



## Bulletin of the Proceedings of the Friends of Accotink Creek

Our meeting notes serve as bulletins of our activities, interests, and discussions, supplemented by your submissions.

### Friends of Accotink Creek Town Meeting – February 15, 2022

Next Meeting: March 15, 2022 (Third Tuesday of each month via on-line meeting: Login info will be posted with the meeting notice in the [Friends of Accotink calendar](#).)

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**Present:** Gary Bangs, Julie Chang, Phil Church, Mike Cianciosi, Avril Garland, George Kralovec, Philip Latasa, Dave Lincoln, Lynn Petrazzuolo, Beverley Rivera, Kim Schauer, and Flint Webb, all via on-line meeting, due to COVID 19 closures and precautions. Avril facilitated discussion in Sandy's absence.

### *Forthcoming Opportunities to represent FACC:*

***Plant NoVA Natives Steering Committee Meeting:*** Avril noted the next meeting, February 17, will feature Jim McGlone, speaking about Arbor Day preparation and breakout sessions with participants. Avril and Lynn plan to participate.

***Mt Vernon Environmental Expo*** ([here's a link to the 2021 event](#)): The 2022 Environment Expo will be held on Saturday, April 23 from 10 am - 2 pm at Fort Hunt Park. Dave will inquire about registering FACC for the event (The Supervisor's office has us on the notification list) and will provide an awning.

***Running Bamboo Ordinance Hearing, February 22:*** Avril noted the Board of Supervisors will have public hearing on enacting a [Running Bamboo control ordinance](#) hearing February 22

***Lake Accotink Park 60th Anniversary Celebration, August 27, 2022:*** Gary has notified [FLAP](#) to volunteer himself and Dave to participate in planning for the event. Supervisors Walkinshaw and Lusk are expected to attend.

### **FACC Subjects Discussed:**

***American Park Cleanup Day:*** February 21 (Presidents' Day), 10am-1pm. It is on the Volunteer Fairfax calendar, and Lynn will post in the nearby Hummer Woods HOA's listerv.

**AMERICANA DRIVE COMMUNITY CLEANUP**  
**LIMPIEZA COMUNITARIA DE AMERICANA DRIVE**

Join the neighbors to get trash out of this location  
*Únete a los vecinos para limpiar basura aquí!*

When: Presidents Day, February 21, 2022, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
 Where to meet: Americana Drive at Patriot Drive  
 Sign up: <https://www.fcrrp3.org/annandale-clean-up-sign-in>  
 Information: <https://tinyurl.com/2p8pftv9>  
 Email: [contact@accotink.org](mailto:contact@accotink.org)

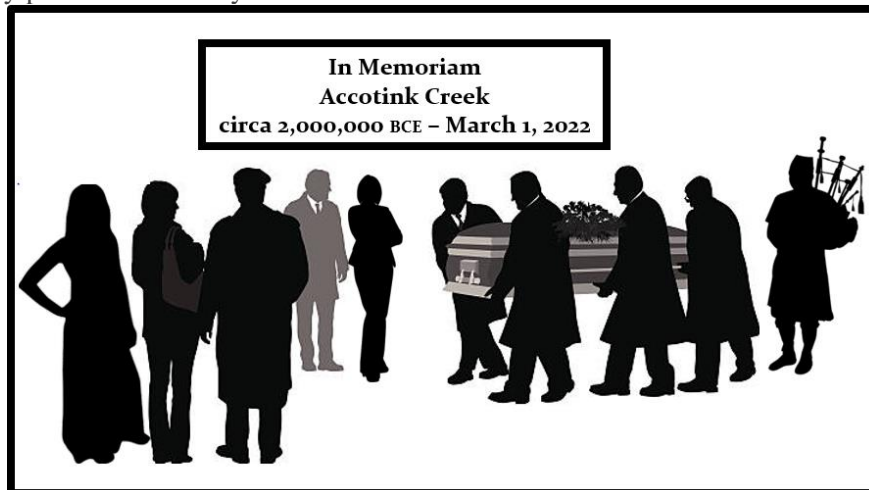
How can you help? - Join us for an hour or for the day.  
 Invite friends and neighbors to join. Spread the word!  
*¿Puedes ayudar?*  
*-Participa por una hora o todo el día. Invita a amigos y vecinos a unirse. Corre la voz!*



**Friends of Dyke Marsh** forum on plastics pollution: Glenda Booth, President of FODM, requests FACC to co-sponsor an event to be firmed up for May 19 at the Mt. Vernon District Government Center, with a guest speaker from Ocean Conservancy; Subject: Plastic pollution. Glenda will provide more info, asking for help with publicity.

**Cinder Bed Road Bikeway**: Our site visit with Supervisor Lusk is scheduled for February 16<sup>th</sup>. Avril reported on meeting with magnolia bog expert Rod Simmons, of the City of Alexandria, about the impact on vernal pools, should excavation for the Bikeway proceed.

**Northfax West**: We have been informed that the Northfax West site is scheduled for development to begin the end of February. It will destroy 10 acres of trees and bury 1200 feet of Accotink Creek in a culvert to facilitate townhouse development. Philip suggested some sort of funeral event, carrying a mock coffin through the construction site and reading eulogies some Sunday in March. Kim suggested visuals emphasizing any positive notes may be useful.

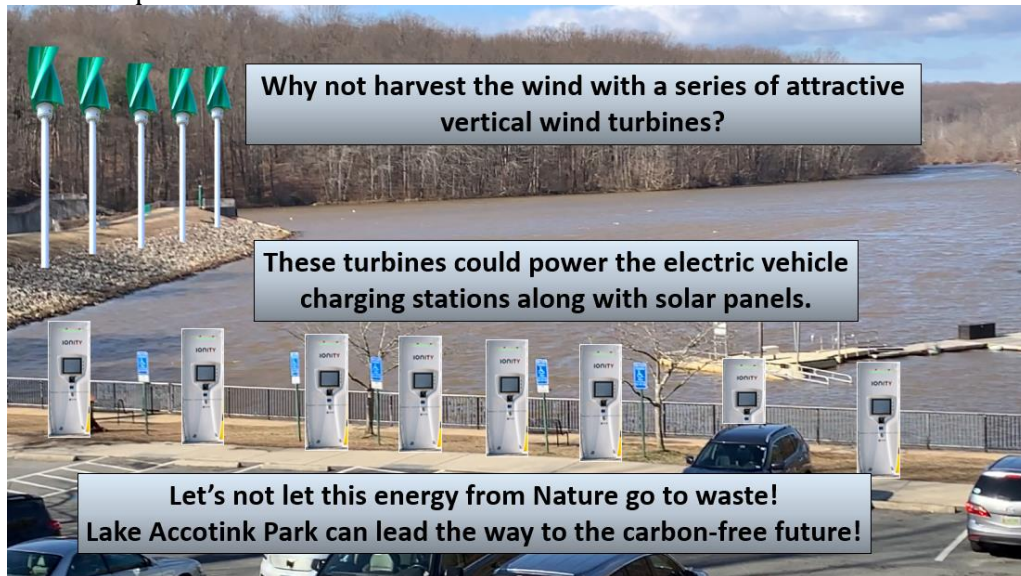


**Lake Accotink Dredging**: We have learned that the options for dewatering sediment from the Lake Accotink dredging have dwindled down to two sites:

- Beside the Wakefield Park maintenance yard, which would involve clearing seven to ten acres of forest and running a 1.5 mile industrial pipeline through the streamside woods to the lake.
- In the industrial park next to the lake, which would put heavy truck traffic on highland street through a residential area.

Philip noted that, in the contest between Nature and upset citizens, we can assume Nature will not prevail. Comments are due by March 11<sup>th</sup>.

Philip was inspired by a windy day to make a little video urging wind and solar energy become part of the future of the park.



<https://www.facebook.com/AccotinkCreek/videos/473850704151873>

**Annandale Greenway Alliance** Earth Day Event: Walk, clean up, stroll with a Naturalist. Saturday, April 23rd, noon - 4 PM. Gather at the (proposed) Annandale Civic Space, 7200 Columbia Pike, central Annandale. <https://www.facebook.com/events/287763630010407> . Philip noted we need to talk to these folks about the possible extension of the Greenway to join the CCT.

**Potomac Watershed Cleanup:** Philip prepared this proposed 2022 Potomac Watershed Cleanup schedule. He noted the Country Club Hills neighborhood in Fairfax City is planning a March 26th cleanup and stream monitoring session which he will join; Dave will cover the afternoon sites that day.

April 2, 2022

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Accotink Creek at Fullerton Road  
12:00 PM - 2:00 PM Accotink Creek at Franconia-Springfield Parkway  
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM Accotink Creek at Telegraph Road

April 9, 2022

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Accotink Creek at Pickett Road  
12:00 PM - 2:00 PM Accotink Creek at Barkley Dr  
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM Accotink Creek at Woodburn Road

April 16, 2022

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Accotink Creek at King Arthur Road  
12:00 PM - 2:00 PM Accotink Creek at Little River Tpk  
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM Accotink Creek at Braddock Road

April 23, 2022 (Fairfax City Spring Cleanup Day )

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Accotink Creek at Fairfax Blvd  
12:00 PM - 2:00 PM Accotink Creek at Chain Bridge  
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM Accotink Creek at Old Lee Hwy

**Accotink Gorge:** It turns out there are five Saturdays in April, so we can schedule our next Accotink Gorge workday on April 30<sup>th</sup>, after our cleanups. Philip noted Parks Authority is planning an Operation Stream Shield cleanup project for homeless people in late May in the Accotink Gorge.

***Nutley Pond Project:*** The Nutley Pond restoration project is underway. This pond is located just north of the Vienna Metro station. There shouldn't be much change apparent, but the pond will be dredged, floating wetlands will be installed, and the surrounding invasive vegetation will be replaced with native species.

***North Springfield Civic Association Meeting, February 2:*** Katherine and Philip made a presentation to the North Springfield Civic Association. It was mostly a collage of different slideshows with material added pertinent to North Springfield, such as the Flag Run restoration and Lake Accotink dredging. [Presentation](#)

***Mt. Vernon Town Meeting, February 12:*** Dave tabled at the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Mount Vernon District Town Meeting. Philip had prepared displays and handouts emphasizing the Accotink Watershed. Plant NoVA Natives also provided handouts and posters about invasive plants and preserving trees.

***Donations:***

We received donations of:

- \$175 from the Network for Good, but without details or explanation
- \$200.00 from Jerry Bradley