



## Comments Submitted to the Annandale Blog

### Regarding the Future of Lake Accotink

**Friends of Accotink Creek 2/15/18, 1:45 PM**

None of the options is ideal. Retaining the lake is a substantial financial cost to taxpayers and leaves a barrier to fish and wildlife movement. Breaching the dam would reconnect the stream for wildlife movement, but would incur the loss of the community value of the lake, sacrifice the wetlands at the head of the lake, and certainly cause the extinction of the last population of freshwater mussels in Accotink Creek.

In 2017 the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality placed Accotink Creek under what is called a TMDL order to reduce the stormwater sediment that is smothering aquatic life. This may leave the county no option but to retain the lake so that it will continue to capture some of that sediment.

Two cents of every Fairfax County property tax dollar are currently dedicated to stormwater controls and these funds are tapped to maintain other lakes. Bizarrely, for technical reasons that are hard to understand, the same funds are not available for Lake Accotink.

Those who care about Lake Accotink and live nearby may consider the example of Lake Barcroft, where residents voted to create a Watershed Improvement District, paying additional amounts each year to support their lake - [http://www.lakebarcroftwid.com/about\\_v2.html](http://www.lakebarcroftwid.com/about_v2.html)

<http://annandaleva.blogspot.com/2018/02/supervisors-will-weigh-cost-of-saving.html>

## Friends of Accotink Creek

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