



Mid-year Update
June 30, 2019

Dear Friend of Sligo Creek,

Time has flown by since we wrote to you at the end of 2018! 2019 is turning out to be one of FOSC's busiest and most productive years ever, so we wanted to pause for a minute and tell you about a few of our accomplishments so far:

- Our biannual Sweep the Creek clean up event this past April attracted 430 volunteers who collected 260 bags of trash and 92 bags of recycling! A special joy this year were all the groups who volunteered with us, including a large contingent of scouts of all ages, Sligo Middle School, and Councilman Will Jawando and his staff. The Sweep is a great example of our whole community pulling together to preserve our Creek and Park, and we are thrilled to facilitate this joint effort in the Spring and Fall along with our partner, Montgomery Parks.
- Governor Hogan's plan to widen I 270/495 has been a great cause of concern for many in our community. FOSC responded by facilitating an evening program in February with Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) Montgomery Parks representatives so the public could learn more about the implications of this proposal on our park and surrounding neighborhoods. Later in the year, FOSC formally wrote a letter to the Board of Public Works in opposition to the Beltway widening plan. We will continue to advocate for sensible solutions to traffic problems in our area that do not involve destruction of our Park and the environment.
- Stormwater runoff and management is a major challenge for Sligo Creek. This Spring, we highlighted this issue by facilitating a tour of major rainscaping, bioswales, and other creek restoration projects with our Montgomery Parks partners. This well-attended and engaging event educated participants about how we can continue the restoration of the Creek despite increasingly wet weather.

We continue to bring our community a steady stream of useful Creek news through our bimonthly newsletter, and hold interesting free public events that highlight Creek life. We continue to partner with neighbors interested in our fiscal agent expertise so that they may apply for stormwater management grants. At mid-year, we have much to be proud of and to look forward to!

As much as we help others, we need your help too. As you know, our all-volunteer, 501(c)(3) organization is funded completely on your donations. Your support allows us to print our brochure (in Spanish and English), rent rooms for public programs, purchase water testing supplies, pay for our newsletter software subscription, fund our new website, and more. We're counting on your help so that we can finish the year successfully and continue our work to improve the Creek and Park we all love.

Please consider a donation to FOSC at this time.

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We hope to see you at one of our events or in the Park soon!

Thank you and happy summer,
The FOSC Board