



## Audubon Society of Northern Virginia

4022 Hummer Road, Annandale, VA 22003  
Phone: (703) 256-6895 • Fax: (703) 256-2060  
www.audubonva.org email: info@audubonva.org

October 27, 2009

Milton W. Matthews  
CEO, Reston Association  
1930 Isaac Newton Square  
Reston, VA 20190-5093

Dear Mr. Matthews,


The Audubon Society of Northern Virginia (ASNV) is supportive of the Reston Association's Stream Restoration project and wishes to thank the association's staff, Ms. Claudia Thompson-Deahl and Ms. Nicki Foremsky for the time spent over several visits, at different times of the year, in explaining to ASNV representatives the rationale, methodology, and long-range planning involved in the project.

Ms. Thompson-Deahl and her associates also arranged for on-site discussions with engineers from Wetland Studies and Solutions, Inc., the principal contractor, who outlined the environmental safeguards that are a part of the overall engineering plan. ASNV members have also discussed the scope of the project on separate occasions with Mike Rolband and Mark Headly, president and executive vice president respectively of Wetland Studies and Solutions, who were able to elaborate on and add detail to the environmental breadth of the project.

Reston is a unique urban environment and home to many species of birds and other wildlife and while there will inevitably be some disruption of wildlife habitat in this type of project, ASNV is quite satisfied that Ms. Thompson-Deahl, and the staff of Wetland Studies and Solutions, have taken every step possible to ensure as minimal a disruption as possible particularly as that pertains to birds during the breeding season. From our point of view, the "before and after" visits have assured us beyond doubt that this project will in fact enhance the habitat for birds and other wildlife and that it is a model of the environmentally sound way to restore streams to their natural setting.

Pollution of streams found throughout Fairfax County is a problem of increasing environmental concern and county officials engaged in TMDL studies of the Accotink and other watersheds in the county would do well to study the successes found in the Reston Stream Restoration Project.

Sincerely,

  
Bruce Johnson  
President