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**TO:** Chairman Board of Supervisors  
Supervisor, Braddock District  
Supervisor, Lee District  
Supervisor, Mason District  
Supervisor, Providence District  
Supervisor, Mount Vernon District  
Supervisor, Springfield District  
Supervisor, Hunter Mill District

The Friends of Accotink Creek frequently find tires in Accotink Creek during our spring and fall cleanups. They're usually very difficult to remove, but if left in the creek they will gradually break down over a long period of time, contaminating the watershed with toxic chemicals. We have also participated in identifying and removing large tire dumps in the County, and appreciate the support of various Fairfax County Departments in addressing this challenging watershed issue, most recently Battalion Chief McNamara, of the Fairfax County Fire Department.

Many Fairfax County communities been plagued for many years by illegal dumping of scrap tires and other debris along streets and highways and into our rivers and streams. The county charges \$3.00 per scrap tire at the Citizen Disposal Facility. Rather than pay this "tipping fee", the violators simply dump their trash along our streets and into our rivers and streams.

(1) - We request Fairfax County to take appropriate action to enforce existing county ordinances regarding illegal dumping .

(2) - Fairfax County should review the current "tipping fee" for scrap tires and consider a "bounty" or payment for scrap tires brought to the Citizen Disposal Facility.

(3) - We request action to reclaim known dump sites, removing the trash and debris for proper disposal.

Sincerely yours,

Kris Unger, Primary Conservator, [Friends of Accotink Creek](http://www.friends-of-accotink-creek.org)