chikwendiu/The Washington Post via Getty Images)

A small group of volunteers work to clean trash from the Watts Branch Stream, in Washington, DC., in 2010.

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