



Lake Accotink Park Master Plan – Environmental Baseline Study Request

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The Friends of Accotink Creek express concern that the FCPA will proceed with the Lake Accotink Park Master Plan without a thorough science-based study and evaluation of the ecological condition of the Park.

We note:

- The General Management Plan for Lake Accotink Park states the first purpose of Lake Accotink Park is to preserve, protect, and restore natural resources--both terrestrial and aquatic.
- The Lake Accotink Park Master Plan website omits reference to the FCPA's Natural Resource Management Plan.
- Although the Fairfax County Comprehensive Plan*, the FCPA Natural Resource Management Plan, and the General Management Plan for Lake Accotink Park indicate the Park should be managed to protect native ecosystems, the FCPA has not developed a Natural Resource Management Plan for the Park.

Preservation of the treasured natural resources of Lake Accotink Park (and parks in general) is an imperative to achieving Fairfax County's environmental vision and responsibility. The Friends of Accotink Creek request the FCPA to complete an Environmental Baseline Study as a prerequisite to Master Plan revision.

* Fairfax County Comprehensive Plan 2013 Edition, Area 1, Annandale Planning District, Amended through 4-29-2014, A6-Accotink Community Planning Sector, Page 134, Parks and Recreation Recommendations Sector A6, Park Classification identifying Lake Accotink Park as a Natural Resource Park