



Friends of Accotink Creek Leadership Town Meeting

October 15, 2012

Next Meeting: Nov 19, 2012 Audrey Moore Rec Center, Senior Center Lobby  
(Third Monday of each month)

Scheduled Guest: Vivian Morgan-Mendez, Friends of Nottoway

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**Present:**

Philip Latasa  
Bill Nell  
Suzy Foster  
Flint Webb  
Ted Welch  
Heather Breiner  
Andres Ploompou  
Robert Greenberg  
Roger Diedrich  
Ashiq Yusuf

**Guest Speaker –**

Dick Spencer, from [Anne Arundel Watershed Stewards Academy](#), joined us as a guest speaker to inform us at length of the success their organization has had creating a network of Master Watershed Stewards to protect and enhance watershed health and offer suggestions on how we might accomplish similar goals.

**Subjects Discussed –**

**Follow up on Action Items from previous meeting August 20, 2012:**

· Fairfax County and VDOT lawsuit against EPA Accotink Creel TMDL

Our proposed TMDL lawsuit response letter has been ready since August. Philip has prepared a list of addressees. Suzy will send the letter out acting as interim temporary leader by acclamation.

· Art of the Accotink

Philip displayed the “[Accotink Artspace](#)” page he added to the FACC website. (Not yet on the main page menu.) Submissions and suggestions are invited by all. Suzy suggested the possibility of permanent art installations along the creek.

· County Stormwater Management Ordinance

The next meeting is Oct. 17th. Flint will attend for the Federation of Civic Associations, and Bill will attend on his own.

· Park Authority Budget Cuts and 2012 bond Issue

Discussion postponed.

· Wakefield Run

Discussion postponed.

· Duane Murphy’s Departure

Discussion postponed

·Promote Friends of Little Hunting Creek Citizen Action Plan

Discussion postponed.

·Watershed Plan

Discussion postponed.

·Lake Accotink Park Projects

Discussion postponed.

·Volunteer Data Base

Discussion postponed.

·Newsletter

Discussion postponed.

### **Reports on current projects:**

·International Coastal Cleanup

Lake Accotink Park cleanup Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> was not organized by us. FACC cleanups continue and conclude Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>.

·Scout Projects

Ted reported Katie Keating's Girl Scout Gold project of repairs to the Woodlark Road information kiosk will take place Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>, beginning approximately 9:00 am and lasting several hours until completion.

### **New Discussion:**

·GMU Doctoral Dissertation

Ashiq Yusuf, National Airport government programs engineer and GMU doctoral student, would like to evaluate Accotink Creek to compare effects in the reduction of sedimentation in streams with stakeholder groups vs. those without. No specific plans were decided, but Ashiq will keep in touch.

·Video Production

Suzy and Kris have discussed possible use of video to promote FACC and educate the community. At our recent stream cleanup in Wakefield Park, Abby Sternberg, a volunteer who owns [Media Masters](#) production company and is a member of the Adat Reyim congregation, our cleanup partner, offered Philip assistance. There was discussion of how to proceed. It was generally felt that Olivier would want to be involved and that Abby should be invited to our next meeting for further discussion.

·Adequacy of Virginia Erosion & Sediment Controls

Bill mentioned that he had attended a Center for Watershed Protection seminar in Baltimore and of note was a discussion of a 23-acre project in Georgia which had been scrutinized by a 70 person state inspection staff and heavily fined. This in contrast with Virginia which has only 24 state inspectors, only one of whom was assigned to the I-495 HOT lanes project, which was assessed only token fines. Bill suggests FACC petition the state to beef up inspections. No action decided.

·Condolences

Suzy posted the thoughtful message of condolence drafted by Andres to the memorial Facebook page for Bryan Glen, the Woodson H.S. student found deceased in Thaiss Park. Cause of death has not been released, but police have indicated the evidence suggests no threat to public safety.

· Nottoway Park Master Plan

Philip had earlier circulated to the core group a draft letter in support of the master plan amendment to preserve natural habitat. Suzy will send it out as interim temporary leader. The public meeting is Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> – Suzy and Philip will attend.

· NOVA Community Engagement Fair

This educational and volunteer-seeking event will be Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 am – 2:00 pm. Flint will attend. Anyone else interested, please contact him.

· Government Center Stream Restoration Tour

A [tour](#) of the recent stream restoration and detention pond upgrade will be given by Stormwater Planning division October 20, 9:00 – 11:00 am, an unfortunate conflict with our next cleanup.

**Upcoming events:**

- County Stormwater Management Ordinance, October 17 – Bill, Flint, and Ravi will attend in separate capacities.
- Nottoway Park Master Plan Amendment meeting, Oct. 17 – Suzy and Philip will attend
- Green Breakfast Stream Restoration Tour, Oct. 20
- NOVA Community Engagement Fair, Oct. 29, - Flint will attend
- Katie Keating Girl Scout Gold project, Nov. 24 – Ted will attend
- Stream Monitoring, December 8<sup>th</sup> – All are welcome.