



Regarding PA2018-IV-TR1 Huntley Meadows Park Trails

November 29, 2018

Fairfax County Planning Commission:

The Friends of Accotink Creek express our support for removing these two paved bike trails from the Comprehensive Plan and Bicycle Master Plan.

In our estimation the resulting harm makes all routes that involve sacrifice of natural habitats inappropriate as transportation corridors. The areas involved at Huntley Meadows Park are especially sensitive and valuable.

All trails routed through natural areas have a significant footprint on the ground, eliminating habitats used by wildlife and plants. Moreover, paved trails inevitably lead to increased human disturbance to adjacent habitats and become barriers to the movement of small creatures.

We advocate for use of the thousands of miles of already-paved quiet residential streets as connected, marked bicycle paths while keeping pavement out of our natural areas.

Friends of Accotink Creek

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