



Testimony on SB320 for Jan. 21, 2014 Hearing of the Senate Finance Committee

We are Friends of Accotink Creek conveying our support for Senator Ebbin's bill SB320 allowing localities in planning district 8 to impose a five-cent disposable bag fee. Like Friends of Little Hunting Creek in Senator Ebbin's district, Friends of Accotink Creek call for your help controlling bag pollution in our localities.

Last spring, Friends of Accotink Creek annual stream clean-up mustered 500 volunteers: an estimated 15,000 plastic bags were fished from our small, but representative, Fairfax County creek. Yesterday, on Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service, families cleaning-up along a 100 yard stretch of neighborhood road, collected 100 plastic bags. Fairfax County is deeply troubled, embarrassed, and angered by bag litter in its creeks and neighborhoods. Judging by the impressive reduction of bag litter associated with other bag fee efforts in the US and countries around the world, and the variety of alternatives, Friends of Accotink Creek believes SB320 would reduce bag litter in Fairfax County.

Thank you,
Friends of Accotink Creek...

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