



Comments on the City of Fairfax Bicycle Transportation Plan

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The Friends of Accotink Creek laud the concept of the "Neighborway". Such routes can economically be connected to facilitate bicycle travel throughout the City

For all bicycle transportation proposals, we call for policies of:

- Avoiding new trails or extensions of trails in floodplains, where they are certain to be battered by the greatest forces of nature to be found in our region.
- No net loss of habitat - no sacrifice of natural vegetated areas for trails or other purposes without compensatory replanting of additional areas equal to the area of pavement.
- Redirection of all transportation bike routes to surface streets, where the hundreds of miles of paved roads in our city offer enormous potential to be knit into a network of Neighborways to make the City truly bicycle-friendly at lower initial and recurring costs.
- Inclusion of climate change consequences of loss of trees and addition of heat sink asphalt in all project planning.

The choice of green space for new bicycle transportation infrastructure is a path of least resistance choice. Green space is generally found along streams and goes where the water goes, not where people need to go. Where people need to go has already been determined by the layout of streets. Let's use this existing infrastructure for people friendly movement.

Sincerely,

Friends of Accotink Creek :

"Of all the paths you take in life, make sure some of them are dirt." - John Muir

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