

Prince William County
TRAILS AND BLUEWAYS COUNCIL

Advisors to the Board of County Supervisors

PHNST Sub-Committee

Meeting Minutes

May 10, 2023; 1:00 PM

Approved by the T&BC on May 23, 2023

1. The PHNST sub-committee convened at the DPRT offices on May 10. Per announcement on the TBC web page, there was no virtual option for this meeting.
2. Attendees
 - a. Sub-committee members: David Brickley, Liz Cronauer, Joe Marshall, Neil Nelson, Lynda Silverstrand, Eileen Sheridan were present; Jason Williams was absent.
 - b. DPRT staff: Patti Pakkala, Janet Bartnik, Roy Orrison
 - c. Other: George Liffert, Superintendent PW Forest Park
3. Committee members reported on their assigned gaps:
 - a. Gap 30, Town of Dumfries to Prince William Forest Park. Superintendent Liffert reported that a PW Forest Park trail plan was completed in 2019. Shows trail from Van Buren Rd into the park, along Washington-Rochambeau Route. Estimate for trail within PWFS is \$5 million for archeological study, environment study, design, and construction. Will connect to Town of Dumfries via Batestown Rd, which will require sidewalks or trail. Liz set up a meeting with the Town of Dumfries to see what they plan, and their preference for trail location / connections. Next step: Liz will verify if FLAP grant can fund archaeological and environmental studies for trail within PWFS. Money must transfer from PWC Transportation Office, and then DPRT can hire a consultant. PWFP will pursue funding on the federal side too.
 - b. Gap 22, reroute within Prince William Forest Park. Superintendent Liffert reported the archeological study is complete, hoping to have funds in 2024 for construction. Patti noted we are pushing for routes closer to the river, will need to decide if this route within PWFS will be identified at PHNST.
 - c. Gap 19, Gordon Blvd. Eileen recommends that we abandon the plan to use Rt 123 as interim PHNST route as it is unsafe for pedestrians and bicyclists. Make Occoquan Rd the interim route. Continue investigating possibility of route near water, under I-95. Coordinate with consultants (FLAP grant) to be hired by end of summer. Include Belmont Bay rezoning proffers in the gap report. Patti expects PWC will get PHNST route from proffers either by land transfer or easement.
 - d. Gap 21, Featherstone NWR. Plans complete and project has been funded. Coordinating project with VDOT.

- e. Gaps 23, 24, and 25 – Powell’s Creek upstream from Rt 1. Patti reported that there are easements, research is needed to determine where they are.
 - f. Gap 26, Powell’s Creek crossing. David provided an update on the status of solicitation for a design firm. Best location for crossing to be determined. David asked DPRT to determine what is currently proffered in connection with Potomac Shores. When that is firm, then we need a meeting with the developer and Potomac Shores trail committee.
4. Next meeting – June 7, 1:00 – 3:00

Gap ID	Project Name	Description	Sub-committee member assignment
19	Gordon Blvd	Gordon Blvd from I-95 to Route 1	Eileen, Neil
20	Town of Occoquan to Belmont	Connecting Town of Occoquan to Belmont	Eileen, Neil
21	Featherstone National Wildlife Refuge	Trail through Featherstone National Wildlife Refuge from Featherstone Rd to Rippon VRE. Part of the trail will be a boardwalk.	Lynda
22	Prince William Forest Park	Relocation of northern section of natural surface path due to existing path's issues caused by steepness	Liz
23	Montclair Easement	Trail Easement through the Montclair community along Powell's Creek.	Joe, Jason
24	Four Seasons Easement	Trail Easement along Powell's Creek proffered by Four Seasons in Historic Virginia subdivision developer	Joe, Jason
25	Eagles Pointe to Four Seasons	Trail easement through the Eagle's Point community along Powell's Creek.	Jason, Joe
26	Powell's Creek	Powell's Creek crossing. Final design TBD.	David
27	Powell's Landing ROW Stub	A 120-foot-long gap between existing sidewalk and existing trail, VDOT requests a hard surface stub when connecting to ROW sidewalks	Lynda
28	Potomac Shore to Route 1 Spur	A paved path connection from Potomac Shore Pkwy to Route 1. Route to be determined. Will be near Cockpit Point Road and then may run west parallel to a power line	David, Seth
29	Dumfries/ Route 1 Spur	Connect from the Potomac Shore/Route 1 Spur terminus at Route 1 to intersection at Route 1 and Joplin Road.	Liz

30	Town of Dumfries to Prince William Forest Park	Connecting Town of Dumfries to Prince William Forest Park near or along Quantico Creek/Mine Rd.	Liz
31	Southern Prince William Forest Park to Route 1 in Triangle	Connection from Prince William Forest to Route 1 along or near Joplin Road	Jason