Chesapeake Bay TMDL Action Plan Phase III Comments

This document is too technical for normal people to comment on, but we will offer our best laymen's perspective.

The Friends of Accotink Creek appreciate the progress Fairfax County has achieved thus far, as detailed in the Action Plan Update. Since the 100% goals through 2028 have already been exceeded, there seems to be little left that requires public comment.

Looking ahead to additional Bay reduction targets yet to be defined, although certain actions may have slowed at the federal level, we should not pause our own sense of responsibility. We must continue striving to safeguard our natural world even in the absence of prodding from above.

MS4 permitting is good for what it measures and ultimately good for the Bay, but it also doesn't tell the full story for local stream ecology. From the forest to the sea, all habitats form a connected whole. To address preservation of that whole, we should first work to not make problems worse by placing increasing burdens of pavement on our watersheds. We should equally avoid overreliance on stream restoration redesign in favor of addressing the stormwater runoff problem before it reaches the streams.

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