



Active Fairfax Transportation Plan Study

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Remarks to Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors

The Friends of Accotink Creek welcome all the ideas of the [ActiveFairfax study](#) for making our streets safer for connections without cars.

We thank all the staff members and elected officials who have worked for years to bring about this vision for a network of Complete Streets that accords people equal priority with cars.

Not so welcome is the idea that we may still need more paved trails in stream valleys, sensitive environments, or natural habitats of any kind. The maps and language of the Study must more clearly provide for protection of natural habitats which are in our trust for preservation.

Our region suffers from an excess of paved surfaces, with all the problems all that asphalt brings us. We do not need more pavement slicing into our last woods and wetlands.

The proposed [Cinder Bed Road Bikeway](#), with its intrusion into globally rare wetland habitats, is the most unfortunate current example of putting pavement where it does not belong. It is an example from which we can still turn away.

The [Accotink Gorge](#) should not become another such example when the ambiguous line drawn through it on the ActiveFairfax map takes on a future life of its own, transforming from a faint dotted line into a set of engineering plans. This line, and all other such lines through stream valleys, should be removed from the ActiveFairfax map.

Again, the Friends of Accotink Creek welcome the ActiveFairfax vision of Complete Streets providing safe connections without cars for all citizens.

Again, we ask that the Study clearly preserve our last bits of natural habitat from paving.

Friends of Accotink Creek

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