

# TASK FORCE ON THE FUTURE OF LAKE ACCOTINK

Monday, June 26, 2023  
7:00 p.m.

Government Center  
Conference Rooms 2/3

## Meeting Minutes

### Members Present:

Sharon Bulova, Individual (Chair)  
Ken Balbuena, North Springfield Civic Association  
Annie Ball, Sierra Club – Great Falls  
Matt Bright, Earth Sangha  
Bryan Campbell, Friends of Long Branch Stream Valley  
Karen Campblin, Fairfax NAACP  
Sandy Collins, Friends of Accotink Creek  
John Cook, Individual  
Mary Cortina, Planning Commission  
Michael Deloose, West Springfield Civic Association  
Cathy Field, North Springfield Civic Association  
Charlotte Hannagan, Kings Park Civic Association  
Diane Hoffman, Braddock Land Use and Environment Committee  
Mary Keeser, Friends of Lake Accotink Park (FLAP)  
David Kepley, Faith Alliance for Climate Solutions  
Stella Koch, Environmental Quality Advisory Council  
Marta Morrissey, Franconia District Land Use Committee  
Gail Nittle, Springfield Civic Association  
Allan Robertson, Save Lake Accotink  
Ernest Rodriguez, Mid-Atlantic Off-Road Enthusiasts (MORE)  
Hasan Shah, Individual  
Martin Shepherd, Ravensworth Farm Civic Association  
Evelyn Spain, Planning Commission  
Kiel Stone, Park Authority Board  
Meghan Walker, Danbury Forest Civic Association

### County Representatives Present:

James Walkinshaw, Braddock District Supervisor  
Chris Herrington, Director, Public Works and Environmental Services  
Charles Smith, Project Coordinator & Branch Chief, Public Works and Environmental Services  
Adam Wynn, Senior Planner, Planning and Development Branch, Fairfax County Park Authority  
Jai Cole, Director, Fairfax County Park Authority  
Aimee Vosper, Deputy Director, Fairfax County Park Authority  
Marcia Pape, Senior Legislative Assistant, Braddock District Office  
Andrea Lewis, Aide, Braddock District Office

### Members Absent:

James Heo, Mount Vernon Springfield Chamber of Commerce  
Chris Jones, GMU – Water Resources Group  
Jakelin Lake, Individual  
Chris Landgraf, Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC)

## **Call to Order and Introductory Remarks**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Sharon Bulova at 7:02 p.m. Attendance was taken and a quorum was present.

Remarks from Braddock District Supervisor James Walkinshaw. He asked that participants: 1) familiarize themselves with the project documents; 2) treat each other with respect, regardless of differences in opinion; and 3) bring their expertise, experience, and analysis to the table.

Opening comments from Sharon Bulova. She went over housekeeping details, thanked Channel 16 for broadcasting and recording the meeting, reviewed the agenda, and addressed the Task Force mission and timeline. Chairman Bulova recommended that there be a brief period for public comment at the beginning of each meeting.

Task Force Members introduced themselves and briefly stated why they are participating.

Public audience members were recognized and introduced themselves.

## **Presentation by County Staff**

Presentation of "Brief History of Lake Accotink and Description of the Accotink Watershed" from Adam Wynn, Senior Planner with the Fairfax County Park Authority, John Burke, Natural Resource Branch Manager with the Fairfax County Park Authority, and Charles Smith, Branch Chief, Fairfax County Department of Public Works and Environmental Services.

Discussion and comments. Ideas mentioned include:

- Long-term impacts of any decision regarding Lake Accotink should be assessed, including social and community issues and costs.
- The watershed should be looked at holistically with respect to condition, issues, needs, potential solutions, and sustainability.
- Subcommittees could be created to address specific topics.
- Field trips to local stream restoration projects/managed wetlands/Lake Accotink.

Questions/comments for Chairman Bulova and/or the Task Force may be submitted to [BOSLakeAccotinkTaskForce@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:BOSLakeAccotinkTaskForce@fairfaxcounty.gov) or [LATF@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:LATF@fairfaxcounty.gov).

## **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.