

TASK FORCE ON THE FUTURE OF LAKE ACCOTINK

July 24, 2023

Sub-Committees

The Value of Lake Accotink and Lake Accotink Park to the County: Socio-Economic, Environmental, Recreational

Co-Chaired by Allan Robertson and Gail Nittle

Impacts of and Issues with Staff Recommendation to Not Dredge, Allow the Lake and Wetlands to “Return to Nature” and Proceed with a Re-Planning of Lake Accotink Park

Chaired by Chris Jones

This Sub-Committee should also research and examine successful dredging programs in the U.S. and elsewhere that we could learn from.

Options to Consider Other Than Traditional Full Dredging

Chaired by John Cook

This Sub-Committee should consider options such as:

- Creation of managed wetlands (how to maintain and use by community)
- Smaller open water facility
- Hybrid of managed wetlands and smaller open water facility
- Creation of a second island or peninsula in shallow section of existing lake using dredge material, perhaps in combination with a smaller open water facility
- Creation of a network of kayak trails through Accotink Wetlands

A “Findings Report Working Group” will be named once the Task Force is ready. Bryan Campbell has agreed to draft the report and will work with others to collaborate on making the report compliant with VFOIA.

Each Sub-Committee will be responsible for taking their own minutes and drafting their own report, which will be provided to the full Task Force for review and discussion at full Task Force meetings and be included in what will ultimately become the Final Findings report. Sub-Committee Chairs should arrange for dates and locations for meetings. This information will be published by the county to be compliant with VFOIA.