



## I-66 Stakeholder Request

November 23, 2017

FAM Construction, LLC:

The Friends of Accotink Creek wish to be considered a project stakeholder, particularly in matters related to tree preservation, replanting, erosion control, and stormwater control.

About 5.1 miles of I-66 pass through the Accotink Creek watershed, crossing the headwaters of the creek and several tributary streams. We are concerned at:

- The loss of tree cover and habitat that will result from the project
- The introduction of invasive species that are often planted in road construction
- The introduction of sediment into streams from eroding construction zones
- The perpetuation of existing inadequate stormwater controls that erode and degrade streams.

The recent 495 Express Lanes project was a [litany of all these issues](#) and is a "gift" that keeps on taking from the health of the watershed. We continue to advocate for greater care in the I-66 project.

Accotink Creek is already an officially impaired stream. Its recovery is the subject of a [TMDL](#) process guided by Virginia's Department of Environmental Quality. All actions undertaken in the construction and operation of the I-66 project should be guided by our shared responsibility for the health of all our waters and environment.

We suggest that the groups listed below should also be considered stakeholders.

Yours,

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- Fairfax County Restoration Project
- Sierra Club Great Falls Chapter
- Friends of the Occoquan
- Herndon Environmental Network
- Prince William Trails and Streams Coalition
- Friends of Little Rocky Run
- Prince William Conservation Alliance
- Occoquan Watertrail League