



## Bulletin of the Proceedings of the Friends of Accotink Creek

Our meeting notes serve as bulletins of our activities, interests, and discussions, supplemented by your submissions.

### Friends of Accotink Creek Town Meeting – July 19, 2016

Next Meeting: August 16, 2016 (Third Tuesday of each month)  
Audrey Moore Rec Center, Senior Center Lobby

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#### **Present:**

Dave Lincoln  
Flint Webb  
Sandy Collins  
Beverley Rivera  
Ted Welch  
Philip Latasa

#### **Upcoming events**

- GMU Service Fair, September 9, 2016
- Lake Accotink Park Stream Monitoring, September 10, 2016
- International Coastal Cleanup, September & October, 2016

#### **Action Items:**

- *Everyone – Brainstorm grant application ideas*
- *Kris – Contact Choose Clean Water on plastic bag bill*
- *Ted - Contact Scout Store*
- *Dave – Consult Sierra Club on Fairfax County Environmental Vision*
- *Dave – Check on Springfield BridgeWalk*
- *Dave - Coordinate cleanups with Vietnamese Youth Buddhist Association*
- *Philip – Coordinate cleanups with Asian American LEAD*
- *Dave – Arrange litter initiative meeting*
- *Sandy & Ted – Coordinate pharmaceutical scout project*

#### **FACC Subjects Discussed –**

- Represent FACC
  - *Nutley Pond Water Chestnut 7/13*  
Philip advised the invasive removal has been postponed to 2017, due to insufficient growth to justify volunteer efforts.
  - *Springfield Community BridgeWalk 8/30*  
Philip inquired if anyone wished to contact the Lee District supervisor's office to learn if we could benefit by being present. Dave will follow up.
  - *GMU Service Fair 9/9*  
Philip reported he signed us up to have a table at this event, prompted by a suggestion from Cindy Smith and invited anyone else interested in attending.

- Truro Restoration:

Philip related the plant rescues are underway on Thursdays and Saturdays prior to the planned stream restoration on the Turkey Run tributary. Civic association members are transplanting into adjacent areas of the same property. Hot dry weather requires volunteer watering. Beverley mentioned Donna Murphy of Virginia Native Plant Society had assisted with plant identification.

- International Coastal Cleanup:

Philip presented a proposed schedule of cleanup dates for September and October. Dave will contact the Vietnamese Youth Buddhist Association and Philip will contact Asian American LEAD to ask about interest in participating again.

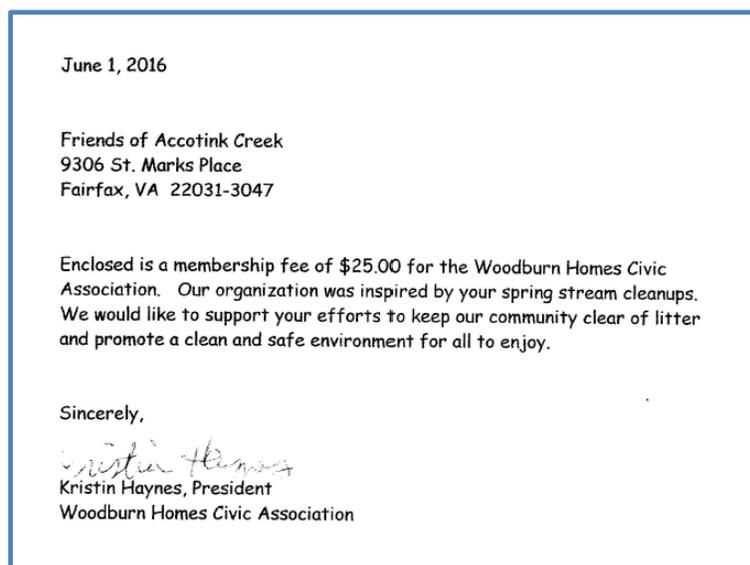
- 495 Express Lanes:

Philip described the June 23 meeting of Fairfax County Restoration Project and VDOT with representatives from Sen. Marsden's office and Supervisor Bulova's office. This was a follow-up to our survey of lingering erosion and sediment control problems from the 495 Express Lanes project. Philip characterized the VDOT presentation as an extensive explanation of why inaction equals wonderful action.

- Donations:

Beverley advised we had received two check donations. One is for \$25 is from the Woodburn Homes Civic Association in appreciation of stream cleanups. Another is from the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, representing a stipend of \$2.00 for each volunteer in the spring cleanups registered with them.

Philip mentioned we also received a donation of \$100.00 via PayPal from George Kralovec, our collaborator with the Little Falls Elementary monitoring and of Citizens Climate Lobby.



- Litter Initiatives:

Dave has been in touch with Betsy Martin of Friends of Little Hunting Creek and Council of Mt. Vernon Civic Associations. Betsy proposes a social meeting to discuss mutual support. Dave will arrange the meeting.

- Coalitions:

Dave presented the 2007 Board of Supervisors Environmental Vision watersheds section and sought ideas on what he might say at the July 20 public meeting on updating the Vision. Discussion covered:

Flint – Infill and parking lots are contributing to stream impairment.

Flint – Pats on the back make people more receptive to criticism. We could state the county is doing a good job but ask for stretch goals over the next 20 years.

Dave – Ask the county to seek authority to address trash in waterways.

Sandy – Incentives to landowners are needed. Working on county property alone is insufficient.

Sandy – There is not enough construction for current regulation to achieve results.

Dave – The county should be urged to find ways to encourage action on private land.

Flint – A revolving fund could encourage and assist landowners.

Philip – Should we endorse the Sierra Club ideas that go beyond watershed interests?

Dave – The Faith Alliance for Climate Change also has ideas for the Vision.

Philip – In addition to public speaking, we will also be able to submit written comments.

Flint and Dave will attend the July 20 meeting. Flint will coordinate with Monica Billger beforehand. Dave will also coordinate with Norbert Pink of Great Falls Sierra Club.

- Scout Projects:

Philip passed on a request for support on a Girl Scout Gold Award project concerning proper disposal of pharmaceuticals to keep them out of waterways. Philip asked for ideas on who could help her with water testing and designing a community educational presentation. Discussion covered the difficulty and expense of testing for pharmaceuticals and options for their proper disposal. Sandy mentioned tracking effects on aquatic biota as an indicator. Sandy & Ted will work with the scout.

- Wakefield Run Monitoring:

Philip reported he has arranged with George Washington School science teacher to monitor next Tuesday.

- Flag Run Restoration:

Philip advised studies have begun on a possible Flag Run restoration project. There is no schedule yet, but work might be expected in a couple of years.

Philip suggested we should try to revive the grant proposed for Flag Run restoration previously in order to extend the scope of the project. He observed the restoration should be considered in connection with the future of the dam and may present an opportunity to reconfigure the marina to reduce trash accumulation.

- Best of Braddock:

Philip announced Glen Erickson Bell and Friends of Oak Hill Park have each been named Best of Braddock award winners. Ted will send a note of congratulations.

- M.O.M.S.:

Philip recalled he had previously mentioned M.O.M.S. 5% day in Maryland. They had another in Virginia. Our M.O.M.S. in Merrifield could still be a source. Flint will contact M.O.M.S.