



## Comments Regarding the Future of Lake Accotink

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To: Fairfax County Park Authority & all members of the Board of Supervisors

The Friends of Accotink Creek wish to offer comments on the future of Lake Accotink, as currently under consideration as part of the Lake Accotink Park Master Plan revision. This issue is an upcoming matter on the Board of Supervisors agenda.

After many meetings and much community discussion, the environmental issues have been focused down to a choice between the benefits of stream reconnection by dam removal and the benefits of continued sediment capture by the dam.

Until such time as erosion in Accotink Creek can be brought under control, sediment capture must be the imperative factor in considerations of stream ecosystem health.

We advocate in particular for the survival of the last population of freshwater mussels in Accotink Creek, now kept alive only by the sediment capture effects of the dam.

The Friends of Accotink Creek therefore endorse:

- Retention of the existing Lake Accotink dam with addition of a sediment forebay
- Inclusion of passages for fish and eels in plans for the future of the dam

We ask for your support to make possible the retention of Lake Accotink dam, with the addition of a sediment capture forebay.

## Friends of Accotink Creek

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