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## Stream Projects Underway at Fairfax County's Wakefield Park

Two stream restoration projects are getting underway at Wakefield Park in Annandale, VA. The projects are relatively complex and visible and are being undertaken by the Department of Public Works and Environmental Services. Both have been coordinated with Fairfax County Park Authority staff to ensure limited disruption to park users.

Work along 3,700 feet in the Accotink Creek watershed area will include the installation of various in-stream structures, a pedestrian bridge crossing and pipe culverts, as well as stabilization of the stream banks and channel within the park. The project is necessary to deal with increasing water runoff from impervious surfaces, such as rooftops, asphalt roads and concrete, which have replaced the trees, shrubs, groundcover and soil that had helped to retain and filter storm water in the county's second largest watershed.

As work progresses on the projects, most Audrey Moore RECenter users, and those using such facilities as the ball fields, tennis courts and skate park, may see and hear work being done, but there is expected to be little or no impact on access. During the ongoing managed deer hunt, bow hunters are being told to avoid the construction area.

The Cross-County Trail will remain accessible at all times, but users will be rerouted along two detours when construction has progressed to the trail location. These detours will remain in effect until the work is completed. A short segment of other Park Authority trail in the vicinity of Wakefield South will be closed for about the next two months. The trail is on the south side of the tributary at the project start (near the Beltway) down to the park entrance road near the Maintenance Shop. Park staff has already removed the trail marking signs and will repost when construction moves past this area.

Mountain bike trails will likely see some minor impacts and re-routing when construction begins on the second phase of the project next year. All work is expected to be complete by December, 2016.

These projects require minimal crew numbers, so users should not notice any impact on parking. Plans are in place to keep traffic moving smoothly through the park and the entrance area near the Capital Beltway (I-495) and Braddock Road.

For more information, contact the Public Information Office at 703-324-8662

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