

Selected Friends of Accotink Creek input:

9. Do you have any comments or feedback on the current content of the study scope of work?

After studying the dredging problem since 2016, it seems incredible to find ourselves at the point of doing yet more studies of much the same factors, lasting years into the future, and at considerable taxpayer expense. By now we should know pretty much all we need to know to proceed to action. It seems much of our time and money has been squandered (and may continue to be squandered, since the problem seems insoluble).

10. Are there any questions or considerations that you would like to see included in the study that are currently missing from the scope of work?

1. Please remember the freshwater mussel population downstream from the dam, the only one remaining in Accotink Creek, being kept viable only by the sediment capture function of Lake Accotink.
2. Much public comment has been submitted since 2016. The study should incorporate a careful review of the comments for their value in guiding us to solutions.

11. Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the scope of work?

1. Please ensure the public is kept abreast of developments during the study with regular meetings, public announcement via supervisor's newsletters, etc. This should probably include keeping the members of the citizen Task Force individually informed, as they are all ambassadors to the stakeholders.
2. We can study the lake all we want, but the thorniest problem still has no solution in sight. That is how to get the dredge spoils out of the lake. The two miserable options we have always had seem to still be the only ones: Mow down 7+ acres of quality forest in Wakefield Park, or turn the neighborhood along Highland Drive into a permanent truck thoroughfare. The study proposal indicates the 1985 disposal site is back on the table, but additional and innovative ideas are needed. Reexamining Robinson Terminal and motivating the owners to cooperate should be one. Pumping the sediment downstream should be another.

Is there anything else you want to tell us about Lake Accotink or the study?

Good luck solving this intractable problem!