



# Lake Accotink Dredging

Results from Community Survey

Fairfax County Department of Public Works and Environmental Services

April 14, 2023

A community survey was open from February 16 through April 1, 2023, from the Lake Accotink public webpage.

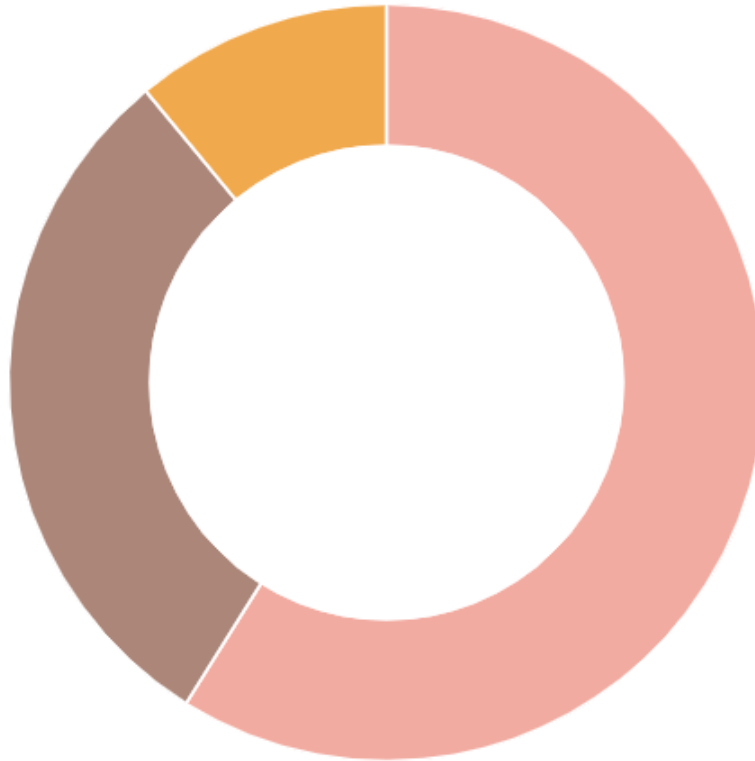
More information about the Lake Accotink dredging project is available: [Lake Accotink Dredging \(AC89-0009\) | Public Works and Environmental Services \(fairfaxcounty.gov\)](#)

The Story of Lake Accotink Park:

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/b85512da45b8420085167291998d19af>

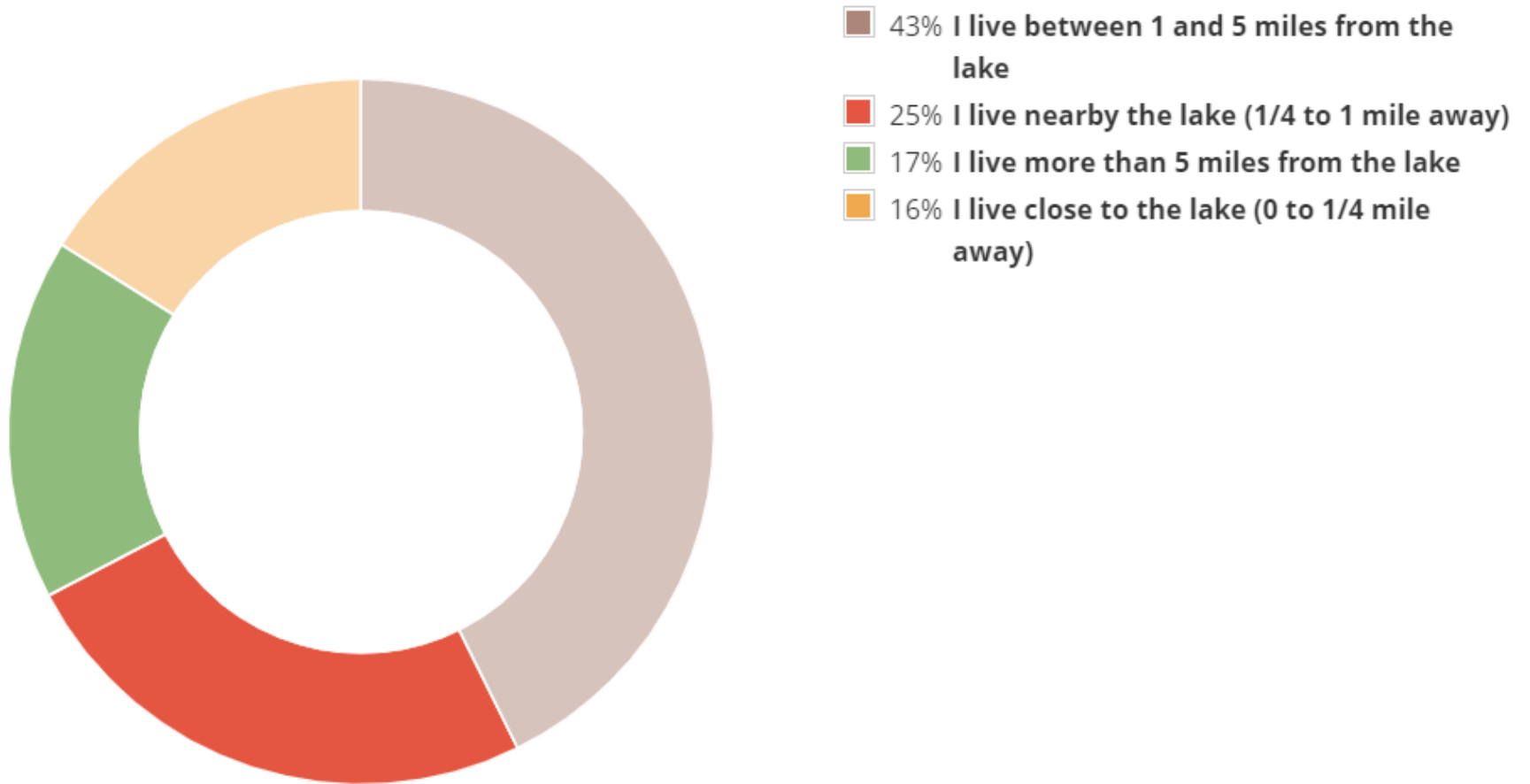
\* How familiar are you with the Lake Accotink Dredging Study?

- 59% **Somewhat Familiar**
- 30% **Very Familiar**
- 11% **Not Familiar**



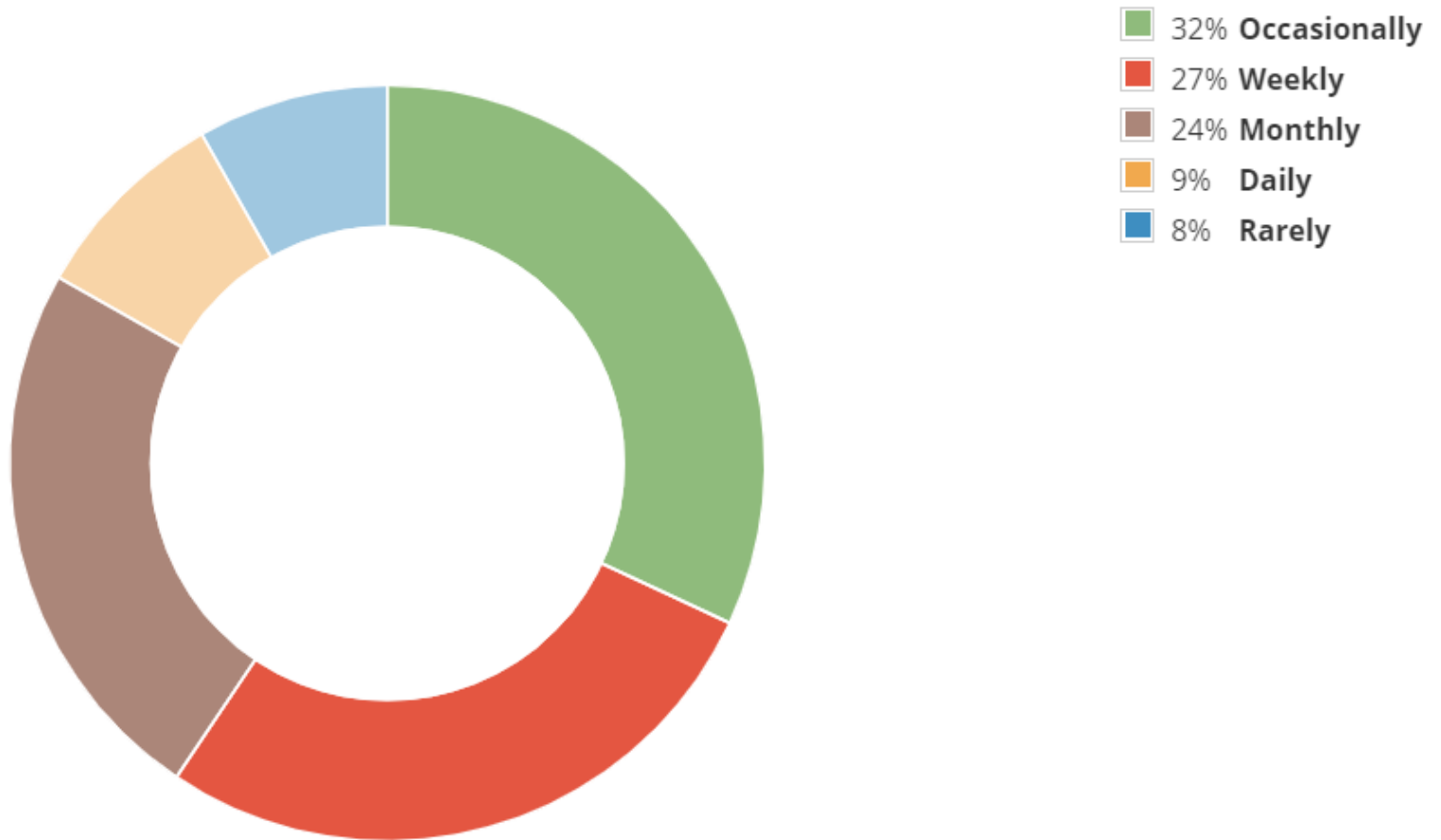
1,048 responses

\* Which best describes ~~you~~ where you live in relation to Lake Accotink?



1,040 responses

\* How often do you visit Lake Accotink Park?



1,037 responses

Please select the following activities that you enjoy at Lake Accotink Park. *(Select all that apply)*

89%	Hiking/walking/running	943 ✓
66%	Time with family and/or friends	707 ✓
66%	Observing Natural Scenery	704 ✓
43%	Bird Watching	460 ✓
38%	Dog Walking	404 ✓
38%	Biking	400 ✓
36%	Picnicking	382 ✓
26%	Boating	277 ✓
24%	Playground	255 ✓

22%	Community Events and Social Meetups	237 ✓
20%	Carousel	216 ✓
18%	Miniature Golf	193 ✓
15%	Fishing	158 ✓
13%	Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days	139 ✓
10%	Classes/Summer Camps	110 ✓
4%	Basketball/Paved Court	44 ✓
2%	Volleyball	6 ✓

1,024 responses

## **The survey included this open comment question:**

\* Please share your opinion of the Fairfax County staff recommendation to not pursue the \$395 million full lake dredging effort or offline lake option and instead reinitiate the master planning process to develop a community vision for the future of the park.

# How the open comment question responses were analyzed by County staff:

- All identifying information was deleted prior to analysis
- County staff used a standard social science analytical methods
- Each response was individually read and compared to a set of “codes”
- A second independent check of coded responses was performed
- Coded survey results were summarized as a percentage of all responses



# Notes on interpreting the results

- Each response was individually read twice; if any part of the response corresponded to any of the “codes,” the row for that response was tagged accordingly
- This means that not all responses are tagged for each code, so results for any individual code will not equal 100%
- For example, only 53% of respondents expressed an explicit preference to dredge or not dredge. Of those expressing an explicit preference, only 26% of total respondents wanted to dredge the lake

Code	Yes	No	Both	% of Total Responded	% Yes of Total	% No of Total
Dredge the lake?	278	292		53%	26%	27%
Support offline lake option?	13	10		2%	1%	1%
Support transition to wetland?	130	26		14%	12%	2%
Concerned about a future “swamp”?	31	0		3%	3%	0%
Pace of the process (Y=rushed, N=too long)	16	23	2	4%	1%	2%
Concerned about env/ecol/wildlife impacts?	200	0		19%	19%	0%
Concerned about staff competency?	67	0		6%	6%	0%
Not enough info about alternatives or process?	175	0		16%	16%	0%
Need independent review?	9	0		1%	1%	0%
Concerned about costs?	215	14		21%	20%	1%
Cost estimates are questionable?	39	0		4%	4%	0%
Concerned about dredge impacts to neighborhood?	34	4		4%	3%	0%
Concerns about equity?	30	0		3%	3%	0%
Any interest in resuming park planning?	175	9		17%	16%	1%
Concerned about uncontrolled upstream dev?	72	0		7%	7%	0%
Concerned about downstream impacts w/o dredge?	47	0		4%	4%	0%

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2	Very Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Biking	I agree with the staff recommendation and have submitted more detail comments via email.
3	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Carousel; Playground; Observing Natural Scenery; Picnicking; Boating; Time with family and/or friends	I feel like the county staffs have already made up their mind of not pursuing the dredging effort. I feel like they are rushing the decision while there are still so many unanswered questions. I feel that the staffs are incompetent and not qualified. They did not come up with any better alternatives or have any data to support some of the ideas that they threw out there. I am not convinced and I am not happy with the board. The whole process seems so shady. If they don't reinstate the original plan or come up with a good alternative they will never get my vote or support in the future. We as a community will spread the words and get this out to other counties to so everyone can see how incompetent and shady Walkinshaw is. Do not rush the decision. At least dredge it one more time to get the actual cost and see how long it takes for sediments to come back. We do not need to have 8ft of water, 6ft would be enough.
4	Somewhat Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Boating; Picnicking; Community Events and Social Meetups; Hiking/walking/running; Time with family and/or friends	I hope the county will reconsider dredging. I might feel better about their recommendation if clear, detailed options were presented as alternatives and those alternatives could be created at a far lower cost with less ongoing maintenance costs.
5	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Fishing; Classes/Summer Camps; Biking; Time with family and/or friends; Miniature Golf	These decisions are taking too long! Be decisive and initiate any plan asap
6	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Boating; Hiking/walking/running; Playground; Time with family and/or friends	While I have boated there it is not a primary reason for park use. As such my preference would be to make investments in park areas surrounding the lake to better accommodate the other park uses such as trails, playgrounds, rec center, etc

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7	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Weekly	Fishing; Classes/Summer Camps; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Carousel; Playground; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends	I think it's naive and absurd that the staff would recommend not spending the money to keep our park and lake intact. I also find it irresponsible and potentially illegal that not a single federal study was put into place on the impact that this would have on the Potomac river and the Chesapeake bay. I will be writing to my congressman and senators about this.
8	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Boating; Fishing; Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Time with family and/or friends	
9	Very Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Boating; Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Miniature Golf; Carousel; Playground; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends	Lake Accotink has always been a part of my life. My childhood summers were filled with day camps at the main Pavillion. I had my birthdays there with friends- playing mini golf, riding the carousel, going on the lake in the tour boat, popcorn at the snack bar. My late father took me for nature walks there. As an adult, walking with my friends dog around the lake. Watching my friend and her dog take agility classes on the park grounds. For 9 tears as I rode the VRE Manassas line to work in DC, my favorite part of the ride was going past the lake, the dam, the woods. This lake means so much to me and my family, and we don't want to lose it. Please, save Lake Accotink!
10	Somewhat Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Miniature Golf; Carousel; Playground; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Boating; Fishing; Picnicking	Since sedimentation is a direct result of erosion, it would seem that earth disturbing activities within the watershed should come with some level of contribution, starting with a minimum contribution. The incremental increases of the contribution could be based on square feet, project value, or some other basis.
11	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Dog Walking; Playground; Carousel; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching	I have concerns that it is the first decision in a series that will lead to the land being developed. I love taking my family to the park and lake - it provides so much value to the neighborhood. We live very close to Accotink Creek and I'm concerned that increased development will increase the likelihood of flooding in the neighborhoods bordering the creek.

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13	Very Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Bird Watching	i think this is very short sighted. in a community that is majority-minority and many people live in multi-tenant facilities, everyone needs a place to be outside and in their own space. i think communities such as lake barcroft and burke lake would never be abandoned like this.
14	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Fishing; Biking	1
15	Somewhat Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Dog Walking	In general I support the decision because that is a lot of money and disruption every five years, but I think the county should be more forthcoming with what the comparative cost will be to maintain the wetlands. If the cost difference is negligible or not significantly higher then residents may be willing to pay the extra cost and endure the disruption to keep our beloved lake.
16	Somewhat Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Community Events and Social Meetups; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Bird Watching; Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running	I think it's a mistake to not pursue dredging and allow it to turn into a swamp. This county takes in more than enough taxes for this project. Democrats are supposed to be pro-environment, but to give up on the health of the lake and walk away is hypocrisy at its finest.

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17	Not Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Picnicking; Fishing; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Miniature Golf; Carousel; Playground; Time with family and/or friends; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Boating	Keeping the lake is preferred but dredging is not ideal since it not only is costly but disrupts the ecosystem in the lake. If there is another way to maintain an aquatic ecosystem at the site, great but if not I'd prefer to see the space used in a way that is not as costly and does not require dredging to maintain.
18	Not Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Rarely	Dog Walking	It would be nice if the lake were dredged as in past years. I do understand it is costly to do that. Maybe the lake can partially be dredged this time and then in a few years dredge the remaining part.
19	Not Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Picnicking; Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days; Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Playground; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends	I understand that the long term future of the lake may not be sustainable. I am hopeful that the alternative plan will allow for hiking , playing and supporting wildlife so that we can continue to enjoy the area . ; See previous comments
20	Very Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Time with family and/or friends	Why is the cleanup not pushed to projects that increased run off? The price tag is too high, however the issue is not isolated to the surrounding community -starts far upstream. Seems that the cost for any building or projects in the watershed need to be held accountable for environmental impacts they cause.

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22	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Community Events and Social Meetups; Biking	I prefer to save the taxpayers money and not dredge the Lake
23	Somewhat Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends	I believe in more planning for a long term vision of Lake Accotink. More time could allow the County an opportunity to seek a public private partnership to offset the projected costs.
24	Somewhat Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery	Grew up ~1 downstream of the park and spent a lot of time in the Accotink stream valley and frequently the Park itself. Still go there to run/walk. And as much as I'd like to see the lake retained for nostalgia reasons, \$395 million for dredging and maintenance does not seem reasonable given other potential uses of that money for other Parks (or not spending it at all). In addition, spoils processing and sediment removal have their own negative impacts. Agree with the County Staff recommendation.

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25	Very Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Daily	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Time with family and/or friends; Bird Watching; Observing Natural Scenery; Biking	While I understand the expense and why the recommendation was made, I love the lake and water. The master plan needs to include more than just generic wetland park as we have huntley meadows close by for that. If you do go in that direction, it should be more educational and conservation focused on. With the aim of keeping the bay clean, and our waterways clean. I was surprised at how little conservation was addressed at huntley meadows when my son's class visited there. Howard county has a wonderful Nature center that focuses on teaching conservation and watershed issues. The only way I can get behind taking away the lake is to use it as a cautionary tale for what can happen when storm drain management and the watershed area is not adequately planned for. Help us teach our kids what to do. Use a natural playground, beautiful conservation center with LEED certified sustainable architecture and strong conservation and watershed educational exhibits to tell the tale of a Lake we cannot save.
26	Very Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Daily	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Miniature Golf; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Bird Watching; Boating	This is horrible. Lake Accotink is a Fairfax County treasure, and these poorly done and motivated reasoning studies are underhanded and not in the best interest of the residents.
27	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Weekly	Biking	Believe they should reinitiate the planning process to determine the best overall use for the site.



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28	Somewhat Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends; Observing Natural Scenery; Dog Walking; Hiking/walking/running; Picnicking; Fishing; Boating	Save the lake! I want Lake Accotink to be saved and made healthy. Four voting generations of my family have enjoyed this lake. Three generations still do. We lived on the corner of Highland St & Hanover Ave. for 6 yrs. This lake and park was our playground. Back then it was a dirt road to the park. Huge steel mill on the right with 2 baseball fields. Heavy trucks drove up and down Highland and Hanover from the steel mill. It never bothered anyone. Wooded area everywhere. We've enjoyed this lake for 60+ yrs. My grandson caught his 1st there. People talk about what's going into the lake. I don't think I've heard much if anything about what's coming from the lake. Brookfield pond is filled with the sediment from Lake Accotink. Keep Lake Accotink healthy and you help save creeks, streams, ponds & rivers down stream. The Potomac River & Chesapeake Bay will benefit from a clean healthy Lake Accotink. Thank you for your time. I vote to save the lake. Put new life into the park and lake. We all benefit.
29	Somewhat Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends	I understand that the amount is exorbitant but what is the guarantee that this area will be preserved and usable for our community? This area is a wonderful, diverse park that brings so many from our community together. Please keep that in mind our valuable this space is to all of us.
30	Somewhat Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends	Please reinstate the process to develop a community vision for the park to potentially save the lake.
31	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Rarely	Hiking/walking/running	The cost estimate ballooned dramatically from the initial one. It seems that maybe the current estimate is exaggerated. Is it possible that there is a middle ground on this decision where some dredging would be done but not to the extent originally proposed?
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33	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Bird Watching; Observing Natural Scenery; Biking	Keep it as a habitat for wildlife which includes the water habitat

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34	Somewhat Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Weekly	Community Events and Social Meetups; Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Carousel; Playground; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends	The county needs to present a clear, viable picture of what the alternative would be before completely discarding any plans to dredge. This should include thorough analysis of the downstream effects of letting sediment bypass the lake. The county's plans right now seem abrupt, short-sighted, and completely tone-deaf. The overwhelming amount of new development in the area is producing the sediment filling the lake, and such a precious community resource should fall victim to the county's failure to plan.
35	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Boating; Time with family and/or friends; Bird Watching	Strongly disagree with the decision. Save the lake!!!; Strongly disagree with the decision. Save the lake!!
36	Very Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Daily	Boating; Fishing; Picnicking; Classes/Summer Camps; Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days; Community Events and Social Meetups; Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Dog Walking; Miniature Golf; Volleyball; Carousel; Playground; Basketball/Paved Court; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends	My opinion is that you are lying and inflating the cost! OBVIOUSLY it's going to cost more to dredge the lake six times than if you just did it one time! You're purposefully being RACISTS and lying to the community because you think we are poor and dumb and you know that the majority of people who use this park are not white and do not speak English as their first language.

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39	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Classes/Summer Camps; Hiking/walking/running	Fairfax residents writ large should not be responsible for the insanely huge cost of maintaining a lake where it's not environmentally sensible for one to be. It's nearest neighbors are obviously upset, but their emotional attachment to an unsustainable, artificial landscape element is not a good enough reason for dredging etc to the degree apparently needed.
40	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Time with family and/or friends	
41	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running; Fishing; Biking; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends	After the two meetings and comments posted in "Save Lake Accotink ". I am not convinced all options have been explored. Lots of info on what won't be recommended but not enough in what we can do! Where is the money going to if this project gets dropped? What are the environmental impacts if the lake is abandoned? What financial commitment does the county have to making it a viable wetland if dredging is stopped. More questions than answers and after all this time why the rush for the BOS to vote now?

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43	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends; Observing Natural Scenery	
44	Somewhat Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Weekly	Classes/Summer Camps; Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Dog Walking; Playground; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends	Figure out how to keep it a lake without the ridiculous cost. There must be other ways to do this.
45	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Community Events and Social Meetups; Hiking/walking/running; Time with family and/or friends	I support the decision to not pursue the dredging and am thankful it will save the taxpayers a significant amount of money for an increasingly Sisyphean effort.
46	Somewhat Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery	I love the park but I recognize that dredging is expensive and very disruptive for the neighborhoods that are impacted. I think the alternatives of a smaller lake or a wetland would be an acceptable solution, but I would like to get a much better idea of what that would look like. I have been to Huntley Meadows and that may be a good model, if there are enough nature trails included in the design. I know several people who like to walk and/or bike the 4.5 miles around the lake.

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47	Very Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Weekly	Boating; Hiking/walking/running; Miniature Golf; Playground; Fishing; Biking; Carousel; Bird Watching; Picnicking	We bought our home in Ravensworth because of the proximity to the lake. It is extremely frustrating to see all the hard work done by the community over the last several years to save the lake just go down the drain. It is clear the county doesn't want to put the time, effort, or money into saving lake Accotink, because they lack the intelligence to fully understand the consequences of doing nothing. It is unfathomable to me that the county does nothing to try to control the amount of sediment produced by road, home, and other construction along Accotink creek. Lake Accotink is there to trap sediment so it doesn't go to the Chesapeake Bay. The implications of not dredging the lake are insurmountable. The pure lack of intelligence is astounding.
48	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Miniature Golf; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Community Events and Social Meetups; Bird Watching	I think it's sad that the park hasn't been kept up and they waited until a couple yrs ago to start addressing the problem. I use to go to the park several times a yr but have been traveling in the last 2 yrs so haven't been there as often. I think they need to do what needs to be done even if it has to be done in stages since it's expensive to do it all at once. Enjoy this park and the convenience to me and walking around the lake doesn't take a long time nor is it too strenuous for me.
49	Very Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Occasionally	Dog Walking; Time with family and/or friends; Playground; Hiking/walking/running; Picnicking	If this was in a location that was in northern/western FFX county thee would be no issue with spending the millions to preserve a community feature. The lake needs to be maintained for the hundreds of minority groups that use it.
50	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends	Too costly for Fairfax taxpayers. The county needs to be more responsible in the way they allocate funds.

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51	Somewhat Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Weekly	Carousel; Miniature Golf; Dog Walking; Biking; Hiking/walking/running; Fishing; Boating	<p>I've been a resident of Ravensworth for 22 years and regularly go to the lake. It is THE reason we decided to keep our house instead of selling when values soared.</p> <p>The issue of not dredging doesn't fix the watershed problem. I've seen significant changes in water flow on my own lot. Road and land development nearby have had an impact. Why has the focus been on dredging instead of natural alternatives using microbio filtration and taking care of watershed in the surrounding area?</p> <p>Why are park bonds not helping financially?</p> <p>Focus on WHY the silt is multiplying into the lake. And do something about that.</p> <p>Keep the lake. At the very least treat the silt so that it can naturally evolve.</p> <p>Allowing it to dry up will not solve the problem.</p> <p>Controlling , filtering watershed, treating the silt is a better investment.</p>

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52	Very Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Weekly	Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days; Community Events and Social Meetups; Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Dog Walking; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends; Observing Natural Scenery; Boating; Fishing	I think there should be and can be a happy medium between the two options which has not been presented or even thought about yet . As a professional landscape architect living in Ravensworth Farm I certainly can understand the County's position with the recent study findings and cost estimates. NOT SAYING I AGREE HERE. However as a resident of the neighborhood who very much enjoys the Lake with her family and moved here because of this jewel, there must be compromises. I don't think 7 acres of wetlands should be destroyed to dewater the sediment but I think there could be a better design solution. I also think the County needs to provide community engagement visioning sessions for Lake Accotink Planning. I think the study findings need to be broken down more, presented with better graphics for community understanding and then better conclusions can be made. What the County presented this far is not acceptable in my opinion and seems like they are trying to strong arm the public and BOS. I would be interested to know how much money has already been spent on this endeavor? I suspect there is a design solution that can provide a small lake area, wetlands and a sediment trap, all beautiful and working together for SWM purposes and ecologically. The County spends millions and billions of dollars elsewhere our neighborhood(a) around the lake deserves more than what is currently being offered.
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55	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Boating; Community Events and Social Meetups; Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching	I think the lake needs to be saved by all means possible. It's an integral part of our community life, nature refuge, quality of living. Voters are willing to support Bonds for the parks. Developers need to be held to their obligations to not add more issues. Is it necessary to dredge to 8 feet, what happens to the silt if it's left to flow downstream. Chesapeake bay impact etc. it seems keeping the lake is the better option vs not knowing what will happen.



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56	Very Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends	I don't agree with this decision. The lake is great part of Virginia families' life. I understand the cost and I bet people would approve bonds to keep it. Also, on the other hand you can't put a price of having a safe place where families can gather. We have too much cement as it is.
57	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery	I have mixed emotions about it. So much time and money has been spent already I feel like the lake could have been dredged one last time by now. I'm also concerned about unconscious bias because of the amount of low income and BIPOC people who make up part of the population in the area of the lake. Has the County reached out to the Army Corps of Engineers for their help? It seems fitting considering the Army built the lake and the County has mismanaged it for decades.
58	Very Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Daily	Picnicking; Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days; Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Fishing; Biking; Community Events and Social Meetups; Boating	
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60	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Daily	Picnicking; Observing Natural Scenery; Hiking/walking/running; Time with family and/or friends	This is place our kids grow and the only place for us to enjoy the nature.

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61	Very Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Weekly	Dog Walking; Hiking/walking/running; Carousel; Miniature Golf; Playground; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Boating; Fishing; Community Events and Social Meetups; Bird Watching	I think very few options have been or are being considered. I strongly feel money is the priority, not the community. I think worst possible scenario is being accepted as an inevitable future re:climate. The cost has been inflated to encompass a quarter century of work & has been presented as a short or even few year cost. A small, barely legible sign posted for a few days prior to a meeting re:losing our lake is an unacceptable notification or warning of the significance of it. Every single resident surrounding this lake should have had a written notice of the meetings, findings, and direction for what we can do in all of our mailboxes! This has been slick and quiet- none of our neighbors we've spoken with have known anything about it. It is going to drop our property values significantly (my father is angry about this.) More importantly, my child and others should be able to enjoy the beauty & history of this lake in the same way I did nearly daily throughout my childhood. I learned to fish here, we watch the bald eagles (who do NOT prefer wetland hunting grounds & will move on- I studied and worked directly wih raptors for years), the paddleboats, the geography & beauty of a large body of water. I do not trust at all what has been "done" or the reasoning, if any, behind the decisions being made. For \$400 MILLION we should have the ability to find the specific sources of this silt problem and fix it. Fix the problem UPstream, not the end product of it (the lake.) If no one involved in these "studies" currently knows how to do that, however much money necessary should be spent to find the right groups of people to find this solution. We put men on the moon and are observing the outer reaches of space. This is not an impossibility. The right people with the right knowledge and experience have not yet been involved. I guarantee the cost is far less than repeating the same temporary solution indefinitely, while retaining the now environmentally necessary lake.

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62	Somewhat Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Daily	Boating; Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Fishing; Bird Watching; Community Events and Social Meetups	
63	Somewhat Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running; Playground; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends; Biking; Dog Walking; Carousel; Basketball/Paved Court; Observing Natural Scenery	Please save the lake
64	Not Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends	I concur with the recommendation.
65	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Bird Watching; Fishing	The by default is a major catch basin for urban storm water run off. As a creek sediment catch basin, it must be dredged or emptied periodically. The quality of the creek downstream of the dam proves the importance of this lake. Other catch basins get dredged periodically as they are doing what they were built for. Lake Royal is a prime example. Accotink is doing what it's supposed to be doing. Dredge the lake and preserve water quality downstream. This not only helps preserve quality of the water all the way to the Potomac, it helps keep the Bay cleaner and finally also preserves quality of life for county residents.

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66	Very Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Daily	Boating; Dog Walking; Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days; Time with family and/or friends	How dreadful that poor storm water management by FFC does means a lake will be taken away from the community which has been loved and treasured for years. Which supervisor will hang the "eviction notice" to the many nesting bald eagles and osprey which require an open water habitat.
67	Somewhat Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Monthly	Biking	Do not dredge. Remove the dam. Let it go back to a stream.
68	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running	I love this lake but it doesn't really make sense to keep it given not only what it costs but the ongoing effort it would require to maintain. We're basically fighting nature here. We should remove the dam and return the area to a more natural state.
69	Somewhat Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching	I was astonished to hear on the news that the dredging project fell through. I thought this was all settled. I would be very sad to see Lake Accotink not be a lake any more, especially considering all the wildlife it nurtures (eagles, river otters, bryozoan colonies, etc.). I also wonder, if the dredging isn't pursued, what other efforts would be made to mitigate the silt accumulation that would probably flow further downstream and into the bay watershed. Seems like the problem is being passed on to other locations, while losing a valuable local lake and ecosystem if dredging is abandoned. We have such beautiful park and lake areas in Fairfax County - a real asset for county residents and others visiting the county. These parks and lakes are as much a resource for the county as our schools, libraries, hospital systems, and infrastructure, and should be nurtured and preserved as much as possible, including Lake Accotink. I feel the staff should continue to pursue the approved dredging project and find ways to solicit outside funding as a way to continue the effort.
70	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Carousel; Playground; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends	It's sad, because having the lake in our community is such a lovely natural resource. I have mixed feelings on the issue, but if there's a way to save the lake, I would prefer that.

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71	Somewhat Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Boating; Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Playground; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Bird Watching; Biking; Fishing	Dredge the park, we need it.
72	Not Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Community Events and Social Meetups; Hiking/walking/running; Miniature Golf; Playground; Time with family and/or friends; Observing Natural Scenery; Boating	Please do whatever is environmentally responsible while still maintaining this beautiful lake and park.
73	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Occasionally	Classes/Summer Camps; Biking	
74	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Playground; Time with family and/or friends; Fishing; Biking; Carousel; Bird Watching; Basketball/Paved Court; Observing Natural Scenery	How has the cost up 10x plus? Where did that number come from? Are you just making up numbers now? Find out how long it will take for the lake to fill in completely without dredging. Make a smaller dredge, until a better, cheaper plan can be made. Why are the choices to let it go to shit, or spend a ridiculous, made up amount of money? Do better. You have ppl on staff at the county level to help you figure this out.

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75	Very Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Fishing; Picnicking; Boating; Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days; Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Miniature Golf; Carousel; Playground; Time with family and/or friends; Community Events and Social Meetups; Bird Watching; Observing Natural Scenery; Classes/Summer Camps; Volleyball; Basketball/Paved Court	I think your projection is total bullshit and you have failed to carry through on the bonds I supported for park maintenance and improvements, which is a failure of your fiduciary responsibilities. The new elevated walkway was a total waste of money. The lake needs to be preserved and you must be able to provide clear and accurate answers to what the future of the park will look like. All I've heard is a bunch of non specific responses, which tells me you don't know what the hell you're talking about. There must be a citizen's advisory board included in this process and the current push to jam your decisions down our throats must stop. At this point you must move forward with a mini dredge project and restart a proper planning process with ALL the stake holders and non bias environmental engineers that are willing to look at all the potential options. Also, if you can't predict the rate of the silt filling the lake, then how in the world can you predict the future costs and needs to include in the absurd cost estimate you came up with. We will not accept fuzzy math nor incompetence.
76	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Daily	Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends; Basketball/Paved Court; Playground	This is a very important part of our lives our children love this park. We walk every day it is our routine of our family life. We love ❤️ this park.
77	Not Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Daily	Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Biking; Volleyball; Carousel; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends; Community Events and Social Meetups; Boating	

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78	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Picnicking; Community Events and Social Meetups; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Miniature Golf; Carousel; Playground; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends	The full lake dredging estimate seems highly inflated. I guess we have to take your word for it, but that seems like maybe someone is trying to take advantage.  If that is the real cost, how does it compare to other projects? It seems like a big number to private citizens but is it really that big compared to maintenance of other lakes and parks in the area?  Finally, if the decision is made to get rid of the lake, will it be like Huntley Meadows with a boardwalk in a wetland? How will it affect the mosquito population and public health risk?
79	Very Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running	I am in full support of not pursuing the dredging effort. The result to the neighborhoods would be catastrophic.
80	Somewhat Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends	The staff recommendation seems to undervalue or not value the recreational asset of the lack. It also is incomplete. The answer to questions about how the lake will evolve has been "don't know." Therefore the risks of just letting the lake evolve, or devolve, have not been addressed. With those risks are potential costs. If the goal is sustainability isn't the true alternative removal of the dam and returning the current lake area to its natural state? How much would that cost? How much will the "reimagined" park cost? I don't feel staff has given the County supervisors or residents a true sense of alternatives to dredging. Suggest that before dredging is ruled out some modeling of following staff's recommendations be conducted. What is the likelihood that the lake becomes a thriving wetland versus stagnant pools of dirty water without life and breeding grounds for insects and disease? What would be the costs of remediation of a bad outcome? I think those questions should be addressed.
81	Not Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Monthly	Biking; Hiking/walking/running	

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82	Not Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Boating; Picnicking; Community Events and Social Meetups; Hiking/walking/running; Miniature Golf; Carousel; Playground; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends	50,000 truck trips thru neighborhoods is too much
83	Very Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Biking; Hiking/walking/running; Carousel; Miniature Golf; Playground; Time with family and/or friends	I think the county is giving up to soon on saving the lake and should not view this latest survey as the signal that the lake is finished. This latest, "setback" should reinvigorate the county to look for a workable solution that can save the lake.
84	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Boating; Fishing; Classes/Summer Camps; Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Dog Walking; Carousel; Playground; Time with family and/or friends; Bird Watching; Observing Natural Scenery; Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days; Picnicking	



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85	Somewhat Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Monthly	Boating; Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Time with family and/or friends	<p>The lake is too important to turn into wetlands. We want a lake that is usable by boats and kayaks. We can certainly come up with outside the box ideas to save the lake.</p> <p>The lake has not been drudged since 2008 so it is overdue, in my opinion. We should drudge the lake and determine if the silt can be repurposed.</p> <p>Why can't we propose a bond? Not clear why this is not a viable option, except that the board has another agenda?</p> <p>This lake has been around for 60 years and we need to keep it for another 60 years!</p> <p>I also think the \$300M may be inflated pricing for up keep over 25 years.</p> <p>Let's work together to save the lake. Perhaps we can levy a \$5M (or some dollar figure) fee on all developers in the area to offset the cost since they don't seem to pay for infrastructure i.e. widening roads, as an alternative option.</p> <p>I would be interested to know how many Board members actually use the lake.</p> <p>I am a long time resident born and raised here and will fight to keep the lake.</p> <p>VA has a surplus in taxes taken from the taxpayers so lets use some of that funding, or have a special lottery that we can get on board with something that makes us think we can do it vice saying we can't do it!</p> <p>Thank you!</p>

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89	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running; Boating; Biking; Miniature Golf	I disagree with this option. I would like my taxes to go towards saving this lake!
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91	Very Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Picnicking	Leave the lake alone. There are thousands people who come to visit the lake.

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92	Somewhat Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Daily	Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Miniature Golf; Playground; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Bird Watching; Carousel; Biking	My preference would be to maintain the current lake as-is, however if that is not feasible I would like to see a plan to utilize the park land in some way. Perhaps a boardwalk in the wetlands or front-country campgrounds.
93	Not Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Picnicking; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends; Observing Natural Scenery	The lake and the surrounding nature paths are an asset to the community. It provides recreation of all kinds and is great for property values (would doesn't want a house near the lake and woods??).
94	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Bird Watching; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends	I am concerned for the abundance of wildlife that call the lake home. Additionally, I worry this will diminish the value of my home, which people selling homes in my neighborhood list the lake as a selling feature. Will the county guarantee home values won't go down? Finally, this has been a great resource to teach my children about nature within walking distance of our house.
95	Very Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Boating; Picnicking; Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends	
96	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends	Lake Accotink is filling up and dredging is critical to the health of the lake and the park.

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97	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Occasionally	Boating; Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Miniature Golf; Playground; Observing Natural Scenery	This is an awesome park and beautiful area! My friend and I walked around lake 3-4 times week and enjoyed peace a quiet and the nature and I know my kids loved the creeks and all the trees Ana wild life. Driving up and down Braddock Road. see where Fairfax county wants to remove all trees and put up houses and whatever brings MONEY into the county. Stop putting in scare board parks!
98	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Boating; Picnicking; Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Miniature Golf; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Biking	This recommendation seems like it's kicking the can down the road. Plans have been drawn up, thorough public comment phases held and multiple options considered. Many of my neighbors, like me, chose this area because of the lake -- our elected and appointed leaders need to appreciate this and make a decision to save the lake.
99	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Dog Walking; Time with family and/or friends	If the lake requires maintenance... make the investment. As a homeowner I do not want to lose this community asset.
100	Somewhat Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Weekly	Boating; Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends	The ongoing maintenance of the lake is a must and not be sacrificed

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101	Somewhat Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running; Picnicking; Dog Walking; Playground; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Classes/Summer Camps; Carousel; Bird Watching	I think the county should pursue the full lake dredging project as previously proposed to save this valuable asset for our county and residents.
102	Not Familiar				
103	Somewhat Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running; Boating; Biking; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends	
104	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Daily	Picnicking; Classes/Summer Camps; Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days; Community Events and Social Meetups; Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Dog Walking; Carousel; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends; Playground; Miniature Golf; Volleyball	I've been coming to Lake Accotink since I was 4 years old. I have now since moved closer to the lake and my children who are ages 12, 10, and 7 have also grown up doing daily walks to the lake. It's something that my family hold dear to our and would be devastated to let it go. It holds a lot for our neighborhood and for the community!
105	Somewhat Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Daily	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking	

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106	Somewhat Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Weekly	Picnicking; Classes/Summer Camps; Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days; Community Events and Social Meetups; Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Dog Walking; Boating; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends	I do not agree w the recommendation to not pursue the full lake dredging effort. Everything costs money to maintain and not maintaining the lake simply is not an option. The lake is a unique place full of wildlife and people enjoying nature. Not dredging the lake is a huge mistake for the county and the people that come there. .
107	Very Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Bird Watching; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Miniature Golf; Fishing; Boating; Picnicking	<p>Not sure where this number came from as an outside organization proved otherwise and provided options previously.</p> <p>The county boards have been moving to their own agenda recently contrary to people who live in the county and use the resources. Braddock Rd is one, this is another.</p> <p>We utilize the lake and it's a part of the community and why many of us live where we do.</p> <p>Everything requires maintenance and this is one that does. Rather interesting that buildings and developments, maintenance the county wants gets done but the community is ignored and overlooked.</p> <p>We all vote and you work for us (it's our tax money).</p> <p>The lake need to be dredged, period.</p>

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108	Not Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Playground; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends	I want the lake to continue to be a place for people and nature to thrive
109	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Time with family and/or friends	We love the lake and would miss it so much. I understand the cost is great but if there is no more dredging, what will the area look like? A small stream or a marshy area? Would love to know the alternatives if dredging stops.
110	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Carousel; Playground; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Community Events and Social Meetups	
111	Very Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Boating; Picnicking; Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days; Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Miniature Golf; Carousel; Playground; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends; Community Events and Social Meetups	

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112	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Boating; Picnicking; Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days; Biking; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends	
113	Very Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Occasionally	Picnicking; Community Events and Social Meetups; Hiking/walking/running; Playground; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends	The lake is pretty from a distance, and the trail around it is really nice. Up close, the water is filthy. I wouldn't want to boat or fish in it. It definitely needs to be dredged, but where all that silt goes is a great question. DEFINITELY NOT on our T-ball field at Howery. The cost seems to be the biggest barrier there, but I don't see how turning the whole lake into a park would be any cheaper.
114	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery	The lake adds value to the community, and to the county as a whole.
115	Very Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Weekly	Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days; Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching	I believe that dredging will not address the true problem of rain water mitigation in the area and that to dredge would be to put a bandaid on a gushing wound. The money would be better spent on a long term solution for the greater area. The park should be maintained as open space and the environment prioritized.



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116	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Daily	Boating; Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Community Events and Social Meetups; Biking	
117	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Bird Watching	Lake Accotink has been a constant in my life since my parents moved us to Kings Park in 1992 when I was only 2 years old. I grew up using the trails, paddle boating and canoeing on the lake, and enjoying all the nature the park offers. When I was just out of graduate school, my young professional friends and I rented a house in Danbury Forest and were thrilled to be near such a great park. Now that I'm an adult, though I wasn't able to buy a house within walking distance of the lake and park, my husband and I still load up our baby and dog in the car to go walking around the lake with my parents, who still live in Kings Park and walk to the lake at least once a week. The current chaos surrounding the dredging effort is ridiculous. If the current plans and recommendations are not working, it's time to go back to the drawing board and see what the *community* wants, no matter the cost. We spend so much money on other things that benefit the community, so why not spend money on an environment that benefits the community in a multitude of ways?
118	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Weekly	Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Playground; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Classes/Summer Camps; Carousel; Bird Watching	There is nothing in the area that can even compare to the scenic beauty of Lake Accotink. I grew up just a walk away from the trail and the Lake. It has brought so much joy to my life and the life of so many families. Please, Please save the Lake

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120	Not Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running; Biking	
121	Somewhat Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Occasionally	Boating; Dog Walking; Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery	\$395M is an exorbitant amount of money, however there has not been enough details provided supporting these costs, as they seem to be extremely overinflated. That being said, I would rather maintain the lake and spend this money for the long-term benefit of having the lake as a recreational resource.
122	Very Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running; Picnicking; Biking; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends	Reiterate master planning process to develop community vision for the future
123	Somewhat Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Occasionally	Picnicking; Community Events and Social Meetups; Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends	Study has limitations. Cost is not accurate as there are variations. Money is not only factor that should be considered.

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124	Very Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Weekly	Dog Walking; Hiking/walking/running; Community Events and Social Meetups	<p>This is a perplexing situation and rather frustrating. The ability for the County to get anything studied/approved/implemented in a timely fashion is mind boggling. I've been on 2 of the Braddock Road groups over the last (15?) years and that project is unrealized too. If the time and energy spent on planning projects resulted in immediate implementation cost would not be such a factor and maybe there'd be some continuity on the Project... I suspect as the 'project' drags on, the project team moves to other greener pastures...a new team materializes with new ideas (rinse/repeat). Next, how can your 'analysis of sediment be 43% more? How did a disparity of this magnitude occur? Just curious. I did try to go to your 'arcgis.com' site for 'more information' but it requires a login which is ridiculous. Guess I wont learn more.</p> <p>There's a lot more that can be said~ I'm OK with not dredging and returning to a natural habitat as long as money not spent on dredging is spent to create a great habitat for local species as well as board walks through what will be a future marsh. I just dont understand why Ffx CO always seems to find money to fund other 'programs' (way to much to FCPS!), but not for Quality of Life projects. Assume you will change Burke Lake from a 'fishing only' lake to a Recreational Lake?; There is no "Finish Survey" button to close out the survey</p>
125	Somewhat Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Weekly	Biking; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking	I do not agree with this decision. That amount seems absurd and it may be the result of someone not doing their job in the past and now we have to pay it.
126	Very Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Boating; Bird Watching; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Playground; Carousel; Classes/Summer Camps; Community Events and Social Meetups	The full lake dredging project should be initiated without delay. The lake is an invaluable asset to the community. Its loss would be a tragedy for everyone living nearby.

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127	Very Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Time with family and/or friends; Biking	I disagree with the staff recommendation. The lake should be maintained like any other county owned infrastructure. How much do we spend each year maintaining the Fairfax County Government center that is mostly empty?
128	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Biking; Bird Watching; Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking	We understand the recommendation. It's very sad to lose Lake Accotink but there are now opportunities for managing the succession to marsh and wetlands. We hope the County will make intelligent and responsible management a high priority.
129	Very Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Boating; Fishing; Picnicking; Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days; Community Events and Social Meetups; Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Dog Walking; Miniature Golf; Carousel; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends	The original purpose of the lake is much different from it's current important function. Save the lake. The alternative comes with undesirable consequences that must be considered. Officials making the wrong choice now will later say "No longer my problem" and burden someone else with cleaning up the mess.
130	Not Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Playground; Bird Watching; Observing Natural Scenery	We need to save lake accounting

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131	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Weekly	Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Biking; Boating	<p>I would very much like to see the lake maintained, as it is such an asset to the community. My family and I are within less than two miles of walking distance of the lake. We use the trails almost daily and visit the lake frequently. One of the main reasons that we love living where we do is because of the access that we have to the lake.</p> <p>I believe it would majorly impact the quality of life for the residents that live around the lake and would be a massive loss to the larger community, as well. I also believe that it would negatively affect home values, as it could no longer be listed as an amenity.</p> <p>In addition, so much money has already been invested in maintaining and updating the buildings and the new walking path over the dam that is currently under construction. For these reasons, I believe it would be well worth the money and effort to maintain the lake.</p>
132	Somewhat Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Biking	I agree with the recommendation to not dredge. It's too expensive and taxes are already too high. I would only support dredging if the board pulls the funds from other, existing projects.
133	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Biking; Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days; Bird Watching	We would prefer to keep the lake. We walk or run the trail around it often several days a week. I don't like the environmental impact the full lake dredging plan outlined proposes, but the lake is a large part of the beauty of our community, and we'd like to keep it.
134	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Daily	Biking; Bird Watching	I feel cleaning the lake and surrounding water bodies even more necessary than dredging at this point. They stinks especially while biking and jogging.
135	Not Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Daily	Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Dog Walking; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends	During COVID lock down, the mental health of my entire family IMPROVED. Despite the challenges and contrary to the norm, daily access to the park helped us positively navigate the mental challenges associated with lockdown. PLEASE don't take away the lake. It's the reason we moved here. It's also the reason we moved back after an overseas tour.

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136	Very Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Bird Watching; Playground; Carousel	It's difficult to have any faith in future plans as the study was a colossal failure. How you can go from 30 million to 390 million is hard to swallow. I have no confidence that any future planning process to develop a community vision is possible with the existing staff. Where is the accountability? I want the lake dredged. I don't support any other plans.; Not interested. Put your energy and effort into finding the funds to get the dredging done.
137	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Biking	Hate to lose the lake, but the costs are much higher than originally estimated. And I'm a local, I grew up in Kings Park and know it's been dredged in the past. Now the costs are prohibitive, maybe scale the lake back, and move the paddle boats to Burke Lake.
138	Very Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Daily	Hiking/walking/running; Basketball/Paved Court; Bird Watching	I think it is an ill conceived idea and the research upon which the recommendation is based is incomplete. It does not take into consideration the positive effects of making the necessary changes in the feeder streams and creeks that are designed to reduce the sludge draining into Lake Accotink. In fact, it presumes that no change would occur. Also, there was little or no consideration of dredging the lake, improving the amount of sludge coming from the streams and then reassess the extent of the buildup once the original dredging plan is implemented. Finally, I question the 'guesstimate' of three hundred million dollars. I suspect that if the changes that were originally made were implemented then the outcome may be a significantly smaller amount. The expenditure quoted appears more a political maneuver to negatively manipulate the attitude of the citizens of Fairfax County toward the rehabilitation of Lake Accotink.

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140	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running; Miniature Golf; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Biking; Bird Watching	That seems like an absurd amount of money. Who pays for this? What other options are there to save the lake and its features?
141	Somewhat Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Boating; Hiking/walking/running; Miniature Golf; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Biking; Carousel; Bird Watching	The lake was a central part of the community when I lived in Danbury Forest and remains a favorite place to visit year-round.
142	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends	Fully support avoiding this unnecessary boondoggle. Better ways to spend money.



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143	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Biking; Bird Watching	My first concern about letting the lake disappear is that there will not be a place for the resident bald eagles to find fish nearby. My second concern is that the lake will lose its function as a collection place for silt. If it is allowed to fill in, that silt will continue to run downstream, possibly finding its way to the Chesapeake. To that end, why can't the County access federal funds for cleaning up the Bay for this project? It would appear to be an important piece in improving the Bay.
144	Very Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Monthly	Boating; Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Miniature Golf; Playground; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Biking; Carousel; Bird Watching	The lake provides immense value for those of us living close to it. Seeing it turned into a wetland minimizes the value that it has added. Although maintenance is expensive and required, such is the case for important things. The rush to decide seems confusing to people like me, as the action of not dredging (at least in some form) and not allocating funding to the maintenance of the lake seems shortsighted. I trust that everyone making decisions on this are working with what they have and are doing their best. It would be wonderful if a middle ground option could be created if the costs are simply too much for our community to endure.
145	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends; Observing Natural Scenery; Dog Walking; Hiking/walking/running; Picnicking	
146	Very Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Monthly	Boating; Picnicking; Fishing; Biking	The Reston Zoo was just purchased by a local citizen. Perhaps Lake Accotink could be sold to a private citizen/investment group with the guarantee that the lake would remain a lake. Then venues could be added and all of the equipment could be updated and rented at going rates. Lakes are rare in the county and every avenue must be considered before we lose it. The bike path was put in years ago at a huge investment so many could easily access it. Lets look at all options. Huntley Meadows is a great wetlands. Lets Keep Lake Accotinc a Lake. Thank you.

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147	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Biking; Picnicking	I am fine with it evolving into a natural wetland. If that becomes the plan, I would like to see walkways like at Huntley Meadows.
148	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Dog Walking; Fishing; Basketball/Paved Court; Miniature Golf; Playground	The county should revisit this recommendation and reconsider the dredging process to maintain the lake under it intended use.
149	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Monthly	Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Biking; Playground; Time with family and/or friends	I am opposed to the complete conversation of the lake to wetlands. That would have a negative impact on the usability of the park and of the surrounding neighborhood due to the increase of mosquitoes and other insects. From what I read in the county's report, a partial conversion (such as dredging part of the lake and placing the mud on the on the island or far side of the lake) was not considered. I agree that the plan considered was too expensive and impactful on the community, but would like other ideas discussed and considered.
150	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Picnicking; Classes/Summer Camps; Community Events and Social Meetups; Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Dog Walking; Playground; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends	I don't want a wetland, I love the lake.

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151	Somewhat Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Daily	Boating; Fishing; Picnicking; Classes/Summer Camps; Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Carousel; Miniature Golf; Playground; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends	The lake should continue. Wetlands bring bugs and not add many activities as a lake. Privatize the lake so that it can be saved.
152	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Picnicking; Community Events and Social Meetups; Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends	I think it's a mistake and they should do dredging and do it eight and restore the lake. It's a great community resource and it hasn't been taken care of properly. I'd like to see even more amenities like mini golf and boating and other things to do there. I also think some of these numbers are made up and no one is really thinking long term if what the lake could be.
153	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Daily	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery	
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155	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Time with family and/or friends	Wetlands with boardwalk
156	Very Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching	I am supportive of the plan that is the most environmentally conscious, which seems to be the plan to abandon the dredging in favor of cultivating the park to encourage habitat development for wildlife. I believe that the cost, both environmental and financial, of moving forward with dredging is irresponsible with the climate change crisis and with the fiscal shortages the county faces. Privatization is also not the answer-there are too many unknowns that could occur after such a sale, leading to community access being cut off.

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157	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Fishing; Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends	I do not feel spending the \$395 million is appropriate; however, I've heard rumors of wanting to privatize the lake/park and I do not feel this would be appropriate either. The lake and its park are more than just enjoyed by many of the residents...but rather it is an opportunity. An opportunity at being healthier, an opportunity to spend more time with their family, and an opportunity to reconnect with the world and make memories. I would like to see a community based comity come up with a plan for the future of the park. Thank you.
158	Very Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Occasionally		After attending at least 5 meetings on the topic, I think the best plan is to take down the dam and let the stream flow more or less as nature intended. We would not have a lake, but we would have a healthy stream that would not silt up as the lake has, and a beautiful, vibrant wetland with a large variety wildlife.
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160	Very Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Boating; Picnicking; Community Events and Social Meetups; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Miniature Golf; Carousel; Playground; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends	<p>The lake needs to be saved. There are a lot of creative solutions out there from the community. Storm water above the lake needs to be addressed. The boat rentals can't be replicated with a wetland and there is something peaceful about just watching the water.</p> <p>The county needs to put forth alternative master plans for the park if they wish to get community buy in on moving away from dredging. We need to know more about what the park will look like once it fills in. We need to know the county is dedicated to investing in it and making it a worthwhile destination. My fear is that the wetlands may not look like what people are saying - Huntley Meadows - and that the county will decide it's too expensive to continue to invest in this park, manage the wetlands, and create it a destination. I need to see an actual master plan at this time to believe the county will move forward after this aboutface on the dredging.</p> <p>The lake should be saved. There's nothing similar nearby where you can rent boats and and play on a beach. This was our go-to during COVID and still is. It provides us with an escape from the concrete jungle.</p> <p>It also serves a lower income area comparative to the rest of the county's lakes.it's important to keep this valuable community asset here.</p>
161	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Biking; Hiking/walking/running	

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162	Somewhat Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Weekly	Dog Walking; Playground; Basketball/Paved Court; Miniature Golf; Hiking/walking/running; Time with family and/or friends; Observing Natural Scenery; Fishing; Biking	\$395M is a sizable amount even over 20yrs. The park is a natural recreation area and the close proximity to park was a key factor when I bought my home. I would hate to see it turned into a wetland like Huntley Meadows which is a great place for photographers and waterfowl but not your average resident looking to enjoy the outdoors. If the county doesn't move forward with the dredging project I would expect to see some creative options to provide much of the same utility at the site. The cost should be a factor but not the primary factor.
163	Not Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Carousel; Playground; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends	Please save lake Accotik, it has been the place that we go to to relax with our family, enjoy nature and it was an incredible place to escape during the hardest day of Covid-19.
164	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Biking	
165	Very Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery	a wetland should not be placed in the midst of residential areas
166	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Time with family and/or friends; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching	
167	Somewhat Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Monthly	Picnicking; Community Events and Social Meetups; Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Carousel; Playground	I'm saddened.

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168	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Dog Walking; Time with family and/or friends; Observing Natural Scenery	I agree with Fairfax county staff recommendation
169	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Time with family and/or friends; Observing Natural Scenery; Carousel; Hiking/walking/running; Community Events and Social Meetups; Classes/Summer Camps; Boating	I think it's a dreadful idea. The lake should absolutely be dredged so that it can continue to be a vibrant lake and crucial part of the local ecosystem. Why spend the money on the new bridge if you're not going to maintain the lake?
170	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days; Community Events and Social Meetups; Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery	I think it should return to the way nature intended.
171	Very Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Monthly	Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Bird Watching; Hiking/walking/running	My personal wish is that it remain a lake. I hope there is a way to make that happen. Hikes around the lake are a favorite family past time.
172	Very Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Monthly	Boating; Biking; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Time with family and/or friends	I do not agree with not dredging it. I moved here to be near the lake. It is used monthly by my family. I do not want the extra mosquitoes n bugs that will come with a wetland. For wetland I go to Huntley meadows less than ten miles away. We don't need two wetlands near each other. The boating and access to paddle boarding and canoes to rent are an affordable and great asset to this area. If we are raiding property taxes and county taxes and can't fund teachers higher we should keep the upgrading and maintenance that this lake needs. That was the agreed plan before the costs rose. You do not have our support.

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173	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Monthly	Boating; Hiking/walking/running; Time with family and/or friends	
174	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Weekly	Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Time with family and/or friends; Community Events and Social Meetups; Biking	I think it's horrible. I moved to this area in 1967 (22152). It is a very large part of our community and needs to remain as a lake.
175	Somewhat Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Monthly	Boating; Picnicking; Classes/Summer Camps; Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days; Community Events and Social Meetups; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Playground; Carousel; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends	I would like for the lake to stay a lake rather than slowly filling in.
176	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends	To save the lake, there will have to be dredging. Perhaps not as much as much as the original (expensive) plan. If possible, it should be combined with efforts to prevent the erosion upstream that is bringing the silt into the lake.



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177	Somewhat Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Weekly	Community Events and Social Meetups; Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Dog Walking; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends; Observing Natural Scenery	Do not want to dredge. Love the idea of reimagining the land as a wetland to be enjoyed by people and animals alike.
178	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Miniature Golf; Carousel; Playground; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends	
179	Somewhat Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Occasionally	Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Miniature Golf; Playground; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Fishing; Boating; Biking; Community Events and Social Meetups; Carousel; Bird Watching	I do not agree with the FC staff recommendation. I support the original plan to save/maintain the lake. It is an invaluable resource for the community. My family and I have decades of memories made at Lake Accotink Park and would like to see it enjoyed by the next generation.
180	Somewhat Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Weekly	Time with family and/or friends; Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery	As long as the trails around and near Lake Accotink continue to be serviced and maintained, I do not see the need to maintain the area as a lake.

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181	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Boating; Fishing; Classes/Summer Camps; Community Events and Social Meetups; Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Dog Walking; Miniature Golf; Carousel; Playground; Time with family and/or friends	I think it is a loss to the community not to dredge the lake at keep it as is
182	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running; Classes/Summer Camps; Picnicking; Biking; Dog Walking; Playground; Miniature Golf; Carousel	
183	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Community Events and Social Meetups; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends; Classes/Summer Camps	Having lived near the lake since 1972, I am truly saddened by the fact that the cost to keep the lake as it is through dredging is so expensive and so disruptive to the community. I concur that it isn't feasible and that the development of a plan for the use of the site with community input is the best plan.
184	Not Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Monthly	Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days; Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Playground; Time with family and/or friends	

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185	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Bird Watching; Observing Natural Scenery	Wetlands is the answer. Similar to Huntley Meadows
186	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Occasionally	Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Time with family and/or friends	Reinstate the lake! Such a valuable space for community
187	Not Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Weekly	Fishing; Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Miniature Golf; Carousel; Playground; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends	
188	Somewhat Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Biking; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends	This seems fiscally responsible. It will change the park but as long as I can still enjoy a walk in nature near my home, I will be happy.
189	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Monthly	Fishing; Picnicking; Classes/Summer Camps; Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Dog Walking; Playground; Miniature Golf; Carousel; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends	I agree with the county staff recommendation to not pursue full lake dredging and pursue a community vision.

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191	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Time with family and/or friends	Considering the most recent real estate assesment, the County should be able to afford the full lake dredging. I would also like to see/find an full disclosure of Fairfax County BOS personal financial holdings. SOMething stinks, and it ain't the lake.
192	Somewhat Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running	I am fully in support of NOT dredging. I would love to have it be a wetland with walking trails.
193	Somewhat Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Daily	Boating; Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Biking; Bird Watching	

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194	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Daily	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends; Boating; Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days; Community Events and Social Meetups; Carousel; Playground; Miniature Golf	I agree that the cost is untenable. However, what exactly is the current Master Plan? This information has not been provided. I would need more information on the current master plan, before recommending a reinstatement of said plan.
195	Somewhat Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Time with family and/or friends; Observing Natural Scenery	The park is an important social and recreational hub of the area. Turning it over to wetlands will severely impact this.
196	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Bird Watching; Observing Natural Scenery	
197	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Miniature Golf; Playground; Observing Natural Scenery; Biking; Carousel	I support alternative plans as long as the county preserves the park in a way that benefits me. Keeping amenities that I currently use is a must.
198	Somewhat Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Daily	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Biking; Bird Watching	There must be options short of the \$395 million price tag.
199	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking	I agree with the decision. I believe that I read that having it evolve into a wetland would be considered. I think that is a great idea.

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200	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Biking	
201	Somewhat Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Rarely	Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days; Miniature Golf; Observing Natural Scenery; Classes/Summer Camps; Carousel	When a community has invested in an asset, I believe it is foolish to not upkeep the asset. Whether I would have initially dredged the lake or not, it was done and now not continuing the upkeep will just lead to an overall value loss to the community WHILE still costing the community funds for upkeep (just a different one) and while forcing community members to travel farther afield to find the natural resources they enjoy in Accotink (which will be worse for the traffic, environment, and quality of life in our community). So, if it's a money issue, abandon some of the less value-added county spends and focus on physical asset upkeep vs soft service delivery.
202	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery	I agree with the recommendation to not pursue the lake dredging effort or offline lake option
203	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Miniature Golf; Playground; Carousel; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends	I believe the county is correct to hesitate/pause at the idea of spending nearly \$400M to dredge the lake. While I will miss the occasional bald eagle and osprey that visit to fish, I look forward to a more "Huntley Meadows" style wetland.
204	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Weekly	Boating; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Miniature Golf; Observing Natural Scenery; Biking; Carousel; Bird Watching	I am very disappointed, especially in view of all the time and effort it took to dissect the options, meetings attended, etc. I feel like this was a total waste of time and resources. Professionals should not be so far off on cost projections as to make all previous discussions moot. I am now very disinclined to participate again. I think the county will do what it wants and ignore my input, that this is just lip service

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205	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Biking	I am not sure. Will have to what the other plans are.
206	Somewhat Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Biking	
207	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends	Depends what they are going to come up with. The trees in the park --especially the oaks--are also dying. What will survive and how usable will the space be? I want to be able to walk the cross county bike path and enjoy seeing nature.
208	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Community Events and Social Meetups	The study riddled with errors was conducted in secrecy even from relevant supervisors. The Board should take decisions on this project out of DPW's hands and commit to a working lakefront park.
209	Very Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days; Observing Natural Scenery; Biking; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends	I agree with the staff recommendation. The site should be allowed to revert to a more natural state. The dam should be gradually lowered and removed to allow fish access to the upper part of Accotink Creek. The Phragmites reeds growing where the creek enters the lake should be removed and replaced with native vegetation.

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210	Very Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Weekly	Community Events and Social Meetups; Picnicking; Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days; Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Fishing; Biking; Bird Watching	<p>The opinion of the county staff is short sighted, and focuses too much on the long term to make the feasibility look impossible.</p> <p>The cost of the project over 5 to 10 yrs is an appropriate time line to consider to make present decisions.</p> <p>Options to maintain some part of the lake that use lower cost and less transportation should be investigated.</p> <p>A MAJOR CAUSE OF THIS EXCESS RUNOFF AND SILTAGE IS THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE BELTWAY EXPRESS LANES WITH INSUFFICIENT ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY. IMMEDIATELY AFTER 95 EXPRESS EARTHWORKS STARTED IT WAS OBVIOUS THAT WATER RUNOFF THROUGH WAKEFIELD PARK AND LAKE ACCOTINK WAS MASSIVELY GREATER. SOME VERY LIMITED SMALL SCOPE PROJECTS WERE DONE AFTER THE DAMAGE, BUT WERE INSUFFICIENT IN SCOPE AND DID NOT ADEQUATELY REDUCE THIS EXCESS SILTAGE. FLOODING NOW ROUTINELY OCCURS IN THE ACCOTINK STREAM VALLEY NOW EVEN DURING PERIODS OF UNREMARKABLE RAINFALL. THE I95 EXPRESS LANES SHOULD BE HELD TO ACCOUNT AND REPAIR THIS ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGE. OTHER TOLL ROAD PROJECTS IN THE REGION SHOULD DO MORE DUE DILIGENCE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES RESULTING IN MILLIONS OF DOLLARS OF REGIONAL EXPENSE AT LITTLE COST TO THE OPERATING CORPORATION. THE I95 EXPRESS LANE PROJECT IS KILLING LAKE ACCOTINK.</p>
211	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Observing Natural Scenery	I agree that the lake should be turned into a wetland. The cost for long term maintenance are just too high. Wildlife benefits could be considerable.



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212	Very Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Monthly	Picnicking; Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days; Hiking/walking/running; Miniature Golf; Playground; Observing Natural Scenery; Classes/Summer Camps; Carousel	The lake needs to be preserved to provide a recreation area for local families (and other Fairfax County residents) of all income levels to enjoy. There will be EPA penalties and downstream impacts for the county if the lake is not maintained as a lake versus a wetlands. There is money allocated to dredge the lake. There must be other alternatives for dredging and disposing of the silt that are not as expensive as been submitted to us in the current proposal.
213	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Carousel; Time with family and/or friends; Bird Watching; Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days	I was against the dredging before and am against it now. Turn it into a wetlands with trails.
214	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Boating; Picnicking; Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Fishing; Biking; Time with family and/or friends; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching	I'm heartbroken to see this not moving forward. I've used this park since I was a child and I'm 48 now! I feel like the wording for a new "vision" is nebulous and just kicking the can and it will be worse to address it the more it is delayed

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215	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Carousel; Time with family and/or friends; Observing Natural Scenery; Dog Walking; Hiking/walking/running; Community Events and Social Meetups	I support the recommendation to not pursue dredging due to the high cost and environmental impacts at the proposed deposit site.
216	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running	I think dredging is a waste of money. I would rather see the area developed into a wetlands area.
217	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Rarely	Hiking/walking/running; Miniature Golf; Playground; Carousel	Fully support the effort not to pursue the dredging. \$395 million is an unbelievable amount of money that can be better deployed in so many other ways.
218	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Occasionally	Time with family and/or friends; Classes/Summer Camps; Carousel	IT appears the County is committing more funding to parks and recreation in the Western part of the County. I think the County should allow the community to have a say in the development of Lake Accotink and the Park. It used to be a really nice park - 20 years ago - turn the area into an amusement park with water features. Charge for the use.
219	Very Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Weekly	Picnicking; Biking; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Time with family and/or friends	50,000 trucks is way too much in our neighborhood. \$400M is also an extreme amount of money. \$37,000 a day for 30 years... no one is using the lake that much and no one will be able to generate that revenue to sustain dredging. WETLANDS please!
220	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends	I read all the materials provided by Fairfax County and promoted by James Walkinshaw. I also attended the meetings in the pre-Covid era. I believe that the recommendation to not pursue expensive dredging is the best course of action.
221	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Rarely	Dog Walking; Boating; Miniature Golf; Carousel; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching	Most sensible choice.

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222	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Biking	I would like to save the lake but it doesn't seem fiscally the thing to do
223	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Rarely	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Biking; Bird Watching	\$395 million is a huge sum. Considering the Fairfax County park system as a whole, does dredging Lake Accotink produce the best value for both recreation and habitat protection? There are other lakes in the Fairfax County Park system that are larger and perhaps more sustainable as open bodies of water. I am concerned about the amount of forested land that would be lost to disposing of the dredged material. The neighborhood impacts from truck traffic and other machinery are not trivial. Perhaps Lake Accotink could be managed as a wetland/ meadow habitat with a much smaller body of open water that would be less costly to maintain and more sustainable . Perhaps Accotink could become a high value wetland habitat that would be unique in this part of Fairfax County - akin to smaller version of the Huntley Meadows wetland.
224	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Time with family and/or friends	I agree with not pursuing dredging. As unfortunate as it is, the cost is way too high and would be a huge waste of taxpayer money that needs to be spent elsewhere.
225	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Boating; Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Fishing	County should hold developers responsible since they are responsible for a significant portion of the silt over the last 20 years. A reassessment of the proposed methodology, levies on developers and competitive bidding should be re-examined.
226	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Rarely	Hiking/walking/running	I am okay with it. It would be nice to keep the lake but it is not practical given the initial and future costs. I would rather the county do what is best for wildlife.

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227	Very Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Occasionally	Dog Walking	<p>Stop the excessive water flows upstream, then perhaps dredging would make sense. Time and time again we've been told that's too expensive. Well if the county was serious about addressing Accotink Creek's issues, they would NOT be looking to approve 10' paved paths on both sides of Braddock Rd, nor continue to push a bike path through Cinderbed Woods that is unnecessary.</p> <p>I guess in totality of destruction that occurs, what's another 7 acres of trees at Wakefield. I'm in favor of halting this process, and placing dredging back as one of several options through park master plan.</p>
228	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Bird Watching	I agree, no dredging

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229	Very Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Boating; Fishing; Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Community Events and Social Meetups; Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days	Not dredging the lake reneges upon the promises made in 2019 by the BOS to "Save Lake Accotink." Funds were allocated and plans were made, and to change this at the last minute, while the lake has been left to fill up over 4 years, is not just a travesty but utter malfeasance. The report - just like the one in 2019 - is grossly apparent in its bias, lack of cost/benefit analysis for every possible option, riddled with scare tactics, and is based more on hopeful, wishful thinking (that Lake A will somehow magically become like Huntley Meadows, which it can't -- the inflows and sediment load at Lake A are much higher, esp in storms). The science is all over the place, supporting and not supporting the staff recommendation. Looking closer at the 2019 report also shows that future dredging costs WERE considered at that time. Any Google search says sediment DOES have value (we just need a recipient). Bottom line: it's clear that the staff recommendation is not a good solution based on sound science. The solution? DREDGE THE LAKE NOW in order to give us all more time, in partnership, to study this complex matter. DREDGE THE LAKE because - for now - it is the BEST and SIMPLEST solution to the PROBLEM of the endless accumulation of sediment from 60 miles of tributaries. DREDGE THE LAKE because the stream restoration projects aren't slowing down the sediment, DREDGE THE LAKE/KEEP THE DAM to keep sediment and high water flows from wreaking environmental and property destruction downstream. DREDGE THE LAKE to keep our bay clean. DREDGE THE LAKE because bodies of water in a highly urbanized area are literally priceless. Lake Accotink saved thousands of people's mental bacon during the pandemic! DREDGE THE LAKE and GET CREATIVE about ways to trap sediment as it enters the lake; dredge until the lake is the size it used to be (110 acres), with more capacity. There are all sorts of devices that can trap the sediment in streams. DREDGE THE LAKE because it is the right thing to do.
230	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery	I would like to see the lake restored to a more natural state and reduce government spending commitments. It isn't needed for its primary purpose (drinking water reservoir) and the park can still provide public recreation without the high costs of fighting the inevitable.

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231	Not Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Rarely	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends	I think dredging is a waist of money and will have negative impacts on the environment and my neighborhood. I think the lake should be left to return to its natural state. We need more truly natural areas, not more amusement parks, especially if it is privatized, made exclusive, and requires fees to use.
232	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Carousel; Miniature Golf; Playground; Boating	I would love for Lake Accotink to continue to be a lake. I am happy to pay more taxes, entrance fees (up to around \$30 per use), annual park membership passes, or whatever else it takes so my kids can enjoy the lake in its current form. Please save the lake as a wetlands area would be a major downgrade.
233	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Daily	Hiking/walking/running	This is very disappointing. For several years we went to meetings and people expressed concerns but the common theme was to "To Save The Lake". Last week I attended the open meeting at Kings Glen School only to find the recommendations and estimates by County staff with consultant assistance was way off target and the PW Engineer is all stop and we can't do anything. I believe there are cheaper alternatives and I hope these will be considered.
234	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Playground; Dog Walking; Time with family and/or friends; Biking; Community Events and Social Meetups	I am concerned that the county is looking at dollars over the long term impacts on the neighborhoods surrounding Lake Accotink.
235	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running; Time with family and/or friends; Biking	Defer to experts but makes sense that considering the immense amount of money, letting the lake go to wetland is most practicable outcome.

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236	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Rarely	Boating; Dog Walking; Miniature Golf; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends	no meaningful comment. there have been so many studies and numbers presented before it is hard to tell what is the best course of action at this point. maintaining the lake as is would be ideal, but if it's really that costly then painful alternatives should be considered. as to what those alternatives would be, also not clear. what are the realistic options for "an economically and environmentally sustainable vision"?
237	Very Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Daily	Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Hiking/walking/running	<p>The BOS needs to consider the Accotink impoundment in the context of managing the Accotink Creek Watershed as a whole rather than as a separate issue. In 1972 the BOS commissioned an Environmental Baseline Study to assess the condition of the watershed.</p> <p>However, since acquiring what was referred to as the Fort Belvoir Reservoir more than half a century ago the BOS, the Fairfax County Executive, the PAB, and the FCPA has done little to protect the natural resources within the watershed. Fairfax County's focus is on the construction of structures that have degraded the watershed to the point Accotink Creek was designated by the EPA "impaired" a quarter century ago. Fairfax County eventually issued a Watershed Management Plan over a decade later. A decade later the watershed is still unable to support a viable native ecosystem. A Master Plan for the park as an integral part of the Accotink watershed should have been developed decades ago. In addition, the BOS should direct the FCPA to develop written park specific regulations, procedures, and protocols for managing human activities within the park including a formal system for recording, tracking and following up including by providing feed back on complaints or suggestions by park patrons. Regulations should also provide for on going oversight sufficient to ensure that the park procedures are consistently followed by park staff. Please include my comments in the public record.</p>

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239		I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Miniature Golf; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends	I believe we should no longer spend the money to dredge the lake. The area can continue to be enjoyed using the trail and park.
240	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery; Hiking/walking/running	We hope the plan's main goal is to save the lake and the surrounding area. It is one of the treasures of Fairfax County and it would be a huge loss to the community if it is depleted and destroyed.
241	Very Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Daily	Boating; Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Playground; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Fishing; Biking; Carousel; Bird Watching	Incredibly disappointed. I would like to hear more about the offline lake option and why that is considered infeasible. I hope the board explores all options *thoroughly* before voting on anything. Could we put a Lake Accotink specific bond on the ballot? Before the wetland option is considered there are some MAJOR questions that need to be addressed, particularly the impacts to the community and visitors. Your website is woefully failing to address these considerations (why a wetland vs a wooded park? what happens to the damn? the creek? the carousel? the new walkway under construction? current water run off that empties into the park? what will the transition look like? etc.). Currently, Lake Accotink provides very unique recreational opportunities nestled within some of the last affordable areas in the County, and is highly accessible given it's central location off the beltway. There are major losses associated with loosing water-based recreation opportunities like kayaking, paddle boating, fishing, etc. here. Overall, there is a failure to adequately address the costs and significant community and environmental impacts of the wetland option.



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243	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Weekly	Boating; Picnicking; Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Miniature Golf; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Community Events and Social Meetups; Carousel; Bird Watching; Playground	It is absolutely outrageous that there's a recommendation to abandon Lake Accotink, because that is what you are doing. It is a vibrant and essential part of this community and the entire county. It is enjoyed by everyone, and the loss of the lake in its current state would be devastating - especially to the political careers of anyone involved in pursuing reinitiating the master planning process or renewing the contract of DPW's head. He considered only the criteria that would support not doing anything. No viable alternatives were considered. What nonsense! We will not be railroaded!; I am absolutely against their recommendation not to pursue this. Reinitiating the master planning process is unacceptable. Call it what it is - abandoning both Lake Accotink and the wide variety and high volume of patrons who use it daily year round.
244	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Bird Watching	The county should not invest the kind of money needed to dredge Lake Accotink. It would be far cheaper to turn the area into a wetland preserve for wildlife. Wooden walkways and an observation tower, similar to what we have at Huntley Meadows, should instead be erected.

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245	Very Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Biking; Boating; Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days; Community Events and Social Meetups; Playground; Carousel	I am very disappointed. The park is a vital green space in Fairfax County. The area continues to get more developed, so we must protect these existing parks at all costs. The benefits of green space for mental health have been proven in numerous studies. Discussions around mental health indicate that more people are struggling than ever right now, so we should make sure we continue to preserve resources such as this. Also, in these times of high inflation, it's important for families to have places to recreate for little/no cost. I have so many fond memories of visiting Lake Accotink during my childhood. Even though I've moved across the county, I still frequent the park because it is such a great local gem. If we don't pursue the lake dredging effort, the lake will turn into an undesirable destination. I can only imagine the mosquito problem. It would certainly lower the property values in the surrounding neighborhoods, which are solid middle class neighborhoods that need to be preserved. I urge the county to pursue lake dredging efforts so that county residents can continue to enjoy this great local asset and more children can have vital learning experiences here that they will remember fondly.

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246	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Miniature Golf; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Biking; Boating	It seems very apparent that the desire to end the dredging of the lake is motivated by a desire to develop the land for other purposes. The county wish to end the dredging of Lake Accotink with little consideration for the impact it has on the surrounding community. The county has provided no inclination as to what the end result of their planning process will be. It seems evident that the land will become wildly unmaintained and will likely prove to become an increasing nuisance to the community, should the planning process resume. By the county's own admission, the dredging of the lake is required to maintain the water quality of the area, meaning the county's plan is to allow the water and land to become stagnant. We will undoubtedly see a rise in the the tick and mosquito population, ultimately putting residents at increased risk of Lyme disease and other ailments. It seems unlikely, given that this decision is blatantly a cost cutting one, that any provision of funds will be set aside to help residents with the adverse impact of the county's decision. Fairfax County's estimation of the environmental impact of its decision has failed to take into consideration that the residents of the area surrounding the Lake Accotink are very much a part of that environment. The decision to allow for the willful destruction of an entire ecosystem simply for economic gain, is a sad indictment on Fairfax County's view of the land and people under its jurisdiction.

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247	Somewhat Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Daily	Boating; Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Playground; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Fishing; Biking	How are you jumping straight from not dredging to reinstating master planning process? Are there no options in between? Can you explore options alongside the wetlands one as that is being developed? I would like more information on the offline lake option - that has not been adequately presented to the public. Whatever can be done to keep the lake should be FULLY explored. The master planning option involves a lot of loss (fishing, boating) without value-adding. I can already do all the things you list on the website now (exercise, see birds, enjoy nature...) but visitors would be loosing out on a lot without the lake. Wetlands, while environmentally beneficial, are not easily enjoyed - there will be no new paths or green space to enjoy (other than looking at it from afar). Fairfax county currently has lots wetland areas, while Lake Accotink, as it is today, is very unique. How is the county pursuing this without presenting any actual throughout plan to the public?? What is going to happen to the creek? Won't stormwater runoff still be a problem? Overall this will be a tremendous loss to the community. And what is going to happen to the \$30M initially set aside for this project?
248	Very Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery; Carousel	Confront VDOT to install diffusers on all the street stormwater drains to reduce water velocity and reduce erosion; restore the numerous stormwater sediment catchment basins that have been allowed fill in and no longer trap sediment. Then dredge the lake to optimum depth.

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249	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Miniature Golf; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Biking; Carousel	<p>I agree that the cost of dredging now and in future years is so high that some alternative to preserving the lake must be found.</p> <p>I think it would be wise, however, to come up right now with something that would sound and feel like a valid alternative use to the residents around here. Unless given an attractive alternative, people will likely dig in their heels and demand that the lake be preserved at any cost, no matter how excessive.</p> <p>I'm thinking of a master plan that would, first and foremost, preserve a natural habitat / Nature Center type area, perhaps like the Hidden Pond's small lake and an impressive environmental education building that would be a real attraction for families and children. The new design might include trails and perhaps boardwalks like Huntley Meadows, and keep activities like the Merry-go-Round and the mini golf. The bike trails through the park would be kept and even given a bit of enhancement with pull offs in a few spots with picnic tables and scenic views. A nice looking band shell for summer concerts might be good, too - not one of the ugly and depressing looking metal boxes so common in our parks now, but something that respects the days gone by - say, like the early 1900s - when park designers had some aesthetic sensibilities about such things.</p> <p>I do hate to see the lake go, and most everyone will feel the same way. But with the right plan on the table, and citizen input into final design and features, hopefully most people will go with the financially and environmentally appropriate decision.</p>
250	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running; Time with family and/or friends; Observing Natural Scenery	Please don't dredge. Allocate the \$395M to other projects.

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251	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking	I agree that we should not continue to dredge. I understand that the lake is pretty and provides recreation, but the cost is too high (both financially and environmentally/ecologically).
252	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Observing Natural Scenery	I would love to see the park maintained as a wetlands. Boardwalks could be placed like at Huntley Meadows. Bird habitat and bird watching could be enjoyed. Hopefully the park could be used like Huntley with a place for nature education and activities, and or the park could continue to be used as people respond on how they enjoy it today...community concerts, carousel and playground and as a location for picnics. Thank you
253	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Biking; Bird Watching	I completely agree with the staff recommendation. We can't commit to maintaining everything 'as is' independent of cost. It would be much better to spend lesser funds on developing the area in a more sustainable manner.
254	Very Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Daily	Hiking/walking/running; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends; Playground; Observing Natural Scenery; Biking	My family is extremely saddened by the recommendation. We dearly hope that some way of preserving this wonderful lake, with all its avian life and wildlife, can be discovered. Perhaps experts in conservation or restoration ecology, or engineering from any of our fine area universities could be consulted (GMU, UVA, GWU, NOVA, JMU V Tech... some Md. or Penn State)? There just may be a creative solution to this devastating set of problems! It would be a tragedy to be overlooking a different solution, if there is one! Thank you.
255	Very Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Daily	Dog Walking; Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends; Observing Natural Scenery; Playground; Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days	I hope that County staff are open to the possibility that "the master planning process to develop a community vision for the future of the park" will result in something that opposes the County's recommendation "not to pursue the \$395 million dredging effort or offline lake option."

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256	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running; Miniature Golf; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Bird Watching	I'm OK with the latest recommendation as long as the current 4-mile loop trail is maintained as it is -- without any additional paving of the trail -- and also that mosquitos don't become more of a problem.
257	Very Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Daily	Hiking/walking/running; Miniature Golf; Playground; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Community Events and Social Meetups; Carousel; Bird Watching	Even if the area is let go to become like Huntley Meadows would not 'remediation' of the silt still be a problem like it was/is Huntley Meadows? Would the county pay for that and how would the cost compare?
258	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Fishing; Hiking/walking/running; Carousel; Time with family and/or friends; Bird Watching	It needs to be dredged for fishing & boating. It could be supported with a Bond Issue
259	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Monthly	Boating; Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Miniature Golf; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Fishing; Community Events and Social Meetups	They could find a solution without raising everyone's taxes, if they wanted to.
260	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Time with family and/or friends	
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262	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Bird Watching; Community Events and Social Meetups	Why does the lake have to be a minimum of 8 ft deep? Dredge it frequently enough to maintain the current 4 ft which is deep enough for boating and canoeing. I have not seen a mention that the cost of \$395 million is spread over 25 years - and would be less if the current 4 ft depth was maintained. I have not seen a public report of financial income vs out go from the lake. If the lake is left to silt up, and, possibly, become marsh land, what's the county plan about mosquito and tick control? The Acotink Creek floods regularly; how is this going to be exacerbated as the lake silts up?
263	Very Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Occasionally	Carousel; Observing Natural Scenery; Hiking/walking/running	I am concerned about the water shed cleanup. If we don't do a better job of understanding and controlling the flow of sediment into the "lake", we are on a path to failure, no matter what option we pursue. Lake Accotink is a symptom - we need to manage the problems in the watershed.
264	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Miniature Golf; Playground; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Classes/Summer Camps; Biking	Please consider dredging the lake to maintain Lake Accotink as a lake. It is one of the reasons we chose to move here and we frequently use the park and lake for recreation. It would be a huge loss to not have it as a lake, and for it to be converted back to a wetlands that would not allow us to maintain the scenic views or the recreation of the lake.
265	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Daily	Hiking/walking/running; Picnicking; Miniature Golf; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends; Boating; Classes/Summer Camps; Community Events and Social Meetups	I recommend the \$395 million full lake dredging be pursued. I think this would be a good investment in the future for Fairfax County.



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266	Somewhat Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Bird Watching	I support the fairfax county staff recommendation to NOT dredge the lake. It is too expense of a project for the county and tax payers to cover. I think the park will still be enjoyable without as the trails will still be lovely and it will be good to let the lake area revert to a more natural state.
267	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Biking; Bird Watching	I realize it's costly, but this park serves SO many in the community in such a variety of ways (witness the list of activities this survey provided) and for all ages. For our community (I live further than 1 mile, but barely), it is a recreational outlet that affords easy access. There is nothing like it nearby. I have been going there for over 60 years. I indicated monthly, but in spring/summer, I go more often, just to walk and de-stress. We need to keep at it, finding solutions to keep the lake and its inhabitants (wildlife).
268	Not Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Miniature Golf; Carousel; Playground; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends	As someone with interest in marine sciences, ive yet ti hear the word dredging in a posiitive meaning. Whether in over harvesting oysters or in harming marine environments, dredging has not sounded like a good idea for anything. So I believe that it would be bad for Lake Accotink as well
269	Not Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Time with family and/or friends; Bird Watching; Biking; Dog Walking; Playground	
270	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching	I am in support of the decision. Ultimately, letting a large portion of the parkland return to wetlands is the most environmentally responsible decision, and will benefit the watershed as over-development in Fairfax County has been a real issue for decades.

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271	Very Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Community Events and Social Meetups; Bird Watching	I am very familiar with the history of the Accotink Park area as well as the history of the two dams. I have been involved in the community input process regarding the dredging, having attended the majority of meetings regarding this and having submitted input when asked. I supported the ultimate plan to dredge. In the time since that plan was accepted there was no indication given to the public that there were issues with the plan. It is difficult to believe that until the staff recommendation was sprung on the public that there was no inkling of any cost issues. It appears to me that either staff or the consultants were not doing due diligence in their job. The master plan process and development of the dredging option took years and as it proceeded, the once 23 foot deep lake became shallower and shallower. The island that did not exist 40 years ago became larger. Now it appears that staff and the consultants do not have any thoughts on what to do, other than not dredge. The master planning process to find an alternative will again take years and will leave us in what situation with the Lake? By the time the planning process is done, there will be mud and no point. While I feel the 395 million is a lot, I wonder it is a "real" number. I also find it difficult to believe that staff does not have some plan in mind for the area and some inkling of what the cost would be for those options. I hope going forward that there will be more transparency on the part of staff regarding the plans for the park/lake.
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273	Very Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Bird Watching	I prefer a more natural park and think dredging the lake would be a mistake. Huntley Meadows is a phenomenal wetland park with a focus on nature that attracts lots of visitors. It would be wonderful to have another similar park closer to home. Allowing the lake to fill in and naturally regenerate will provide better habitat for wildlife and be a beautiful amenity for park users.

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274	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Community Events and Social Meetups; Time with family and/or friends	I agree with the Recommendation to not pursue spending a huge amount of money for dredging the lake. I think we should consider other options for the future of this park. For example, increasing the parking area so more people could use the park. Allowing the park to fill in and adding more activities near the existing carousel and golf. Adding soccer fields. Adding multi sport, or multi use fields. Part of the park could continue to be kept in its natural state as it slowly fills in. The eagles and other wildlife would still have space, but the park would have more options for family activities.
275	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Picnicking; Biking; Hiking/walking/running; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends	Save \$...try to elicit more community help...trust in Jesus
276	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Picnicking; Community Events and Social Meetups; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Playground; Carousel; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends	Don't want things to change there.
277	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Time with family and/or friends; Observing Natural Scenery; Hiking/walking/running	
278	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Boating; Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Dog Walking; Carousel; Community Events and Social Meetups; Picnicking	We need the water, we need a entertainment parks, thanks!

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279	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Bird Watching	
280	Somewhat Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Bird Watching; Observing Natural Scenery; Hiking/walking/running	I would love 2 keep this park & others kept up so everyone can enjoy it in whatever way they chose.Outdoors is vital in so many aspects, sometimes u need a place like this 2 do whatever you want to. Lets not destroy beauty 😊
281	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Time with family and/or friends	We need to maintain our Parks for the future. Without maintenance we will slowly lose parks and the quality of life in the county.
282	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Occasionally	Community Events and Social Meetups; Picnicking; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends	What a disservice to our area. They must have their heads in the lake not to want to improve it. BAD
283	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Bird Watching; Observing Natural Scenery	I'm OK with it. I love the lake, but I also enjoy wetlands. I'm in favor of whatever is best for the environment.

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284	Very Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Community Events and Social Meetups; Carousel; Picnicking; Miniature Golf; Boating; Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days; Playground; Fishing; Time with family and/or friends	<p>Our neighborhood in ZIP Code 22150/Crestwood treasures Lake Accotink Park (LAP), which is literally down my street less than 1/4 mile away. We NEED to maintain its potential and "serve" our community as a place to get away from our busy lives and enjoy nature and the amenities that have been provided. You most probably do not live in our neighborhood on/off Highland Street so don't really/fully understand our stance, unfortunately. I've been a long-time resident here for over 35 years and raised my son with the many visits as he was growing up. He adored the carousel having his name on one of the "horsie's" back then, fishing "expeditions" w/his dad, various boat rides, see-sawing, testing your agility skills on the then "exercise" equipment, etc., which brings back many fond memories.</p> <p>We definitely need Lake Accotink to be fully dredged not just our neighborhood and outside visitors/guests to enjoy but for our other locals - four-footed animals, water bound life, birds, slithering snakes, insects, etc., all gifts from Mother Nature. This is their home/habitat. Don't let LAP erode with the continual run-offs, etc., and definitely not let it turn into a wetland like Huntley Meadows Park. It needs to be maintained by the dredging and best way to eliminate the impact that it's suffering.</p> <p>Also, please find another alternative/solution not to have the inbound/outbound traffic of those massive dump trucks in our already very congested neighborhood (daily 96 trips p/day). Our newly paved streets from about 4-5 years ago are already being torn up by the Orangeburg pipes. My street was one of the first dug up 3X now and the blacktop's cracking. Anyway, we're a blue collar community with unfortunately multi-family generations living under one roof ... and perhaps still some that are not family related. I know that from first-hand experience and had FFC immediately address, but that's another subject.</p> <p>Not in agreement w/FFXC recommendations.</p>

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285	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Weekly	Dog Walking	It's is such a tremendous amount of money to spend. I would be strongly opposed if it were one tenth of that estimate. It is foolish to spend that much money on a man made lake. Our property taxes are already too high. When I take my dogs to the park, I might glance at the lake once or twice when we're making the circle. For my wife and me, it is the trail that is important, not the lake. We seldom see anyone actually using the lake, such as fishing or taking the pedal boats out. I ask you to be guardians of the public trust, not to spend money so cavalierly.
286	Somewhat Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Rarely	Hiking/walking/running	The cost seems excessive, I think it makes sense to let it turn to wetlands.
287	Not Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends; Community Events and Social Meetups	The park is a great little getaway and I support the process to develop a community vision for it
288	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Occasionally	Fishing; Dog Walking; Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends	
289	Very Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Daily	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching	Please dredge!

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290	Very Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Boating; Picnicking; Community Events and Social Meetups; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Playground; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends	
291	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Playground; Observing Natural Scenery; Classes/Summer Camps; Bird Watching; Biking	Keep the lake environmentally sound for wildlife, not boaters.
292	Very Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Daily	Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Playground; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Bird Watching; Biking; Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days; Classes/Summer Camps	It is a lot of money, however, the Lake Accotink is very important to the county. there is an amazing variety of wildlife in the park. even though they've said the wildlife improves with wetlands I am sure would lose a lot of the big birds (bald eagles, Blue Herons, hawks, egrets etc). It would be a crime . Please look for a better solution.
293	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Boating; Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends	I strongly disagree with this recommendation. We have already voted to dredge the lake. If it cannot be done to the depth preferred, we can at least do some of it as the planning process continues. Doing nothing should not be an option. Use the funding we have to get more time and allow the community conversation to continue.
294	Somewhat Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Daily	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends	Wonder why so much money wasted on a study. Can we have a refund if they were off by so much?

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296	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Boating; Biking; Hiking/walking/running; Carousel; Playground; Picnicking; Community Events and Social Meetups; Classes/Summer Camps; Time with family and/or friends	County needs to convert to wetland park like Huntley meadows. But need to take care not to disturb the native humans mountain biking trails.
297	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Weekly	Boating; Miniature Golf; Playground; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Community Events and Social Meetups; Carousel; Bird Watching	Accotink Creek is on Colonial maps. This is our legacy. What is not dredged goes further into the creek, the Potomac, the Chesapeake Bay, and the Atlantic Ocean. What kind of steward does that? Let's get CREATIVE minds working, ones that WANT THE DREDGING TO HAPPEN instead of finding excuses why it can't (the contractor can't figure it out - LAME).



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298	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running	Please do not spend the money to do this. We as a county cannot afford it. We need to pay our first responders more, pay teachers more, fix roads, NOT BORROW MORE MONEY
299	Not Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running	
300	Very Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running; Bird Watching; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends	
301	Very Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running	Preserv the park
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303	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Occasionally	Observing Natural Scenery; Dog Walking; Time with family and/or friends; Basketball/Paved Court; Community Events and Social Meetups; Picnicking	
304	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Monthly	Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Time with family and/or friends; Observing Natural Scenery	My concern is this has been going on for too many years already. Ffx county has no problem raising taxes to pay for things that have little affect on the community. However when it comes to improving something that is beneficial for nature and property taxes their as issues. Why cant the project be opened up for bidding? There's also got to be a better/cheaper option. Ask the community for their suggestions/ideas/plans? Instead of wasting the money paying for corporations why not ask for volunteer plans?? Of course this would need to be vetted. Enough stalling already and kicking the can.

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306	Not Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Rarely	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Playground	It's probably better to not worry about boating and use it as a park. Burke lake isn't far away
307	Very Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Weekly	Picnicking; Community Events and Social Meetups; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Miniature Golf; Playground; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends	Please save the lake!
308	Somewhat Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Fishing; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Time with family and/or friends	
309	Somewhat Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Boating; Classes/Summer Camps	
310	Not Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Miniature Golf; Time with family and/or friends; Observing Natural Scenery	

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311	Very Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Weekly	Classes/Summer Camps; Community Events and Social Meetups; Biking; Picnicking; Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Playground; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends	I support not dredging the lake.
312	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends	

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314	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running; Biking	Although I love the lake and the park. I think Dredging costs are way too high. Leave the lake in natural condition use the \$395 million on other initiatives or reduce taxes on residents.
315	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Picnicking	It would be a great loss to not have the lake. When my family was younger we used the park almost weekly in spring and summer.

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321	Somewhat Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Weekly	Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Boating; Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days; Observing Natural Scenery	The lake is an integral part of our community. Publishing the total 20 year cost is an obvious attempt to paint the cost in the most unfavorable manner. An honest effort to save the lake and to v CB one up with a creative option to fund it would be in the best interest of all the residents in this part of our county.
322	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Miniature Golf; Playground; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Classes/Summer Camps; Carousel; Bird Watching; Biking; Boating; Picnicking; Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days	
323	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Biking	I'm very dissapointed the County is not pursuing efforts to save the lake. I grew up in Springfield and went there as a kid and have been running and walking there for 25 years. It's an incredible community resource and is clearly utilized - evidenced by the cars and people there every time I visit. In my opinion, there it's incredibly important for a community to have a dedicated public place to enjoy the outdoors.
324	Not Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Weekly	Carousel; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Hiking/walking/running; Picnicking	I think the big question is what happens if we do not dredge the lake? However, the excess of money is too much to do that plus all the other disruption that that would cause.

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325	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Miniature Golf; Playground; Observing Natural Scenery; Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days; Picnicking; Boating; Time with family and/or friends; Fishing; Classes/Summer Camps; Community Events and Social Meetups; Carousel; Bird Watching; Biking	Lake Accotink has been in place over 100 years. The county is the caretaker responsible for preserving our lakes, parks and green spaces. All previous administrations have taken this responsibility seriously. I feel this has been Charles Smith's agenda the entire time and as the PM, he has dropped the ball. Anyone in the private sector would have been fired for such a gross miscalculation. This lake is a treasure and should be treated as such. Dredge now and count on the stream restorations to lessen the need in 10 more years.
326	Not Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Community Events and Social Meetups; Bird Watching	I'll be sorry to see it go, but I don't want the wetlands in Wakefield Park to be impacted with the spoils.
327	Very Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Monthly	Bird Watching; Community Events and Social Meetups; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Hiking/walking/running	I think the decision not to dredge is horrible. We, as a community clearly let the Board know we wanted to keep the lake not all that long ago. The Board concurred. Now you're stepping back. Why have bonds for the parks that say funds can be used to purchase new parkland when you claim you can't keep up what you've got? I believe that those of us that have property backing up to the lake will see one of the major selling points for our homes wiped out. And yes, I believe our property values will go down. If that happens, you're shooting yourself in the foot because you'll lose property tax \$ for a lot of homes. There isn't a week that goes by that neighbors' don't share photos of eagles diving for fish, turtles on logs, etc. Wetlands says unkempt swamp to me. Save our lake, please.

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328	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Time with family and/or friends	Why should those who enjoy the lake and live near it because you didn't control the building of hot lanes and other projects which add to the silt. Also maybe if the county did street sweeping in areas where the drains feed to lake accotink maybe you'd prevent the silt and sludge. Also how many people who did this study have ever visited the park on a weekend in the spring or summer to see how many members of the community truly enjoy what we have. I bet if this wake Burke lake you'd vote to dredge it. But then again Burke lake isn't surrounded by concrete you allowed to be built
329	Somewhat Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Boating; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking	
330	Somewhat Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends	I agree that the county should not dredge the lake. Continued dredging presents negative environmental impacts at massive costs to the county. Surely another less expensive and more environmentally friendly plan can be designed for the park.
331	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery	Agree with staff recommendation. Restart master planning but include a revised natural resource assessment of the park with an anticipated managed wetlands environment as opposed to a lake.
332	Somewhat Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Time with family and/or friends; Biking	The lake should be saved! It brings peace to all who visit. The tranquility that water brings can not be replicated by other sources.
333	Very Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Observing Natural Scenery; Hiking/walking/running; Boating; Biking	Get more bids on the dredging! Would it cost less to do it more often?. It is a precious resource. It would be good to find a way to keep it. Set up the dredging as ongoing so all the equipment stays in place from year to year... and actively used annually or biannually!



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334	Very Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Occasionally	Boating; Hiking/walking/running; Miniature Golf; Playground; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Biking; Carousel	Our lake is vital to our community and it must be preserved. If the Board of Supervisors cannot get it done, they should resign and let someone qualified take over.
335	Very Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Monthly	Boating; Community Events and Social Meetups; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Miniature Golf; Playground; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends	While expensive, there will still be costs of dealing with the sediment run off from up creek and developments that have been approved by the county. The park is an important part of the neighborhood and for property values. If the lake is not dredged, the county should lower property value taxes for everyone living nearby. Plus the costs of environmentally ensuring the creek is clean of sediments will still be expensive.
336	Somewhat Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Boating; Picnicking; Dog Walking; Volleyball; Miniature Golf; Carousel; Playground; Basketball/Paved Court; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends	
337	Not Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Time with family and/or friends	Let the area revert back to its NATURAL state. The tall concrete dam is an eyesore and sad to see such a large man-made obstruction blocking this natural waterway.
338	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends	Save.Lake.Accotink!!!

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340	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends; Observing Natural Scenery; Playground; Carousel; Biking; Hiking/walking/running; Picnicking	I agree. It is not right to deforest seven acres of wetlands to handle the sediment.
341	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Daily	Fishing; Hiking/walking/running; Picnicking; Boating; Biking; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching	Long story short, I just want the park to stay open.
342	Somewhat Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Picnicking; Community Events and Social Meetups; Hiking/walking/running; Carousel; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends	Grew up by the lake at the end of Highland Ave. lots of memories. Ice skating on the lake. Riding my bike around the lake. Boating on the lake. Picnics there. Then as a parent, taking my kids there. I just hope that if the lake is not saved that the park will be saved for everything else that it offers. And that they can put a boardwalk in so people can walk around the wetlands that form to learn about. Similar to Huntley Meadows Park.
343	Somewhat Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally		
344	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Bird Watching	
345	Very Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running	Not worth spending the money.

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346	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Miniature Golf; Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends	Just make sure it doesn't become open to developers.
347	Very Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Picnicking; Boating; Hiking/walking/running; Carousel; Playground; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends	
348	Somewhat Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Monthly	Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Miniature Golf; Carousel; Playground; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends	I have very little confidence in the number \$395 million. I don't think the county has aggressively searched for a less expensive way to handle the silt to be removed from the lake. If we let the lake fill in wouldn't silt find its way further downstream from the current dam?
349	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Boating; Fishing	

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351	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Miniature Golf; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Boating	
352	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Time with family and/or friends; Observing Natural Scenery; Hiking/walking/running; Picnicking; Bird Watching	
353	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Boating; Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Community Events and Social Meetups; Carousel; Basketball/Paved Court; Bird Watching	I want the lake saved, no matter what. The lake has figured greatly in my family life. There are plenty of smart people who can figure out a way to make it work.

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354	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Monthly	Boating; Fishing; Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Dog Walking; Carousel; Miniature Golf; Volleyball; Playground; Basketball/Paved Court; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends	The longer you wait, the more it will cost. Do something now.
355	Somewhat Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Playground; Boating; Carousel; Bird Watching	My concern is that the county has no experience creating and maintaining a man-made wetland. At least the county has maintained other lakes in the area (Royal Lake comes to mind). Lake Accotink is a lovely and beloved park. When my children were young, I took them there weekly. Now, I enjoy walking the trail and birdwatching. If you propose to create a wetland, please share the details of how it will be maintained and the amenities that it will offer.
356	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Boating; Classes/Summer Camps; Time with family and/or friends	I agree with coming up with a new plan
357	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Time with family and/or friends; Observing Natural Scenery; Fishing	Logical analysis and practical plan of action.
358	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching	
359	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Classes/Summer Camps; Observing Natural Scenery; Hiking/walking/running	Agree - too much money. Do not dredge!

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360	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends	Damned if you do, damned if you don't. Sadly, I would love for the lake to remain a lake, but think the cost and disruption will create a terrible outcry. Suspect those that those with the loudest voices in favor of dredging are not those that will live in the immediate area. Perhaps take a separate poll of those living in the path of the dredging equipment. But if dredging approved, would the park even be useable while it's being done? If dredging were a "one and done," I would say do it, but it seems it would be a cost prohibitive ongoing exercise.
361	Somewhat Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Miniature Golf; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Picnicking	While I would prefer that the full dredging occur, I see that there are practical and economic issues with that approach. That being said, the lake is the focus for the vast majority of the activities that are available, even if that just means enjoying the view of the lake while taking a hike around. It strikes me that a partial dredging could ultimately be economically feasible and still let the majority of the lake's activities still be viable. This would mean that a significant portion of the northwestern portion of the lake would transition to wetlands, but in general this feels better than letting the entire lake revert.
362	Somewhat Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Picnicking; Community Events and Social Meetups; Time with family and/or friends; Observing Natural Scenery	No need to dredge it for boating activities. Keep the lake as pristine and peaceful as possible. Put your tax dollars to a more pressing need in the County.
363	Not Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Community Events and Social Meetups; Picnicking; Classes/Summer Camps; Carousel; Playground	

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365	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running	
366	Very Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Bird Watching; Biking; Community Events and Social Meetups; Hiking/walking/running; Picnicking	We need the Lake Accotink Park
367	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Boating; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Fishing; Bird Watching	
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370	Somewhat Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching	Leave it as marshland without dredging the lake

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372	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching	This seems an exorbitant amount of tax money for a few boaters to use the lake. I prefer a more natural environment and use Lake Accotink park as a place to escape suburban sprawl. Due to the horrific death several years ago of a bicyclist by a fallen tree, I think money should be funneled into forest management.
373	Somewhat Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Fishing; Boating	
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375	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running; Biking	I absolutely agree to never dredge the lake again. This is unsustainable. It must be allowed to become a wetland. It will be a wonderful change and support a more diverse ecosystem. The community will be better served by not dredging.
376	Somewhat Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking	Agree. Site should return to natural state.
377	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends	I would prefer that this area not be filled in and developed like so much of Fairfax County.
378	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Daily	Fishing; Biking; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends; Observing Natural Scenery; Dog Walking; Hiking/walking/running	Stop wasting so much money on all the illegals and we would have more than enough money to take care of the environment.
379	Very Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running	We think Lake Accotink should be saved. It is a great place to get exercise and enjoy nature. \$395 million is a lot. Maybe there is a less expensive alternative. The trail definitely needs maintenance. There are a lot of ruts and crevices which makes bike riding difficult.



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380	Very Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Biking	Electing not to dredge the lake means a slow death for the lake itself and it's current ecosystems and way of life. Local property values will slowly decline as a once great feature becomes just another creek and wetland in the county. Whereas usable lakes in the area are rare, Burke Lake being a shining example of what Accotink could be, and the private Barcroft an example of what a well maintained waterway should be, Accotink has been mismanaged as the focus has been on sustainment of sediment removal and not the prevention of deposition. As "planning" and debate continues on what the land could be used for, locals will watch season after season, and year after year as their lake turns into a mud-logged swap and then finally a creek. Right now there is a plan, the plan cost X. The sooner we start dredging and investing in mitigation controls - the sooner the county can can all enjoy a potential local treasure.; What happens to the allocated budgets if you elect to simply let this lake die? Do they get reinvested in other parks? That would optimal - It would be a crime to sacrifice this park and it's budget to simply return those dollars to a general fund. If the consensus is to go in another direction with the lake itself, then all associated budget should remain in the local community for investment in the park system.
381	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Miniature Golf; Playground; Time with family and/or friends; Community Events and Social Meetups; Carousel	While I understand that the full lake dredging is not feasible due to cost I am hoping there is some way to preserve at least part of the lake as a lake. Could some of it be sectioned off to remain as a lake while allowing the rest to become wetland? My family enjoys spending time there and we have hosted birthday parties there. It would be a shame to lose the lake.
382	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends	

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384	Very Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Daily	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Carousel; Playground; Basketball/Paved Court; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends	
385	Very Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Daily	Boating; Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Miniature Golf; Playground; Time with family and/or friends; Biking; Community Events and Social Meetups	SAVE THE LAKE!!!!
386	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Boating; Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching	Lake Accotink is a wonderful resource and should be dredged.
387	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Boating; Picnicking; Community Events and Social Meetups; Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Dog Walking; Miniature Golf; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends	I think they should do the dredging.

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388	Very Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Classes/Summer Camps; Miniature Golf; Playground; Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery	
389	Somewhat Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking	
390	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends	The problem with the current information available is the overuse of euphemisms and the vague descriptions of the implications of the options.
391	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Bird Watching; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends	I enjoy the green space and natural environment. Do not know why lake needs to be drained. If it is not a natural lake, then why is it there? Love the park and hope it remains a park.
392	Not Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Rarely	Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Bird Watching	
393	Somewhat Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends	I agree with the need for the master planning process, but isn't the dredging necessary to keep the lake viable? It would seem to me that any master planning process would need to include a 'maintenance' program of sorts that would include any necessary dredging in its short-, mid- and long-term projects. Community vision is only a small part.

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394	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Playground; Time with family and/or friends; Observing Natural Scenery; Fishing; Bird Watching	I think it would be more effective if we had some high level overviews/ideas of what the community vision might be. Lake Accotink holds many memories for me as a child and teenager. Now, I have a child of my own and I hope to continue making memories there. It's difficult to say that we are ok with change without knowing what that change is.
395	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Bird Watching; Biking	Good idea! Let the lake fill in and create a wildlife preservation area with trails akin to Huntley Meadows Park.
396	Not Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Fishing; Hiking/walking/running; Carousel; Playground; Miniature Golf; Basketball/Paved Court; Time with family and/or friends; Boating	I am curious what that would entail. I would like for a playground at the very least. And something nature.
397	Very Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Daily	Picnicking; Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days; Community Events and Social Meetups; Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Carousel; Playground; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends	Dredging the lake would be awful for the community. Leave it as it is and use the funds to maintain it no changes needed. I doubt you'll get any responses from people unhappy with the current state of the lake. It's a lake leave it be. There's a whole campaign to Save Lake Accotink it brings so much joy to our community and it's because the Fairfax Government stays out of it. Just leave the lake the birds, animals, and people like it just the way it is. I hope you read and listen to more survey responses like this one. The Lake is perfect as is, pick something else to work on, we don't need any changes.

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398	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Bird Watching	<p>Instead of removing the sediment, might an artificial island be constructed in the center? The island could be planted with native trees and grasses and serve as a further wildlife habitat.</p> <p>Obviously, this would NOT be a permanent solution, but provide another 15-20 years of enjoyment of the lake by boaters. By that time in the future, perhaps new technologies would be available and employed to maintain the lake. If in 15-20 years, it was recognized to remain unfeasible, then, at that point, let the area develop naturally into wetlands.</p> <p>REGARDLESS: the severely steep and dangerous path on the left as you face the dam needs to be remade into more gentle switchbacks. For many elderly residents, or families with small children in strollers or on bicycles, that steep incline/descend immediately adjacent to the dam marks the "turnaround point" preventing many from enjoying a complete circuit of the hiking trail.</p> <p>The park is a gem. We have lived here 23 years and have thoroughly enjoyed the trail during all seasons. When we have out-of-state visitors, we all find hiking the path more enjoyable than the hassle and headache of downtown DC tourist sites.</p> <p>Respectfully yours — D.J. DeBruyne</p>
399	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Boating; Hiking/walking/running; Time with family and/or friends	

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400	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends	I'm saddened by the decision not to dredge but I Hope that any master plan look at the entirety of the Accotink watershed to develop a plan to reduce silting along the entire stream so that we aren't playing game of wack a mole to move the silt around every couple of years.
401	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Boating; Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Miniature Golf; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Community Events and Social Meetups; Carousel; Bird Watching	Took this survey but have no faith in how the results are handled. Remembering survey for renaming Lee Jackson highways. The results of that survey went nowhere. Even though constituents overwhelmingly voted against renamed, results were ignored. Used to be proud of those on BOS; thinking that they worked fairly for the residents. Not any more
402	Somewhat Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Monthly	Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Playground; Time with family and/or friends; Fishing	
403	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Weekly	Boating; Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Biking; Community Events and Social Meetups; Carousel; Bird Watching	Living in this area, I find that the value of Lake Accotink's green space, natural diversity, beauty, quiet, and access are invaluable. The trails, lake, boating, carousel, regatta site, wild life are vital in keeping a community focal point in this part of the county. Springfield area in specific, cries out for less concrete and more trees, more child friendly space, more areas for seniors to walk and enjoy wildlife. SAVE LAKE ACCOTINK!
404	Somewhat Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Rarely	Community Events and Social Meetups	Agree with Staff Recommendation to not pursue dredging

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405	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Biking; Dog Walking	I think we should do whatever is most environmentally friendly. Running dozens and dozens of trucks every 5 years doesn't sound like that.
406	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Picnicking; Boating; Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends	Please don't destroy the lake.. it's the only thing of beauty we have on this side of this side of Springfield.
407	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Time with family and/or friends; Community Events and Social Meetups; Observing Natural Scenery	The lake itself is a marvelous asset to the residents and county, economically. The societal benefits are priceless.  I do not think ALL possible scenarios have been considered. The county should provide the items staff considered and what the outcome was and why staff came to each answer.  Ask the residents surrounding the park and lake what they would be willing to pay for the considered maintenance. (By the way, please fix the park's facilities. They can be better.)
408	Not Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Picnicking; Carousel	Please keep the lake
409	Very Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Monthly	Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Playground; Time with family and/or friends; Biking; Bird Watching	My family would love to see the lake preserved.

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410	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Carousel; Bird Watching; Fishing	Having the lake nearby was a reason we chose to move to this area, and purchase our home here. We believe it is important to preserve the actual lake, and provide habitat for fish and other wildlife. We understand that the cost is great, but the lake is an asset to the environment and to Fairfax county as a desirable place to live and work. Choosing to protect nature is more important than many other projects currently being approved. We must consider the environmental impact of not maintaining the lake and its inhabitants. It would be sad indeed to lose this beautiful lake!
411	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Boating	
412	Not Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Miniature Golf; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Community Events and Social Meetups	What is missing are the options. What happens if we don't dredge? What good is a prolonged master planning process if by the time it's completed the economy, politics, population density, ecology, etc., will all be different? Can the planning process be both comprehensive and completed on a fast-tracked basis? Most of us want to keep the lake/park but is it economically feasible?
413	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Biking; Playground; Time with family and/or friends; Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running	Seems too expensive. I would prefer money be used to improve other aspects of community activities. We need more athletic fields and more turf fields. I say this based on reality of needs, I strongly prefer using grass fields, but we need the availability of turf. I also think we need to improve bathroom options at parks when cost efficient.
414	Not Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Rarely	Boating; Hiking/walking/running	Having natural resources such as Lake Accotink is important for a community. However it should not pose a significant budgetary drain that that community. I don't think it is essential to have boating as an activity at Lake Accotink.
415	Somewhat Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Rarely	Boating; Picnicking	I agree with the recommendation to not pursue the dredging project, as it is way too expensive in relation to the overall budget of the county and to the many other priorities that serve all residents in the county.



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416	Very Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Fishing; Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching	Please dredge the lake, this couldn't help reduce flooding in the years to come. If you don't it's going to be devastating for the county economy, residents & ecosystem.
417	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Miniature Golf; Playground; Boating; Time with family and/or friends	Alternative visions should be created for comparison to the project, not "this project or an idea we don't have yet." Can we PLEASE have another dog park? Unrelated: It's a scandal that there isn't one at the Banks Family Farm.
418	Very Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days; Community Events and Social Meetups; Classes/Summer Camps	Having the ability to run/walk near water within a mile of my home is an incredible gift in such a busy area. Lake Accotink provides a refuge for wildlife and humans. I believe more studies should be done to find a better way to keep the lake as it currently is without environmental impact. The inconvenience neighbors of the lake may face with trucks driving through the neighborhood is simply that, an inconvenience. To keep the beauty and access to the park, that inconvenience is worth it.
419	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Boating; Fishing; Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Volleyball; Miniature Golf; Carousel; Playground; Basketball/Paved Court; Time with family and/or friends	Selfishly we would love for the lake to be around for our family to enjoy. However 400 million is insanely high to make that happen. A good plan moving forward is envisioning a different community and recreational use of that space at a lower cost.
420	Not Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Time with family and/or friends	I believe that dredging would impact the whole area in a negative way.

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422	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Miniature Golf; Playground; Time with family and/or friends; Classes/Summer Camps; Carousel	Agree- Maybe maintain a smaller lake for boating and let the rest go back to natural wetlands
423	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking	i support it
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425	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Classes/Summer Camps; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Bird Watching	I want the full dredge of the lake.
426	Not Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Time with family and/or friends; Fishing; Miniature Golf; Hiking/walking/running	

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427	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Boating; Time with family and/or friends; Biking; Bird Watching; Picnicking	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Dredging can be deferred, but it can't be eliminated, else how can the County remain in compliance with the Chesapeake Bay Protection Act?</li> <li>2. Delaying dredging will only increase the ultimate cost and burden our offspring.</li> <li>3. The truck traffic argument seems overstated since by my calculation, assuming 5 workdays per week, a 3 yr. base project and 50 workweeks per year, the estimated 50,000 truck trips amount to 67 per day vice the 95 cited, a mere 9% increase. This admittedly burdens those who live closest to the lake, but the project also benefits them the most.</li> <li>4. We are in a period of high inflationary costs right now, but our economy is not likely to remain in that condition for an extended period, and likely not through the completion of the base project, let alone the continuing effort.</li> <li>5. Lake Accotink is a treasure which we should protect for posterity.</li> <li>6. The sediment generated by human activity in our County is a responsibility we its citizens must bear, lest we create greater problems downstream.</li> <li>7. It's premature to scrap the dredging plan without a clear picture of what the alternative looks like and how the concerns cited above will be addressed.</li> <li>8. Has an environmental impact study of the alternative plan been done? Does it address sediment flows to the Chesapeake Bay? Does it address the public health impact of enlarging a mosquito breeding wetland during a period of rapidly warming climate in one of the most populous (&amp; wealthiest) counties in the country?</li> </ol>
428	Very Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Boating; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Fishing; Biking; Bird Watching	I think it's a crappy idea to not want to dredge the lake. Doesn't the lake treat water runoff from a huge area? What then happens to that runoff? You all make such a huge stink about water quality/quantity and here you are getting ready to throw that out the door. What happens to the sediment that builds up in the lake? Does that just continue downstream and start clogging up other tributaries?

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429	Somewhat Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends	The county WASTES money on a daily basis. If they had kept a dredging schedule or looked into other avenues instead of doing nothing for 15 years it wouldn't take so much money now. Why could you offer the dried silt to people for free to use in gardens and flower beds? County officials better think outside the box.
430	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Occasionally	Picnicking; Time with family and/or friends; Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery	I'm not sure what a marsh would look like or be like. I would be concerned about it becoming a breeding ground for mosquitoes and other insects due to stagnant water.
431	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Biking	asdf
432	Very Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Weekly	Picnicking; Fishing; Boating; Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends	
433	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Playground; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends	
434	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Occasionally	Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Classes/Summer Camps; Bird Watching; Hiking/walking/running	

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435	Not Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Picnicking; Carousel; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends	
436	Somewhat Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Bird Watching; Biking; Community Events and Social Meetups	I would love to see the Lake stay money and need permitting. However, \$395 million is a vast amount of money. If this is not possible, or can be better used to help people living in Fairfax County, including families, children, etc., I believe this should be done and the Park can be re-imagined for a new, and the next, generation.
437	Somewhat Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Rarely	Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Carousel	Do not know what the Master plan is about.
438	Somewhat Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Rarely		
439	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Fishing; Bird Watching; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends	I want the lake maintained with dredging. I know it is expensive but it gives alot of enjoyment to the residents to go there.
440	Very Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Biking; Dog Walking; Picnicking; Playground; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends	Not only do I enjoy going to parks around my area, but know of many people who love spending time in nature. Since this area is very city-like, receiving fresh air and forgetting about the business of the city relies solely on the maintenance of these parks. This place has fond memories, I had my first dates with my husband there. We love the quiet in the mornings and the families encounters in the afternoon. I understand growth is essential for a city, but morals as well. Parks build our connection to the world and gives us a preparedness we wouldn't feel in the woods.

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441	Not Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Boating; Hiking/walking/running; Playground; Time with family and/or friends; Carousel; Basketball/Paved Court	I am interested to learn what the new master plan will be. I would like better access and to feel safer when I visit the park area.
442	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Picnicking	Agree with the recommendation not to dredge.
443	Somewhat Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Monthly	Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Time with family and/or friends	It is a beautiful lake to see and walk around. I cannot imagine not seeing the lake there after living here for almost 50 years. Over time I have read suggestions for dredging that would seem to have less impact on the community. Requires more thinking on the issue.
444	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Miniature Golf; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Hiking/walking/running; Picnicking; Bird Watching	I would recommend dredging until a master plan has actually been finalized. It would cost more to dredge later, the meantime discussions could be had about what will happen after this last final dredging.
445	Not Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends; Community Events and Social Meetups	It makes sense to me

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446	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Biking; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Bird Watching	Torn between the cost and all the wildlife that live around and depend on the lake for food and water. Animals are losing so much habitat in the area already.
447	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Monthly	Dog Walking; Hiking/walking/running; Playground; Time with family and/or friends	at 395 million dollars I think it has become too costly to keep as a lake. The beauty of having a lake is something I would want and think it's important to have but at that cost rate for tax payers I believe it is just too much. I would hope it could be turned into something more than just woods and a field but I am not sure what would be suited for that area.
448	Not Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Fishing; Hiking/walking/running; Playground; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Community Events and Social Meetups	I am not familiar with the master planning but I would like to see the land being sold to build more homes and keep losing natural resources.
449	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Picnicking; Fishing; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Miniature Golf; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends; Observing Natural Scenery; Basketball/Paved Court	Why not turn this into an even more beautiful park surrounded by water. Don't get rid of it. Allocate that money elsewhere.
450	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Boating; Hiking/walking/running; Playground; Fishing; Carousel	

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452	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Picnicking; Time with family and/or friends	Residents love this park. Please keep that in mind no matter your decision. Often times in decision making made by entities like Fairfax County the taxpayers' emotions are not considered. People love this park.
453	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Boating; Picnicking; Community Events and Social Meetups; Hiking/walking/running; Time with family and/or friends	I feel that dredging is a must to maintain what's lived about the park.
454	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Biking	If dredging and offline lake are not feasible options for the lake, please consider beautifying the surroundings so at least recreational activity can be continued. For example, if the lake must turn into wetland, please consider making it an aquatic garden (ex. lotus flowers) which would be an attraction in itself. Modifying the area to be a wildlife reserve is also a good idea. Perhaps a section of the lake could be isolated from the rest of the body of water and paved to make way for a fountain feature, or some other artificial body of water like the Reflecting Pool in DC.
455	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Rarely	Hiking/walking/running; Time with family and/or friends; Community Events and Social Meetups	Too much money. Can't fight "Mother Nature". Let it go



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457	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Picnicking; Dog Walking; Time with family and/or friends; Bird Watching	Recommend not to utilize \$395 for dredging effort of offline lake option. Develop a community plan which improves the grounds especially handicap and the elderly access for the park.
458	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching	
459	Somewhat Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Community Events and Social Meetups	I feel the lake restoration is the responsibility of the county. I would like to understand more about the future if nothing is done and if all action is postponed for 5 yrs and 10 yrs.
460	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Boating; Picnicking; Community Events and Social Meetups; Hiking/walking/running	I think the lake should be dredged and maintained.
461	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running	I totally understand that the cost is now prohibitive. Use the money for upkeep of trails and amenities.
462	Not Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Bird Watching; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends	
463	Not Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends	I believe that re initiating the master planning for the future of the park is the way to go. Anything that will preserve this oasis for the community at a more affordable and environmentally sound plan should be followed.

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466	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Rarely		
467	Not Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Miniature Golf; Playground; Basketball/Paved Court; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends	Agree with FFX county recommendation. Use the money for a better vision and experience for the park and community.
468	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery	
469	Somewhat Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Playground; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends	Not pleased to lose the lake. Have enjoyed taking my kids there to play at the waters edge and playground. Hopefully you can find a middle ground to still have some sort of water attraction at the park.

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470	Very Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Daily	Boating; Picnicking; Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days; Hiking/walking/running; Miniature Golf; Playground; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Community Events and Social Meetups; Carousel; Bird Watching	I think this entire situation is horrible! I have spent over ten years on this project and now you want to go back to square one! You need to stick to your word and make this happen. Find someone who knows how to get this project completed. The answer is out there. Take the 30 million and start the dredging. Keep working on finding a solution. Take the next five years if you need. Start small and move this forward.
471	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Monthly	Picnicking; Biking; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends	I believe this lake is a beloved and popular community resource. We should reinitiate the master planning process to develop a better resolution to the silting problem at the lake.
472	Very Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends	
473	Not Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running	agree with the recommendation to Not dredge the lake. Spending money on a new development would also be a low priority.
474	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running	The County's conclusion is the fiscally prudent decision. There are 10 watersheds in Fairfax County and we can't spend the whole watershed budget on one watershed.

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475	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Classes/Summer Camps; Hiking/walking/running; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends; Observing Natural Scenery; Playground; Volleyball; Biking; Boating; Fishing	I think by not dredging, you are kicking the problem down the stream to become a burden for others. The sediment will continue to carry and others will be forced to deal with it. I think that posture is not responsible or in the best interest of Fairfax County residents.  I live a few miles (surface traffic distance) down the road on Bardu, but our neighborhood has a trail that connects directly to the park, so my family often walks there from our house and enjoys walking around the lake. I hope the lake will be dredged so we can continue to enjoy the park in its current state (as in with a lake).
476	Not Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Rarely	Time with family and/or friends	Don't dredge it, save the money and reduce property taxes.
477	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Rarely	Boating; Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Fishing; Biking; Carousel	
478	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Time with family and/or friends	Do NOT dredge.
479	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Rarely	Picnicking	I agree. It's a waste of money and resources. Let it revert into a wetlands area. Wetlands ecosystems, like lakes, are full of wildlife and beauty of their own. Lots of bird watching and animal opportunities. Possibly less boating, but Burke Lake and Pohick Bay are both nearby. Dredging Lake Accotink every few years has become burdensome and unreasonable.
480	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running	I agree with the staff....please do not pursue \$395M for dredging.

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481	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Boating; Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends	
482	Very Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Monthly	Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Playground; Time with family and/or friends; Biking; Carousel; Community Events and Social Meetups	My entire family and my children have gone to Lake Accotink. we love it, its a perfect place to visit when the weather permits. We love that there are many activities to do here.
483	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Boating; Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Community Events and Social Meetups	
484	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Miniature Golf; Carousel	In Fairfax county there are so few water parks. It would be a shame not to save the lake.
485	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Rarely	Hiking/walking/running	If this lake is supposed to provide some level of flood control, letting it fill up with silt is going to make upstream flooding potential worse and provide downstream no protection. If you aren't going to dredge, its probably best to just remove the dam altogether.
486	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Boating; Hiking/walking/running; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends	i enjoy Lake Accotink and appreciate its recreational value. I also appreciate the ecosystem that has developed around the man-made lake. But I find it very difficult to justify the cost of dredging it. It makes little sense in the long run. It should be allowed to revert to wetlands. In fact I would even be in favor of the gradual removal of the dam.

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487	Somewhat Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Boating; Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Miniature Golf; Playground; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Carousel; Fishing	I believe that dredging the lake is the best plan of action. It is not right of the county to go back on its initial words of planning to dredge the lake. Parks are always the first to have their budget cut or allocated elsewhere. The use of money towards Lake Accotink is better suited than say making a COVID-19 memorial or renaming roads - these do not benefit the community the way a park does. The county is already built up enough that it is. Parks need investment so people can get away from all the houses, roads, buildings, and shopping centers.
488	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Boating; Hiking/walking/running; Miniature Golf; Observing Natural Scenery; Biking; Carousel	I understand the need to change to a wetland area. I really hope the miniature golf and carousel will be kept. It would be wonderful if there could be a stream usable by canoes and/or kayaks. I would also like walking trails
489	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running	Totally agree. Dredging is too costly and not a permanent solution.
490	Very Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Time with family and/or friends; Fishing	
491	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery	I agree with the County staff recommended course of action.

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492	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Weekly	Picnicking; Fishing; Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Carousel; Playground; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends	We love this lake and think it's a great resource for the community. We would hate to see it dry up. It's got a beautiful walking trail all the way around and our daughter loves the carousel and park.
493	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Boating; Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends; Miniature Golf	I grew up in north Springfield and understand how this is an upsetting idea to most. I love the idea of making it into wetlands with walkways through areas to see more wildlife. It will still be beautiful and hopefully all the other amenities will still be maintained.
494	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Boating; Fishing; Picnicking; Classes/Summer Camps; Hiking/walking/running; Miniature Golf; Carousel; Playground; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends	Makes sense considering the costs, but we will miss the pedal boats
495	Somewhat Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Picnicking	I love the lake so would like to see the lake be kept up enjoy walking and hiking around the lake. Think it is worth the investment

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496	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Picnicking; Community Events and Social Meetups; Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Miniature Golf	I think NOT pursuing the dredging is the right move for the county. It is too expensive and an unnecessary cost on the taxpayers. We have to adapt to whatever nature decides, and should not spend that much money on a project that makes deeper water for boaters. I am glad to see the recommendation not to waste money and instead re-envision what is possible in the park. Think of all the other ways the public's money can be put to good use!!
497	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Boating	
498	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Miniature Golf; Hiking/walking/running; Carousel; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends	I think it makes a great deal of sense not to dredge the lake. Wetlands are a very underappreciated and important part of our coastal ecosystem, and letting Accotink become a wetland is a way of educating the community on its value.
499	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery	
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501	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Fishing; Boating; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking	
502	Very Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Picnicking; Miniature Golf; Playground; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Carousel	



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503	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Carousel; Boating; Miniature Golf; Playground	I would be disappointed to see the lake go, however, it was a man made lake and it seems as though nature is attempting to reclaim the land in it's own way. Perhaps instead of fighting mother nature, we could responsibly attempt to work with it and obtain a greater park for many to enjoy in the future.
504	Not Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Weekly	Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends	
505	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Boating; Fishing; Picnicking; Community Events and Social Meetups; Hiking/walking/running; Miniature Golf; Bird Watching	Dredge the lake. Disagree with staff who probably live out of the area. Bureaucrats with no investment.
506	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Weekly	Picnicking; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Bird Watching	Lake Accotink has been a healthy alternative to cement and traffic. Absolutely a jewel of a landmark.
507	Somewhat Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Bird Watching	Ditch the dredge and commit to hydro-raking
508	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Fishing; Hiking/walking/running; Biking	I am very suspicious of the new numbers. It fits an idea that serves other interests of the "staff". It does not serve the community's clear desires. It can be done. But this calls for some creativity. Just like self serve mulch at the dump. Free self serve topsoil will move itself.

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509	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Weekly	Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery	We need to have a plan, with all available information, and then (and only then) make an informed decision on the future of the park.
510	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Community Events and Social Meetups; Bird Watching	
511	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Rarely	Biking	Very costly and not a permanent solution. If the dam was originally built as flood control, can that function continue without dredging, understanding that the recreation value of the current lake will diminish? If flood control does not apply, the area should be preserved as a recreation area, but not necessarily with a lake as the focus. For example, can some free flow of the stream be restored to allow natural flushing of sediment but still with the existence of an ecological wet land with some park features?
512	Somewhat Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Picnicking; Community Events and Social Meetups; Hiking/walking/running; Miniature Golf; Carousel; Playground; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends	I'm very sad that the lake will be gone, but understand that it is an expensive effort. I am concerned about alternative solutions that might increase mosquitoes and reduce the quality of the park experience.
513	Somewhat Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Boating; Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Playground; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends	
514	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Dog Walking	

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515	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Boating; Bird Watching	It would be tragic to lose such a pretty and crucial landmark in our area. It not only serves as a recreational asset for humans, but an ecological gem for wildlife, the kind of which we are losing too many of to development. Some compromise must be found to keep a lake in Lake Accotink Park. Let's also find ways to stem sediment runoff from upstream, perhaps building more stormwater retention ponds. And regulate far more stringently so called stream restoration projects. I watch with horror the project on the stream crossing under Roberts Parkway in Burke. All I see is tree and vegetation being cleared from the stream banks, and soil exposed for months at a time. I can only imagine how much sediment has been washed downstream into either Lake Royale... or perhaps Lake Accotink!
516	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends	
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518	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends	Why not go with the option of sending the sediment to Wakefield. I know it will cause removal of trees but they can be replaced I've lived less than a mile from Lake Accotink since 1972. It's a great local park for families. It's probably one of the only nice places we have in Springfield. It's with walking and biking distance for people in the local area. Central Springfield always gets ignored by the Board of Supervisors. We get little support
519	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Boating; Fishing; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends	I disagree with the staff's recommendation. Please for the sake of humanity, future generations, an ever-more-urbanizing environment, and for mental health (see studies on nature and it's impacts on mental health) - save the lake. Dredge it. Make it happen. Any inconveniences will be temporary. We can't lose more nature in this county.
520	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking	I believe the lake should be dredged and that this effort has the support of the immediate neighbors as well as surrounding neighbors.

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522	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking	
523	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Playground; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching	I think the County needs to come together and solicit input from residents as it is a significant amount of money. I live in Lake Barcroft - we pay our WID to greedge - maybe there there is a public -private - partnership option?
524	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Weekly	Picnicking; Classes/Summer Camps; Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days; Community Events and Social Meetups; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Miniature Golf; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends	I think there is a middle ground and simply allowing the lake to become a wetland is an environmental and financial catastrophe. 100 percent opposed to the staff recommendation!
525	Somewhat Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Daily	Fishing; Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Dog Walking; Basketball/Paved Court; Miniature Golf; Playground; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends; Observing Natural Scenery	Unreal that this would even be a thought is insane.

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527	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Boating; Picnicking; Community Events and Social Meetups; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends	Yes, re-evaluate and use ngos or other resources to make it happen.
528	Not Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Miniature Golf; Carousel; Bird Watching; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends	Seems crazy it would cost that much
529	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running	Opposed to further funding for study/planning. It's clear that the community prefers a lake option for the park. Find a more economical way to dredge the lake.

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530	Very Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Weekly	Community Events and Social Meetups; Classes/Summer Camps; Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days	The process in which the county is proposing is overpriced, there are other ways to do this. If we would just be getting the park from the US Army I wonder we would have second thoughts in getting it for that amount to reinvest in it. Reinstate the master plan and lets work on keeping the lake.
531	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Community Events and Social Meetups	I don't really care if there is a full lake or not. I think the "boating" is really not that great and not worth the cost of the lake. There are other places to fish. As for the property values of the neighborhoods in the area, they don't want to do anything to control their runoff, they insist on maintaining short grass lawns and dousing them with pesticide and fertilizer, and make no effort to grow native vegetation or allow mature trees to stand. So I don't see why tax dollars should be used to preserve something that benefits only a few. I think the lake would be better as a non-lake recreational area, with as much effort as possible to keep it as a natural habitat for wildlife with permeable surfaces - NOT to put more ugly playing fields there, or rec centers or office buildings, or something else that doesn't benefit everyone. A forested area or maintained wetland (not just an awful, unwalkable, mosquito-ridden marshy pit like the back of Wakefield) with plenty of hiking and running trails would be great for the community. The little park with the carousel will be fine without an actual body of water. The solution that involved cutting down 7 acres of trees is HORRIBLE - please don't do that! Just convert the park to mostly forest, with perhaps a little more recreational area that could be enjoyed by families and hikers/walkers - perhaps a nicer playground, a small dog park, etc. We really don't need that lake, but we do need the area to stay natural.

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532	Somewhat Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Time with family and/or friends; Observing Natural Scenery	(The above link to the Future of Lake Accotink Park ArcGIS StoryMap is broken.) Of course nobody wants to see Lake Accotink "disappear" but I think the most sustainable option economically and environmentally is to transition the area into a maintained wetland. My biggest concern would be what happens to the existing aquatic wildlife. Owning property adjacent to the lake is concerning for our property values but if the area is maintained and reinvested in then there probably won't be a problem. I also think it'll be very important to educate people as to why stopping dredging is a good thing before everyone gets all up in arms about the lake disappearing. I'm excited to learn more detailed plans about the possible new facilities and uses for Lake Accotink park.
533	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends	
534	Somewhat Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Rarely	Biking	Good idea!
535	Somewhat Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Classes/Summer Camps; Boating	I think it is the right decision.
536	Very Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Monthly	Fishing; Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery	Our BoS are clowns except for Herrity. They're self serving, not constituent focused.
537	Not Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery	I agree that spending \$395 million is too much. Perhaps it can become wetlands like Huntley meadows park.

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538	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Boating; Community Events and Social Meetups; Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Dog Walking; Miniature Golf; Carousel; Playground; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends	I would miss having the lake available for paddle boating It Is one of my and my kids favorite things to do on a beautiful summer day
539	Somewhat Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Boating; Fishing; Picnicking; Classes/Summer Camps; Biking; Hiking/walking/running; Miniature Golf; Carousel; Playground; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends	Dredging should occur. I'm disappointed that the real estate income goals of some outweighed the need For dredging. I think the concern of loss of real estate income is a false concern . I have been through two lake dredges closer to my home which created minimal (if any) impact.
540	Not Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Rarely	Boating; Fishing; Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Time with family and/or friends	I appreciate the planning!
541	Not Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Dog Walking; Playground; Basketball/Paved Court; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends	



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542	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running	I understand the difficulty the County finds itself in. And while I hope the County can keep the lake, I appreciate keeping the park and natural area as a wetland. While out of scope, it feels as if the park has some untapped potential. Wayfinding signage could be improved, a trail that does not make you go through a neighborhood to go around the lake would be amazing, and the marina space and land around it seems like it could be better used. But, I love FCPA and this park. I have spent a lot of my childhood and adulthood using FCPA services and parks and want to take this opportunity to say here thank you for all you do.
543	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Boating; Hiking/walking/running; Time with family and/or friends; Biking	It's unfortunate that the dredging expenses are so high. Assuming that the analysis are fairly accurate, it makes sense to re-open brainstorming. I'd like to area to be community based, possibly with an open-air amphitheater, regular crafts fairs, and athletic fields. Maybe having large-scale fireworks displays could be a reminder that the area will remain a public resource.
544	Somewhat Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends	Seems very reasonable
545	Very Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Community Events and Social Meetups	Is there any way to preserve the lake? I would love if the lake could be preserved or possibly do something like Huntley meadows park.
546	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Playground; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends	As long as there are plans to turn it into some sort of park where my family can go for walks/runs, I really don't care what happens to it. I like the idea of turning it back into wetlands with a boardwalk and trails, although mosquito control should be a factor.

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547	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Monthly	Boating; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery; Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days; Community Events and Social Meetups	I think it would be a shame to lose this resource due to the shortsighted overdevelopment of the open space in the county which has contributed to the runoff problem that makes dredging necessary. Developers should be and have been charged a premium to help pay for this maintenance.
548	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Bird Watching; Fishing	Please save the lake. We have so much wonderful memories there and all those family gatherings, children playing, me and my partner had so many walks around the lake. Do not kill the lake!
549	Very Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Daily	Boating; Fishing; Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Dog Walking; Playground; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends	In 2019 the board said it was going to be done. Why was it not started over the last 3 years? The lake was a big part of my growing up in Fairfax Co. Have lived here since 1964. It's a part of Fairfax and many from the county use this lake. Wetlands is not what we want. We want our lake. Stop spending the tax dollars so unwisely and fix the lake
550	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Time with family and/or friends; Community Events and Social Meetups	I'm in favor of not dredging based on costs and environmental sustainability
551	Somewhat Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Boating; Hiking/walking/running; Biking	I grew up behind the lake, live in Utah now but visit family regularly and we always take their kids to the lake. It is a great place to getaway from the rat race that is Northern VA.

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553	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Occasionally	Picnicking; Community Events and Social Meetups; Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends	The beauty of Lake Accotink is one of the greatest joys of living in the Ravensworth Farm neighborhood. The lake gives a habitat to a diverse group of wildlife for everyone to enjoy. It's incredible to see the graceful strength if the eagles who nest around the lake.
554	Somewhat Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Weekly	Observing Natural Scenery; Hiking/walking/running	N/a
555	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Picnicking; Community Events and Social Meetups; Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Dog Walking; Carousel; Playground; Time with family and/or friends	It is heartbreaking to consider the lake slowly filling in and not being a viable waterway, but am open to hearing alternatives proposed under the master plan.
556	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Miniature Golf; Observing Natural Scenery	Do what the staff recommends

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557	Somewhat Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Rarely	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching	Good. Dredging is a non competitive activity in USA, horribly expensive!
558	Somewhat Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Rarely	Time with family and/or friends; Observing Natural Scenery; Playground; Carousel; Bird Watching	I agree with the recommendation to not pursue the dredging effort, due to cost and the impact on the forested wetlands. Our family enjoyed biking to Lake Accotink, when we lived in Annandale, and I took my children there to enjoy the carousel and to feed the ducks, when they were younger. It is a nice place for families to picnic and enjoy nature and the birds. I don't think the boating is that important, since there are other options, like Burke Lake for boating. Our family was serious about boating, but we did that at Lake Anna and the Chesapeake Bay. Preserving wetlands and bird habitats in an increasingly urbanized community is of more importance.
559	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery	Preserve the entire perimeter of Lake Accotink. It is a community treasure. No commercial developers should ever be allowed to touch it. If dredging the lake is too costly, turn it into a wetlands/marsh with walking trails with no bikes allowed. Designate separate trails for bikes.
560	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Boating; Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Miniature Golf; Carousel; Playground; Basketball/Paved Court; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends	I would like more information so it the community vision for the future of the park before deciding on whether to dredge or not to dredge. The community vision should come first, then the decision to dredge or not dredge. Absent a community vision, I would recommend to continue with the dredging plan until a community vision is decided on.
561	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends	

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562	Very Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Monthly	Fishing; Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends	I have been going to Lake Accotink Park since I was born in 1989. I have been fond memories going to the lake with my family and friends and it was a huge source of decompression to sit by the lake or in the woods and enjoy nature and quiet. I would like to see it continue to be a lake and be dredged so that others may grow memories like I do from Lake Accotink.
563	Not Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Fishing; Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends	Leave it be and do improvements
564	Somewhat Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Biking	Unless I am mistaken, Lake Accotink, as well as Lake Royal, Burke Lake, Lake Braddock, are part of a flood control system. As the climate may be shifting, and the potential of increased rain fall, these lakes function to slow the flow of stormwater. Being trained in national emergency management and response, I have seen multiple times where unhindered stormwater created massive damage. The bridge of Old Keene Mill where the Accotink creek passes under, has on SEVERAL occasions had stormwater over the banks, now allow Accotink lake to no longer be effective in slowing the flow of water potentially could compromise the bridge. What the impact to the area would be substantial. Please reconsider the longer term cost and consequences of allowing the Accotink lake.
565	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running	What is the impact of not dredging, besides boat access does it reduce the size of the water surface? Change the ecosystem?

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566	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Community Events and Social Meetups; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Time with family and/or friends	The lake is a beautiful asset to our community and draws people to my neighborhood (Crestwood). I would love to see it remain as is. While the dredging option would maintain the lake, I am hugely concerned about the impact on the quality of life on those who live near where the sediment would be transported. Having so many trucks in residential areas is dangerous, loud, and would affect traffic patterns. It is also very expensive. Using a portion of that money to manage it so it can turn into a proper ecosystem, as it originally was, could divert funds to other more pressing county needs. I would be sorry to see it go, but dredging over and over again just doesn't seem like a viable long-term solution.
567	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running	
568	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Bird Watching; Picnicking	I agree with the recommendation not to dredge Lake Accotink. I would prefer to see the park become something more like a "Huntley Meadows West".
569	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Boating; Picnicking; Classes/Summer Camps; Playground	
570	Somewhat Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Time with family and/or friends; Observing Natural Scenery	
571	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Bird Watching	The Lake is in need of dredging, the runoff from winter road treatments with sand, construction projects and litter runoff has seriously undermined the lake and nearby streams. The silt build up is not a natural phenomenon, but one resulting from man made actions.
572	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching	

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574	Somewhat Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Daily	Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days; Hiking/walking/running; Boating; Miniature Golf; Time with family and/or friends; Bird Watching; Observing Natural Scenery; Basketball/Paved Court	Save the lake we love! Don't displace nature.
575	Very Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Time with family and/or friends; Bird Watching; Observing Natural Scenery; Hiking/walking/running; Picnicking	I have no trust in the board of supervisors. This is an embarrassment and a travesty.
576	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Classes/Summer Camps; Biking; Bird Watching	I think the area should be returned to it's natural state - a stream/wetlands. We have plenty of lakes in the area if people want to visit one - Burke, Fairfax Braddock, etc ... Half a billion dollars to maintain a reservoir from the 1940s doesn't make sense.
577	Very Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Monthly	Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Biking	the lake is a very important part of our family life. My girls and all the kids and parents of the near by neighborhood are so used too be part of this beautiful lake, that it will be very sad not to see it.
578	Not Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Carousel; Playground; Time with family and/or friends; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching	

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579	Somewhat Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Fishing; Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days; Community Events and Social Meetups; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Bird Watching	A wise move.
580	Somewhat Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Rarely	Bird Watching; Hiking/walking/running; Boating	I thought the lake needed to be dredged to maintain the health of the Chesapeake Bay.
581	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Bird Watching	I agree with the County staff recommendation.; I agree with the County staff recommendations.; I agree with the staff recommendations.
582	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Boating; Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Miniature Golf; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Community Events and Social Meetups; Carousel; Bird Watching	I am sad to say that while this will be a loss, it is just not a good use of funds to pursue the \$395 million dredging option. To everything there is a season. I assume that the lake will eventually become a wetlands, which will open up new opportunities for nature watching, birding, hiking. It is so disappointing, but paying those kids of funds for a problem that will continue is just not prudent when there are so many varying needs across the county. Perhaps new nature center can be built, and environmental education can be a mainstay of the property, as county resident learn about the behaviors and activities that lead to the dredging needs. But this is not without regret and disappointment.
583	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Dog Walking; Playground; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Bird Watching; Biking; Hiking/walking/running	If money was not a factor i would prefer to see the lake kept as a lake and dredged. However, given the significant cost, my preference would be to see how that money can better be used in the community and school system.



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584	Somewhat Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Picnicking	Can't put it off forever, get it done soon
585	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends; Observing Natural Scenery	I think it's a tragedy to not maintain such a beautiful piece of nature in a place where nature is slowly disappearing. The lake is so beautiful and has enhanced my life since I moved to NS in 1986. The money would be well spent. PLEASE take care of the lake.
586	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Community Events and Social Meetups	I agree with an alternative plan not to spend huge amount of money on the lake.
587	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Bird Watching; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends	Seems like a double cross on the lake adjacent owners, buying for the ambience of waterfront living and paying extra taxes etc. I'm in favor of the full dredge
588	Somewhat Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Weekly	Boating; Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Playground; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Classes/Summer Camps; Community Events and Social Meetups; Biking; Carousel	I'd like to see the lake dredged but agree the current plan is costly. I'd like to see all options explored to pursue dredging.

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590	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running	DO Not Dredge- allow it to become a true nature area - Like Huntley Meadows
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592	Very Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Weekly	Boating; Fishing; Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days; Community Events and Social Meetups; Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Dog Walking; Carousel; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends	Keep Lake Accotink!!
593	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Bird Watching	I think that is a mistake. The lake is a vital resource for the community, and should be maintained. NOVA is becoming over developed and losing green spaces rapidly. I moved near the lake to be able to enjoy all it had to offer and do not want to lose it.
594	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching	The County should turn this area into a wetland with boardwalks, walking paths, and viewing platforms. This lake is not sustainable as a lake regardless of the impacts to a small number of homeowners. And other area parks—like Burke Lake—have lake recreation activities for those interested in boating and fishing.

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595	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Miniature Golf; Playground; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching	It appears to me that one of the studies may be vastly incorrect.
596	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days; Dog Walking	Pls dredge the lake
597	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Bird Watching	Do not drdgd, but provid som work for nvironmntal sound managmnt.
598	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Playground; Time with family and/or friends; Bird Watching; Biking	
599	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Weekly	Boating; Biking; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Time with family and/or friends; Observing Natural Scenery	I prefer not to dredge, but clean out the waterfall/dam area and complete the walking bridge. My friends and I really enjoy the hiking/walking trails. I also love kayaking on the lake with friends. I also bike the trails.
600	Somewhat Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Biking; Bird Watching	
601	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Time with family and/or friends; Carousel; Playground	Lake should be dredged and remain valuable resource. If it is allowed to fill in, sediment issues will only move further downstream, not go away.

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602	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Picnicking; Biking; Community Events and Social Meetups; Bird Watching	We need to keep the lake. We should make the hot lane company pay for it since it is the fault of the beltway widening that causes so much run off into the creek that feeds Lake Accotink.
603	Somewhat Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Playground; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends	Please keep our lake!!
604	Not Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Miniature Golf; Playground; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends	Agree, let keep nature as is do not dredge and offline lake, avoid trucks going through and roads . Don't waste this money , instead put toward education , sports and arts /cultures.
605	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Bird Watching; Observing Natural Scenery; Picnicking	I do not support the expensive and long-term dredging of Lake Accotink. The cost and effort is unreasonable. I would like tonsee a more fiscally responsible, natural and environmentally supported outcome.
606	Somewhat Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Miniature Golf; Carousel; Playground; Biking	I hope this doesn't mean you are going to stop dredging other Fairfax lakes next

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607	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Boating; Classes/Summer Camps; Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Volleyball; Carousel; Playground; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends	If dredging is to not occur now and when the wetland can't absorb anymore sediment, then what happens? That sediment flows on to polute other waterways. This would be an enormous effort, cost and environmental impact compared to now and the dredging proposal.; I do not agree per the previous questions response.
608	Not Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Biking; Observing Natural Scenery; Hiking/walking/running; Community Events and Social Meetups; Bird Watching; Picnicking; Boating	the lake is an integral part of our community, it would destroy the fabric of the neighborhood if the lake is gone. being around this lake provides so much happiness to our family. I disagree with the staff recommendation.
609	Somewhat Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Rarely	Hiking/walking/running	I agree. It's too costly a project that does not benefit the majority of Fairfax County residents.
610	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Time with family and/or friends; Observing Natural Scenery	Continue master planning process to find more effective options
611	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Picnicking; Classes/Summer Camps; Community Events and Social Meetups; Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Miniature Golf; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends	I wholeheartedly agree with the decision not to dredge. The dredging option is costly and would have huge environmental consequences. I would love to see Lake Accotink transform into a vibrant wetland like Huntley Meadows.
612	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Monthly	Miniature Golf; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends	Save the lake, it is worth the money that might go to other unnecessary expenses.

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614	Somewhat Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Rarely	Hiking/walking/running	too expensive. agree with recommendation
615	Very Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Occasionally	Boating; Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Fishing; Community Events and Social Meetups; Biking; Bird Watching	1) There are ways to control upstream runoff that would reduce the siltation rate. Use them now. 2) Show me the data that dredged silt is toxic. I think it is a useful organic topping that can be used to fill former rock quarries.
616	Somewhat Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Weekly	Fishing; Boating; Picnicking; Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days; Community Events and Social Meetups; Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Dog Walking; Basketball/Paved Court; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends	Lake Accotink is a valuable treasure which we should protect for both its benefit to our region and positive environmental impact. The sediment generated by human activity in our County is a responsibility we its citizens must bear, or we will we create greater problems downstream. It's premature to scrap the dredging plan without a clear picture of the alternative and whether it addresses the concerns cited above. Has an environmental impact study been completed for the alternative? Does it address sediment flow to the Chesapeake Bay? How will we ensure that the Bay is protected from all this sediment that won't be collecting in Lake Accotink but instead polluting the Potomac and Chesapeake? The creek south of Lake Accotink will also suffer the severe negative effects of increased turbidity if the lake is destroyed. So many species will lose their habitat if the lower Accotink Creek is not protected by a dam. Though expensive, I believe Lake Accotink is too precious an asset to lose at this time.

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617	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Playground; Fishing; Boating; Picnicking; Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Carousel; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends	Please maintain the lake. It is already a great park; there's no reason to re-envision it. Spruce up the facilities with fresh paint and wood replacement as needed. Dredge the silt but find a better place to dump than Wakefield parks areas. Dumping where currently planned will ruin the park and the baseball memorials and diamonds. I suggest the area under the massive power lines that cross Braddock Rd near Wakefield Chapel Rd. Spread it thin and wide. That will prevent destroying the wilderness around that valley of power. Please. And thank-you. ; Please maintain the Lake Accotink. It's already a great community park. There is no reason to re-envision it. Spruce up facilities with fresh paint and wood replacement as needed. Dredge the silt BUT find a better place to dump the "spoils" than Wakefield parks areas. Dumping there will ruin the baseball diamonds and the memorial to the players who were killed by lightning. I suggest the area under the giant power lines that cross Braddock Rd near there. Spread the dredging wide and shallow to prevent overly affecting the neighboring wilderness. There's plenty of acreage under those lines in the valley of power. But nothing with roots that would be damaged by a layer of rich soil from the lake bottom. The truck traffic will be short lived and the benefit will last for another 50 years! Please and thank-you.
618	Very Familiar				
619	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Time with family and/or friends; Observing Natural Scenery	I value the lake & believe it is worth sustaining for the community & county.
620	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Occasionally	Boating; Classes/Summer Camps; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Time with family and/or friends	I have enjoyed kayaking on the lake as well as hiking and/or walking our dogs around the lake. I would prefer the preservation of the lake rather than the creation of "wetlands." I understand that without dredging the silt will create a swamp-like wetland which will require potentially costly investment and maintenance to allow community use. The lake is a treasure and should be preserved.

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621	Very Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running; Playground; Observing Natural Scenery; Biking; Carousel	We agree with the recommendation to NOT pursue the \$395 million full lake dredging effort.
622	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running	I support the staff recommendation. This lake will be a bottomless pit of need to maintain it. The time to have considered all of this was BEFORE every inch of the area was developed. It is what it is now.
623	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery	Why dredge the lake to a depth of eight feet? Is that it's normal depth? What effect will turning it into marshland have on existing flora/fauna? What steps will be taken to control pests?
624	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching	First, I question the accuracy of the projected costs. And feel it is excessive. I have read proposals far less costly and without the disruption to the neighborhoods. The county has spent lots of money on far less reasonable projects in the past.
625	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Daily	Hiking/walking/running	
626	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Rarely	Fishing	
627	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends	Please save this precious neighborhood gem.
628	Not Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Observing Natural Scenery; Dog Walking; Picnicking	Staff recommendation is on point. The money to dredge the lake can be used on education, the homeless, increase pay for teachers, policemen it's a waste of resources to dredge this lakd



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629	Not Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Miniature Golf; Carousel; Playground; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends; Dog Walking; Biking; Hiking/walking/running; Community Events and Social Meetups; Picnicking; Fishing; Boating; Observing Natural Scenery	
630	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Time with family and/or friends; Carousel; Dog Walking; Playground	While I would love to continue to have the lake as is, I don't feel the cost to keep it going is worth it so I guess I agree with the decision to not dredge it.
631	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends	Lake Accotink is not a natural lake. Going forward I believe the county should refrain from throwing money at futile dredging projects and transition the lake to some sort of wetland area. Hopefully it could look something like the amazing Huntley Meadows.
632	Very Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Boating; Picnicking; Playground; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Carousel; Fishing	I grew up in North Springfield. We spent many hours at Lake Accotink and at Burke Lake. Allowing the lake to reach the critical state it is currently in is an abject failure on the part of the County Board of Supervisors. The lake is an important natural area where youngsters learn about nature and how to have fun without electronics. We need to "bite the bullet" and get this done now. Future maintenance must be a combination of keeping up with the dredging and better management of runoff from construction and housing projects. We are becoming too densely populated and this is a wakeup call for the Board.

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633	Somewhat Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Daily	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery	My family moved to North Springfield since 2001, and over the years I have made use of all of the Park's facilities with my children. In the past 10 years, even though my children are grown, I walk the trails at the lake at least 3 times a week. I feel so lucky to have this resource in my neighborhood. As much as I love watching the sun set over the water when I walk after work, or see the lake frozen over some winters, or watch the birds landing on the water, I believe that providing people in Fairfax County the essential services that they need -- housing, health care, transportation, education -- outweigh the costs of dredging the lake if the County's resources are limited. As long as the park and the trails remain, the gradual transition of the lake to a wetland is a small price to pay for providing necessary services to people in our community.
634	Very Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Daily	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Biking	Understand the large scale work of a dredging effort- especially resultant of all the erosion run-off up stream. But, need to really examine realistic solutions to keep some version of the lake (partly for wildlife sustainment) and for the betterment of the community and open space available to Fairfax county. Moreover, a decision is needed promptly- every year goes by the situation gets worse and the result of that would be a final decision of 'well it is what it is.'
635	Very Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Fishing; Biking	It is the wise thing to do
636	Not Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Rarely	Hiking/walking/running; Time with family and/or friends; Observing Natural Scenery	No opinion
637	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery	Made the right decision not to dredge. Spend some money on the local trails, what's left of them

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638	Somewhat Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Weekly	Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Time with family and/or friends	Disappointed that the initial plan will not be carried out. This reflects poorly on those in charge of providing estimates, communicating to the public, and has resulted in a breach of trust in our government. My family, friends, and I love the lake and park. While acknowledging change is hard and the grief of loosing a park that has provided much joy and memories-it is my hope that it continues to be an open, public park in which our communities can freely enjoy what new changes it will have to offer.
639	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Boating; Hiking/walking/running; Miniature Golf; Playground; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Biking	This project would be no problem if we invested wisely in our communities and our infrastructure. Due to the overwhelming and narcissistic need of leaders to throw money at Ukraine, illegal immigrants, and other non-productive but feel-good projects, we are left with the mess and poverty of a 3rd World. Congratulations on your greed and failures.
640	Somewhat Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Picnicking	I am not clear on how this Lake can be a viable setting without dredging it and how this may negatively impact on the wildlife and eco system. Plus I can't imagine what a loss it will be to not be able to use the lake recreationally for boating and fishing,
641	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running	I think it is crazy to dredge. I was actually surprised when that option was elected in the first place. It's too much money and not a long term solution, only just have to do it again. It will make a horrible mess and ruin the use of the park while in progress. GRATUITOUS ADDITION: Please whatever you do make something for walkers. There is almost no place left in the county to walk without risking being run over by a bike, especially now that they have ruined so much of the county trail with pavement. And no, the signs telling the bikers to be courteous don't accomplish anything.
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643	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Picnicking	Lake Accotink is a gem of a park. The lake must be saved. The county caused the problem of sedimentation by allowing so much development in the watershed. Not only development but dense development. The county has always seemed to favor development over non-development and denser development over less dense. The county needs to admit that the county's decisions has caused the lake's problems and to do what it takes to fix the lake and maintain it. A recent example of this over development is the new neighborhood on Roberts Rd near Braddock and GMU. There were five 2-acre lots with 4 old houses. Instead of replacing the old 1950s ramblers modern houses the county has allowed 43 houses to be built. I attended 2 or 3 meetings on this project hosted by then supervisor John Cook. I don't remember anyone speaking in favor of this dense development. Mr Cook ignored the desires of the people that elected him. This came after 2 years of meetings on the Braddock Rd improvement project. The county admitted that Braddock Rd is over crowded but still allowed 43 houses to replace 4 houses. I learned at the Borad of Supervisors meeting to vote on this 43 house plan that several supervisors had received money or other compension from the developer. They did not recuse themselves from the vote!! This is allowed by Virginia law but shows that supervisors are "bribed" by developers in a legal but unethical way. At teh start of the meeting the supervisors were ask, "If anyone has anything to declare". They only had to admit that, " They had received more than \$100 in compension from the developer". Ity is time for Fairfax County to admit they failed to protect Lake Accotink by allowing overdevelopment in the watershed. It is now time to do what ity takes to fix the lake and preserve it for future generations. We don't want the park to be renamed, "Accotink Creek Swamp Park".
644	Not Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running; Bird Watching	

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645	Very Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Weekly	Boating; Picnicking; Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Playground; Time with family and/or friends; Fishing; Basketball/Paved Court	I do not support the proposal to not dredge the lake. This lake has been a part of the area for 105 years. Has provided much needed recreation area and with improvements over the years has become a well used/visited site in the county. The lake also serves as an accumulation site for sediment. thereby saving the State and county the cost of sediment remediation costing millions of dollars each year. to factor in the 400 Million dollars into this year's budget is faulty reasoning and a scare tactic. Factored over the 25 years the staff cited equals about 16 million a year to maintain the lake with dredging and storm water management upstream which is also forecast to happen in the future. Please dredge the lake so that I will be able to continue to teach grandchildren how to fish and enjoy nature as well as how to safely boat on our neighborhood lake.
646	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Miniature Golf; Carousel; Playground; Time with family and/or friends	
647	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Weekly	Picnicking; Playground; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends	The Lake needs to be maintained. It would be detrimental to the community to fill it in. We have lived here for 50 years. It has been our little slice of paradise summer and winter. Not everyone who lives in Ffx can afford extravagant trips.
648	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Weekly	Fishing; Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends	

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649	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Daily	Boating; Picnicking; Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Bird Watching	I'm heartbroken! Lake Accotink is such a treasure both for those of us who live nearby -- and those who come to visit! It's an important wildlife sanctuary and contributes to the mental and physical health of the community! Please save the lake! Raise my taxes or let's have a go fund me or something -- but don't let this important and valuable asset be lost to us!
650	Somewhat Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Time with family and/or friends	I agree with the staff recommendation, as long as the alternate plan protects the environment and wildlife. It doesn't make sense to keep spending precious resources to unsustainably keep the lake, as sad as it is to see it go. I'm sure the alternate plan will be beautiful in its own way - perhaps like Huntley Meadows.
651	Somewhat Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Picnicking; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends	The county may want to prioritize projects better. Renaming streets and buildings over a real project like this may not be the best use of county funds.
652	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Fishing; Hiking/walking/running	I think that the dam should be removed and the lake be allowed to revert back to where it was before. Maybe letting it go to a natural wetland would be nice, but build a bridge across where the dam was so people can hike all the way around.
653	Somewhat Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Boating; Picnicking; Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days; Community Events and Social Meetups; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends	A beautiful spot that I've always enjoyed coming to. Grateful to have local lakes like this one in the area.

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654	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Picnicking; Time with family and/or friends	Replace the idiot public servants who are out of their area of expertise
655	Somewhat Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Monthly	Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Miniature Golf; Playground; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Fishing; Community Events and Social Meetups; Carousel	I think the BOS should find a way to come up with the funds to dredge the lake. This lake is a place for families to enjoy and can go on walks and spend time there for little money.
656	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Carousel; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends; Picnicking	
657	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Boating; Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Biking; Bird Watching; Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days	I understand that it is cost-prohibitive to continue to dredge Lake Accotink. I also do not want to negatively impact Wakefield Park. If Accotink is to be left to fill with silt, then I would like to pursue a plan to keep it like a wetland much like Huntley Meadows. However, Huntley Meadows is a much cleaner, more well-maintained park. Accotink would need boardwalks, trail maintenance, a nice nature center, and constant trash pickup as all kinds of trash end up there from run-off. I am afraid of it turning into something other than a park, and I am concerned that it will be a trash dump. It needs to continue to be the beautiful park that it is. This community very much needs this park.
658	Somewhat Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends; Boating	

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659	Somewhat Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Daily	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching	Since I moved to the North Springfield neighborhood in 2001 with my 2 young kids, we have made extensive use of the park's trails, beach, pavilions, playground and mini-golf. We have hosted birthday parties there, walked our dog there, volunteered and ran in kids runs, and helped with park clean-ups through Girl Scouts and other community organizations. My kids are young adults now, but I walk the trail 5 or 6 days a week for exercise and fresh air after a long day as a school teacher. However, I fully agree with the recommendation to not pursue the dredging effort. That is way too much money that could be better spent on community health and mental health programs, on housing the homeless, on libraries, etc. that would benefit the entire County as well as its most vulnerable residents. And thank you for providing the information on the 55,000 fossil-fuel burning truck trips that it would require -- that would be an absurd waste of resources as well as a source of emissions. I hope that the former lake can be managed as some sort of wetlands and bird sanctuary, with the trails and the other park amenities still available, even if canoes, kayaks and paddle boats need to be eliminated.
660	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running	
661	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Weekly	Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Carousel; Playground; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends	Please clean the lake and stop building around it!
662	Not Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends	



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663	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery	The lake is the identity of the community and is worth the effort to preserve it to its fullest. It is a feature that is unique and special that not every community has this to offer. Keeping Lake Accotink preserves the uniqueness of the communities that surround it. It is a beloved body of water that should be cared for for many generations.
664	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Weekly	Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Community Events and Social Meetups; Biking; Bird Watching; Carousel; Classes/Summer Camps; Miniature Golf; Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days	I strongly disagree with Fairfax County's recommendation to not pursue the full lake dredging effort.
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666	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Occasionally	Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Biking; Miniature Golf; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Bird Watching	Lake Accotink has been part of our community for 80 years. Even though it is man-made, that doesn't mean it is subject to cost analysis. When the Anacostia River was so polluted and garbage filled, government didn't decide to dam it or pave it. They cleaned it up. Lake Accotink deserves this kind of care and consideration. it enriches our lives in so many ways. Let's look at alternate ways to clean it up. Someone must have done this before. What can we learn from them?
667	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends	As a mother and sibling of moderate to severely developmentally disabled adults, I feel the money could be better spent on social services, particularly for these individuals. There are services on paper but not in actual fact. There is even a wait list for emergency crisis services. I was told two months when I inquired. That's insane.

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670	Not Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Monthly	Boating; Fishing; Picnicking; Classes/Summer Camps; Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days; Community Events and Social Meetups; Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Dog Walking; Volleyball; Miniature Golf; Carousel; Playground; Basketball/Paved Court; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends	
671	Not Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Rarely	Biking; Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching	Can the dredged material be sold (or at least given away) as dressing for golf courses, turf farms, Ffx Co properties or, if clean enough, for grazing or farming land? Can it be used as fill for erosion repair or at building sites, or to fill in depleted quarries?
672	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends	Do not dredge lake. Let it go back to wetlands.

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674	Very Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Time with family and/or friends; Observing Natural Scenery	
675	Very Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Monthly	Bird Watching	When Supervisor McKay would attend the Springfield civic association meeting before his present position he would talk about the pleasure he experienced in his childhood day's spending time at Lake Accotink Park, & then at the community meeting discussing dredging the lake with such enthusiasm about saving the Lake & it's effect's down stream if we don't, what happened Executive supervisor McKay? Will the present and future youth have the same experience? The Girl Scouts trips to the lake and working for their badges years ago from Crestwood elementary school after school.
676	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Monthly	Community Events and Social Meetups; Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends	Makes sense to re-explore options given passage of time and cost increases..

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677	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Rarely	Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days; Hiking/walking/running	I think it's ridiculous to spend that much money on a manmade "amenity" when there are other, more important needs in the county where that money could go (e.g., funding for school meals, rec centers, senior centers, public libraries, pothole repairs on roads, sidewalk maintenance, etc).
678	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching	The lake is a valuable resource for the local community for recreation and appreciation of the natural world. Allowing the land to revert to wetland would change the character of this popular park and how it can be used, representing a loss to the community.
679	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Weekly	Boating; Hiking/walking/running	please dredge
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681	Very Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends	<p>It is a fully sound recommendation. That is a huge amount of money to spend on maintaining a "lake" environment on what is essentially a defunct reservoir. The way forward should be informed by science. It should not be informed by misplaced fondness of a lake that people remember from their childhood.</p> <p>Transitioning the lake gradually back to a natural stream system would provide a unique opportunity to see how plants, aquatic life, birds, and other animals will respond. The stream bed itself would be continually revised due to unconsolidated sediment being washed down by the higher erosive potential before reaching a balance.</p> <p>Leaving the dam/plug in place would allow the basin to continue to fill with sediment, creating a marsh environment. Also great.</p> <p>Most importantly, transitioning the lake back to a natural riparian system does not compromise the majority of the uses of the park. The only uses it would diminish would be boating/kayaking. I am an avid boater and have paddled on lake accotink many times. I would be thrilled to see the county spend money on literally any stormwater measure before attempting to dredge the lake. Let it be a marsh/stream.</p>
682	Very Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Weekly	Fishing; Picnicking; Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Time with family and/or friends	It's a terrible idea to let the lake become wetlands. It is a gem of the community. The high estimate is a scare tactic, and it seems like the decision was made despite public opinion.
683	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends	I disagree with the decision not to pursue the full dredging. Dredging should commence as was originally planned.

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684	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days; Community Events and Social Meetups; Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends	I don't think it's fair to suddenly look at this as a huge number for a 25 year plan to scare residents and convince them that keeping the lake is not worth it. What we need to do is look at the root of the problem. This county continues to develop more and more land despite the fact we have TMDL goals to meet. BMPs that developers are required to install don't get properly cared for, if the new owners even know they exist. County and state officials have turned their backs on the lake all the while screaming, "pick me, pick me!" for the new FBI building. The county is choosing to do the exact opposite of what it should be doing to meet environmental goals; not just what is legally required but what we should want for our tax paying residents. Allowing the lake to become a wetland could be acceptable if a real plan were in place. So far, all I have heard is "we don't know" how things will turn out, need to rework the master plan, and when people asked if we would have something like Huntley Meadows to enjoy, the question was not directly answered, which leads me to believe the answer is no. We cannot make a real decision on this matter without a true plan in place. Without proper management, this "wetland" will become nothing more than an invasive species hotspot and a complete eyesore that will lose its appeal. The county residents who currently enjoy the park will lose this special amenity. And whatever happens to the lake, it will eventually trickle downstream. I will be happy to begin checking the water quality of Accotink Creek downstream of the lake to monitor the effects of this decision.
685	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Boating; Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Classes/Summer Camps; Community Events and Social Meetups; Biking; Bird Watching	I think it is a horrible idea. I think the lake should be dredged and kept as a community asset.

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686	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running	Please do not pursue the costly dredging. Please let nature take its course and reclaim it. Please do not use the taxpayer's money on this effort. Please use the taxpayer's money in more important and much-needed activities. Please let Lake Accotink be natural. ; Please disregard my previous written comment. It was sent by mistake. Please IGNORE!
687	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running	The people need to stop the water flow so it doesn't ruin the lake. Part of the costs should be paid for by huge fines levied on communities with runoff destroying the park; Dredge and continue use as it. Fine areas with improper run off. Going to waste the money on something else.
688	Somewhat Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running	No opinion
689	Somewhat Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Weekly	Picnicking; Boating; Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Fishing	Lake Accotink Park needs to be saved and maintained, including full lake dredging.
690	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Community Events and Social Meetups	I think Lake Accotink should naturally evolve into wetlands and resemble Huntley Meadows with a boardwalk to enjoy the area.
691	Not Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Time with family and/or friends; Community Events and Social Meetups	

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692	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Occasionally	Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Miniature Golf; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Fishing	Please Keep Lake Accotink as a recreational area/park setting. We do NOT need anymore housing, businesses etc, but we do need to preserve the open land and nature habitat.
693	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Rarely	Picnicking; Miniature Golf; Hiking/walking/running	I support the decision not to dredge the lake. Please allow it to return to wetlands. The cost is too high, the impact of trucks back and forth is a hardship for nearby residents, and there are not proven benefits to taxpayers. The area can still be used for recreation without dredging.
694	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Miniature Golf; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Community Events and Social Meetups; Biking; Carousel; Bird Watching	I agree with the staff recommendation. This estimated cost is staggering and the potential environmental impacts are concerning.
695	Not Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Rarely	Community Events and Social Meetups	Protect Environment and make it mandatory for HOAs, Civic Associations accountable for keeping sewer systems and creeks clean and report water contamination. There are 300 types of cancer, and we need to be proactive to reduce rise of unhealthy lifestyles. Provide incentives for senior citizens and physically challenged. Rainwater harvesting and dumping plastics, dry leaves, dead animals into sewer system, filtering system with reversed osmosis system to get clean drinking water, removing protruding trees, so capital investments could be encouraged. Activities that encourage cultural integration like smart entertainment centers, get more low-in or families participate Security Architect must include all stakeholders.



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696	Very Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends	Lake Accotink is a valuable asset to the county, not just to residents within walking distance but to those of us who drive there on a regular basis. Changing the lake to wetlands will affect the creek downstream of the dam. What studies have been done re downstream impacts?
697	Not Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Miniature Golf; Time with family and/or friends; Carousel	
698	Not Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Observing Natural Scenery; Picnicking	Fairfax County has limited resources, and though I will miss the lake the \$395 million price tag cannot be justified. The land can still be used for nature trails, biking, birdwatching, etc. Think of the possibilities the \$395 million could be used for instead- we could build an additional rec center with a swimming pool, nature center, etc and/or expand and update our existing rec centers!
699	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Dog Walking	Strongly agree not to spend almost \$400 million to dredge and maintain the lake. Out tax bills are already very high and increasing. Please allow the lake to revert back to its natural habitat wetland.
700	Very Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Weekly	Biking; Observing Natural Scenery; Hiking/walking/running; Time with family and/or friends	I think that the county took on the responsibility to maintain and keep Lake Accotink Park as a lake and park resource for local and entire county when they took over the land from the Federal gov't. Some of us live in townhomes and don't have access to large yards and living next to the park is a welcome diversion from the suburban sprawl. Having worked at the park as a volunteer I do know a little about the history. As I understand it, the county has postponed the the dredging of the lake many times well before 2016, promising to come back to the issue in the future. It looks like the county as it has on numerous occasions since the 70's, favors comercial and industrial interests more than community-based nature and environmental efforts.
701	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running	I think the dredging should be done

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703	Somewhat Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Playground; Time with family and/or friends	I don't think the recreational benefit of having the lake dredged warrants such a huge cost. The economic and ecological impact is too high. Also, the area can be enjoyed in it's new form if the lake changes or is lost.
704	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Bird Watching; Observing Natural Scenery	I support not dredging the lake. Hopefully, it will be a wetland like Huntley Meadows,
705	Very Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Daily	Boating; Bird Watching; Miniature Golf; Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Community Events and Social Meetups; Carousel; Hiking/walking/running	The Lake MUST be dredged. The voters have spoken loud and clear. I've carefully studied the recent report and all related documents and have attended every meeting. Unless everything presented to us over the past 4 years was grossly incompetent (in which case those involved should be fired), THE CURRENT STUDY IS A FRAUD. It is riddled with lies and inconsistencies with the public record on the Lake. DPWES has totally reversed course, ignored the public, dumped this report with no warning, and done so deliberately to deny opponents time to adequately review it or organize. After 3 years of dawdling by staff, we have 45 days to send in emails. Which they will ignore as they shove this down our throats. The fix is obviously in. They diddled while they let the lake fill in, and now they come back with the proposal they wanted all along.

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707	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Weekly	Boating; Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Playground; Time with family and/or friends	<p>The choice is not between dredging and doing nothing. There will be maintenance costs required even to turn it into a wetlands area, and Fairfax County must also remain in compliance with the Chesapeake Bay Protection Act.</p> <p>This is a disingenuous framing of the issue, as the total cost of \$395MM is weighed against an implied alternative of \$0, which is not accurate.</p> <p>Lake Accotink has been here for decades. I grew up here, moved away for school and early adulthood, and then came back. This area has so precious little going for it, why eliminate one of the natural charms that Springfield does have. Are you trying to chase away residents?</p>

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709	Very Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends	n/a
710	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Boating; Picnicking; Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Playground; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Community Events and Social Meetups; Biking	100% agree. The offline lake option was always a bad idea: the probability of embankment failure during large storms is too high. Dredging the lake to maintain the current footprint to a depth of 8' is too expensive, has too great of an environmental impact and is too disruptive.
711	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Community Events and Social Meetups; Time with family and/or friends	Fairfax County should NOT spend \$395 million to dredge the lake. How about initiating a master plan to ban developers from destroying the little land left by their building of either huge houses or overpriced multiunit dwellings. A few people get rich off these contracts while we, the majority, pay taxes for the demise of our precious land. No one talks about how such development drastically effects not only our public land, lakes, and streams, but also our personal properties that are not even necessarily in the immediate vicinity, but effected nonetheless.

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712	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Boating; Picnicking; Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days; Biking; Hiking/walking/running; Miniature Golf; Time with family and/or friends; Observing Natural Scenery	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Dredging can be deferred, but it can't be eliminated, else how can the County remain in compliance with the Chesapeake Bay Protection Act?</li> <li>2. Delaying dredging will only increase the ultimate cost and further burden our descendants.</li> <li>3. The truck traffic argument seems overstated since by my calculation, assuming 5 workdays per week, a 3 yr. base project and 50 workweeks per year, the estimated 50,000 truck trips amount to 67 per day vice the 95 cited, a mere 9% increase. This disproportionately impacts those living closest to the lake, but also benefits them the most.</li> <li>4. We are in a post-pandemic period of economic disruption with high inflationary costs. Our economy is not likely to remain in this condition for an extended period, most likely not through the completion of the base project, let alone the continuing effort.</li> <li>5. Lake Accotink is a treasure which we should protect for posterity.</li> <li>6. The sediment generated by human activity in our County is a responsibility we its citizens must bear, lest we create greater problems downstream.</li> <li>7. It's premature to scrap the dredging plan without a clear picture of the alternative and whether it addresses the concerns cited above.</li> <li>8. Has an environmental impact study been completed for the alternative? Does it address sediment flow to the Chesapeake Bay? Does it assess the public health impact of enlarging a mosquito breeding wetland during a period of rapidly warming climate, in one of the most populous (&amp; wealthiest) counties in the U.S.? How long will it take for the designed wetlands to reach its silt absorption capacity (surely its capacity isn't infinite) and what will that remediation plan cost?</li> </ol>
713	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends	I am not in favor of reinitiating the master planning process. The lake should be maintained, either in whole or in part as had been presented as options. If dredging the entire lake would be detrimental to the ecosystem of the park, then a broad stream along with a lake smaller than its original boundaries would be acceptable (I assume that is the offline lake option cited above).

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714	Somewhat Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Rarely	Picnicking	I agree with the position to not pursue the \$395 million full lake dredging effort or offline lake option.
715	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Occasionally	Boating; Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Fishing	I am disappointed in the decision to essentially abandon efforts to preserve the lake. I believe that it was a resource well worth preserving but hope that some effort will at least be put into preserving the park in some way. It is unfortunate that it has come to this but believe that the county council must accept some blame in the loss as the silting issue would not have gotten as bad as it is had the council used more restraint when allowing the rampant development that is the ultimate cause of the lake's demise. Yes development is necessary because of the increased tax revenue it generates but the cost to the environment must be considered as well. As a young man I caught my first fish at the lake as did my son, sadly it would appear that any future grandchildren will not have that opportunity. I can only hope that local government has learned a valuable lesson here but that seems unlikely.
716	Not Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Time with family and/or friends; Observing Natural Scenery	I grew up in the area, walking to the lake as a kid 30+ years ago. We live further away now but still frequently go back for hiking and walking. It's a fond childhood memory, would hate to lose it like everything else in this county.
717	Not Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Rarely	Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends	X
718	Very Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Time with family and/or friends	The county has determined that the (large amount of) money would be better spent on other park projects. I believe them and support the decision as long as there are guarantees that the money saved is indeed still spent on our parks and not just put in a "General Fund" where it is unaccounted for.

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720	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Boating; Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Fishing	
721	Not Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Rarely	Time with family and/or friends	I agree with the decision to not pursue the full lake dredging. I like the idea of turning it into a wetlands
722	Not Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake			
723	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Playground; Time with family and/or friends	I appreciate that they are being sensitive to the considerable cost. If there is something that is more economically appropriate and also good ecologically, I would've in favor of not dredging the lake; I appreciate that the county is been considerate the amount of money that Dredging would require. I would be in favor of developing a new plan that is more economically appropriate and still is very good for the environment
724	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Time with family and/or friends	Save the lake at all costs
725	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running	I agree that it's not worth the investment to continue dredging the lake. I think other options need to be considered.

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727	Somewhat Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Boating; Picnicking; Community Events and Social Meetups; Hiking/walking/running; Miniature Golf; Carousel; Playground; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends	It is so important to have a natural resource of this kind in Springfield. Lake Accotink is a crown jewel of the community, a major part of my childhood, and I dearly want to share it with my children someday. More than ever, young people are losing opportunities to spend time in nature and enjoy physical activities. I feel like with the current youth mental health crisis, places like Lake Accotink are more critical than ever. Please save the lake.
728	Not Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Daily	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Biking; Bird Watching; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends	I recommend ceasing dredging, but do not do anything that would immediately alter the level and flow of the stream above or below the lake. consider a much reduced dredging plan that would sustain a navigable stream for kayaking through a future wetland area.
729	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Playground; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Classes/Summer Camps; Community Events and Social Meetups; Biking; Carousel; Bird Watching	I agree that the cost is too high to continually dredge the lake. If it is not dredged I would hope that much of the cost savings from not dredging the lake would be put back into the park. I think lake accotink park would still be a great naturally resource to the community without the lake, especially if more funds are placed back into the park for things beside the lake.



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730	Somewhat Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Daily	Classes/Summer Camps; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching	I do not feel that the county has regard for the impacted community. Determining to forgo dredging with no viable and articulated future leaves nearby homeowners with no vision for this space and only a commitment to develop a plan. There is no consideration for home values or the impact to nearby homes. If a decision that was already made can be changed by a county employees what real commitment do the homeowners that will be most impacted have to ensure an appropriate resolution or support behind future decisions. This change feels like it was tried to slip through the cracks once interest died down after a large effort to keep the lake.
731	Somewhat Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Picnicking; Time with family and/or friends; Bird Watching; Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery	
732	Somewhat Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Daily	Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Dog Walking; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends; Observing Natural Scenery	Given significant changes in cost estimate, increased park use related to COVID, and revised information about impacts of dredging (sediment clearing and transport), a new master planning effort seems warranted. This should include increased public outreach to better communicate the process and recommended options to all county residents.
733	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Weekly	Picnicking; Boating; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends; Biking; Hiking/walking/running; Community Events and Social Meetups	I love walking around lake accotink, especially sunset it is so beautiful. It is my favorite time of the day. Watching birds and goose helps me de stress

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734	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Dog Walking; Playground; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends; Observing Natural Scenery; Boating	I support the county not dredging the lake. Research should go into the best approach to maintain and support the preservation of ecosystems and habitats that benefit the natural flora and fauna, and thus benefit human residents. Among other reasons to not dredge, the deposits of sediment in the lake very likely have pollutants and contaminants that would be re-released into the waterway and ecosystem if dredged and placed elsewhere. The plan to place spoils in other forested wetlands nearby damages the functioning of those critical wetlands, aka the dumping grounds.
735	Very Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Bird Watching; Community Events and Social Meetups	Since I have not seen the actual math used to arrive at the total, I have misgivings about making a decision blindly. I have also seen flaws and generalizations in the studies by the consultants. A third option is to have a more transparent briefing to the community before making this huge decision. One more period of delay is reasonable given the stakes. I cannot endorse this yes or no answer.
736	Very Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Dog Walking; Bird Watching; Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days; Picnicking; Fishing; Community Events and Social Meetups; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends	Save Lake Accotink; pursue the dredging efforts
737	Somewhat Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Time with family and/or friends; Observing Natural Scenery	Sounds like a lot of money.

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738	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Boating; Dog Walking; Time with family and/or friends	Has the county approached the Federal Government to cover the cost of this Infrastructure project? There's bound to be \$'s available from the \$1.5T that was allocated for rebuilding infrastructure. ; Have you approached the Federal Government about providing \$'s as part of the \$1.5T infrastructure legislation that was passed last year? Surely the VA Congressional delegation can free up \$'s for this.
739	Very Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Boating; Observing Natural Scenery; Hiking/walking/running; Bird Watching; Picnicking; Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days; Time with family and/or friends	Dredge it like the community told you last time... the budget doesn't support giving the county board a big fat pay raise but you did that anyway... not maintaining the park adversely impacts local communities of color in the immediate area that heavily use the park.
740	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Time with family and/or friends	I support dredging Lake Accotink — even if it means raising taxes in our area a bit to make that happen. This playground is too valuable to our community to lose. Save Lake Accotink!
741	Somewhat Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Picnicking; Community Events and Social Meetups; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Playground; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends	What is the Lake Accotink community without the lake?

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742	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Boating; Classes/Summer Camps; Community Events and Social Meetups; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Miniature Golf; Carousel; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends	I would like for there to be a lake there, but I also know that the expense is great. I would like further exploration to see if there is some form of compromise that can be made. I know that is not ideal, but I would like for the county to exhaust all options before not dredging the lake.
743	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Rarely	Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Hiking/walking/running	Stop spending money on dredging and let it become a wetland area.
744	Somewhat Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Rarely		
745	Not Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Rarely	Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Biking; Bird Watching; Observing Natural Scenery	This is the right course of action. Let's make the most of what nature has to offer!
746	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Classes/Summer Camps; Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends	I agree with this recommendation. Planning for a sustainable future of this space is important.
747	Somewhat Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Biking	Please do not dredge the lake, it is not a good use of funds and resources and would be a great disturbance and cause a lot of traffic. The master planning project should be re-initiated and public input should be sought.

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748	Somewhat Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Picnicking; Miniature Golf; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Community Events and Social Meetups	
749	Not Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running; Biking	
750	Not Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Time with family and/or friends	We must be good stewards of money and the environment. The \$395 million should be spent on other projects.
751	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Weekly	Fishing; Hiking/walking/running; Biking	As long as trails are still there I think this is ok
752	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Biking; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking	Too expensive a proposition. Maintain the nature based aspects, but dredging is too costly.
753	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Weekly	Dog Walking; Hiking/walking/running; Community Events and Social Meetups; Time with family and/or friends; Observing Natural Scenery; Boating; Biking	I think whatever is necessary to keep this park in our Fairfax county community. Whatever the park needs to stay in good shape and last more years and for future generations.
754	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Observing Natural Scenery	I agree with this recommendation and support preserving the park as a wetland habitat. I'd like trails maintained for continued hiking and biking around what is currently the lake and perhaps additional boardwalks built for wildlife viewing and/or a nature center.

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755	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Picnicking; Biking; Hiking/walking/running; Time with family and/or friends	Keep the lake!
756	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Playground; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Fishing	Based on changes in costs from initial plans, I think it makes sense.
757	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Bird Watching	I would still like to keep the full lake. I have found that a vista over a body of water is calming and interesting. We have our precious eagles and various ducks, and we could have geese return. The water itself is cooling in the summer. This lake has been one of the main attractions of the county.
758	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Weekly	Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends	
759	Not Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Occasionally	Biking; Hiking/walking/running	
760	Very Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery	I went to the meeting at King's Glen about the fate of the lake, and am in full agreement with the Fairfax County staff recommendation. I like the idea of a wetland, since, according to the experts, it's the most productive use of land that there is. I think the best thing to do is return the park to nature, by taking out the dam and having the stream flow as it used to, before the dam was built. There is no way the lake can be healthy for people or wildlife because of all the pollutants that flow into it; a flowing stream would be better for the park and its visitors.

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761	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Fishing; Time with family and/or friends	Save the Lake. Bodies of water create peaceful neighbors. Save the Lake.
762	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends; Observing Natural Scenery	I love the idea of letting the area become a wetland!
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764	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Rarely	Time with family and/or friends	
765	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Biking; Community Events and Social Meetups	The dredge costs of maintaining the lake will go on into perpetuity. Too expensive to maintain. \$ better used elsewhere.
766	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Bird Watching	Makes me very sad. We all know that it is good for our health to be near water, and there aren't many water places in Fairfax county that are affordable and accessible to all. And I also worry about what will happen to the wildlife if the lake disappears.

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767	Somewhat Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Daily	Community Events and Social Meetups; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Time with family and/or friends	<p>Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, My name is Ural Jones and I am a resident of Springfield. I am writing to express my strong support for keeping Lake Accotink as a reservoir and a park. Lake Accotink is a valuable natural resource that provides many benefits for our community. It offers recreational opportunities such as pedalboat rentals, mini-golf, picnic areas, and a lake for boating and fishing. It also serves as a habitat for wildlife such as fish, birds, turtles, and beavers. It enhances the beauty and quality of life in our neighborhood.</p> <p>According to a recent report by Fairfax County Park Authority, Lake Accotink was first built in 1940 by the U.S. Army as a freshwater reservoir for Fort Belvoir. However, due to intense development around the lake and in its watershed, it has shrunk to only 25% of its original capacity. If no action is taken soon, it will become a wetland by 2035. This will result in loss of recreational amenities, reduction of water quality, increase of flooding risks, decrease of property values, and negative impact on tourism.</p> <p>I urge you to vote in favor of dredging Lake Accotink or finding other solutions that will preserve its function as a reservoir and a park.</p> <p>This will ensure that our community can continue to enjoy the park's beauty for generations to come.</p>
768	Somewhat Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Time with family and/or friends; Observing Natural Scenery; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Picnicking	The lake will be missed by all those who enjoy the park. Financially reinitiating the planning process makes sense as the dredging costs are so high. Have alternative methods for preventing/limiting silt run off been examined? Is there any way to do work upstream to prevent so much silt from getting to the lake?
769	Not Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Biking; Hiking/walking/running; Miniature Golf; Time with family and/or friends	Options are not clear. Would the lake disappear? That would be bad.



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771	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running	
772	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Miniature Golf; Playground; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends	A wetland environment may be the best solution. Please don't lose this area as a natural resource. Not sold for development!
773	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Daily	Boating; Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days; Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Bird Watching	While the price tag is high, it seems to me that the value of preserving this natural habitat and recreational resource for our community is also extremely high. If we commit to maintaining the gains and preserve this valuable asset perhaps we can spare future generations another costly investment. I do not accept that the loss is inevitable and strongly encourage us to remember we have a choice in this moment; a choice that will impact generations to come.
774	Not Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Rarely		
775	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running	Backup at the dam is increasing. Dredging would help maintain the lake that serves a variety of purposes for the public's continued enjoyment
776	Not Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Rarely		

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778	Very Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Weekly	Boating; Picnicking; Classes/Summer Camps; Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days; Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Dog Walking; Miniature Golf; Carousel; Playground; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends	I am concerned about letting the lake filled with sediment that the county reports nobody wants to take in the removal process because it is a waste. The county remains responsible for managing waste. Even a less expensive partial dredge, and re-dredging would be responsible. The county at least needs to offer the opportunity for residents to vote on bonds to move forward with this project an option. Large amounts of money are currently invested in creating a safe bridge walkway over the dam area that floods. This is a complete waste of expenses if we do not plan to maintain the dam that was created.
779	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days; Bird Watching; Community Events and Social Meetups	
780	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends	
781	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends	The lake is very important to the greater community and it's so sad that bureaucracy caused major delays which led to the huge cost increase

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782	Very Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Daily	Boating; Classes/Summer Camps; Community Events and Social Meetups; Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Dog Walking; Playground; Carousel; Time with family and/or friends; Bird Watching; Observing Natural Scenery	Letting our Lake fill in, risking community life, home values and investments still does not solve the overall issue of sediment continuing to gravitate toward sea level. There must be a smarter solution to dissipate and control the whole path of nature. Wall to wall construction is also eliminating valuable land to absorb other rain water which create heavier movement downstream. Be innovative, FFX county!
783	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends; Observing Natural Scenery	I love that lake and would be sad if it didn't remain a lake. Not sure if dredging is the best option but definitely not a fan of filling it in.
784	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Boating; Fishing; Picnicking; Classes/Summer Camps; Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days; Community Events and Social Meetups; Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Dog Walking; Carousel; Miniature Golf; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends	
785	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Boating; Hiking/walking/running; Playground; Observing Natural Scenery; Biking	Pursue full lake dredging

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786	Not Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Biking	
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788	Not Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Rarely	Hiking/walking/running; Biking	
789	Very Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Daily	Boating; Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Miniature Golf; Playground; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Biking; Carousel; Bird Watching	There are doubts about the integrity of the Fairfax County staff. Lake Attotink, which is a treasure of Fairfax County and a legacy for future generations, should be promptly rescued.

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790	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Daily	Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Time with family and/or friends; Classes/Summer Camps	<p>My opinion is you don't know what you are doing. The factual basis for my opinion is also that you don't know what you are doing. You have NO plan except some vague gobbledegook about Lake Accotink gradually becoming a wetlands. You don't know if you're even going to need to buy marsh grass or anything else just to make it a respectable swamp; you have no money set aside for it, do you? Seriously, you've commissioned study after study on dredging instead of spending money on the actual lake. Why not commission a study by reputable, credentialed, and objective people to analyze the chances of Lake Accotink turning into a viable wetland instead of a mosquito-infested bog? The entire Board of Supervisors should be required to hear/read all the Q&amp;A on the issue and then make a list of all the specious, contradictory or ridiculous answers,* plus all the non-answers so beautifully couched in purple prose. It's not just a question of money; it's a question of what is best for the community AND the environment. It may not turn out to be the fanciful (and oh so cheap) wetlands you imagine. You mess this up, and you will end up spending far more than \$395 million in clean-up and fines.</p> <p>*Notably: 1) There will be more species of fish in the lake as it fills in with silt; those fish will eat the new mosquitoes that show up. 2) If we dredge the lake we won't be able to pay for flood damage to houses in other parts of the County. 3) We will definitely maintain the now broken Carousel and locked-up playground even if the lake goes away. (Well, I guess I believe that one. It's easy to maintain broken stuff.) #4-1000) you didn't leave enough space to write them all out.</p>
791	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Occasionally	Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Carousel; Playground	Return lake to a natural creek. The lake is filthy and complete wetlands would stink and breed mosquitoes.; Return lake to a natural creek. The lake as it is; is filthy. Wetlands would stink and breed mosquitoes.

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792	Very Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends	I concur with Fairfax County staff that the lake should be allowed to naturally become a wetland area. We do not need to force hundreds of millions of dollars into fighting the natural course of things. At the end of the day, the citizens of this area will value their funds going to combat the housing crisis, inflation, infrastructure, and other immediate concerns over yet another lake to visit. Monetary ramifications aside, the day-to-day human inconveniences of the sustained effort in combination with the extreme disturbance of the lake's existing ecosystem pales in comparison to the pros of the outcome.
793	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running	
794	Very Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running	This is an absurd waste of money.
795	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends	
796	Somewhat Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Boating; Picnicking; Community Events and Social Meetups; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking	This has been a favorite place that I've visited often, even when I moved out of the area.
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798	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Biking	I support the County staff's recommendation to not pursue the dredging. It seems like a waste of resources for a futile effort. My enjoyment of the park doesn't include any lake activities and I'm sort of interested in seeing what happens as the lake fills in (if I live that long).

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799	Very Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Weekly	Boating; Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Miniature Golf; Carousel; Playground; Time with family and/or friends	Another example of county ignoring the needs of less wealthier pockets of its governance. The lake is one of the few areas in central Springfield offering free family recreation and exposure to nature. It's more important here than McLean or Vienna where residents have more resources. Restore the lake. And forget about giving yourselves a 47% raise.
800	Not Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Rarely		
801	Very Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Weekly	Fishing; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Biking; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends	I think the County staff has put reasonable alternatives on the table. The cost of maintaining a fundamentally artificial lake indefinitely may be unreasonable given other competing community needs. The proposed alternatives maintain the Park and water features as a valuable community resource. I am open to the lake transitioning to a wet land.
802	Very Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Daily	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Community Events and Social Meetups; Bird Watching	Keep moving the original plan. Save the lake. More we wait - more expensive will become.
803	Very Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery; Biking; Bird Watching; Community Events and Social Meetups; Time with family and/or friends	Agree that maintaining a full depth lake is not financially nor practically feasible. The lake is artificial and we should let nature take back the area. Wetlands akin to Huntley Meadows would be more appropriate.

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804	Very Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Daily	Boating; Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery; Community Events and Social Meetups; Biking; Bird Watching	The Fairfax County Staff Recommendation is simply an opinion without any thorough, detailed analysis to support the recommendation. Fairfax County Staff on this project have zero experience with Wetlands and their Subcontractor, ARCADIS, has zero experience. After the decision to proceed with dredging of Lake Accotink, FCPA and DPWES have performed such a hasty retreat on that decision with limited and flawed analysis as presented at the 2/16/2023 Lake Accotink Dredging Meeting.. We started the Planning in 2018 and it is now 2023 and there is zero progress. FCPA and DPWES continue to use scare tactics of the number of trucks going thru Ravensworth Farm neighborhood except that you were using a pipeline to transport the silt. Chris Herrington/DPWES has only been in the job barely 2 years and has showed zero initiative to prevent all the silt coming into Lake Accotink. Back in 2018/19/20, there was discussion of sediment ponds/forebays to stop the silt down Accotink Creek into the Lake. Charles Smith states a forebay could not be constructed that would be large enough to reduce the amount of sediment captured by the lake – SHOW US THE ANALYSIS!! Be Transparent and show attention to detail. If the Lake is allowed to fill in, how will you control all the Invasive plants that will become even more troublesome than they are now at the top of the Lake? Have you even consulted with the Invasive Management Area Program? Will you remove the Dam to allow the creek to potentially continue to flow? If you keep the Dam, then add the Fish Ladder to support the American Eels which in turn supports the mussels. DPWES/FCPA stated it would be an environment issue to remove the 7 Acres of Trees at the Wakefield Maintenance Facility for de-watering the Silt, yet Fairfax County Board of Supervisors allowed 80+ ACRES to be destroyed/removed where the Training Center stood on Braddock Road. How was that justified?
805	Somewhat Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Boating; Picnicking; Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching	I think the staff has deliberately overestimated the costs of dredging and maintaining because the problem became "too hard" for them to handle. It should be dredged and brought back to life.



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806	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Biking; Picnicking	Agree. Significant amount of funds for a project that will not have lasting benefits. Better uses of those funds, as long as the trails and area are kept for outdoor enjoyment for everyone and a place to walk, bike, and be quiet.
807	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends	It is completely unreasonable to spend the initial cost, plus the continued maintenance of the project. I think we should let it return to a natural wetland area. Increased wildlife in the area will occur, so improve the trails or add a boardwalk area like Huntley Meadows. I think the more we try to not alter the normal course of nature, the more we can use wetland area for school field trips and education opportunities
808	Very Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Weekly	Boating; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Picnicking	Cost is way out of reach. Without dredging, the lake will still be available for a number of years as it gradually transitions to another form of nature. Dredging is way too disruptive to lake use and detrimental to the environment. Best to let nature run its course.
809	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends; Dog Walking	I agree with the revised proposal. We should make better use of our tax dollars than to prop up this dying lake. Let nature take its course. Eventually it will become another Huntley Meadows with habitats suitable for a great variety of species. The impacts on the community (no massive trucks hauling tons of debris for an undetermined period of time .. to be repeated every decade or less) would be significantly reduced. Be wise with our resources.
810	Somewhat Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Bird Watching	I'll definitely miss the lake, but I don't want to waste our financial and environmental resources on something that is just not going to work. I'd rather have a focus on making it a place people can continue to enjoy and native species can continue to thrive while appropriately stewarding taxpayer dollars. I love Huntley Meadows, and I definitely would not mind a Huntley Meadows 2, if that's where this is going.
811	Somewhat Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Dog Walking; Fishing; Boating	oppose
812	Somewhat Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running	I understand how nearby neighborhoods would be very disappointed to lose the lake but Huntley Meadows is a wonderful park and if that can be duplicated it would be an asset.

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813	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Rarely	Dog Walking	I've been a Fairfax County resident for 45 years and have always lived within 5 miles of Lake Accotink. I am a park enthusiast, I walk around a Fairfax County park at least once a week but I've visited Lake Accotink under 20 times in 45 years. It's never been a jewel of a lake. It's been run down for many many years now. Please do NOT spend our hard earned money on Lake Accotink. Let it go back to its natural state and use tax payer funds to increase raises for our hard working teachers, police, EMTS and firemen. We have plenty of other great lakes in the area! We don't need Lake Accotink as a lake anymore.
814	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Occasionally	Boating; Picnicking; Observing Natural Scenery	I need more information in order to form an opinion. I am concerned that there is such a discrepancy between the previous analysis and the current one.
815	Not Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Time with family and/or friends	Good idea.

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816	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Community Events and Social Meetups; Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days	A complex problem that began with the Army Corps of Engineers development of the lake decades ago. The rationale and public conversation for NOT dredging and instead creating a wetlands area, needs to include better explanations as to what will be flowing downstream from the current lake and how Accotink Creek heading south will accommodate that run-off, and emphasize the opportunities that will remain for the community's enjoyment. For example, Huntley Meadows is a beautiful park with lots to do. If the vision for Lake Accotink is similar, promote that.  I'd heard that a large part of the dredging cost is the requirement for the relocation of the silt out of Northern Virginia due to its metal contamination, if this is accurate, this needs to be better communicated so there's an understanding among community residents of the complexity. Sadly, with the many challenges facing Fairfax County, the old saying "You Can Lead a Human to Knowledge, But you Can't Make Him Think" applies here. Some residents will simply oppose everything that's outside of their narrative. So, bottom line, improve the communication content, and go with the wetlands approach.
817	Somewhat Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery	I support the recommendation to not dredge the lake. Dredging is too expensive and is not a long term solution; money would be better spent improving streams and controlling the runoff that is impacting the lake.
818	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Weekly	Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days; Hiking/walking/running; Playground; Observing Natural Scenery	Why would you start over? Save the lake

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819	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Boating; Fishing; Picnicking; Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days; Community Events and Social Meetups; Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends	<p>I believe you are trying to scare people by quoting such a high figure for the dredging. Your quote is an estimated amount over the period of many years! And there is already \$30 million allocated!! Why can't money be allocated to fix the problem at it's source and halt the silt washing in to the lake? Enforce and fine those parties that are responsible.</p> <p>More cost effective options need to be explored, such as dredging to a lesser depth (5 or 6 feet). This will allow families to still boat and fish on the lake.</p> <p>Other options also need to be explored to store and dry the silt.</p> <p>The lake is a haven for fish, birds and other wildlife, including nesting bald eagles. What happens to the eagles and herons once there are no longer fish available as their food source?</p> <p>We had to fight to save Lake Accotink years ago, money was allocated and now the County is backing out of it's promise to dredge. This is slap in the face to those of us that fought so hard to save the lake and consistently donate our time to keep the park clean. More needs to be done to save this beautiful lake.</p>
820	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Weekly	Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days; Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching	Very short sighted view from the committee. In 20 years we have no idea now this area will look. Numbers are skewed to make this look bad and vote against.
821	Somewhat Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Rarely	Hiking/walking/running; Bird Watching; Observing Natural Scenery	I support the proposed county plan to not dredge.
822	Not Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking	None

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823	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Rarely	Time with family and/or friends; Observing Natural Scenery; Carousel	
824	Very Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Miniature Golf; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends	I'd prefer money spent on restoring natural plant diversity in the area, allowing the wildlife to regain more resources. The lake should be allowed to revert to a stable marsh instead of trying to force it into a lake devoid of biodiversity.
825	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Occasionally	Boating; Fishing; Picnicking; Classes/Summer Camps; Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days; Biking; Playground; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching	I think this is a necessary investment into the future of a part that is not only an iconic family part for the region, but a refuge for wildlife. This is a gem that must be cared for to the full extent possible.
826	Not Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Picnicking; Time with family and/or friends; Biking	Excessive price
827	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Time with family and/or friends; Boating	Whatever you do, do not convert the lake or the land around it to residential or retail use! Keep it natural and free.
828	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running; Biking	Protect and preserve Accotink Creek while letting Mother Nature create a marshland.

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829	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Daily	Fishing; Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Dog Walking; Volleyball; Miniature Golf; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends; Boating	The only thing they need o do is give the lake an uplift. Not replace anything
830	Very Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Occasionally	Time with family and/or friends	I dont think the county has done enough analysis to come up with a sustainable option for the dredging material. This could eliminate some of the costs. I also would suggest the county get bids on the costs before they tell people what they think the total costs are. A professional dredging company would be the best to identify that. During the meeting at the school in W. Springfield, the team admitted they made miscalculations. Why would we trust they know how to calculate this appropriately. I provided multiple options for the dredging material through a cokmpany called Harbor Rock. What about Benchmarking with Baltimore? no one has done that either.
831	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Daily	Hiking/walking/running; Fishing; Observing Natural Scenery	The lace, and the trail from Daventry (Old Keene Mill Road) to the Lake are a wonderful and important part of my retired life. PLEASE preserve the Lake.
832	Not Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Biking; Hiking/walking/running; Playground; Time with family and/or friends	This is fine to me. Our kids generally just like that there is a small beach area and recreating around the lake rather than in It, so dredging feels needless
833	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Dog Walking; Classes/Summer Camps	Very disappointed in our elected officials

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834	Very Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Playground; Time with family and/or friends; Observing Natural Scenery; Community Events and Social Meetups	dredging is not an environmentally or economically sustainable solution. I agree with the staff recommendation. Let it return to a more natural wetland/stream complex. This is a win win solution for tax payers and nature.
835	Somewhat Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Time with family and/or friends	Do not spend this kind of money for this project.
836	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Carousel; Playground; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Classes/Summer Camps	I do not think that these should be mutually exclusive activities. I understand there is a large cost and environmental impact to dredging but without being shown an alternative I cannot say (and we as a county should not say) that we are opposed to the dredging. We should develop a task force/planning process to evaluate options and then gather community input. It is premature to completely nix a dredging effort when we don't know what an alternative will look like or will cost.
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838	Not Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Weekly	Biking	I agree with the FF County staff decision ; I agree with FF county staff decision
839	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends	If Lake Accotink dries up, how will that effect water run-off areas after heavy rains and snow melts?

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840	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Bird Watching; Carousel; Biking; Classes/Summer Camps; Time with family and/or friends; Observing Natural Scenery; Playground; Miniature Golf; Hiking/walking/running; Picnicking	Dredge it all
841	Not Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Observing Natural Scenery; Playground	Would the park just become a wetland if it is not dredged? Maybe half could be dredged and the other half left to become a wetland.
842	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Monthly	Boating; Fishing; Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Miniature Golf; Carousel; Playground; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends	I realize the cost of the dredging seem rather high. However, the lake is a community treasure and should somehow be preserved. Could the height of the dam be raised to increase the water level? I think something should be done.
843	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Community Events and Social Meetups; Biking; Bird Watching	I really love the idea of a managed wetland. It'll provide so much habitat for native species, which in turn will provide a lot of enrichment value to the community. I imagine a park like Huntley Meadows, which is such a treasure for the Northern Virginia area (and for the wildlife that are eking out a life here).
844	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Monthly	Boating; Picnicking; Dog Walking; Playground; Observing Natural Scenery; Carousel; Time with family and/or friends	Could it be like Huntley Meadows? Boardwalks, easy to travel trails, rest areas.



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846	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running	I am sick of the run off - it constantly overflows onto the downstream trails. It's man made- let man undo what he has created- it's not natural.
847	Not Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Bird Watching	If the lake is not dredged, it seems that the area will change into a wetland park similar to Huntley Meadows, which is a wonderful place to hike and take in the birds and other fauna and flora.

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848	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Time with family and/or friends; Bird Watching; Observing Natural Scenery; Playground; Dog Walking; Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days; Classes/Summer Camps; Community Events and Social Meetups	Please keep this lovely natural space which provides enjoyment to so many county residents.
849	Somewhat Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Rarely	Hiking/walking/running	I don't use the lake for fishing or boating but feel it would take away the enjoyment for some. Hard to imagine what the lake would look like if was not dredge. There were times during the pandemic we I would eat my lunch there, very peaceful.
850	Not Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Rarely	Picnicking; Classes/Summer Camps; Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Carousel; Playground; Time with family and/or friends	
851	Not Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Biking; Boating	My concern is the costs are artificially inflated to change the outcome of the decision. Selective presentation of the numbers to prove a point. My concern is the no dredge option will flood downstream trails and result in unforeseen damages. The county spends \$\$\$ on everything else but they do not want to maintain the lake.
852	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Biking	I'm concerned that if the lake is not dredged it will continue to fill and will eventually not be a lake. To lose the lake and dam would be a huge loss for the community.

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853	Somewhat Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Time with family and/or friends; Biking	I am in favor of stopping the dredging of Lake Accotink. Plans should include high-quality and accessible-for-all-ages bike-friendly trails and improvements to access points around the entire park for people biking and walking to the park.
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855	Somewhat Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends	Staff recommendation sounds wise. In this era of climate change, often atypical precipitation events or droughts, need to reduce greenhouse gases, that recommendation works with the environment not against it. Other communities are giving up on maintaining costly non natural waterbodies in favor of beautiful native wetlands. We love Huntley Meadows.
856	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Fishing; Biking; Bird Watching	Knowing a little about watershed management and lake eutrophication I am imagining that the lake would become more of a wetlands/marsh environment ,which would be fine, you would just have to limit some activities on the lake itself. It would also limit the catchment basin for storm runoff. Be managed more like Huntley Meadows Park I'm guessing.
857	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running; Time with family and/or friends; Community Events and Social Meetups; Biking; Picnicking; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching	

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858	Very Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Community Events and Social Meetups; Biking; Bird Watching	I believe the staff recommendations are short sighted. The county is filling in with more residential and businesses, which impacts the wildlife and the environment. The county appears to have more pavement than grass and wooded areas which absorb the water and keeps the overall environment cooler. With Climate Change being one of the Federal Governments top priorities, why isn't Fairfax County following suit? Within Fairfax County, I can only think of three large public lake parks: Accotink, Burke, and Fairfax. All three large lakes are wonderful and unique. Accotink as some paved paths and unpaved all around the lake, lots of shade, bald eagles, and a damn. Burke is fully paved around the lake, lots of grass areas to play sports, and floods every time it rains. Fairfax has the waterpark, a camping site, a skateboard park, and you cannot walk around the whole lake there's no trail. I believe the county should find the funding to keep Lake Accotink as a lake and not take the easy route to turn it into a wetland. We only have three large public lakes in the county, why does the county want to eliminate lakes?
859	Somewhat Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends	I have concerns such s potential flooding in nearby neighborhoods, hazards to humans, pets & wildlife caused by mud filling in lake. Debris will continue to wash into the creek and into the park. Where will tax dollars be reallocated?
860	Not Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Time with family and/or friends; Observing Natural Scenery; Classes/Summer Camps; Community Events and Social Meetups	

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861	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends; Observing Natural Scenery; Community Events and Social Meetups	I support the opinion.
862	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Weekly	Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days; Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Observing Natural Scenery; Community Events and Social Meetups; Time with family and/or friends; Carousel; Playground	Damned if do dredge (cost, environmental impact of pipeline and tree removal), damned if do not dredge (loss of lake and all its amenities, environmental impact of no more lake).
863	Not Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Rarely		
864	Not Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Boating; Fishing; Hiking/walking/running; Bird Watching; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends	I think the best solution is to dredge the lake today so it can be enjoyed for years to come. By delaying this process you are only causing a more expensive problem later. The lake is a valuable asset to our community and increases the collected value of our homes. Take the plunge and dredge now. :-)

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866	Very Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Occasionally	Boating; Picnicking; Miniature Golf; Playground; Time with family and/or friends; Biking; Carousel	I support a smaller lake but not as deep as the dredged lake would have been
867	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Time with family and/or friends	while it is an incredibly difficult decision - no one wants the lake to go away, it is not in the best interest of county taxpayers or the environment to save the lake.
868	Somewhat Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Weekly	Dog Walking; Fishing; Community Events and Social Meetups; Boating; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends	It is horrible! We just bought a home here SPECIFICALLY because of the lake. We do not want a marsh in lieu of a lake. It is the County's responsibility to deal with silt due to all of the homes and other construction it approves in the county. We are livid and will continue to fight this bait and switch!

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869	Very Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends	The recommendation and upcoming board meeting should not be a yes or no vote. It should be a vote to PAUSE and properly evaluate the economic, environmental, lifestyle, and health, impacts to the residents, county, state and bay if we do nothing. We don't know the alternative and consequences. In any case if the lake is not dredged, money earmarked by the county already for this dredge should be used to preserve the recreational and real estate benefits of having a park at this location. Plus regular costs of cleaning up the accumulated garbage every month
870	Not Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Weekly	Biking; Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching	The Lake Accotink Park is our most beloved weekend destination. My husband and i try to stay in the neighborhood with walking and running, bird watching and just getting this deep breath. i can not imagine how the area will change but i am very concerned that our nature retreat will disappear. The park lives from the lake views and the lake in general. I think Springfield really needs this retreat for people living here.

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871	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Community Events and Social Meetups; Dog Walking; Time with family and/or friends; Observing Natural Scenery	<p>Before deciding - I'd like other approaches/studies be done and considered :</p> <p>*Proposed Study 1. Impact of Not Dredging Lake :</p> <p>On- environment&amp; wildlife, residential/commercial property around &amp; down hill of lake from potential water damage, reduced property values, (including support funding for owners whose property now floods regularly)</p> <p>reduced tourism from locals &amp; out of area visitors &amp; impact on local businesses from reduced income.</p> <p>** Proposed Study 2:</p> <p>Positive Fiscal Impact for Maintaining Lake-</p> <p>On: environment/wildlife but also maintaining or improving property values so county gets same \$&amp; likely more tax \$revenue, on maintaining or increasing local tourism so local business get same or more tourism \$dollars and so county gets their share of that</p> <p>(Note my understanding from NS townhall 3/21 is that such A positive fiscal Impact study was done for the Cheapeake Bay clean up that proved financial advantage to spending large amount of money invested to clean up Chesapeake)</p> <p>*** Proposed Study 3:</p> <p>Look at what is being done or could be done to manage creeks &amp; rivers upstream that are causing Lake Accotink to fill-up.</p> <p>And to fill up quicker thanbefore.</p> <p>And how to make those sources accountable for damage down stream &amp; request appropriate action to mitigate that or atleast slow it down.</p> <p>And look in to potential other available state funds for this waterway restoration- that could be tapped in to and used for that.</p> <p>So perhaps proposed future dredge might not be as bad &amp; cost as much as estimated or have to be redone as often as projected.</p> <p>I thank you sincerely for doing your due diligence and looking ; I am concerned decision is based on a seemingly one sided study.</p> <p>Before deciding - I'd like other approaches/studies be done and considered :</p>



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872	Very Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Bird Watching; Community Events and Social Meetups; Carousel; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Dog Walking; Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days; Picnicking	Concur. Do not dredge. Make it more like Huntley Meadows, better for birds, wildlife, and people. Most users use trails, and not boats anyways.
873	Somewhat Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Weekly	Picnicking; Fishing; Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Dog Walking; Carousel; Boating; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends	

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874	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Boating; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery; Biking	As backdrop, Ffx Co Board of Supervisors just voted themselves 30% pay raise. Meanwhile, Accotink watershed project is continuing into 2024 for benefit of watershed and Accotink Lake that FC staff are recommending not dredging and will infill. The directors of Watershed Improvement project apparently are not talking to FC staff or vice-versa. Why bother with Watershed improvement if it is determined the lake will infill anyway- the very definition of moneyed bureaucracy that doesn't know or coordinate "what each hand is doing". And on OUR tax dollars, mind you. It seems BOS needs to take a 30% PAY CUT, and actually coordinate environmental efforts in their and our backyards. For 90% of my life, and for more than four decades, I've lived in 5 mile or less proximity of this lake. To let it infill after all these decades when board members vote themselves huge pay raises as reward for lack of coordination on environmental issues in our area, on MY DIME AND DOLLAR, while allowing a true local resource and asset to waste away is a travesty of lack of leadership and vision on a scale I can scarcely imagine or articulate. The lake didn't infill overnight. Where has the long legacy political and public leadership been to meet these needs NOW? For context, meanwhile, the \$100 million Ffx Govt Ctr. monument to itself stands proud and sustaining... It's all about priorities, right? BTW when the lack of lake in my community that has always been there in my lifetime tanks my property value, is that same Ffx govt going to continue to ruthlessly raise my real estate taxes every year for another round of their pay raises and failure to coordinate taxpayer-funded environmental efforts? How will I be directly compensated for the loss, and is that even possible? Think hard on this one. More than "just curious" to be sure. Signed, The Powerless Taxpayers in Springfield...
875	Very Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Dog Walking; Biking; Hiking/walking/running; Classes/Summer Camps; Boating; Picnicking; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends	The lake should be dredged.

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877	Very Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Monthly	Fishing; Community Events and Social Meetups; Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days; Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends	I understand the cost of dredging is way too expensive, but the cost of doing nothing is infinitely higher. We lose a wonderful resource used by the entire community, wildlife suffers and so do people that use the lake for recreation. Please keep the lake, even in some modified capacity like lake and wetlands.
878	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Bird Watching; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Community Events and Social Meetups; Picnicking	I'm not opposed to the lake becoming a wetland, but I think it should have a boardwalk like Huntley Meadows if this happens so that the public can enjoy intimate viewing of the wildlife.
879	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Picnicking; Boating; Hiking/walking/running; Playground; Time with family and/or friends; Observing Natural Scenery; Community Events and Social Meetups; Biking; Bird Watching	You need to find a way to conserve the lake. I wonder how it is possible that Lake Barcroft is fine and maintained as a lake but not Lake Accotink that is in a community that is not as wealthy. Also I am Latino and there are many people that visit the lake from many different cultures. It is a significant gathering place for diverse cultures and we would lose the significance if the lake is not there. I like that my kids grew up kayaking in the lake and gathering there for long walks and runs. It is a shame we cannot figure out how to maintain the lake in the same year we spent significant funds to raise the salaries of the board of supervisors! How is it lakes are maintained in wealthier parts of the county and not at Lake Accotink? And finally I want to share that your reports to the community are not easy to understand. I feel it is made complicated so we cannot fully interact with the county on the subject - and I have a Master's Degree. I feel disempowered talking or interacting with you on this subject.

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880	Somewhat Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Rarely	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery	The county should not spend this amount of money to preserve a man made lake. Allowing it to return to its natural wetlands state is the most logical and sound environmental choice.
881	Very Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Weekly	Playground; Bird Watching; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Hiking/walking/running	I am not in favor of this recommendation.
882	Somewhat Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Fishing; Biking; Bird Watching	We taxpayers can't continue to foot the bill for all the surveys, studies and so called improvements to our parks. Unless you are going to reduce our RE taxes and personal property taxes in exchange for reducing maintenance and upkeep at the Lake.
883	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Boating; Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Bird Watching	Everything costs mire since the pandemic. DREDGE the lake despite the rising costs. You don't know what the economy is going to be down the road. It is too valuable to let it dry up. If this lake was in McLean or Great Falls it would be dredged. Just like Huntley Meadows this I lake is in A LOWER ECONOMIC AREA. That is the real reason or your decision.; TERRIBLE, this county finds money for all sorts o things. FIND THE MONEY; Too quickly this decision was made. Dredge the lake now and use the next five years to find alternative solutions.
884	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Boating; Classes/Summer Camps; Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Miniature Golf; Carousel; Playground; Time with family and/or friends; Observing Natural Scenery	I love crossing the lake on the VRE trains in my commute to and from work. Whatever the outcome I hope it remains a beautiful spot in some form or another. Thank you for your work on this issue.
885	Not Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Rarely		

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886	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Weekly	Picnicking; Boating; Biking; Dog Walking	Would like the lake to remain a lake, not wetlands.
887	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Bird Watching; Observing Natural Scenery	I agree with the recommendation to not dredge. Dredging will do more to harm the environment and will not be a one time event, as we know from past dredgings. In all my years in the park, I have never been on the lake and have seen few, if any, boaters on the lake. I see many people using the trails and enjoying others activities around the body of water and as a wetlands, it should provide a valuable habitat for many flora and fauna.
888	Very Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Daily	Boating; Fishing; Picnicking; Classes/Summer Camps; Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days; Community Events and Social Meetups; Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Dog Walking; Miniature Golf; Carousel; Playground; Basketball/Paved Court; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends	I think as long as you are 100% transparent you will get way less pushback than you've been getting. This could be a team effort but right now it feels as though you have had some sort of alternative, unknown agenda. You could start mending the relationship between the county government and the residents by fixing the playground at Lake Accotink. We haven't had full use of the trail because of construction and we haven't had use of the playground for even longer because of neglect. I think you should also outline the master planning process for everyone so we know what to expect and when.
889	Very Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days; Bird Watching; Observing Natural Scenery	I support the county's decision to not dredge the lake. From an ecological perspective, a wetland will serve the most diverse wildlife and bird population. It also is not ecologically friendly to cut down 7 acres of forest to dry the dredge material.
890	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Daily	Hiking/walking/running; Biking	More studies are a waste of time. Doing what has already been done is a waste of money. It's going to cost bond money one way or the other, either now or later. If proper maintenance had been done in the first place, we wouldn't be faced with such a bill.

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891	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends	I have enjoyed the lake for 40 years. There are lots of problems maintaining the lake, and I'm open to alternatives. If there is a better, cheaper option, I could support it. But it seems that we're being asked to give up the lake and take it on faith that something better will be presented. I'd like some assurance of follow-through on the planning, and some kind of commitment of funding.
892	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Rarely	Boating; Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends	I have enjoyed going to this lake and feel sad that it seems that dredging is not an option and so the lake will not be there any longer. HOWEVER, it is still a wonderful destination for many people. So I envision that skilled biologists and other scientists will look closely at the existing animal life and design a wetland that will give them a habitat to exist in. Perhaps a network of boardwalks amid marshy areas so that kids can observe the animals and birds up close. Is there any chance that the area could be restored to what used to be there before the lake and dam were constructed. Was there originally a creek? If so, could a creek be reconstructed? I realize that it could not be reconstructed exactly, but could a creek be included? So do you take out the dam and drain the lake? Yes, and then make something pretty, something that would attract all sorts of animals and birds, something that would attract people who, in this time of continuing covid, need a place to recreate.
893	Somewhat Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Daily	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends	I am disappointed in the recommendation not to dredge Lake Accotink and urge the Board to pursue every available option to save the lake, which is so important to people in the community and beyond.
894	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Biking	Support the County's decision to let the sediment fill in the lake and convert the area to wetlands.
895	Somewhat Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Miniature Golf; Carousel; Bird Watching; Observing Natural Scenery	Concerned that park will deteriorate; enjoyed the lake; worried about future - but hope for a environmental and recreational solution

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896	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Weekly	Picnicking; Dog Walking; Hiking/walking/running	I am disappointed that the County staff so desperately wants to not dredge the lake that they manipulate a cost estimate to sway their case. I agree with a number of Supervisors who requested further analysis to make their decision to include a better assessment and context for traffic and possible disposal methods. One area not addressed is how the County will meet its clean water act requirements to reduce sediment loading going towards the Chesapeake without the built in benefit of the dam. That cost is not included in the current assessment.
897	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Biking; Bird Watching; Boating	I love walking around Lake Accotink and having such a great outdoors resource so close to my house. Seeing all the birds; great blue herons, egrets in the summer, woodpeckers, cardinals, etc. adds a lot of pleasure to my walk. I want to have to Lake preserved as a lake. If it becomes a swamp the herons won't have a home and there will be lots of misquitos.
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899	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends	
900	Not Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Monthly	Biking; Hiking/walking/running; Playground; Bird Watching	Make sense. That is very expensive
901	Not Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking	I agree.
902	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching	Folks -- it's a no-brainer...we, in the county, are still on the hook for the Lorton Arts enter mess... now, we're proposing tieing down large amounts of funding instead of maintaining marginal (but good) wetlands. And, yes, maybe more mosquitoes, but more bio-diversotiy.
903	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends	I agree with the recommendation not to dredge the lake. I would enjoy the park as a wetland area. The bike/walking path is the most important "infrastructure" to my family.

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904	Very Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Boating; Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Community Events and Social Meetups; Bird Watching	We voted for dredging. Money must have been put aside for this project. Now I guess you want to use the money for something else. I want to know what, exactly. I want to know if the county is going to sell the land and turn it into something they can tax, houses, condos, industrial space. You already sold that track that runs along the railway. Are you just going to sell out the people who put you in office? I vote. We all do. You might want to consider that.
905	Very Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Weekly	Boating; Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Carousel; Bird Watching	Lake Accotink is a man-made natural beauty, that once lost, cannot be recovered. The proposal to dredge over 25 years would cost, on average, about \$16 million a year. A relatively small financial impact in a county as prosperous as Fairfax. however, i feel the planning board has not explored all possibilities. Since the two streams flowing into the lake deposit a good portion of the silt, why could we simply divert the streams around the lake. Burke lake does not have the silting problem like Accotink because it does not have streams flowing into the lake. Another solution would be to dig two holding ponds on the streams (before they reach the lake) to catch the silt and allow the clean overflow to enter the lake. Then you only have to dredge the holding ponds. Question: has anyone priced the construction of appropriate storm drains? If the Board of Supervisors allows Lake Accotink to dry up and die, it will go down as one of the most short-sighted and irresponsible civic decisions in this county's history.
906	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Bird Watching	I wholly support the decision not to dredge. I didn't support full dredging previously. Allowing the park to revert to a wetland would be lovely. Another Huntley Meadows!
907	Not Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Rarely	Fishing; Classes/Summer Camps; Hiking/walking/running; Playground; Time with family and/or friends	Na



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908	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Fishing; Carousel	Re-envision through master planning with river corridor health, sustainability, and resilience in mind.
909	Very Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Rarely	Dog Walking; Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Bird Watching	I agree. Dredging is entirely too expensive given other needs in our community and there are serious environmental impacts.
910	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Occasionally	Picnicking; Classes/Summer Camps; Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Basketball/Paved Court; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Playground	
911	Somewhat Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Bird Watching	I used to visit Huntley Meadows park weekly when I lived in Alexandria, peaceful, loved the gift shop and enjoyed the walk, always something new to see, a simple oasis in a crazily developing county. Would enjoy a similiar experience at Lake Accotink, which evidently, is really not a lake. Wildlife would thrive and give them an opportunity to pause. We have so many other vital uses for the money that Fairfax County would save in not dredging this "lake". A portion could be shared with many of the parks in FC that need repair, upkeep and modification so that many more could enjoy the freedom of a park.

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912	Somewhat Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Weekly	Boating; Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days; Hiking/walking/running; Playground; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Biking; Fishing	<p>Seems that should be a way to find a solution to preserve the lake, rather than throw our hands up and say "sorry, can't do it". So many parts of this the County seems to have just accepted reasons not to make it work.. Can't do processing under the power lines at Wakefield? How about south of Braddock Rd.? How about actual talking to Dominion and figuring out a way forward instead of just accepting "no"?</p> <p>Have studies been done on the actual impact of creating a wetland instead of a lake, to the surrounding community and the health of the watershed? I haven't seen one.</p> <p>We've accepted this exceptional cost increase in estimates from \$20-25 million to hundreds of millions? How is this possible, this reeks of incompetence. It would seem like if a primary problem is the processing of dredge product, and it can't be done in the power line right of way, purchasing an industrial property adjacent to the main park entrance for a few million and using that as the dredge processing area would be feasible?</p> <p>I don't understand the unwillingness to find solutions. There only appears to be a willingness to find problems and not resolve them in this situation.</p> <p>Unfortunately, I have no faith that those currently handling this process - especially after the wild increase in budget requirements - will be capable of resolving this problem. Someone new needs to be found that is willing to look at this problem with an eye to creating a solution to keep the lake.</p>
913	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Weekly	Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends; Observing Natural Scenery; Dog Walking; Hiking/walking/running	I do not know enough to comment on that opinion
914	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly		

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915	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Dog Walking; Community Events and Social Meetups; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends	At this point the dredging is unsustainable. Our community can use those funds in so many other ways. And a wetland will be a beautiful and environmentally positive in the area.
916	Very Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Daily	Hiking/walking/running; Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days; Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Community Events and Social Meetups; Biking; Bird Watching	<p>Terrible.</p> <p>IMO staff(s) want to kill the dredging.</p> <p>FCCA presented doing away with the lake when this started. Shifting the funding to the county (water management folks -which is IMO the right funding source) seems to have followed the same path now. BUT what has insued is continously and seemingly Endless stirring a pot of alternatives and coming up with increasing and IMO exaggerated costs (regarded or represented as larger, better, or worse than in reality).</p> <p>Beyond all the emotional desires to keep a lake vs just letting the silt 'fill it in" there is an unaddressed issue that being stemming the flow of runoff into the watershed and also the erosion of the watercourses. IMO the lake serves to stem the flow of sediment into the bay. If the \$395M over 25 years is accurate surely the cost benefit of sediment trapping can be estimated as a component of that cost. And the corollary (a proposition that follows from (and is often appended to) one already proved) is what is the cost of sediment abatement, with and without the lake, over the next 25 years.</p> <p>To conclude this comment, many users of the lake feel betrayed by the way this has unfolded. It is a sad state of affairs when a prosperous county with so many talented and innovative individual and corporate residents cannot come up with a reasonable cost effective path to stop the sedimentation problem and thereby also keep a prize resource that has become part of our ornamental necklace of nature (albeit a man-made lake) in Fairfax County.</p> <p>We can do much better.</p>

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917	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running	I absolutely agree with Fairfax County's recommendation to NOT pursue the dredging effort. As I walk around the lake, I have often thought that the lake area wants to return to its natural state as a stream. I believe the trails, particularly as they veer away from the lake, along the natural stream valley area, are truly beautiful. I appreciate the detailed studies and process that the County has undertaken. Many thanks to Supervisor Walkinshaw for his leadership and understanding the burden to the taxpayers is too much. While I understand the "lake" is important to the adjacent property owners/neighbors, the expectation should not be that the taxpayers in the County should pay this exorbitant amount of money for a facility that should be allowed to return to its natural stream valley state.
918	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Bird Watching; Observing Natural Scenery	I agree with the county's assessment of the situation. We should not invest that kind of money into dredging the lake. Allow the lake to become a wetland area like Huntley meadows. The county should focus its money on up stream restoration projects. This should reduce the amount of silt that accumulates in the lake.
919	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery	Dredge it, keep the lake
920	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Miniature Golf; Observing Natural Scenery	I agree with not dredging and letting it be a protected wetlands. The lake is not great for boating anyway but it is a beautiful area with diverse wildlife. I think there are a lot of better things to do with that amount of money
921	Somewhat Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Time with family and/or friends; Hiking/walking/running	I think it is a prudent decision given the costs of the project. The land should be kept as a park. If it is possible to turn Lake Accotink park into a wetlands park, similar to Huntley Meadows, that would be a great option.
922	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Boating; Observing Natural Scenery	This is not a wise use of taxpayer dollars. The manmade lake has served its purpose and allowing it to change to a wetland area is a responsible decision. Those funds can be allocated to other more pressing needs in our county, like infrastructure and emergency services.

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923	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Daily	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Time with family and/or friends; Fishing; Biking; Bird Watching	May cost a few more dollars to keep the park and the lake but the enjoyment of a full lake offers the benefits of comfort, social well being, community not only to the neighbors of the lake but to other county residents who frequent the lake on evenings and weekends. It is a huge mental, physical and social icon for the people of Fairfax County, Keep the lake!
924	Very Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Occasionally	Boating; Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Miniature Golf; Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery	I live a mile away and I used to take my daughter there all the time. She is now grown and has a home with her back yard adjacent to the park. The end of her street connects with the bike trail. How can we lose this over money, with all the taxes we pay? I know some places actually sell the dredged material. An example is Baltimore. Also isn't this big price of \$395 million over 20 years? Save the lake!
925	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Monthly	Boating; Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Time with family and/or friends	I do not support the recommendation. As a resident of over 30 years, I believe Fairfax County can come up with a solution that will save the lake and park.
926	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Rarely	Picnicking; Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends	I agree with the recommendation. The \$395 million cost exceeds the benefit obtained. This money would be better spent on lowering the real estate tax for county homeowners.
927	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Picnicking; Bird Watching	I am 72. I have loved going to the lake for the 40+ years that I have lived close by. I hope that some solution can be found to save Lake Accotink. If that can't be done, I hope that a hiking/biking park can be still be left standing.
928	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running	I agree with the Fairfax County recommendation to not pursue the \$395 million full lake dredging effort or offline lake option and instead reinstate the master planning process to develop a community vision for the future of the park.
929	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Rarely	Hiking/walking/running; Bird Watching	I agree with the Fairfax County staff that we should return the lake into a wetland area and provide more trails and educational opportunities.

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930	Somewhat Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Boating; Fishing; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Bird Watching	Seems to me there has to be a mid-point approach to preserving fishing and boating opportunities. The County should not present just a \$395 million option. Find a compromise solution to allow boating and fishing options. Where is the creativity? Federal grants? State grants? Private corporate funding? Donations? Proffered contributions? Will take multiple funding sources over an expanded timeframe- don't give up. How did the County miss the estimated cost so badly? Haven't heard a reasonable explanation.
931	Very Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Daily	Hiking/walking/running	I'd like to know if there are other things which can be done to slow down the silt entering the lake.
932	Very Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Miniature Golf; Carousel; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends; Picnicking	It is heartbreaking to see what unfettered development has done to the health of our streams and watersheds. Climate change is further exacerbating poor land use decisions. Dredging, and the carbon emissions that come along with the truck traffic, would be one more terrible land use decision, not to mention the poor financial decision. Please do not dredge the lake. I support staff's recommendation to NOT dredge.
933	Not Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Rarely	Hiking/walking/running	I think that the current county officials in charge of this project are reluctant to do anything currently proposed, possibly due to this being an election year
934	Somewhat Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Monthly	Boating; Community Events and Social Meetups; Hiking/walking/running; Miniature Golf; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends	I'm not sure about my opinion on this. Overall I would like to continue boating at accotink and if the only way to do that is dredging than I'm for it
935	Not Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Time with family and/or friends	I don't trust anything the board of supervisors says so screw them! They are a bunch of idiots

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936	Very Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Fishing; Bird Watching	in 1984 and 2008 were not disruptive to the neighborhood. Trucks go from the lake to Braddock or Backlick roads not through the entire community. Letting Lake Accotink turn to a wet land swamp would be devastating to the wild life in and around the lake as well as creating a massive breeding ground for mosquitos . The county has wanted to divest itself of Lake Accotink for a long time and spend the \$395 million on overcrowding and the increased tax base it would create.

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937	Somewhat Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Rarely	Hiking/walking/running	As a taxpayer, I feel the cost and environmental impact is too high and a wetlands solution more practical
938	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Boating; Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Playground; Time with family and/or friends; Observing Natural Scenery; Classes/Summer Camps; Community Events and Social Meetups; Carousel	We do NOT want a wetland/swamp. We DO need public land. Community/athletic/senior center in upland area with no threat of flooding. Soccer, etc., fields and parkland in areas subject to flooding.
939	Very Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Monthly	Picnicking; Classes/Summer Camps; Community Events and Social Meetups; Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Carousel; Miniature Golf; Playground; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends	There are long term, downstream implications that have not been considered. I also do not think enough time and attention has been given to explore other desaturation sites.
940	Very Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running; Time with family and/or friends	
941	Somewhat Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Classes/Summer Camps; Miniature Golf; Time with family and/or friends; Picnicking; Observing Natural Scenery	The staff recommendation is fiscally and environmentally responsible and in the best interest of all Fairfax County residents.



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942	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Community Events and Social Meetups; Picnicking; Bird Watching; Observing Natural Scenery	what will happen to all the fill material after the lake is filled in?
943	Somewhat Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days; Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Bird Watching	<p>After reading material presented on the County web site, attending community meetings, and applying some critical thinking, the recommendation not to dredge Lake Accotink is myopic at best. The recommendation is not presented in the context of the long-term impact the recommendation will have on the health of the Chesapeake Bay. It is not presented in the context of dry dredging, which is a potentially less expensive, less disruptive, and more effective alternative to wet dredging (<a href="https://semspub.epa.gov/work/05/150428.pdf">https://semspub.epa.gov/work/05/150428.pdf</a>). It was not even presented in the context of the long-term cost of allowing the lake to silt in and become bucolic wetland or trash-filled swamp as if such a do-nothing alternative is free!</p> <p>The situation we all face is a difficult one compounded by decades of stormwater mismanagement in Fairfax County, of placing local economic growth over and even at odds with local environmental stewardship that in turn affects the Chesapeake Bay. Good local environmental stewardship is good for the “ecological, cultural, economic, historic and recreational value [of the Chesapeake Bay] for nearly 18 million people who live, work, and play in the region” (<a href="https://d18lev1ok5leia.cloudfront.net/chesapeakebay/Chesapeake-Bay-Watershed-Agreement-Amended.pdf">https://d18lev1ok5leia.cloudfront.net/chesapeakebay/Chesapeake-Bay-Watershed-Agreement-Amended.pdf</a>). The Board of Supervisors’ decision to accept or reject the Department of Public Works and Environmental Services’ recommendation should not be done with an eye to what is expedient here and now but with an eye to what is good for the whole Chesapeake Bay watershed down to the seventh generation. If any county has the resources to do what is right, it is Fairfax County.</p>
944	Somewhat Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Rarely	Bird Watching; Observing Natural Scenery	The County has not addressed the problem of more silt further harming the Chesapeake Bay. This is a serious problem that needs to be addressed!

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945	Somewhat Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Boating; Carousel	I support the plan – but am disappointed there are no local opportunities for children to rent boats within 10 miles of Merrifield/Falls Church.
946	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Daily	Dog Walking; Hiking/walking/running; Time with family and/or friends; Bird Watching; Biking; Fishing; Picnicking	I think it's well worth saving the lake. The expenses are justified when you think about the multiple generations that will benefit from our decision today. The Lake has been here for several years and has already been dredged once before, we can surely find the means to do it again. It's not the communities fault the County miscalculated the initial numbers for the project - you already advertised this would be possible and now that the final numbers are calculated, it's too expensive. No. SAVE THE LAKE
947	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Biking; Time with family and/or friends; Fishing	
948	Somewhat Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Rarely	Time with family and/or friends	I am not in favor of spending \$395 million to dredge the lake
949	Not Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Picnicking; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching	Do not spend so much money and significantly disrupt the environment without further study and community input on what the park should future should be. ; Do not spend such a significant amount of money and disruption of the environment without further study and community discussion
950	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Rarely	Observing Natural Scenery	Agree
951	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery	It's a tough decision but ultimately the fiscally responsible one. It will most likely be difficult to get the community to pivot to the master planning process.
952	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Rarely	Hiking/walking/running	

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953	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Daily	Boating; Picnicking; Classes/Summer Camps; Biking; Hiking/walking/running; Miniature Golf; Carousel; Playground; Bird Watching; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends	
954	Somewhat Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Community Events and Social Meetups; Picnicking; Time with family and/or friends; Classes/Summer Camps	I agree with this plan. The environmental, financial and community impact of dredging is far to costly.
955	Somewhat Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Time with family and/or friends	The costs related to this project are ridiculous and can be used for other more important and pressing initiatives such as climate adaptation, helping the less fortunate of us residents, public safety, recreational and park needs that all residents will benefit from.
956	Somewhat Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Dog Walking; Time with family and/or friends	
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958	Somewhat Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Weekly	Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days; Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Biking	Lake Accotink is one of the attractive features of the community. It ought to be preserved.

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960	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Boating; Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Playground; Basketball/Paved Court; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Miniature Golf; Fishing; Picnicking	Stop giving fcps so much money and allocate some to our park systems.
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962	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Boating; Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Miniature Golf; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends	I am angry that staff didn't give the original study sufficient effort. These new shortcomings should have been worked out back then
963	Somewhat Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Rarely	Miniature Golf; Playground; Time with family and/or friends	Makes sense.
964	Not Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Rarely	Observing Natural Scenery	Maximize budget to save environment and natural beauty of the area.

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966	Very Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Daily	Picnicking; Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Community Events and Social Meetups	I do not see where the county adequately evaluated an option to conduct a dry dredge of the lake by draining it, using earth moving equipment, use the lake bed for dewatering, and truck spoils out via Queensberry, Hemming, Highland, and the service road that runs past Washington Gas storage caverns to Rolling Rd. This effective method was employed in 1967. it is less time consuming than hydraulic dredge. the ingress and egress would share the burden of truck transportation with all surrounding communities.
967	Very Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Picnicking; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends	
968	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Monthly	Picnicking; Boating; Hiking/walking/running	
969	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends; Dog Walking; Hiking/walking/running	What's the cost if the lake is full of sediment? Wouldnt dredging the lake allow for significant flood abatement in the area by allowing additional volume to the lake?

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970	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Weekly	Fishing; Biking; Carousel; Time with family and/or friends; Observing Natural Scenery; Playground; Hiking/walking/running	Abandon the lake, but build an improved stream channel in its place. You could mimic the current restoration projects near Wakefield Park with to regrade the banks and install boulder blocks and plunge pools for energy reduction and stream crossings. The land outside the stream to build new green space for the park. I would love to see a disc golf course and some more hiking/biking trails, maybe even some camp grounds like at burke lake and lake Fairfax.
971	Somewhat Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Rarely	Observing Natural Scenery; Hiking/walking/running	Agree it's too expensive and in-line lakes are bad for streams.
972	Somewhat Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Daily	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Bird Watching	It was clear during the public meetings in February 2023 that a thorough cost/benefit analysis of alternative plans for Lake Accotink, to include controlling erosion in the Accotink Creek upstream storm watershed, and the effects of alternative plans downstream, to include the costs of removing (and not removing) the dam, and estimating pollution and environmental damage along Accotink Creek all the way to the Chesapeake Bay, has not been done. Without that careful planning of alterative projects, the staff recommendation not to dredge at all appears to be unjustified, and based on what we know, would be a major mistake for the entire region, not just Fairfax County. In particular, there was no satisfactory explanation for the assumed requirements of dredging the lake to 8 feet deep or using 50,000 truckloads to remove the silt, except as a threat in order to kill the project. We need a lake, but it doesn't have to be 8 feet deep everywhere, and to abandon the lake altogether without a plan would be irresponsible. Fairfax County needs a competitive contractor to prepare rational alternative plans.
973	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Rarely	Miniature Golf; Playground; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends	I completely agree with the County recommendation to NOT dredge the lake. Don't waste the money; make it more usable for what it is and will become.

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974	Very Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Biking	I support this. Dredging is going to be an on going issue given all of the stuff that funnels through the lake. I like the lake but I think it is foolish trying to go against "nature" or the nature for the lake that our drainage is causing. Why not work with the direction that nature is moving. I think the 395 million can be spent more productively elsewhere. i guess i thought that we already have a community vision and that was to create a wetlands of sort.
975	Not Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Playground; Carousel	please keep it as a recreation site
976	Very Familiar				
977	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Time with family and/or friends	Good decision. Do not dredge. Waste of funds.
978	Somewhat Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Community Events and Social Meetups	Please investigate all options available to preserve this community treasure.
979	Not Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Community Events and Social Meetups; Carousel; Playground; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends	It's hard to put it in perspective without knowing much about it and without knowing what the alternative options could possibly be.

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980	Very Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days; Bird Watching	Concur with Fairfax County staff recommendation. -The lake is man-made (i.e. not natural), and no longer serves its original function as a reservoir -Dredging into perpetuity is not economically or environmental sustainable -Re imagining the park to improve public recreation and education while enhancing the natural ecosystem is an exciting prospect and the best use of taxpayer dollars.
981	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Miniature Golf; Playground; Observing Natural Scenery; Biking; Carousel; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends	I am very strongly disappointed that the county is suggesting that we go back to square 1 regarding the project. We have spent SO MUCH time on this over the last 5 or 6 years without any resolution. The county has lost all trust on this subject from the surrounding community. We feel we are being manipulated by the county. The idea that if the county does nothing that it will magically turn into a beautiful marsh like Huntley Meadows is compete garbage. That will NEVER happen. It will become a stinky pile of garbage, sediment, and invasive species. I am a wildlife biologist who has studied habitat management. Trust me, because we certainly do not trust you.
982	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Biking; Bird Watching	I fully agree with the staff recommendation. The cost of dredging and repeat dredging far outweighs any purported benefits. A managed wetland can provide wonderful recreational opportunities like you see in other county wetlands. Let's be honest. The fight to keep this artificial lake is led by a former county supervisor who is concerned that reverting the lake to nature will have a negative financial impact on his home and those of his wealthy neighbors.
983	Not Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Occasionally	Boating; Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Playground; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Biking	I am all for it!



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984	Not Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Playground; Basketball/Paved Court; Time with family and/or friends	I support this effort. I am concerned about the lake and whether or not the lake will eventually be lost due to not being dredged
985	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Biking	I agree with not pursuing the full dredge project. Is there a more sustainable option to allow water to flow along Accotink creek, through what is now the lake, without dropping all the sediment in the lake, but rather carrying it along like it did a hundred years ago?
986	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Classes/Summer Camps; Community Events and Social Meetups; Hiking/walking/running; Miniature Golf; Carousel; Playground; Time with family and/or friends	
987	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Biking	Great. Let nature be as intended. Let it be a bird stop over, wetlands for animals and insects, hiking and biking trails for humans. Do. Not spend the county money. Use that money to improve our roads, schools and public spaces.
988	Very Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Occasionally	Classes/Summer Camps; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Biking; Carousel; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends	I want to know what the transition plan looks like during the conversion process to wetlands.
989	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running; Time with family and/or friends; Bird Watching; Observing Natural Scenery; Picnicking	

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990	Not Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Picnicking; Classes/Summer Camps; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Miniature Golf; Biking; Playground; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends	
991	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Weekly	Boating; Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Time with family and/or friends	
992	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running; Bird Watching; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends	Before determining not to dredge, would like clearly understanding of how the park will be maintained. Not against removing dam and making proper wetlands. But want a maintained nature park for running and getting lost in nature.  Also think the sediment is a sign of poor restrictions on construction in the area. I think North Springfield is getting negative impact of growth elsewhere in the county and surrounding area and our rep should look out for our area more.

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993	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Weekly	Boating; Fishing; Picnicking; Classes/Summer Camps; Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days; Community Events and Social Meetups; Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Dog Walking; Volleyball; Miniature Golf; Carousel; Playground; Basketball/Paved Court; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends	Dredging the lake is a must! Not doing so would be irresponsible to the community. Full dredge with the addition of a forebay, is the least expensive option in the long run.
994	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Miniature Golf; Carousel; Playground; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends	Could a smaller man made lake be made?
995	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Picnicking; Biking; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends	full lake dredging only prolongs the inevitable and is not sustainable and not consistent with forward looking development. It would cause huge disruption to local communities and deforest large areas of recreational land people currently use. revisiting the master plan is the only advisable course of action and could create a natural area with added value. I see board walks over shallow marshes and observation areas similar to huntley meadows.
996	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Picnicking; Boating	

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997	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Weekly	Boating; Hiking/walking/running; Playground; Time with family and/or friends; Biking	The lake is a valuable community resource and was a big part of our decision to live in first the North Springfield subdivision, and later in Canterbury Woods. The decision not to dredge the lake would negatively impact property values and the communities that immediately surround the lake and park area. I have no doubt that the love for this lake has been felt in the responses to this survey, and if the current dredging plan is not feasible, then the county should research other options with the goal to preserve the lake.
998	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Playground; Time with family and/or friends	
999	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Weekly	Boating; Picnicking; Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days; Community Events and Social Meetups; Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends	Dredging is a symptom of watershed mismanagement. The county must slow UNconstrained flow from accotink branches with low weirs that are normally dry (low flow culverts with drop boxes) that can be used to collect sand and silt from runoff. Fix all storm drain outfalls so they no longer erode stream beds with their flows. Roads like Picket Rd, Olie Ln, Guinea Rd, Prosperity Rd, Woodburn Rd and Braddock Rd cross over the creek and could also be used to intercept and slow flow too. Right now the lake is the only interceptor for the entire watershed. Until the county manages the flow the increase in rainfall intensity already occurring because of climate change will continue to damage the entire watershed.
1000	Very Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Community Events and Social Meetups; Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends; Picnicking	398,653 households in Fairfax County. $\$90,000,000 \div 398,653 =$ $\$225.76$ per household One time fee. Or Make a 360* and hire the Corp or Engineers to do the job. While standing on the platform of the pavilion overlooking the lake, I spoke with a retired military civil engineer. Contacting the Corp of Engineers for the job was his suggestion. He also had a simple solution for the sediment. He said the Corp of Engineers love this kind of project. Please consider.

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1001	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Time with family and/or friends	I agree with the recommendation. I would prefer to see an environmentally focused, native habit plan that still allows for it to be a recreational park even if it's capabilities shift. The costs seem to greatly outweigh the benefits.
1002	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Weekly	Biking; Fishing; Time with family and/or friends	Please maintain trails for hiking, biking.

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1003	Very Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Weekly	Time with family and/or friends; Community Events and Social Meetups; Bird Watching; Boating; Hiking/walking/running; Playground; Observing Natural Scenery; Carousel	<p>a viable way of saving it.</p> <p>I've lived here in Crestwood since 1982 and have been President of the Springfield Civic Association for the past four years.</p> <p>We are a very diverse community, with many residents dependent on public transportation, walking or biking to get around.</p> <p>We also have quite a number of older folks, often original owners, who are now in the 80s and 90s and unable to leave the neighborhood easily.</p> <p>The lake is an integral part of the life of our community! Many members are unable, for a variety of reasons, to access other county lakes for recreation and family time.</p> <p>Additionally, there are those who are limited in their mobility who take great pleasure in driving to the lake and having lunch or just sitting to enjoy the serenity.</p> <p>To my knowledge, no other county lake affords them the same opportunity.</p> <p>When all is said and done, why should they have to go to another lake?</p> <p>Why does such a permanent decision need to be made right now?</p> <p>Why not continue to investigate possibilities?</p> <p>For those who are economically or physically limited, this has become an equity issue that will be disenfranchising.</p> <p>Doesn't One Fairfax speak to that? This gets into a bigger issue of Equitable Communities, Equity Impact Plans, and how the County is advancing racial and social equity.</p> <p>Yes, it's a buzzword now but it's also central to Fairfax County's strategic plan.</p> <p>I look forward to hearing from you.</p> <p>Best,</p>

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1004	Somewhat Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Daily	Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days; Community Events and Social Meetups; Biking; Time with family and/or friends; Dog Walking; Hiking/walking/running	I think the not to pursue dredging to protect an Eagle's home environment, and an important protector of the Chesapeake Watershed a slap in the face to any resident touched by the lake and watershed. \$395 million of the course of years is just an unfair assessment that seems to be as baseless as part-time staffers making over 100k a year. We moved to this house because it is attached to the lake, which ind you, has not been dredged since we moved in, which is appx 12 years. The lake brings delight to neighbors, and the wildlife, especially the Bald Eagles we can see using the lake for food gathering. I just dont understand how the estimates were increased, and the data for those increases are not available to the public. I also dont understand how we can forecast a price out 25 years, when we know, since it hasnt been dredged over the last 12, that the price estimate is not real. I hope we can get to the real costs of what t will take to dredge the lake and realize the upfront cost is way better than what it will cost to fix the chesapeake watershed from our councils terrible, non-nature preserving conditions.

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1005	Somewhat Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Weekly	Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Miniature Golf; Playground; Time with family and/or friends; Carousel	I completely disagree with their recommendation and fully support the plan to dredge the lake. There are alternates to the recommendation to not dredge Lake Accotink. This recommendation is shortsighted and fails to treat the lake as other County infrastructure would be treated. The recommendation was narrowly crafted and ignores the impacts of not dredging the lake. Once silts fills in the lake, the slit will not stop flowing down stream. There will be a cost to deal with the slit moving towards the Chesapeake Bay watershed. The plan discussed in the 15/16 Feb meeting was to dredge the lake to the depth of 8 feet. Could the depth be changed to 6 feet to reduce cost? My family experienced no disruption or negative impact from the 2008 dredging operation and will accept the negative impacts of this dredging operation. An alternate solution not explored to my knowledge, is there a method to capture the silt upstream of the lake and periodically remove the silt? Why did it take four plus years to reach this point and what was the cost incurred due to the delay in implementing the dredging action. Finally, I believe there is a significant amount of additional revenue flowing into the County government through property tax increases that could be used to fund this project. My property tax has risen just about every year, with increases of 5.6% in 2021, 6.4% in 2022 and 10.8% 2023. The property tax increases are the norm across the County. I feel very strongly that the County has significant revenue generated for the County government based on property value assessments alone. I have to assume the increase in revenue the County has collected since 2017 would pay for or largely offset the dredging costs. This is a choice and I hope the Board of Supervisors decides to proceed with the original decision to dredge Lake Accotink! I believe there is broad resident (and voter) support to Save Lake Accotink and the Board of Supervisors should listen to the residents/voters.



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1006	Very Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Daily	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Bird Watching	While we all love Lake Accotink, we taxpayers don't like the taking of such egregious "Pork Barrel" advantage of us. We're now glad that the dredging, especially at such completely ridiculous costs, will end. As long as the dam remains, my bet is that the lake will always be there, even if it is a little shallow. Why??? Where do you think all that Accotink Creek water plans on going??? Try not to let the \$ set aside for this project to burn a hole in your pocket and you build another wasteful, ugly, useless parking garage public works monument like the one at the Springfield Shopping Center. Try not to waste our tax \$, and keep in mind that some places like the state of Connecticut abolished county governments because they got too big and unwieldy to stay in touch with local communities.
1007	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Time with family and/or friends; Observing Natural Scenery; Hiking/walking/running; Picnicking	This lake and park is vital to the community and must be protected.
1008	Very Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching	I voted against the dredging before, and I am not surprised it's not feasible. I am pleased with that, because Lake Accotink is an artificial lake and should be restored as a natural stream. I am a professional biologist, and I support restoring the natural fish passage. I work for a Federal agency that removes obsolete dams to restore fish passage. Dams all over the country are being carefully removed to restore fish passage and water flow. Allowing fish to move freely upstream from the Potomac also allows the native mussels to move upstream because the larval forms "hitchhike" upstream in the gills of some fish. Native mussel restoration will improve water quality. There are other benefits to stream restoration that I don't have room to mention here. The current lake bed can serve as a filtration marsh. I did think the offline pond would be nice, but that seems unworkable as well. We should let the area return to it's natural state to provide carbon uptake and clean water.

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1009	Very Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running; Biking	Just let the lake return to it's natural state.
1010	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery	I would like to see the lake remain.
1011	Somewhat Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Weekly	Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Miniature Golf; Fishing; Biking; Basketball/Paved Court	I think we need to figure out a way to make it happen. I recently read that Lake Accotink Park is the most visited park in the county. And the lake is a treasure for the entire county.
1012	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Boating; Miniature Golf; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Biking; Bird Watching	I agree with the recommendation.
1013	Somewhat Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running; Time with family and/or friends; Observing Natural Scenery; Playground; Picnicking; Carousel; Bird Watching; Miniature Golf	I think it should be dredged. The lake is a county resource; the wildlife is exquisite. Lake Accotink Park is always full of people of many nationalities. Children play on the "beach" area making sandcastles, etc. They enjoy watching the fish and turtles. People are always fishing at the damn area. Picnic tables and barbecues are always in use. Birdwatchers are out there. No on can predict what the area will become if you don't dredge. Sediment will still continue to flow onto the area. How will this impact the houses close to the lake and how would this in the
1014	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Rarely	Hiking/walking/running	I am in favor of the offline lake option so those funds can be better used on other stormwater management projects throughout the County.

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1015	Somewhat Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Daily	Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days; Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Playground; Time with family and/or friends; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Community Events and Social Meetups; Picnicking	I am very disappointed in the staff's decision to not keep Lake Accotink as a lake. We spend a lot of time in Lake Accotink park and I would like to see it remain a lake regardless of the cost.
1016	Somewhat Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Rarely	Hiking/walking/running; Community Events and Social Meetups; Time with family and/or friends	The county should maintain and dredge the lake. If not done here, how can it rationalize dredging any of the other lakes in the county? You're setting up a intracounty rivalry. You don't do it here, I'll certainly not support you doing it elsewhere. All lakes in the county are man-made, and ask week suffer the same fate eventually unless routine maintenance is planned for and accomplished.
1017	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running	The lake is irreplaceable. I would gladly pay higher taxes to keep it.
1018	Very Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Rarely	Hiking/walking/running	I agree with the FFC staff recommendation to not pursue the \$395 million full lake dredging effort or offline lake option and instead re initiate the master planning process to develop a community vision for the future of the park. Return the area back to it's natural state contracting with a reclamation experts to provide a friendly, safe and attractive walking and bike trail through the area.
1019	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Bird Watching; Observing Natural Scenery	The issue is complex but I do think that \$395 million for dredging that will need continual, ongoing care is a lot to ask from the county taxpayers. I worry about wildlife losing their home and people losing this small slice of nature. I didn't see a Bald Eagle until I was 35 years old and now 30 years later Bald Eagles have been nesting in the lake near my house for years. I don't want to lose them!

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1020	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Picnicking; Classes/Summer Camps; Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days; Community Events and Social Meetups; Hiking/walking/running; Miniature Golf; Playground; Carousel; Basketball/Paved Court; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends; Observing Natural Scenery	Upsetting and I believe that amount is overblown compared to other known project costs from similar situations. This community and Fairfax county benefits from the lake and its nature, activity, and an oasis amidst the overbuilt Fairfax county. There are few recreational areas and lakes around Northern Virginia that are comparable and many come to this park to get away as it's known for. Save the lake for our future. Cut back on some of the other needless community programs.
1021	Somewhat Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Dog Walking	I agree the lake should not be dredged.
1022	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running	Sounds good, as long as we keep the "future of the park" vision results from even higher costs than the dredging.
1023	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Daily	Hiking/walking/running; Miniature Golf; Carousel; Observing Natural Scenery	Disappointed. Please keep the loop trail.; Please keep the loop trail.; And don't pave any more of trail.
1024	Very Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days; Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery	Fully support not spending our taxpayers' money for this project. Let it go back to it's natural habitat, and build in walking paths, similar to Huntley Meadows Park.

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1025	Very Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Daily	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Miniature Golf; Playground; Time with family and/or friends; Bird Watching; Observing Natural Scenery; Carousel; Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days; Community Events and Social Meetups; Picnicking; Boating; Fishing	Preserve the lake for future generations. This a gem for FFX Co. save Lake Accotink.
1026	Very Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running	Agree with the recommendation to not pursue any further dredging
1027	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Daily	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching	First thought is, so the lake rapidly fills in a few years from now and then all the yearly sediment ends up in the bay. Maybe the county could or should be sued for polluting the bay. Or maybe the county should fix the problem of erosion in the entire Accotink watershed. The cost of dredging is about \$225 per household, the yearly maintenance about \$34 per hh. Financed with muni's this would be about \$45/yr plus debt service (interest on the 20 year bonds for the big dredge). I have no quick access if any to county budget numbers, but this seems a reasonable increment on park spending. And how much are we spending on other county lakes for sediment removal.
1028	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Occasionally	Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching	I would like to see the lake dredged so residents of all ages can enjoy the scenery and recreation at a nearby setting.
1029	Somewhat Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Occasionally	Dog Walking	Agree to not pursue

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1031	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Bird Watching	I think that it is short-sighted and fails to consider the source of the silt, namely, construction upstream over many years during which hundreds of millions of profits were made by developers. \$395 million dollars over twenty years is a drop in the bucket. I can already see the same developers calculating how to use the fully silted-over lake as multi-billion dollar business parks and condominiums. I would like to know who the "County Staff" is reporting to and the motivation they have to recommend against a full restoration of Lake Accotink and its watershed. I would like to see the dollar benefits in income and jobs over twenty years of a healthy, fully functioning Lake Accotink against the "threat of \$395 million dollars in projected costs." Once the Lake is gone there will be no turning back. \$395 million over 20 years is less than \$20 million a year! Subtract the \$ benefits, health benefits, emotional benefits and it will be substantially less.
1032	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Playground; Time with family and/or friends; Community Events and Social Meetups; Carousel	I really wish some way could be found to dredge the lake and keep it functioning in the same way it is today. I feel it is a huge asset to the community and surrounding areas.
1033	Somewhat Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Playground; Carousel; Biking; Dog Walking	; The lake should be dredged

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1034	Very Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Biking; Bird Watching; Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days; Boating	When I think of Lake Accotink and the surrounding lands, I would love to see a lake more along the lines of Burke Lake and a lake that would be deeper. It would be lovely to explore some of the little bays on the lake via kayak. There is a fascinating population of wildlife in the park and this is a wonderful facet to build upon for the park of the future. My opinion of the Fairfax County staff recommendation to not pursue the dredging is not favorable. Because it was such a dramatic turnaround from an earlier recommendation, I have reservations about the staff. \$395M is a number that scares taxpayers to their core and I wonder if this was the intent? Something clearly occurred to take dredging the lake off of the table. We local residents and taxpayers may never hear the real catalyst for this action. I am weary of participating in these studies for Lake Accotink and the Braddock Rd redesign and regardless of what we residents request, the Fairfax County staff recommends something else.
1035	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Monthly	Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Playground; Carousel; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends	It seems the problems we are encountering with the lake is because it is man made. Nature clearly wants to return it to it's natural state, and it seems futile to try to manipulate it into something it wasn't intended to be.  I am supportive of accepting this study, and moving towards finding appropriate solutions that respect and accept the environment as it is.  Financially, this is a huge amount of money and could be better used to help residents directly, especially the poor and vulnerable.
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1037	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Weekly	Time with family and/or friends; Bird Watching; Observing Natural Scenery; Picnicking	<p>If this recommendation is accepted by the Board, Fairfax County's (and my) beloved Lake Accotink will disappear. They say the cost of dredging increased from 30 to 95 million in and that future dredgings over 20 years will be 300 million. I have yet to hear an explanation of the increase or why projected costs are being factored in to this "urgent" call to abandon this project. This "rush to judgement" only serves to justify the decision to abandon the lake and to scare the public. An analysis of losses, both recreational and financial, that will result from the disappearance of this asset is missing. There is rarely an unreserved date each summer for one of the pavilions or picnic areas. When the lake turns to wetland, marsh or muck, reservations will stop, as will kayak and paddle boat rentals. On a personal note, that affects many others, losing the lake removes the only opportunity in ALL of FCPA for me to get a water-front view or use of any of park amenities. I can park at the Marina and enjoy the water, wildlife and nature views from the comfort of my car. I do just that at least weekly and I am rarely alone. I often eat my lunch there and there are often others doing the same thing. I have travelled to several other FCPA sites to look for similar access and there is NOWHERE else I can go that affords me the same opportunity. Loss of the Lake also impacts the underserved, lower income and immigrant residents of central Springfield. Daily, you see many local residents there to walk dogs, go fishing, enjoy local wildlife and get some exercise. With the County's focus on equitable impacts residents, I find it disturbing that you are making decisions that disenfranchise the disadvantaged and disabled. Move forward in a segmented and thoughtful way. Dredge the lake. Make a measured search for affordable alternatives. Include the whole Board, and consider more than just the big-numbers that scare the public into accepting this action at face value.</p>
1038	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Biking; Hiking/walking/running	I love the lake and the environment. But \$400M is a lot of money. Are we highly confident that the erosion we have seen in the past will continue? At some point nature will win out.



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1039	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Boating; Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Biking; Bird Watching	It's hard to judge that decision without knowing the cost and implications of not dredging. I would be concerned about the area turning into a quicksand trapping unsuspecting animals as well as an environment composed primarily of non native invasive plants, which the park already contains. If sediment continues to flow unchecked into the lake, will there be flooding at some point in the future?
1040	Not Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Biking; Dog Walking; Bird Watching; Hiking/walking/running	No comment
1041	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Time with family and/or friends	This is a mistake to not pursue the full lake dredging effort.
1042	Not Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Occasionally	Picnicking; Community Events and Social Meetups; Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Time with family and/or friends	

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1043	Somewhat Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends	<p>The staff recommendation appears well-researched and well-grounded in science and other facts (like costs of dredging, traffic impacts, etc.). I agree that the County should not keep fighting nature to force a lake to exist. Rather, the County should allow the habitat to return to the state actually intended/ supported by the natural environment and continue its stewardship of the land as a park in that form.</p> <p>I would believe this even if the costs were lower. But the price tag for dredging and continued maintenance are shocking. And I say this as someone who has always supported County spending on parks and recreation! But that amount of money should not be spent on this project when there are so many other, to me, more compelling needs. Those needs include improved park access and facilities in predominantly Black and Brown communities in the county and subsidizing summer camps for families in need and children in foster care. Even if the money for each of these things would come from a different pot or the dredging would be subsidized by bonds or something, the idea of paying that huge a sum to dredge a man-made lake that the environment does not support, when so many others need support to access parks is just contrary to what I want to see from my County leadership.</p> <p>Thank you for considering this comment as you make your decision.</p>
1044	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Bird Watching; Observing Natural Scenery	I am fully supportive of not dredging the lake and letting the area turn back to a natural wetland.
1045	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running; Bird Watching; Observing Natural Scenery; Biking	I fully support the staff's decision to not move forward with the \$395 million full lake dredging effort and reinstate a master planning process for the future of the park. I prefer that let nature take the natural course and expand the wetlands footprint that will attract native species, flowers, birds, frogs, etc.

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1046	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Weekly	Picnicking; Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Biking; Bird Watching	I think good cases can be made either way> It probably is not sustainable in the watershed to do this, so maybe letting it just become wetlands would be preferable.
1047	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Monthly	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Community Events and Social Meetups	While I will miss the beauty of the lake, Mother Nature is telling us that it is a feckless exercise to sustain it artificially. As can be seen at Huntley Meadows park, there is also beauty and a great environmental advantage to allowing the lake adapt to a wetland environment.
1048	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Picnicking; Time with family and/or friends	I would need more information about the reason for rejection of the cost: Is it overpriced or not?
1049	Very Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Miniature Golf; Playground; Observing Natural Scenery; Carousel; Community Events and Social Meetups	I agree with the County's assessment. It is way too expensive to keep on dredging. Huntley Meadows Park is extremely popular. Instead invest \$\$\$ in other ways to make the park attractive for families.

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1050	Very Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Daily	Picnicking; Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Miniature Golf; Playground; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Fishing; Boating; Biking; Carousel; Bird Watching	It is incredibly irresponsible to vote on this without sufficient information. The County has developed all this data regarding why dredging is not considered feasible but is woefully short of information and transparency on the other options. The County also fails to acknowledge the LOSSES involved in not dredging the lake or pursuing the off-line lake option. Recreation opportunities would be lost (kayaking, paddle boating, fishing, waterfowl birding, etc.) with no net gain (visitors can already do everything listed under the wetland option). Why hasn't the impact to visitors been studied? Would this result in less visitors? To what degree will their experiences be negatively impacted? Will dogs still be allowed (Huntley Meadows has restrictions on dogs)? Would visitors easily be able to find these opportunities elsewhere? Why is the offline lake option being dismissed? On the website it says it is feasible but "poses potentially significant risk for long term safety and maintenance" - what are these risks? You need to inform the public better on this regard. The listed "cons" of this option are short term not long term. If this option is feasible it appears to be a very good compromise – especially as it would maintain recreation opportunities and wildlife habitats. Please pay this option more consideration. The wetland option is missing a tremendous amount of information and transparency that the public deserves to know. Due to character limitations, I have submitted issues that must be addressed via email.
1051	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Rarely	Fishing; Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Miniature Golf; Playground; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends	Keep the lake open and functional for the public. Take funding from other programs to keep the lake healthy and usable.
1052	Somewhat Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Time with family and/or friends	I'm not sure I have enough information to answer this question. Although I don't use the lake for boating I know it is used by the community and would prefer that to continue

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1053	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Carousel; Biking; Classes/Summer Camps; Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Playground; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends	Support the staff recommendation to not pursue dredging.
1054	Very Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends	The lake is a valuable asset to our immediate community as well as to the many visitors who utilize the the park throughout the year. Enjoying the wildlife, birds, frogs, snakes, deer, squirrels as well as utilizing the beautiful trails throughout the seasons has brought enjoyment to many, many people. To lose the lake and the resources it provides for education, relaxation, and a range of activities would be devastating to Fairfax County. Many citizens have done research, explored options to preserve the lake, and are more than willing to continue with this effort. I feel that it would be appropriate to give the citizens more time to look into additional funding opportunities to save the lake. The discrepancy in the original estimate of the cost to do so and the current proposed cost has created many questions, doubts, and and suspicions. Further disclosures from the board would benefit the relationship between the citizens and the board. Is it possible to form a committee made up of citizens who would sit down with members of the board to look over the data collected which reflects the increase in the original cost of the project? It appears that more transparency is needed in order to assure the community that the decision that is made will be in the best interest of all concerned. We, as a community, need more time!; If this decision is made, it should be done so in an open, transparent way and involve a core team from the community to represent all concerned.
1055	Not Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Boating; Time with family and/or friends	

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1056	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends	
1057	Somewhat Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Rarely	Fishing	costs to dredge, as estimated currently are unacceptable. I believe spoil can be moved and contained locally without trucking by pumping into undeveloped areas upstream of the lake. Containment would have to be constructed. More investigation needs to be done. If the problem can be solved by kicking the can down the road, then so be it. It appears too easy to find reasons not to pump the spoil to a site nearby.
1058	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Rarely	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Miniature Golf	I like the lake very much and will be sorry to see it go, but given the extraordinary costs to preserve it, I believe the county should re initiate the master plan for a future park.
1059	Very Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Daily	Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends; Observing Natural Scenery; Hiking/walking/running; Community Events and Social Meetups	I am deeply concerned that the Fairfax County Park Authority has spent years and our county tax dollars to determine that Lake Accotink should NOT be dredged, but has spent no such effort to determine the cost and results of that decision to NOT dredge Lake Accotink. The county should determine both a quantitative and qualitative analysis with a bottom-line cost-benefit analysis at least as rigorous and credible as that done for the dredging initiative. Then and only then can a reasonable decision be made to dredge or not to dredge.

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1060	Very Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Weekly	Boating; Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Bird Watching; Carousel; Community Events and Social Meetups	<p>I am deeply concerned that the Fairfax County Park Authority has spent years and our county tax dollars to determine that Lake Accotink should NOT be dredged, but has spent no such effort to determine the cost and results of the decision to NOT dredge Lake Accotink.</p> <p>Before the Board of Supervisors (BOS) accepts the recommendation to NOT dredge Lake Accotink, you should direct the Park Authority staff to provide a complete accounting of what the impacts are for this decision, the default scenario that will result in the lake filling with sediment. This work should include quantitative and qualitative analyses with a bottom-line cost-benefit analysis at least as rigorous and credible as that done for the dredging initiative. Without this, the BOS has no basis for making an informed decision and would saddle itself, Fairfax County citizens, park users, and area property owners with a default scenario that no one understands or has a real idea of the costs.</p> <p>At a minimum, this analysis should include: What will today's lake become? How will a sediment-filled former lake affect incoming streams and the watershed from which they flow? How will it affect risk of flooding and the integrity of streambanks? How will a sediment-filled former lake affect waterways downstream from the dam? What will the county need to do to manage the unknown that the former lake will become and its environmental impacts - and what will it cost? What recreational opportunities will remain, be eliminated, and be added to Lake Accotink Park? What will implementation of those changes cost? What is the impact on the quality of life and property values of people who live in the vicinity of Lake Accotink Park and other county residents who use Lake Accotink Park?</p> <p>Please do NOT make the decision to allow Lake Accotink fill with sediment until you have the all the facts and a thorough impact of that decision.</p>

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1061	Somewhat Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Rarely	Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days	Tax the developers including builders, homeowners etc. and their related land use disturbance activities within the watershed to offset the cost of dredging. Exam the rigorous stormwater management criteria to determine why they are not functioning as required. Some one is dropping the ball. (I believe the watershed is totally in Fairfax County) And where does the sediment go once the wetland is filled? What studies show that the wetland will become a viable habitat considering the quality of the runoff water from the developed watershed. Lower the level of the dam to generate a manageable level of sediment.
1062	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Boating; Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Bird Watching	I fully support restoring the area to as close to natural as possible. Please maintain the path system. A wetland solution and removal of invasive plants would with hope for the revival of native species would be my ideal.
1063	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Biking; Hiking/walking/running; Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching	I agree the master planning process should be resumed.
1064	Somewhat Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Rarely	Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Bird Watching	



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1067	Somewhat Familiar	I live more than 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends; Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days	I believe Lake Accotink would better serve Fairfax County as "Accotink Wetland." I lived adjacent to the park for 20 years. My daughter grew up in the park. We often went walking, exploring nature and riding bikes. I have long believed that the Park Authority needs to spend money on resource management rather than dredging.
1068	Very Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Daily	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days; Observing Natural Scenery	So many claims unsubstantiated by hard facts and numbers. So many big \$\$ figures bantered about, again without hard facts. Thank goodness our neighborhoods are blessed with so many intelligent, and caring, people. Save the lake and the park for future generations!

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1069	Very Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Weekly	Picnicking; Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Community Events and Social Meetups; Bird Watching	<p>you to take immediate action to save this vital natural resource.</p> <p>Lake Accotink is a Fairfax County treasure and has been a beloved destination for residents and visitors for generations, but the future of the lake is in danger.</p> <p>I strongly urge you to allocate the necessary resources to dredge and clean up the lake and restore its ecosystem. We do not have the time to restart the Lake Accotink Park Master Planning process as suggested by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. According to an environmental study commissioned by the County in 2018 the projection was that the lake would silt in completely in five to seven years. The lake is already at an average depth of TWO FEET!</p> <p>The additional analysis recently released only evaluated the cost of doing the planned 2023 dredging project.</p> <p>What about the costs of NOT doing the dredging project?</p> <p>Who pays the cost of doing nothing?- Encroaching floodplain on property lines</p> <p>Lower property values Rising cost of insurance coverage Mosquito and rodent infestation Sewage, pollution, toxic sludge and health dangers Wildlife impacts Invasive plant infiltration Loss of park land and recreation facilities and so much more</p>

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1070	Very Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Bird Watching	Fairfax staff is doing the typical bait and switch for which they have become infamous. The projects presently underway are greatly increasing the amount of sediment that is going into the lake and they use that to claim the lake should not be dredged. Picture evidence can be found in many locations regarding the very poor control that Fairfax maintains over the work presently being performed. Letting the lake fill in will have many unintended consequences that the staff ignore. Eventually letting the lake fill in will result in either flooding up stream or more silt flowing down stream. Thus in both instances problems have been transferred to others because Fairfax failed to do what is right. The experts on many issues continue to be wrong yet the county keeps listening to them. Maybe the county should think twice after giving themselves a huge raise while most citizens are suffering. This lake is loved by all that use it. Clearly our board is showing that they care more about themselves than they do about their constituents.

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1071	Somewhat Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Daily	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Bird Watching; Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days; Community Events and Social Meetups	<p>One of the curiosities of the public presentations about the dredging decision for Lake Accotink is the estimate of annual sediment transport: 19,200 cubic yards per year. The number is given to three places, that is, implying an accuracy of greater than 1 % (contrasted, for example, with a more plausible 19,000 or 20,000 which imply a lower accuracy). Environmental sediment transport is highly variable. The implied high accuracy is implausible. Environmental sediment transport is episodic. Rare major events account for much of the sediment movement. The transport is unsteady. Anyone who has observed Accotink Creek during an extended period of quiet weather and after a strong storm can anecdotally confirm the unsteadiness. During a quiet period, the water movement is sluggish, and the transparency is relatively high (sometimes you can see the bottom!) After a storm the water moves swiftly, and the transparency of the water is zero. One common rule of thumb is that sediment transport is proportional to the cube of the water speed. What does this mean? Assume that the water speed after a storm is 5x the speed in a quiet period (again, casual observation suggests that the factor is much greater than 5). Then the rate of sediment transport following the storm is a factor of <math>5 \times 5 \times 5 = 125</math> greater than during quiet period. So, the sediment transport is dependent on rare extreme events, and any estimate of the annual transport has huge uncertainty. One major event – or the absence of major events – can make major differences in the annual sediment transport.</p> <p>It is plausible that sediment transport into the lake has increased, but the important number is presented unprofessionally. It is a critical number, and it has been treated cavalierly. It makes me skeptical of the technical argument on which the recommendation to not dredge is based.</p>

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1072	Somewhat Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Picnicking; Biking; Bird Watching; Observing Natural Scenery; Hiking/walking/running; Time with family and/or friends	Can it be done portion of the lake dredging at the time? I know the county is concerned about the cost and the process of dredging. I just don't want to see the lake converted to a park site. I lived near the lake for more than 40 yrs. I really enjoyed seeing the wild life , the ducks swimming in the lake. There has to be another option instead making the lake disappear. 😞 😞
1073	Very Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Daily	Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days; Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Dog Walking; Playground; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Bird Watching; Picnicking; Community Events and Social Meetups	This price tag is something for the county to spend over the next 25 years. Looking at the county's overall budget, I think the percentage that would be going to this project is well-worth this investment. The county has not provided the cost of what it will take to remove the dam, allow for a proper change to a wetland and rehabilitation of the silt to be a viable and safe foundation for whatever comes next. This seems to be partially presented plan. I think that at least getting the initial dredging underway and then do more research. Just because the dredging would cost alot over 25 years, I think the lake deserves more time for a true consideration of its future verses this rushed vote. Thank you for being open to allowing this community to save something it loves.
1074	Somewhat Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Daily	Picnicking; Classes/Summer Camps; Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days; Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Miniature Golf; Carousel; Playground; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Bird Watching	It's very sad to see the lake change. I'd love to see alternative options pursued. Has anyone investigated innovative technologies to reduce the need for drudging or ways to use silt for other purposes in the park? We need creative thinking.

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1075	Very Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Daily	Boating; Picnicking; Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days; Hiking/walking/running; Miniature Golf; Playground; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Fishing; Classes/Summer Camps; Community Events and Social Meetups; Biking; Carousel; Basketball/Paved Court; Bird Watching	I am writing to express my deep concern about the ongoing deterioration of Lake Accotink & urge you to take immediate action to save this vital natural resource. Lake Accotink is a Fx County treasure & beloved destination for residents for generations, but the future of the lake is in danger. I strongly urge you to allocate the necessary resources to dredge & clean up the lake & restore its ecosystem. Please consider hybrid options involving bio-dredging & looking to experts w/govts, local universities, etc. for help. Can the lake be saved w/federal/state grants? We don't have the time to restart the Lake Accotink Park Master Planning process as suggested by the County BOS. An environmental study by the County in 2018 projected that the lake would silt in completely in 5 to 7 years. The lake is already at an average depth of TWO FEET! The additional analysis recently released only evaluated the cost of doing the planned 2023 dredging project. What about the costs of NOT doing the dredging project? Who pays the cost of doing nothing? Encroaching floodplain on property lines, Lower property values, Rising cost of insurance coverage, Mosquito/rodent infestation, Sewage, pollution, toxic sludge/health dangers, Wildlife impacts, Invasive plant infiltration, Loss of park land, recreation facilities & more. If the lake is neglected, every one of these items starts a domino effect that will negatively evolve the neighborhoods around the lake. This man made reservoir will always require regular maintenance. It will never be able to safely return to its natural state. The lake is too large to fill in w/out serious repercussions & dangers to society, wildlife & sanitation. I urge you to quickly evaluate all options, strongly consider public opinion, identify a solution, execute the decisions urgently & ultimately SAVE LAKE ACCOTINK. By taking bold & decisive action now, we can ensure our lake remains a vibrant & healthy part of our community for generations to come.

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1076	Very Familiar	I live between 1 and 5 miles from the lake	Occasionally	Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Community Events and Social Meetups; Bird Watching	<p>After community meetings and surveys offering several options, I thought the decision had been made to stop dredging in favor of making a smaller lake with adjacent wetlands to help filter the runoff. What has happened to all the previous community input?</p> <p>I do not understand why more efforts are not being made to reduce the runoff that clogs streams and Lake Accotink. It seems Fairfax County is not interested in controlling development and preserving natural areas. For example, there is currently much attention on the lack of moderate housing, yet "McMansions" continue to be approved. There is NO reason to permit tearing down a modest middle-class home to build a huge single-family house. That eliminates one affordable living space but also makes neighboring homes look small, destroys neighbors' privacy and increases shade by looming over older homes. This creates a domino effect of neighbors selling to get away from giant new builds, which encourages developers to build more oversize houses, destroying what was a pleasant and modest neighborhood. Every construction site produces runoff. Another example of Fairfax County's neglect of the environment is the construction of the senior adult community on Braddock Road; nearly every plant was bulldozed and raw soil was exposed, causing erosion and runoff. Supposedly there are rules developers must follow during construction, but they are not enforced.</p> <p>Our parks are the jewels of our county and affect more residents than just about anything else, including schools, as not every resident has students in schools. Yet I have seen funding for parks repeatedly reduced. Some parks are fortunate to have "friends of" groups which help raise funds and do volunteer labor, although this cannot meet all needs. Other parks--especially Lake Accotink--are continually short-changed of even minimal budget, employees and maintenance. Do not throw away valuable resources; Lake Accotink is worth saving!</p>



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1077	Very Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Weekly	Boating; Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Classes/Summer Camps; Miniature Golf; Playground; Fishing; Biking; Carousel; Bird Watching	<p>This was a giant bait and switch. It is irresponsible to come to us and give completely different numbers for a different project as the basis for cancellation. In addition, there are absolutely no plans or budget for any other options. You can not tell us that a wetlands, controlled, planned and maintained, would cost less because you DO NOT HAVE A PLAN! You want us to take away the lake with no idea what we would get and no idea how much that "something" would cost over a similar time period. This is not something that would happen or be accepted in more affluent parts of the county.</p> <p>You were told at the community meeting loud and clear that this community amenity is a valued resource. My recommendation would be to do the initial dredge that was ALREADY AGREED UPON. Doing that initial dredge would buy the community and the board time to evaluate the long-term plan for the lake. Once you stop dredging it's too late to go back. Allow us this time to gather alternatives, gather a new plan, cost out other alternatives and really decide if one long-term plan is more costly and has better value. Do what you said you would do before you moved the goalposts.</p>
1078	Very Familiar	I live close to the lake (0 to 1/4 mile away)	Daily	Boating; Picnicking; Classes/Summer Camps; Volunteering/Watershed Clean-Up Days; Community Events and Social Meetups; Hiking/walking/running; Biking; Dog Walking; Volleyball; Miniature Golf; Carousel; Playground; Basketball/Paved Court; Observing Natural Scenery; Bird Watching; Time with family and/or friends	

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1079	Very Familiar	I live nearby the lake (1/4 to 1 mile away)	Weekly	Picnicking; Hiking/walking/running; Dog Walking; Playground; Observing Natural Scenery; Time with family and/or friends; Community Events and Social Meetups; Carousel; Bird Watching; Fishing	DPWES is railroading a decision to not dredge the lake by presenting financial figures to the BOS, public and media in a manner much differently than it did in 2019. It is a scare tactic to force a quick, uninformed decision. Key information is not being presented: the costs associated with not dredging the lake, the environmental impact to Accotink Creek, or the costs of maintaining a wetland if future silt infill will remain a constant as you state. FCPA has underutilized this park and in recent years has not managed or marketed it to it's full potential. This lakefront park may not generate revenue like a rec center, but it's value to Fairfax County residents is invaluable AS A LAKEFRONT PARK. Especially to those who live in the surrounding 920 apartment units, and the children who attend all the numerous surrounding low income schools. The lake is an integral part of our community's DNA, and contributes to the success of Springfield as a place to live, work and play.