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Save Lake Accotink is a non-profit organization that was formed in response to the danger that Lake Accotink may disappear as part of the ongoing Lake Accotink Park Master Plan Revision.

Lake Accotink is an invaluable resource to the community. Perhaps more than any other lake in Fairfax County, it serves a diverse socio-economic and multi-ethnic population. We cannot afford to lose the recreational opportunities and the wildlife habitat Lake Accotink provides. The lake is vital to the environment. It provides a home to protected animals, such as bald eagles, and traps polluting sediment from upstream. Without the lake, nearly twice as much sediment would clog lower Accotink Creek, killing aquatic wildlife, including an endangered species of freshwater mussel.

As part of Fairfax County Park Authority's (FCPA) Lake Accotink Park Master Plan Revision, FCPA has proposed six options for the future of the lake. Three of these options, which the county seems to favor, get rid of Lake Accotink as we know it along with its wildlife and environmental benefits. The other park amenities would also be removed.

One of the options, referred to as "Option C", provides a more permanent and sustainable solution. Option C preserves Lake Accotink for wildlife and recreation and includes measures that will slow the rate of sedimentation in the lake and reduce the cost of future maintenance. The details are far from decided, but the estimated initial cost of Option C is \$45M, which will require a park bond. We need as many signatures as we can get by May 28, 2018 to get the bond on the 2019 ballot.

Links to the **online petition** and more information can be found on our website. For more opportunities to support Save Lake Accotink, join us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

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