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Regional Leaders Receive Potomac Champion Awards; Talk Trash-Free Solutions for the Anacostia River and Beyond

(College Park, MD) **Prince George's County Executive Rushern L. Baker, III, Montgomery County Executive Isiah "Ike" Leggett** will receive the Alice Ferguson Foundation's Potomac Champion Award on March 22nd as part of the Foundation's **Transforming Communities Summit**. Elected officials, business leaders, community activists, and municipal managers will discuss regional policies and efforts to reduce trash in communities along the Potomac River Watershed, particularly the Anacostia River as they focus on the Summit's theme of **Trash-Free Solutions for Healthy Lives, Clean Land, and Safe Water**.

WHO: Speakers include:

- Rushern L. Baker, III, Prince George's County Executive
- Isiah "Ike" Leggett, Montgomery County Executive
- Jim Dinegar, President & CEO Greater Washington Board of Trade
- Tommy Wells, Director, District Department of Energy & Environment, District of Columbia
- Lisa Feldt, Director, Department of Environmental Protection, Montgomery County
- Adam Ortiz, Director, Department of Environmental Resources, Prince George's County
- Tommy Wells, Director, District Department of Energy and the Environment
- Krista Schlyer, award winning photographer and author

WHAT: The Summit opens with a photographic journey along the Anacostia River through the captivating lens of award winning photographer and author Krista Schlyer. The luncheon keynote panel, moderated by Greater Washington Board of Trade President and CEO Jim Dinegar, will feature County Executives Rushern Baker and Ike Leggett as they share policy and community outreach successes over the past decade as well as actions for the future. A closing plenary panel will include Tommy Wells, Director of the District Department of Energy & Environment; Adam Ortiz, Director for the Department of the Environment for Prince George's County; and Lisa Feldt, Director of the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection.

WHERE: **University of Maryland College Park** Samuel L. Riggs Alumni Center
7801 Alumni Drive, College Park, Maryland 20742

WHEN: Tuesday, March 22, 2016
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

The Alice Ferguson Foundation connects people to the natural world, sustainable agricultural practices, and the cultural heritage of their local watershed through education, stewardship, and advocacy. AFF operates the **Hard Bargain Farm Environmental Center**—a 330 acre working farm located on the shorelines of the Potomac River south of Washington, D.C. Learn more at www.fergusonfoundation.org

Editor's note: Email Julene Joy jjoy@fergusonfoundation.org to attend the Summit. Members of the media receive free registration. For more information visit: trashsummit.org.