

4 October 2011

**Dear Friends of Accotink Creek Watershed,**

I am glad that you all could make it to the Town Meeting on Thursday night, 28 September 2011. Our heartfelt thanks go to Amy and Paul for providing the catalyst for this get-together by setting a target time for meeting; and to Paul and Linda for offering their home and hospitality to us. Attached (and below) please find a pdf of the meeting minutes. Please forward any corrections to the minutes to the group ASAP. I will forward the minutes on to our partners on Friday.

Please respond by volunteering your time and suggestions to the tasks outlined below. We have a lot of contacts to make and all your help and input will be appreciated!!

Although we didn't have the grand turnout anticipated we did accomplish many things including:

- 1. Meeting the key players** who have been so dedicated to the FAcC :
  - a. Philip Latasa, Friends of Accotink Creek (FAaC)
  - b. Duane Murphy of the Friends of Lake Accotink Park (FLAP)
  - c. Danielle Wynne, Storm Water Planning Division, FC DPWES
  - d. Kris Unger, Lands and Waters
  - e. Amy Gould, Fairfax County Restoration Project
- 2. Familiarizing each other with the goals of the FAcC** and the goals of the County for the Accotink Watershed.
  - a. History by Duane
  - b. Overview of Activities by Philip
  - c. Summary of Accotink Creek Watershed Management Plan by Danielle
  - d. Goals of the Town Meeting by Kris
  - e. Introduction of Attendees and their concern and interest for carrying forward the stewardship of the Watershed.
- 3. Setting up key action items:**
  - a. Clean Up of Lake Accotink Park - October 15: 9:00 – 12:00
  - b. Clean Up of Accotink Creek - Saturday, October 22
    - i. Woodburn, 9:00 – 11:00
    - ii. Pickett Road, 12:00 – 2:00
    - iii. Barkley Road, 3:00 – 5:00
  - c. Clean Up of Accotink Creek – Saturday, October 29
    - i. Franconia-Springfield Parkway, 9:00 – 11:00
  - d. Town Meeting II, November exact date and location TBD to find additional individuals who will commit to regular participation in the organization of this Community based group.

In addition there were many suggestions for expanding involvement in the stewardship of the watershed by the attendees.

- 1. Reconnect with those groups** that have participated in the past for upcoming Clean-ups
- 2. Contact representatives in the community** for possible help in stewardship, clean up and monitoring of the  
Creek and its tributaries.
  - a. Science teachers at middle and high schools
  - b. Local scout troupes
  - c. Leaders of Environmental Clubs
  - d. 'Green' Businesses
  - e. Tank Farm
  - f. HOA's and CA's, (Home Owner Association's and Citizen's Association)
  - g. Higher Education - GMU and NOVA
  - h. Fort Belvoir

3. **Outreach through the internet** via links with other environmental groups:
  - a. The existing website is excellent and provides an ongoing resource for education and inviting participation. Check out exactly where you are in the watershed on the Resource Protection Area map:
    - <http://www.accotink.org/>
    - <http://www.accotink.org/Maps/RPA.jpg>
4. **You Can Help! Please respond with your area of interest!**
  - a. SPREAD THE WORD about Clean Ups
    1. Website update
    2. Contact International Coastal Cleanup
    3. Contact HOA's and CA's – HELP!
    4. Contact other reps from list above - HELP!
  - b. Get Supplies
    1. I CC Bags - Philip
    2. Coordinate bag pick up - Philip
  - c. Info Maps/Handouts – Amy, Philip, Suzy
  - d. Other?
5. **Our current Partners and Resources:**
  - a. Fairfax County DPWES , Danielle Wyman
    - [http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/watersheds/accotinkcreek\\_docs.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/watersheds/accotinkcreek_docs.htm)
    - <http://www.empowermentinstitute.net/files/LNP.htm>
  - b. DCR and NVSWC, Dan Schwartz
    - [http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/stormwater\\_management/adopt.shtml](http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/stormwater_management/adopt.shtml)
    - <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/nvswcd/>
  - c. For Lands and Waters, Kris Unger
    - <http://forlandsandwaters.org/>
    - <http://annandaleva.blogspot.com/2011/10/friends-of-accotink-creek-seeks-new.html#more>
  - d. Fairfax County Restoration Project, Amy Gould
    - <http://www.fcrrp3.org/>
  - e. Master Naturalists: Judi Booker
    - <http://www.virginiamasternaturalist.org/>
  - f. ReBuild Warehouse: Paul Hughes
    - <http://www.rebuildwarehouse.org/>
  - g. Fairfax County Parks and Rec. Cross County Trail parallels the Accotink for many miles
    - <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/cct/cctoverviewmap.htm>
  - h. Accotink Wildlife Refuge:
    - <http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/vbwt/site.asp?trail=1&loop=CMN&site=CMN05>
  - i. Others?

We look forward to full season of re-engaging our community in FAcC!! Stay tuned to the website for updates!

**You Are Here!**

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