Online Survey Comments

Regarding the Fairfax County Parkway Study

August 31. 2020

I am commenting as a member of the Friends of Accotink Creek, only regarding the segments in that watershed. These comments, however, could apply anywhere to any project.

Environmental concerns need to be baked in as goals, not afterthoughts.

Consider the impact on impaired waters in the study area and their tributaries, including Accotink Creek, currently the subject of a TMDL process. Any solution should enhance the health of the waters rather than further compromise them.

Work with Fairfax County DPWES to incorporate watershed protections and updated stormwater controls in plans.

Immediately abandon ALL trees-to-asphalt conversion projects, including the purportedly beneficial construction of trails. Let's make the thousands of miles of pavement we already have people-friendly, instead of paving away our carbon-sink woods.

Our planet is on fire, yet we accommodate ever more automobiles. However much we wish it would go away, climate change is real. Facing it demands real actions here and now – not some other place – not some distant tomorrow.

During a public presentation, staff offered the statement 'low density precludes BRT'. Yet if density is sufficient to widen the roadway it is sufficient to justify transit solutions.

The extension of the Fairfax County Parkway caused extensive loss of forested area. Some restoration replanting was done afterward, but much was left unrestored, in particular the Barta Road cloverleaf, now being colonized by invasive exotic trees. Native species reforestation should take place now.

Friends of Accotink Creek

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