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Master Plan Revision Begins at Lake Accotink Park

The Fairfax County Park Authority will begin revision of the Lake Accotink Park Master Plan. The park is located at 7500 Accotink Park Road in Springfield, VA. The public is invited to learn more about the park history and conditions and tell park officials your vision for the park's future at a Public Information Meeting slated for Monday, March 14, 2016 at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held at Cardinal Forest Elementary School, which is located at 8600 Forrester Blvd. in Springfield.

Lake Accotink Park provides opportunities for outdoor recreation and enjoying nature across its 449 acres. Central to the park is a 55-acre lake which is surrounded by wetlands and forest. This park offers opportunities to hike and bike miles of trails, fish from the shoreline, and observe the changing of the seasons. From May through October, the park offers bike, canoe, and paddle boat rentals as well as tour boat rides around the lake to expand the ways to explore the park. A nine-hole miniature golf, historic carousel, and playgrounds provide family amusements.

The Park Authority's history with Lake Accotink Park began in 1960 with the leasing of 242 acres of land that at the time was owned by the federal government. The modest development of boating facilities and concessions were soon followed by the addition of trails, picnic shelters, and a playground. Through the early 1960s, numerous smaller acquisitions expanded the park by nearly 50 additional acres. In 1965 through the Federal Lands to Parks Program, the Park Authority was given the opportunity to purchase the land. Additional property was added to the park bringing the total Lake Accotink Park acreage to 449 acres.

A master plan revision is undertaken when a park or its surrounding community have notably changed. This is the case of the Lake Accotink Park Master Plan. The Lake Accotink Park master plan was first developed in 1964. It has been revised several times over the years, most recently in 1993. The lake was dredged in 1984 and 2004. Dredging is anticipated again within the next decade. Examination of options for addressing the continued accumulation of silt, that impacts the health and recreational value of the lake, will be a key focus of the master plan revision process. Park circulation, site operational needs, access, natural resource management, history and archaeology will all be reviewed as part of the process. Additional park land use and resource management issues and concerns identified by the public, park users and stakeholders will also be examined as part of the master plan process.

For more information visit online at

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/plandev/lakeaccotink.htm>. Comments are welcome at parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov. For more information please contact the Public Information Office at 703-324-8662.

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