

Lake Accotink Task Force
Staff Report Review Subcommittee Notes
5 September 2023

- I. Call to Order by Temporary Acting Subcommittee Chair Sharon Bulova at 7:36 pm—10 of 11 subcommittee members in attendance. Three new subcommittee members were added: Delegate Vivian Watts, Vicki Arnold, and Steve Yannucci. Chair Bulova passed the role of Chair to Sandy Collins after the meeting started. However, she did discuss two points with the subcommittee: 1. Our goal is to review the staff documents and ask questions about the process and the findings of their investigation, and 2. We should switch our public comment period to the start of the meeting to allow uninterrupted discussion by the subcommittee after the public comment period is concluded.
- II. Approval of Minutes: The meeting minutes from 28 August were recommended for amendment by Del. Watts. The approval of the minutes, as amended, was moved by Mary Keeser, and seconded by Dr. Chris Jones. The minutes were approved as amended.
- III. Lake Accotink Staff Report: The staff report was requested, but no staff report was done. Instead, the staff presented a PowerPoint to the Board of Supervisors Environmental Committee. The presentation has been provided to the subcommittee.
- IV. Document Request Form: Mary provided copies of the Document Request Form to the group for review. She will request all documents that lead to the decision of the staff to recommend not dredging Lake Accotink.
- V. Subdividing the Subcommittee: A question was asked if we need to break the subcommittee into two groups. One to review the processes that lead to the staff recommendation, another to review the impacts of the staff recommendation. The subcommittee discussed this recommendation, but no motion was made.
- VI. Sedimentation and Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Impacts: Stella Koch reminded the subcommittee members that Lake Accotink is part of a larger watershed, and we need to think about that as we discuss the future of Lake Accotink. Sandy is still concerned about the sediment capture of Lake Accotink and wants to understand what the downstream TMDL impacts will be if Lake Accotink is removed. Will the removal of Lake Accotink lead to an infill of Accotink Bay? The question about stream stabilization and the reduction of sediment load was discussed. The cost to stabilize the entire length of Accotink Creek is prohibitive, but sediment loading from stream erosion is one of the highest levels of sediment in the watershed. Dr. Jones will look at the numbers for sediment loads. Sandy wants information from the staff to corroborate the TMDL numbers.
- VII. New Business:
 - a. Steve wants to discuss other alternatives to the dredge disposal recommendations presented by the staff.
 - b. Stella wants us to remember the role of Lake Accotink in the watershed and recommends we use the best science available to determine the future of the Lake.
 - c. Vicky has concerns about the cost estimates and wants to understand why there is so much variability between the high and low end of the cost estimates presented by the staff.

- d. The subcommittee is concerned about the cost of the previous consultants and wonders why we have spent millions of dollars without a definitive answer.
- VIII. Task Force Agenda: Sharon reminded the subcommittee of the upcoming deadlines of the Task Force and the subcommittees. The Subcommittee will provide a progress report to the Task Force on 11 Sep. The Task Force will present a Finding Report the Board of Supervisors (Bos) on 5 Dec and to the BOS Environmental Committee on 12 Dec. The Subcommittee should start thinking about the structure of their findings. The last Task Force Committee meeting will be 4 Dec. All Subcommittee reports should be submitted before 27 November 2023.
- IX. Next Steps (Homework): Mary will fill out Document Request Forms and send them to Sandy to submit. Mary will send out a Dropbox link for everyone to share files. As a group we need to think about our report layout and start to discuss the findings. The subcommittee needs to identify costs that weren't captured in the staff documents. Specifically, costs for downstream impacts.
- X. Meeting adjourned at 9:06 pm (due to a lack of air conditioning). The next meeting has been confirmed for 18 Sep 2023 from 7:30 to 9:30 pm at the offices of America's Adopt a Soldier located at 6744 Gravel Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22310.