

LAKE ACCOTINK PARK MASTER PLAN

Natural, Cultural, and Water Resources Community Meeting

April 24, 2017

The following comments were shared at the meeting:

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE US TO KNOW ABOUT THE NATURAL RESOURCES AT LAKE ACCOTINK PARK?

- Resource Protection Zones include areas identified for sensitivity but should also include areas that provide important ecosystem services.
- Healthy recreational elements depend on a healthy environment to support them. Unhealthy environmental conditions will result in the need for investment in \$ to manage natural elements (lake) that support recreational elements.
- At various times I spotted a variety of animals and birds (herons, eagles, falcons, deer, opossums, snakes, foxes, owls, hares, turtles) in and around the lake. The lake and surrounding area also hosts a large variety of wild plants.
- In just the past couple of years, I've seen more and more of the park's wildflowers consumed by lesser celandine. Please removal of this horrible invasive plant a top priority.

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- More information on the lake's historic sites (with signs and markers on the spot) would be useful (e.g. marking the ancient Native American trails, etc.)
- While sites (historic) need to be protected, Lake Accotink is full of history and the visitors need to be aware of that history and given opportunity to learn about it.
- More signage markers and interpretation is needed.
- Is there a cultural resources management plan?
- Of all the lake parks in Fairfax County, Lake Accotink Park has the most historic sites, yet currently they are not emphasized for most visitors. That should be corrected by the new master plan.
- The historic sites should be protected but not hidden.
- Maps/markers for historical sites.

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE US TO KNOW ABOUT THE WATER RESOURCES AT LAKE ACCOTINK PARK?

- The lake is a major environmental, naturalistic, recreational and educational asset of this area of the county. Keep it!
- The health of the water resources is directly dependent on continued investment in watershed restoration. Until this is addressed fully, \$ will need to be invested in dredging to remove sediment from the lake.
- The lake is a stormwater mgt facility and should be classified as such to raise its profile as a site needing DPWES mgt in addition to FCPA mgt.