

**Technical Advisory Committee Meeting #1  
Accotink Creek Watershed Benthic TMDL**

Tuesday, August 26, 2014 – 9:30 am  
Richard Byrd Library – Meeting Rooms 1 & 2  
7250 Commerce Street  
Springfield VA 22150

*TAC Members Present:*

Buckeye Terminals (Krista Snyder, Mike Younce)  
Catholic Diocese of Arlington (John Amarantides)  
Chesapeake Bay Foundation (Joe Wood)  
City of Fairfax (Christina Alexander)  
Fairfax County (Kate Bennett)  
Friends of Accotink Creek (Philip Latasa, Kris Unger)  
Kinder Morgan (Patrick Davis)  
Northern Virginia Building Industry Association (Helman Castro)  
Northern Virginia Regional Commission (Norm Goulet)  
US Geological Survey (Doug Moyer)  
Virginia Department of Forestry (Jim McGlone)  
Virginia Department of Transportation (Tracey Harmon, Roy Mills, Ashley Hall (EEE))

*Other Attendees*

Charles P. Johnson & Associates (Mark Huffman)  
Pennoni Associates (Bruce Jones)  
Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin (Ross Mandel)  
Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (Jeanne Classen, Will Isenberg, May Sligh, Bryant Thomas,  
Jennifer Carlson)

*TAC Members Absent:*

Audubon Naturalist Society  
Fairfax County Division of Environmental Health  
Fairfax County Park Authority  
Fairfax Master Naturalists  
Friends of Lake Accotink Park  
Metropolitan Council of Governments  
Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District  
Potomac River Greenway Coalition  
Potomac Riverkeeper  
Sierra Club (Great Falls)  
Sierra Club (Mt. Vernon)  
Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries

*TAC Meeting Minutes:*

The purpose of this meeting was to introduce the Accotink Creek and Long Branch Benthic TMDL project to the Technical Advisory Committee. The meeting started with introductions and DEQ gave a presentation which included an overview of the TMDL development process, a brief history of the first benthic TMDL study for Accotink Creek, and a review of the data leading to the listing of Accotink Creek and Long Branch as impaired for the aquatic life use. During the presentation, DEQ also shared the project plan for developing the TMDL, which detailed a two phase approach. The first phase entails completing a watershed characterization and finalizing a stressor analysis, with a projected deadline of February 2015. The second phase entails the development of the TMDL by February 2016. An overview of the stressor analysis process was presented, including the data requirements needed to complete the process. DEQ shared the data gathered for the stressor analysis project to date, and requested that the TAC members share any data that may benefit the stressor analysis and watershed characterization. Following the DEQ presentation, a discussion period generated questions on the background and scope of the current project compared to the previously completed TMDL, use of existing analyses from the prior TMDL and how this project may differ from the earlier study.

A copy of the presentation can be accessed at the following link:

[http://www.deq.virginia.gov/Portals/0/DEQ/Water/TMDL/TMDLDocumentation/Accotink/Accotink\\_Benthic\\_TMDL\\_TAC\\_1.pdf](http://www.deq.virginia.gov/Portals/0/DEQ/Water/TMDL/TMDLDocumentation/Accotink/Accotink_Benthic_TMDL_TAC_1.pdf)