

Friends of Accotink Creek



Virginia Department of Environmental Quality

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The Friends of Accotink Creek submit the following comments pursuant to the July 6, 2015, Accotink Creek TMDL public meeting:

- Avoid classifying parameters as “non-stressors” without more intensive sampling at peak flow which often represents the time of poorest water quality. A more appropriate set of classifications would be “least probable stressor, possible stressor, and most probable stressor”.
- Set goals to specifically address hydromodification and habitat modifications, rather than including them as subtasks of sediment control.
- VDOT stormwater ponds are an unsatisfactory solution, taking houses and habitat.
- Creative alternatives such as pervious pavement and Green Streets must be the default options for all projects.
- Develop specific plans to address pollutant loads coming from beyond public property, out into private parking lots, roofs, and driveways.
- Private property owners must come to desire Bayscaping as much as they now desire hardscaping.
- Ensure that the proposed widening of I-66 and Braddock Road and similar projects will contribute to TMDL goals, rather than increase impairment.
- Follow the example of northern jurisdictions in the U.S.A., Canada, and Europe where less harmful methods of road ice control are in use.
- Follow up the TMDL with regular monitoring of Accotink Creek and its tributaries, all of which would likely be labeled as “impaired”, were data available.

Sincerely yours,

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