



Fairfax County Plastic Bags in Yard Waste Comments

Board of Supervisors ,

February 16, 2021

Good Morning and thank you for listening to my concerns.

I spend every single Saturday morning volunteering for the Fairfax County Park Authority, coordinating volunteers; I spend Monday holidays, such as Martin Luther King Day and President's Day working with groups of volunteers such as Scouts. In 2017, I received an award for more than 250 hours of volunteering with the Fairfax County Park Authority. Last year I received a Team Excellence Award for working with people who are currently experiencing homelessness with the Operation Stream Shield programme. The organization that I volunteer with, the Friends of Accotink Creek, recently received a 'Friends of Trees' Award, partially for the work that I have been doing at Lake Accotink Park to remove invasives and plant native plants. We had two Fall plantings at the site and planted, and made deer protection for, over 360 plants.

We coordinate 72 Invasive Management Workdays every year, 24 stream cleaning events, and 4 volunteer stream monitoring work days.

I spend a lot of time trying to restore our local habitat and I absolutely implore you, if you care about the future, to keep plastics out of our environment. We are absolutely destroying our children's and their children's future. Plastics don't just disappear, they're going to be around for hundreds of years. Please vote to stop devastating our environment for the sake of our generation's lazy convenience. And if you are not convinced - please join me in any Saturday morning event to see the destruction that we are leaving for our children. Even one single Saturday morning work day would convince you. I know that Supervisor Herrity is very much opposed to this - he is not my local Supervisor but I have a great deal of respect for him; please reconsider; or join our volunteers to help out one Saturday morning and see things for yourself.

It is terrifyingly real.

Friends of Accotink Creek

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