

# LAKE ACCOTINK PARK MASTER PLAN REVISION

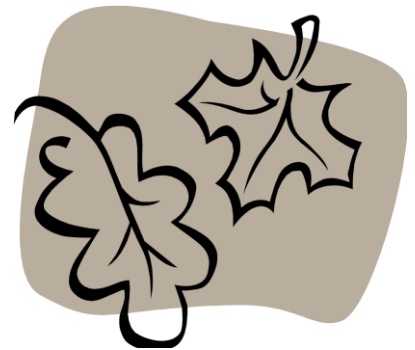
## JANUARY 22, 2018 COMMUNITY MEETING SUMMARY

A public meeting was held at North Springfield Elementary School on January 22, 2018 to continue the discussion about management options for Lake Accotink. The meeting started at 7:00. The names of 60 attendees were captured on the sign-in sheets although total attendance exceeded this number. Also in attendance were:

- Chairman Sharon Bulova
- Supervisor John Cook, Braddock District
- Mike Thompson, Park Authority Board, Springfield District
- David Bowden, Park Planning & Development, Director
- Andi Dorlester, Park Planning Branch, Manager
- Frank Graziano, Wetland Studies and Solutions
- Charles Smith, Department of Public Works and Environmental Services, Stormwater Planning
- Park Authority staff and members of the master plan team.

### OPENING REMARKS

Chairman Bulova and Supervisor Cook provided opening remarks, welcoming those in attendance and thanking them for their involvement. Supervisor Cook spoke about the need for the Board of Supervisors to provide funding to support the community's preference for the lake.



### STAFF PRESENTATION

Gayle Hooper, project manager for the Lake Accotink Master Plan Revision, provided a brief summary of the master plan project thus far. The primary focus of the evening was to continue the discussion of the options evaluated for management of the long-standing sediment problem in Lake Accotink. The options, developed with the assistance of Wetland Studies and Solutions, were first presented to the community in May 2016. The presentation and following open house time provided an opportunity to review the options and consider a preferred management approach. Additionally, attendees were queried as to their preference for establishing a permanent vehicular connection between Lake Accotink's main parking areas.

The presentation and the information boards are available on-line for review at <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/planning-development/lakeaccotink>

### COMMUNITY COMMENT

Following the staff presentation, a brief public comment and question period allowed those in attendance to ask questions. The following open house period also allowed one-on-one interaction with members of the project team.

Meeting attendees were provided an opportunity to vote for their preferred management option. 83 votes were received regarding the lake management options. 79 votes were received regarding a preference for vehicular connection between the park's primary parking lots. Voting will continue through an online format so that those not in attendance can express their preferences as well. Public input on preference for management of the lake was originally planned to continue through the end of

February. **NOTE: Due to the robust public discussion generated by this topic, the public comment period has been extended through May 28, 2018.**

A station was also set up within the open house where those in attendance could jot down any comments related to the master plan.

### **INFORMATION STATIONS**

Following the presentation, attendees were given time to meet members of the master plan team and discuss various aspects of options being considered. The following information stations were provided:

- Station 1 – Project Background
- Station 2 - Option A / No Direct Management
- Station 3 - Option B / Continue Current Dredging Method
- Station 4 - Option C / Annual Dredging with Forebay
- Station 5 – Option D / Installation of Upstream “Beaver Dam”
- Station 6 – Potential Impacts from Trucks Related to Dredging
- Station 7 – Option E / Single-thread Channel with Reclaimed Land
- Station 8 – Option F / Single-thread Channel with Smaller Lake
- Station 9 – Dam Removal Considerations
- Station 10 – Ask the Experts
- Station 11 – Share Your Thoughts
- Station 12 – Internal Connectivity
- Station 13 - Voting