



Comments Regarding Proposed Assisted Living Facility

September 12, 2019

Re: SE 2018-HM-024

Planning Commission Members,

We are the Friends of Accotink Creek, a volunteer group devoted to promoting the well-being of our watershed. We wish to endorse the capable critique provided in the attached analysis by Mr. Chris Koerner.

In the layman's understanding of Friends of Accotink Creek:

- The spring and its channel would have qualified for RPA protection.
- The spring and channel were clearly marked on submissions for the Zoroastrian church and earlier.
- The conservation easement that the applicant seeks to remove was created specifically to protect the spring and channel.
- The omission of the spring and channel in the application was too convenient, permitting the placement of the applicant's septic drain field.
- The omission of the spring and channel seems difficult to explain as merely oversight or misinterpretation of the topography.
- The omission of the spring and channel would seem to border on fraud, if not constituting actual attempted fraud upon the citizens of this County.
- This erroneous (if not fraudulent) application was given insufficient scrutiny and approved by County staff until a reexamination was prompted by informed citizens.

Fairfax County must demonstrate the ability and the will to change something we've already approved in light of the questionable way in which approvals were obtained in this matter.

Sincerely,

Friends of Accotink Creek

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