



PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY

Trails and Blueways Council Meeting Agenda September 24, 2024, at 6:30PM George Hellwig Administration Building

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Administrative Business Items, 5 min.**
 - a. Resolutions for Remote Participation, if any
 - b. Approval of August 27, 2024, Meeting Minutes
 - c. Acceptance of September 16 Powell's Creek Crossing Meeting Notes
 - d. Acceptance of September 18 Gap Study Stakeholder Meeting Notes
 - e. Additional Resolutions, if any
- 4. Citizen's Time, 10 min.**
- 5. County Agency Representative's Time and Presentation Items, 10 min.**
 - a. Parks and Recreation
 - i. Potomac Shores/Powells Creek Trail Update, Patti Pakkala
 - ii. Occoquan Greenway Update, David Kroeger
 - b. Transportation
 - i. Comprehensive Safety Action Plan, Bryce Barrett
 - ii. Sudley Road Corridor Study Update, Bryce Barrett
 - c. Planning
 - i. General Planning Updates, Yolanda Hipski
- 6. Community Development Applications, 0 min.**
 - a. None
- 7. Presentation Items/Reports, 45 min.**
 - a. North Country Trail Presentation, Joe Marshall
 - b. Trail Segment Rankings by District for CIP Development, All
 - c. Year End Meeting Reminders, Amy Latalladi-Fulton
 - d. Call for Officers, Amy Latalladi-Fulton
- 8. Organization Representative's Time, 10 min.**
- 9. Member's Time, 20 min.**
- 10. Meeting Recap, 5 min.**
 - a. Upcoming meetings:
 - i. September 25 – Gap Study Stakeholder Meeting (Potomac - Gaps 2 & 3)
 - ii. October 22 – next regular TBC meeting
 - iii. October 23 – PHNST Subcommittee Meeting
- 11. Adjourn**

Development Application – Additional Information

When accessing the following links, please click on “planning-review package” to view the application; the files are very large and may take time to open.

Manassas Mall (10 acres, 1,041 MF units and 47,036 sf retail) - link located at:

<https://egcss.pwcv.gov.org/SelfService#/plan/be6f9c79-1ad9-4ddd-91bf-421d2a3f8dc9>

Thomas Farm at Bristow Station (80 acres, 355 mixed SF & TH units) - link located at:

<https://egcss.pwcv.gov.org/SelfService#/plan/a59fa241-7681-49b7-9175-cfe3e4995ed3?tab=attachments>

Belmont Bay PRA & SUP – links located at:

PRA: <https://egcss.pwcv.gov.org/SelfService#/plan/cd703f66-90c1-4e56-8418-ab0c8ccf8799>

SUP: <https://egcss.pwcv.gov.org/SelfService#/plan/c7c0d63f-abd0-430b-a28d-8d4483c07f27>

Hoadly Square – the application has not yet been resubmitted. The link to the DAPS information is:

<https://egcss.pwcv.gov.org/SelfService#/plan/3fc76f90-c883-4503-ae8a-10ec04c2dcfe?tab=attachments>

NEW! Maple Valley Grove - adjacent to Hoadly Square rezoning behind Harris Teeter at PW Parkway and Hoadly Road. This application proposes 224 stacked townhouses on 23.44 acres, and requests a zoning change from A1 (Agricultural) and M2 (Light Industrial) to PMR (Planned Mix Residential)

<https://egcss.pwcv.gov.org/SelfService#/plan/dc6b15fa-b0f0-43bb-bf15-360372f5c023?tab=attachments>

Prince William County
TRAILS AND BLUEWAYS COUNCIL
 Advisors to the Board of County Supervisors

Meeting Minutes
 August 27, 2024; 6:30 PM

Attendance

District	Appointee	Present (in person)	Present (virtual)	Absent
At Large	Amy Latalladi-Fulton	✓		
	Bill McCarty	✓		
Brentsville	Liz Cronauer	✓		
	Catherine O'Connor	✓		
Coles	Mike DePue	✓		
	Joe Marshall	✓		
Gainesville	Duane Martin			✓
	Ken Johnson	✓		
Neabsco	Jason Williams	✓		
	Rich Wilson	✓		
Occoquan	Eileen Sheridan		✓	
	Neil Nelson	✓		
Potomac	Steven Cover	✓		
	VACANT			
Woodbridge	David Brickley		✓	
	Lynda Silverstrand			✓

Staff persons David Kroeger, Patti Pakkala, Bryce Barrett and DPR Deputy Director Janet Bartnik were present. Eugene Loew and Robert Boyd attended virtually.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Liz Cronauer at 6:31 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Administrative:

- Resolution 24-16 allowing virtual attendance by Eileen Sheridan was approved through a motion by Liz and seconded by Rich.
- Resolution 24-17 allowing virtual attendance by David Brickley was approved through a motion by Steven and seconded by Jason.
- July 23 T&BC minutes were approved through a motion by Neil and seconded by Ken.
- August 20 PHNST Subcommittee Notes were approved through a motion by Neil and seconded by Steven.
- A letter about a Proposed Trail Connection Under CSX Rail Line at Pohick Creek from the Virginia Passenger Rail Association was distributed at the meeting for review and reference. (attached)

Citizen's Time.

- There were no citizens present at the meeting.

County Agency Representatives

PWC Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR). Janet Bartnik, Patti Pakkala, David Kroeger

- David reported that the FLAP grant gap studies are moving forward in earnest. There would be stakeholder meetings in September.
- Patti reported that the Discovery trail at the landfill still needed rebuilding. There was some concerns about location with the new staff at the landfill. Patti will work with them to resolve.
- Patti reported that the Dove's Landing plans are still in pre-data collection. Conservation existing easements are being worked.
- Patti reported that the bridge plans for the Rocky Branch Bridge replacement were approved.
- Patti noted that Robert Boyd was back in the DPR group.
- When asked about progress at Preserve at Long Branch and Sinclair Mill, it was disclosed that these areas are no longer being maintained by the person who used to live on the property and that they were severely overgrown. We should expect public meetings on improvements to both sections in the Fall.
- Patti distributed printouts of the comprehensive plan trail maps to one member of each district.

PWC Transportation. Bryce Barrett

- Bryce reported that public works is independent of transportation and thus not a reviewer of designs of the Gas Line along Hoadly Road Project. Public works was asked not to do anything that would preclude a shared use path along the sections where the gas line would be under a planned shared use path. More transparency on this project is needed.
- Bryce reported that Car Free Day is September 23rd and that a proclamation from the BOCS will occur in the afternoon of September 17th with Eileen accepting and other members welcome. This is not as big as Bike to Work Day but it does promote multimodal transportation options.
- Bryce reported that there would be a work session with the Planning Commission on the Yorkshire TLC study on September 11th.
- Bryce described an 8-mile segment of the Capitals Trail (between Richmond, Jamestown and Williamsburg) that he rode as part of a Virginia APA conference that he and Yolanda attended. He also talked about Blueways in Yorktown.

PWC Planning, Yolanda Hipski

- Yolanda reported that reviews of Belmont Bay and Vint Hill applications are on hold awaiting the next submission.
- She also reported that she took part in a Citizen Plan Advanced Team Tour as part of the APA convention.

Community Development Applications, Patti Pakkala

- Thomas Farm Update – The developer has submitted a new map for the development yet has only acknowledged concerns without taking actions to address them. There are two parcels in play that need connection or exchange. The application does not meet buffer requirements. Though strongly deficient this application is moving forward to the planning commission.

Presentations/Reports.

Broad Run Greenway Presentation, David Kroeger, Patti Pakkala

- David and Patti presented a set of charts (to be attached) with the latest diagrams of the Broad Run Greenway. From Lake Manassas to Doves Landing. There were many problems reported such as steep slopes and the need for easements in certain sections. There are easements in place along Rocky Branch to Broad Run Linear Park. They recommended focusing on the north side of Broad Run with rezonings and easements in place with a trail good to go for trail building.
- The section from Victory Lake to the backside of Target will need a bridge on the North End. There is significant Mill history here.
- They are aiming for two-sided trails along Broad Run from Vint Hill to Route 28 thanks to an easement being provided by a data center.
- South of Route 28, the trail is planned first for the south side of Broad Run.

Capital Improvement Funding for FY 25, Janel Bartnik

- Janet provided a list of the currently funded projects from the 2019 Bond package as background. She then also provided a list of potential projects for funding (see attachment) that had mobility content. Janet asked the TBC to help decide what were the best priorities for the \$1M in trail funding that was added to the budget by the board earlier in the year.
- Potential Items on the list that were discussed included:
 - PHNST Neabsco Regional Park (Metz) Wetland Preserve Boardwalk
 - River Heritage Boulevard Trail Improvement
 - Veterans Park Connection
 - Country Club Drive Shared Use Path
 - Dawson Beach Road Shared Use Path
 - Aden Road Joplin Bike/Ped Facilities
 - Kahns Road Path/Sidewalk
 - Maplewood Drive Gap
- The following additional items were brought up by TBC members:
 - Broad Run Greenway section that is ready to build.
 - Flat Branch trail parallel to Flat Branch with connections north and south to communities
 - Bridges over drainage dishes near Mayhew Park that enable a Ben Lomond to Battlefield trail.
 - Enhancements to the Catharpin Trail.
 - - boat launch at Neabsco Boardwalk

- - boat launch at Sinclair Mill / Doves Landing
- TBC members informally voted and the following received top votes.
 - Broad Run Greenway section that is ready to build.
 - PHNST Neabsco Regional Park (Metz) Wetland Preserve Boardwalk
 - Bridges over drainage dishes near Mayhew Park
 - Enhancements to the Catharpin Trail.
- After some discussion, the bridge over Mayhew edged out Catharpin Greenway improvements. DPR staff will use these priorities in their discussion with transportation on what to fund immediately.

Capital Improvement Project Priorities, Janet Bartnik

- Janet asked each pair of TBC members to meet and then discuss with their supervisor priorities for future Capital Improvement Projects. This would be a list of Shared Use Paths/Active Transportation and a list of recreational paths. The top one in each list would be the requested focus. It was requested that the list be drawn from the Comprehensive Plan's planned trails and not include others that were not in plan. This would be discussed in detail at the September meeting.

Organization Representatives' Time

Greater Prince William Trails Coalition (GPWTC). Eileen Sheridan

- The NVRC Fall Trails Summit will be spread over two days in September. A virtual half-day meeting will take place on September 5th from 10 AM to 1 PM and an in-person half-day meeting will take place on September 9th at Lubber Run Community Center in Arlington from 9:30 AM to 1 PM. One can register at www.novaregion.org/1595/2024-Recreational-Trails-Summit.
- The second Sunday hike in September will be at Doves Landing on September 8th.
- An Occoquan cleanup will take place on September 21st.
- The next GPWTC quarterly meeting will be on October 24th.

Prince William Trails & Streams Coalition (PWTSC). Neil Nelson

- Second Sunday hike in August explored Dean Park and the Winter's Branch Trail in Manassas.

Mid Atlantic Off-Road Enthusiasts (MORE). Jason Williams

- On September 15th MORE will host a Jump Fest featuring organized rides at Locust Shade Park.
- SMORES rides continue to attract more participants. They have started acquiring bikes for kids.

Trails Keepers. Catherine O'Connor

- They will have an event at Leopold's Preserve on September 21st.
- They will participate in Brentsville Day on September 28th.
- Trails Keepers are now a steward to Keep America Beautiful.

Members' Time:

- Amy:
 - Amy thanked the staff for the CIP list.
- Bill:
 - Bill talked about the Occoquan Cleanup and how to make kayaks available.
- Catherine:

- Catherine talked about culvert maintenance.
- David:
 - No comments.
- Duane:
 - No comments.
- Eileen:
 - Eileen discussed a meeting she and Neil had with Supervisor Bode.
- Jason:
 - No comments.
- Joe:
 - Joe had prepared a short presentation on some recent hikes. Due to time constraints, he did not present this at the August meeting.
- Liz:
 - No comments.
- Lynda:
 - No comments.
- Mike:
 - Mike congratulated Patti on Broad Run trail progress.
- Neil:
 - Neil talked about the Hoadley Development and how the latest version took out multi-use trails. He asked for help to get them put back in.
- Rich:
 - No comments.
- Steven:
 - No comments.
- Bill S.:
 - No comments.
- Ken:
 - Ken recently walked trails in Silver Lake Park and had challenges following the trails. He also encountered someone driving on the trail that appeared to be lost.

Meeting Recap:

- None

Next meeting agenda items:

- Amy will run the September meeting as Liz will be absent.
- Janet will be on vacation until September 9th. September meeting agenda items should be forwarded to Liz, Amy, or Joe by September 12th.
- Having prioritized lists by districts will enable pulling together CIP funding requests at the meeting.

Next meetings:

- At Hellwig: Powell's Creek Crossing Stakeholders – September 16th at 6:30 PM
- At Hellwig: Gap1 (Occoquan) Study Stakeholder Meeting – September 18th at 2 PM
- Park Commission Bus Tour – September 21st at 10 AM
- At Hellwig: Full T&BC – September 24th at 6:30 PM.
- At Hellwig: Gaps 2 and 3 (Dumfries) Study Stakeholder Meeting – September 25th at 2 PM

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- At Hellwig: PHNST S/C – October 23rd at 2 PM.
- At Fairmont Park - KABOOM Project Build October 23rd to 26th.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM based on motion by Amy, seconded by Jason.

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MOTION: Liz Cronauer

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Regular Meeting

SECOND: Rich Wilson

Res. No. 24-16

RE: APPROVE MEMBER EILEEN SHERIDAN'S REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE REMOTELY THROUGH ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION MEANS

ACTION:

WHEREAS, the Prince William County Trails and Blueways Council adopted a policy pursuant to Section 2.2-3708.2, VA Code Ann., to allow for remote participation by Members of the Council, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Council's policy, Eileen Sheridan notified the Chair that she is requesting permission from the Council to electronically participate at the Council's August 27, 2024, Meeting; and

WHEREAS, the member certified (Check A or B);

- A. X the Member is unable to attend the meeting due to (i) a temporary or permanent disability or other medical condition that prevents the Member's physical attendance or (ii) a family member's medical condition that requires the member to provide care for such family member, thereby preventing the member's physical attendance; OR
- B. _____ the Member is unable to attend the meeting due to the following specifically identified personal matter: (specify)

AND the Member has not already participated electronically due to a personal reason in excess of two meetings this calendar year or 25 percent of the meetings held per calendar year rounded up to the next whole number, whichever is greater; and

WHEREAS, the remote location from which the Member plans to electronically participate is her residence; and this remote location will/will not (*underline one*) be open to the public; and

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WHEREAS the Member verifies that the Member's participation in any closed session of the meeting shall remain confidential and not be disclosed to any unauthorized persons or entities; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Council's policy, a request for electronic participation from a remote location shall be approved unless participation violates the Council's policy or any provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Prince William County Trails and Blueways Council does approve the request to participate in the meeting through electronic communication means in accordance with the Council's policy; a quorum of the Council was physically assembled at one primary or central meeting location; and arrangements were made for the voice of the Member to be heard by all persons at the primary or central meeting location.

Votes:

Ayes: 10

Nays: 0

Absent from Vote: 2

Absent from Meeting: 4

SIGNED:



Prince William Trails and Blueways Council chair

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MOTION: Steven Cover **August 27, 2024**
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Res. No. 24-17

SECOND: Jason Williams

RE: **APPROVE MEMBER DAVID BRICKLEY'S REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE REMOTELY THROUGH ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION MEANS**

ACTION:

WHEREAS, the Prince William County Trails and Blueways Council adopted a policy pursuant to Section 2.2-3708.2, VA Code Ann., to allow for remote participation by Members of the Council, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Council's policy, David Brickley notified the Chair that he is requesting permission from the Council to electronically participate at the Council's August 27, 2024 Meeting; and

WHEREAS, the member certified (Check A or B);

- A. _____ the Member is unable to attend the meeting due to (i) a temporary or permanent disability or other medical condition that prevents the Member's physical attendance or (ii) a family member's medical condition that requires the member to provide care for such family member, thereby preventing the member's physical attendance, OR
- B. X the Member is unable to attend the meeting due to the following specifically identified personal matter: (specify) Out of town

AND the Member has not already participated electronically due to a personal reason in excess of two meetings this calendar year or 25 percent of the meetings held per calendar year rounded up to the next whole number, whichever is greater; and

WHEREAS, the remote location from which the Member plans to electronically participate is his hotel; and this remote location will will not (*underline one*) be open to the public; and

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WHEREAS the Member verifies that the Member's participation in any closed session of the meeting shall remain confidential and not be disclosed to any unauthorized persons or entities; and

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Votes:

Ayes: 11

Nays: 0

Absent from Vote: 1

Absent from Meeting: 4

SIGNED: 
Prince William Trails and Blueways Council chair



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July 30, 2024

Mr. William Niedringhaus
President
Potomac Heritage Trail Association

Re: Proposed Trail Connection Under CSX Rail Line at Pohick Creek

Dear Mr. Niedringhaus,

Thank you for contacting Virginia Passenger Rail Authority (VPRA) regarding Fairfax County's proposed trail connection under the CSX rail line at Pohick Creek, just south of VRE's Lorton Station.

According to VPRA's agreements with CSX, VPRA does not have the legal rights to unilaterally authorize recreational trails within the rail corridor. This specifically includes hiking or biking trails. You may read more about this topic on our website:

<https://vapassengerrailauthority.org/trail-recreational-use-in-vpra-owned-rail-corridors/>

We understand that this trail connection is a priority for the Potomac Heritage Trail Association. If you wish to pursue permission from CSX and other stakeholders, the Commonwealth of Virginia has a designated process that you may use, which is described within the Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) HB2800 Report (2009). The process described in this report designates the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) as the appropriate contact for navigating approval from CSX and other necessary stakeholders.

We encourage you to carefully review the fact sheet on the VPRA trails website noted above. This fact sheet will link you to DRPT's 2009 report. For further information, we recommend contacting Samantha Wangsgard, DCR's Chief Environmental Planner: samantha.wangsgard@dcr.virginia.gov or (804) 401-6088.

Please feel free to e-mail or call Meredith Judy, VPRA Community Affairs Manager, if you have any additional questions: meredith.judy@vpra.virginia.gov or (804) 513-6427.

Sincerely,

Gerica R. Goodman

Gerica Goodman

Director, External Affairs and Communications
Virginia Passenger Rail Authority

cc:

Congressman Gerry Connolly

Congressman Don Beyer

Senator Scott Surovell

Delegate Kathy Tran

Delegate Rozia Henson

Supervisor Dan Storck, Fairfax County

Randy Selleck, DRPT

Randy Marcus, CSX Transportation

Samantha Wangsgard, VA Department of Conservation and Recreation

Jill Kaneff, Northern Virginia Regional Commission

Aimee Vosper, Fairfax County Parks

Brendon Hanafin, Fairfax County Parks

Martha Coello, Fairfax County DOT

Jeri DeYoung, National Park Service

Kevin Stanfield, National Park Service

Kacie Dean, National Park Service

Jennifer Wampler, Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail

Charlie Grymes, Prince William Conservation Alliance

David Brickley, National Memorial Trail Alliance

Jim Klein, Trails, Sidewalks, and Bikeways (TSB) Committee, Fairfax County



Meeting Date:	August 27, 2024
Agenda Title:	FY25 CIP Project
Requested Action:	Consider possible CIP projects and provide feedback to staff
Staff Lead:	Janet Bartnik, Deputy Director

BACKGROUND

The Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) has been afforded capital / park system expansion support via voter support of a 2019 bond issue that included funding for:

- Occoquan Greenway \$ 5,000,000
- Neabsco Greenway \$ 3,500,000
- Trails and Open Space Acquisition \$ 2,000,000
- Howison Homestead Soccer Complex \$ 6,000,000
- George Hellwig Turfed Soccer Fields \$ 3,000,000
- Powell’s Creek Crossing \$ 9,500,000
- Fuller Heights Park \$ 6,000,000
- Neabsco District New Park \$ 6,000,000

In recent years, DPR has received increased funding for maintenance improvements through the Capital Maintenance Program (an operating expense line) and the Building and Facilities Program. Dedicated capital funding for park system expansionary projects has not been available to the Department.

At its April 2024 FY25 budget meetings, the Board of County Supervisors (BOCS) approved the allocation of \$1,000,000 in capital project funding to trails projects for FY25. The Departments of Transportation and Parks & Recreation have planned to work together to identify the best project for implementation. Staff desires your input and feedback on the listed projects below to assist in project selection.

Projects funded since the TBC’s last review of capital improvement projects include:

- Neabsco Creek ADA Parking to the Boardwalk
- Lake Ridge Cotton Mill Trail Development – an alternate design is anticipated to meet budget constraints

PROJECTS

Staff has been asked to ensure that projects are associated with mobility goals for the County. The following projects are presented for discussion and feedback.

1. PHNST Neabsco Regional Park (Metz) Wetland Preserve Boardwalk

This project has been planned to connect the Neabsco Creek Boardwalk to Leesylvania Park and is a key segment of the PHNST. The project is shovel-ready and is underfunded due to structural changes made to the boardwalk during design. An LWCF grant was awarded and is awaiting BOCS

acceptance that will enable the County to complete a portion of the trail. Because the design allows for a step-down at any point, the project can be extended as funding allows. The current funding gaps have been projected to be roughly \$4M.

2. River Heritage Boulevard Trail Improvement

The project would provide improved bike facilities along River Heritage Boulevard from Route 1 to River Ridge Boulevard. River Heritage. The project will complete the final gap providing dedicated bike facilities from Route 1 to Potomac Shores.

3. Veterans Park Connection

This project will create a trail connection between Veteran's Park and Route 1 through Jefferson Park. The proposed trail is part of the Planned Marumscro Creek Greenway and would provide increased access from planned mixed use areas of the North Woodbridge Small Area Plan to regional park amenities.

4. Country Club Drive Shared Use Path

This project will close the gap between the Montclair community and the existing trail network along Waterway Drive to the Route 234 shared use path. The path would be from Waterway Drive to Route 234.

5. Dawson Beach Road Shared Use Path

This project would be built from Course View Way to the Entrance to Occoquan Bay National Wildlife Refuge with the goal of providing the first segment of bike/ped facilities along Dawson Beach Road and connecting Belmont Bay residents to the refuge (and the future PHNST section) and Veterans Park.

6. Aden Road Joplin Bike/Ped Facilities

Facilities from Bristow Road to Joplin Road/Future PW Forest Park Trailhead. The project would evaluate potential bike/pedestrian facilities that could provide a connection to the Independence Nontraditional School and a proposed future PWFP trailhead.

7. Kahns Road Path/Sidewalk

This is a potential Safe Routes to Schools opportunity from Black Forest Drive to Marshall Elementary. The trail would connect to existing sidewalk north of Black Forest Drive.

8. Maplewood Drive Gap

This Project would evaluate the opportunity to fill existing gaps in the pedestrian network between Joseph Reading Park and Route 28 and coincides with recommendations from the Yorkshire Multimodal Corridor Study.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

For Council information and discussion.

STAFF CONTACT INFORMATION

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Trails and Blueways Council

2024 Proposed Work Plan / Monthly Meeting Targets / Accomplishments

WHEN	GOAL	WHAT	WHO	STATUS	COMMENT
January 16	5	FLAP Grant Gap Analysis Project budget & appropriation (ABA) goes to BOCS for approval	Parks staff	C - 1/16/2024	Approved
January 23	5	Powell's Creek Crossing initial meeting with consultants	TBC	C - 1/23/2024	Telecon Held
January 23	16	Discuss and form TBC subcommittee if necessary to explore communication plan/process that will keep Supervisors informed and updated (report due in February)	TBC	C - 1/23/2024	Eileen took lead
	2	East Coast Greenway – Elliott Caldwell	ECG	C- 1/23/2024	Elliott Introduced
February 27	5	Resolution about routing trail under I-95 and US 1 on section from Occoquan to Belmont Bay	TBC, David	C-2/27/2024	Resolution 24-4 written and approved
February 27	9	Presentation of Catharpin Greenway alignment, gaps, and next steps	David, Patti	C- 2/27/2024	Presented at TBC Meeting
February 16	11	TBC Participate in or provide feedback to Yorkshire TLC Shareholder meetings	Liz, Catherine	C-2/16/2024	Further meetings in March
February 27	16	Finish item on supervisor communication from January	TBC, Eileen	C-2/27/2024	Presented at TBC Meeting
March 26	1	Start discussion to set the stage for the county-wide trails plan update – what should be in the plan and how TBC can most effectively support and participate in the process. Identify preparations in advance of start?	TBC and Parks Staff	C-3/26/2024	Initial Discussion at TBC 3/26 Meeting Members invited to provide feedback
March 26	5	Onboard FLAP grant gap analysis consultant; kickoff project	Parks Staff; PHNST subcommittee	C-3/26/2024	Initial Parks meeting with consultant in March. Scope discussed by Patti at 3/26 meeting
March 26	5	NVRC Data collection along PHNST	NVRC	C-3/28/2024	Virtual App Training completed 3/28
March 26	18	Consistent Signage	TBC	C-3/26/2024	ECO Trail Signage Format and Info discussed at 3/26 TBC Meeting

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2024 Proposed Work Plan / Monthly Meeting Targets / Accomplishments

April 5	7	Explore Broad Run Greenway alignment, gaps, and next steps	Parks Staff, T&BC	C-04/05/2024	Hiked on historical county-owned property on Broad Run that will expand Bristoe battlefield
April 14	5	Second Sunday Hike reacquainting people with Powell's Creek Landing area prior to stakeholder meeting	PWTSC / T&BC	C-04/14/2024	Hiked from Power Lines to Leesylvania Entrance and back – actually outside study area
April 22	5	Powell's Creek Crossing Project stakeholder meetings with contractor	TBC / PHNST Subcommittee	C-04/22/2024	TBC meeting with contractor 4/22 – provided limits on crossing
April 23	1	Present a process for the development of a comprehensive, county-wide trails plan prescribed in the PWC Comprehensive Plan to include what, who, how, and when (proposed process will determine additions to the work plan)	Planning, Transportation, and Parks Staff	C-04/23/2024	Continued discussion at April meeting – Looked forward to July workshop meeting.
April 23	5	NVRC Data collection along PHNST	NVRC	C-04/08/2024 Assignments made	Inputs due by June 7 – Several contributors were late, and this should wrap up in July with presentation in September
April 23	8	Presentation of Neabsco Greenway alignment, gaps, and next steps	Parks Staff	C-04/23/2024	David presented at TBC Meeting
May 28	2	Report on ATIIP Grant Application for VRE Trail from Manassas to Arlington. Phase 1 Design submission from Manassas to Fairfax with Manassas and Manassas Park working together with PWC.	Bryce Barrett	C-05/28/2024	TBC approved resolution 24-12 supporting this application and the goals of this trail effort.
May 28	3	Volunteer programs for Trail Maintenance	Eugene Loew	C-05/28/2024	Eugene presented last year's progress and statistics and outlook for future.
May 28	4	Advocate for Additional Trails Funding	TBC, DPR Staff	C-05/28/2024	\$425K for trails development and maintenance approved for FY25

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2024 Proposed Work Plan / Monthly Meeting Targets / Accomplishments

May 28	3	Discussion among members regarding volunteer efforts and identify areas where volunteers could be used to build and maintain trails.	TBC	C-05/28/2024	Eugene encouraged members and organizations to get attached to county trails. Discussion from MORE and Trails Keepers on their efforts. No Greenway gap analysis presented
June 20	2, 11	AITPP Submitted for Trail along VRE Rail from Manassas to Fairfax County	Transportation, Manassas, Manassas Park, Fairfax County	C-06/20/2024	Grant submitted for Phase 1 Design
June 25	2	Report on connections with groups to connect to (such as Fairfax and Loudoun Counties)	Planning, Transportation, and Parks Staff	C-06/25/2024	Exercise among T&BC held fleshing out matrix of organizations to be maintained.
July 5	8	TBC Staff conducted a site visit to explore a VDOT property adjacent to the ironworks historic site and bordering Neabsco Creek	DPR, T&BC	C-07/05/2024	Dale City Rest Area access recommended when this section of Neabsco Greenway created.
July 14	11	Hiked Blooms Park Loop Trail in Manassas Park	PWTS	C-07/14/2024	Explored potential trail segments VRE Trail along Rail.
July 20	5	Tracked progress on Gaps involving Destination Place, Belmont Bay and Potomac Shores	T&BC PHNST	C-07/20/2024	Waiting for results from FLAP Gaps study
July 23	1	WORK SESSION – collectively explore how we’re doing; iron out work plan changes for remainder of year; discuss volunteer opportunities discovered; “low-hanging fruit” that could be added to the county trail system without significant costs or effort; anything else that comes up	All	C-07/23/2024	Work session held. Observations and new directions identified.
July 23	1, 13	Discuss continuing process for the development of a comprehensive, county-wide trails plan prescribed in the PWC Comprehensive Plan to include what, who, how, and when	T&BC	C-07/23/2024	Discussed. DPR looking for priorities from each district in both active mobility and recreational trails.

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2024 Proposed Work Plan / Monthly Meeting Targets / Accomplishments

		(proposed process will determine additions to the work plan)			
July 25	14	Ribbon Cutting for Brentsville – 234 Bike / Ped Bridge and Interchange – Coles District	Bryce Barrett	C-07/25/2024	All parts are open as of 6/2/2024
July 27 th	2, 11, 12	Hike along Bull Run Occoquan Trail north of Route 28 in Fairfax County	Joe Marshall	C-07/27/2024	Identified places on PWC side for potential boat launches and low water crossing or bridge
August 20	5,10	PHNST S/C meeting focused on concepts from Inform for the Powell’s Creek Crossing Project	T&BC, PHNST S/C	C-08/20/2024	Significant feedback generated for Inform.
August 23	5, 14	Groundbreaking by contractor for Featherstone NWR section of PHNST – Woodbridge District	Janet Bartnik	C-08/23/2024	Expected completion in October 2025
August 27	7	Broad Run Greenway Trail Presentation	David Kroeger, Patti Pakkala	C-08/27/2024	Identified sections that are shovel ready
August 27	4	Discussion of tasks for \$1M in current CIP funding	Janet Bartnik, T&BC	C-08/27/2024	Prioritized list created
September 5	5	NVRC Data collection along PHNST results	NVRC	C-09/05/2024	Discussed progress at NVRC Trails Summit but more work needed
September 5	2	NVRC Trails Summit	NVRC	C-09/05/2024	Discussed trail connectivity at the state, regional and local levels.
September 8	1, 7	Hike at Dove’s Landing Park	PWTS	C-09/08/2024	Evaluated trail conditions
September 16	5, 10	Powell’s Creek Crossing Stakeholder’s Meeting with Inform	Ed De Leon, Inform	C-09/16/2024	Inform selected configuration C2 and showed programming across this section.
September 18	5	FLAP Grant Gap Analysis Project Gap 1 (Occoquan) Stakeholders Meeting	David Kroeger, ATCS	C-09/18/2024	Under contract in July – data collection since Constraints Reviewed
September 24	13	Collect trail priorities from each district	T&BC Meeting		
September 24	6	Occoquan Greenway update	David Kroeger		
September 24	1	Sudley Area TLC Study	Bryce Barrett		

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September 25	5	FLAP Grant Gap Analysis Project Gaps 2 and 3 (Dumfries/PFWP) Stakeholders Meeting	David Kroeger, ATCS	9/25/2024	Under contract in July – data collection since
October	5, 10	Presentation of Powell’s Creek Greenway alignment, gaps, next steps	Parks Staff		
	12	Blueways / Water access updates	Parks Staff / Mike DePue		
	5	NVRC Data collection along PHNST results; Plan for what’s next	NVRC	NVRC Meeting	Should be ready to view in mid October
November	11	Presentation of Bull Run Loop Trail alignment, gaps, next steps	Parks Staff		
	5	High Level (year) schedule of efforts for PHNST Gaps including grants coverage and volunteer coverage	PHNST S/C	PHNST S/C Meeting	
	4	Capital Improvement Planning and Advocacy; Initial presentation of department priorities	Planning, Transportation, and Parks Staff		
December	18	Presentation of standardized and branded signage for trails	Parks Staff		Dove’s Landing signage mentioned in May.
December	4	Capital Improvement Planning and Advocacy; Part 2 – making the list of items by District	Planning, Transportation, and Parks Staff		
INSERT WHEN APPROPRIATE	1	Trail and water access opportunities associated with development applications and road projects			
	2	NCTN Map Item – Define input process for Spring updates			Waiting for updates from Bryce
	6	Occoquan Greenway updates			
	9	PATC presentation on the AT to Manassas Battlefield connection; possibly a resolution to formalize an alignment at a future meeting	PATC		No response from PATC
	10	Status of Discovery-ECO Trail for a Ribbon Cutting	Landfill Staff	Signs mounted Need to fix and mark utility	Waiting on Public Works plan Potential help from Colgan HS Environmental Group

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				highway trail breakage	
	10	Powell's Creek Crossing milestones			
	14	Ribbon cuttings in each district			
	19	Dove's Landing Design - updates/input opportunities			

2024 Trails and Blueways Proposed Goals

1. Explore, collect, and warehouse information about existing community trails and other “low-hanging fruit” that could be added to the county trail system without significant costs or effort. Find ways to utilize volunteers to make some of these realities. (A comprehensive county-wide trails plan, unconstrained)
2. Interface with other groups to connect our trails and planned trails to Fairfax County, Stafford County, Loudoun County, and the National Capital Region.
3. Encourage volunteer efforts for maintaining more PWC trails using new PWC approved methodology.
4. Support and encourage PWC CIP additions for trails outside of bonds and additional trail maintenance funds.
5. Finish arranging plans and approaches for gaps in PHNST. Establish a traceable schedule to track in future years completing in 2031.
6. Encourage and track changes and updates to the Occoquan Greenway culminating in completion of this route from McCoart to Occoquan in 2025.
7. Inventory and identify gaps and approaches toward completion of the Broad Run Greenway.
8. Inventory and identify gaps and approaches toward completion of the Neabsco Creek Greenway.
9. Inventory and identify gaps and approaches toward completion of the Catharpin Creek Greenway.
10. Inventory and identify gaps and approaches toward completion of the Powells Creek Greenway.
11. Inventory and identify gaps and approaches toward completion of a Bull Run Loop trail in concert with Fairfax County.
12. Develop maps, plans, and approaches for one or more blueways in the county.
13. Develop two prioritized lists for each district of recreational trails and bike/pedestrian trails. Get buy-in from each district’s supervisor for the list.
14. Encourage at least one trails or blueways ribbon cutting in each district.
15. Publicity / awareness of the TBC and its work
16. Communication plan to keep Supervisors updated - formalize
17. Get more representation from the Potomac District especially since the potential for a park at cockpit point is coming closer
18. More signage / standardized signage
19. Boat launch at Sinclair Mill site (with different language)



PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY

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Powells Creek Crossing Stakeholder Meeting Notes

September 16, 2024, at 6:30pm

Hellwig Administration Building

14420 Bristow Road, Manassas

1. Call to Order – David Brickley, Neil Nelson, Joe Marshall, Lynda Silverstrand, Steve Cover, and Liz Cronauer were present. Staff present – Janet Bartnik, Amarjit Riat, Kofi Asiedu, Patti Pakkala, David Kroeger, Ed Deleon, and Yolanda Hipski. Stakeholders to the project from the public were also present.

2. Stakeholder Meeting

Members of the Trails and Blueways Council participated in the Powell's Creek Crossing stakeholder meeting. Consultants from INFORM studios presented the selected sketch plan for feedback and comment. The presentation included programming envisioned in each of five ecological zones – wetlands, mud flats, open water, channel, and tree line.

3. Adjourn

The next regular business meeting of the TBC is scheduled September 24, 2024.



PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY

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PHNST Gap Study Stakeholder Meeting Notes – Occoquan to Rt. 1

September 18, 2024, at 2:00pm

Hellwig Administration Building

14420 Bristow Road, Manassas

1. Call to Order –Neil Nelson, Eileen Sheridan, Joe Marshall, and Liz Cronauer were present. Staff present – Janet Bartnik, Patti Pakkala, David Kroeger, Bryce Barrett, and Yolanda Hipski. Stakeholders to the project from the public were also present.

2. Stakeholder Meeting

Members of the Trails and Blueways Council participated in the FLAP Grant Funded PHNST Gap Study Project stakeholder meeting. Consultants presented information collected regarding the PHNST Gap between the Town of Occoquan and Rt. 1 along Rt. 123. The group developed a list of route constraints to be considered in the planning process.

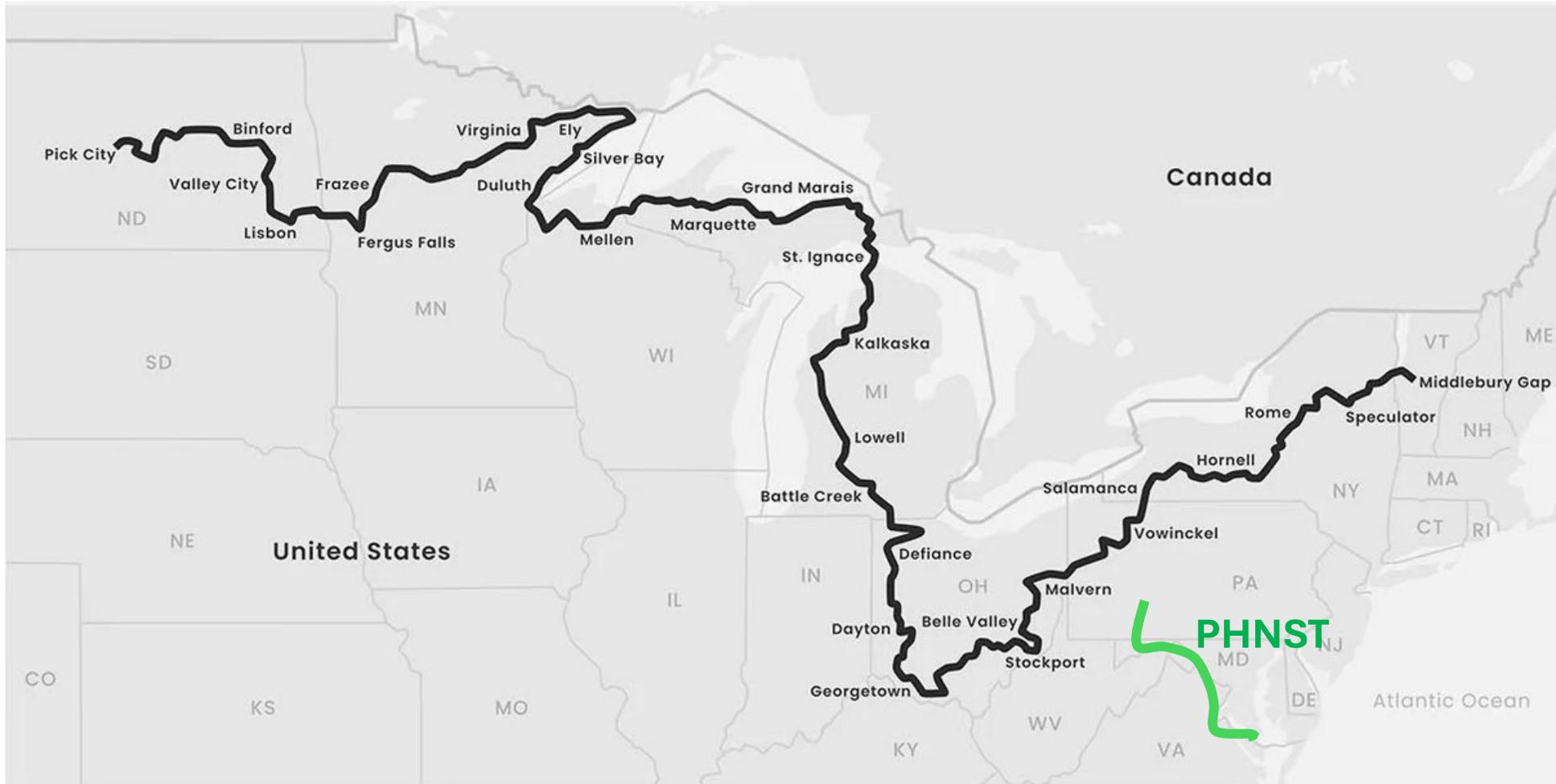
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North Country Trail Isle Royale NP

Upper Peninsula - Michigan

August 2024



NORTH COUNTRY TRAIL

— UNITED STATES —

DISTANCE

4800 miles / 7724 km

TOTAL ALTITUDE

118518 ft / 36124 m

STATES CROSSED

VT, NY, PA, OH, MI,
WI, MN, ND

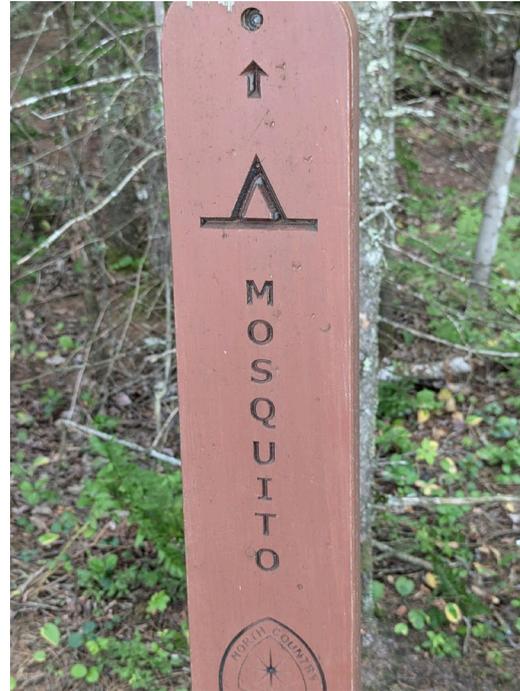
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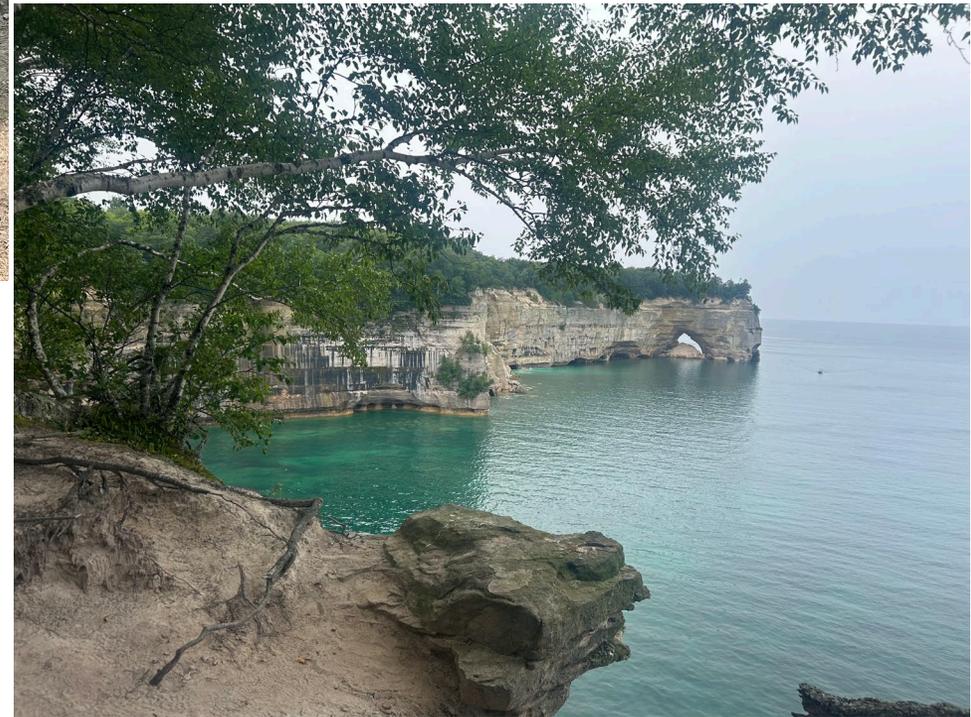
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TIME TO FINISH

Typically 8-10 months

North Country Trail





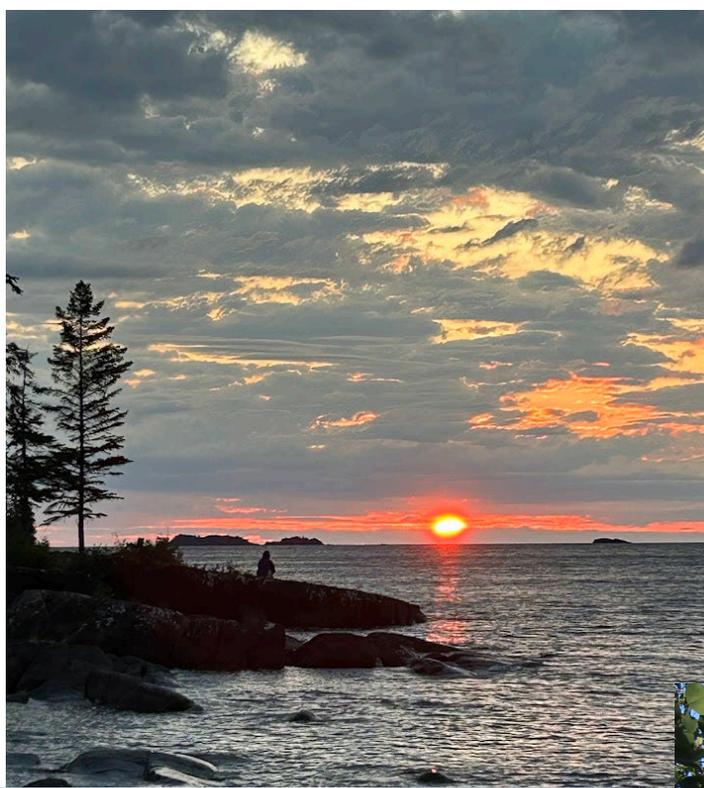
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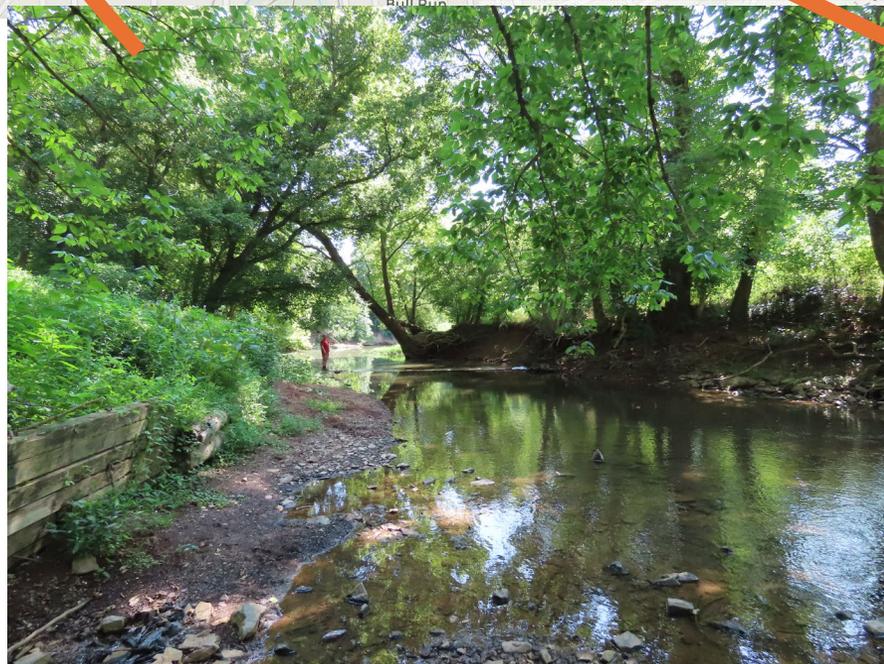
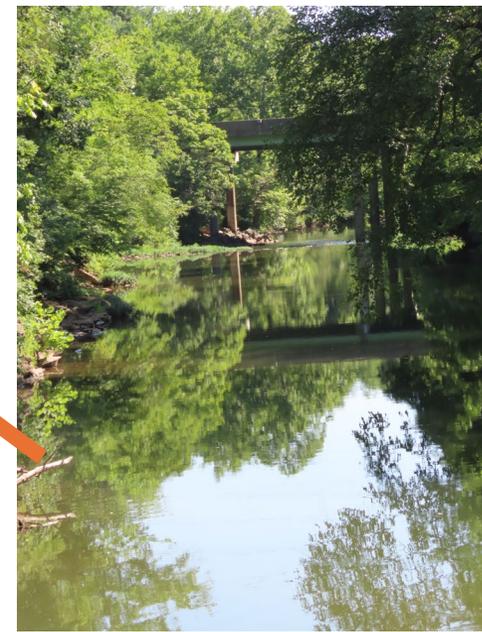
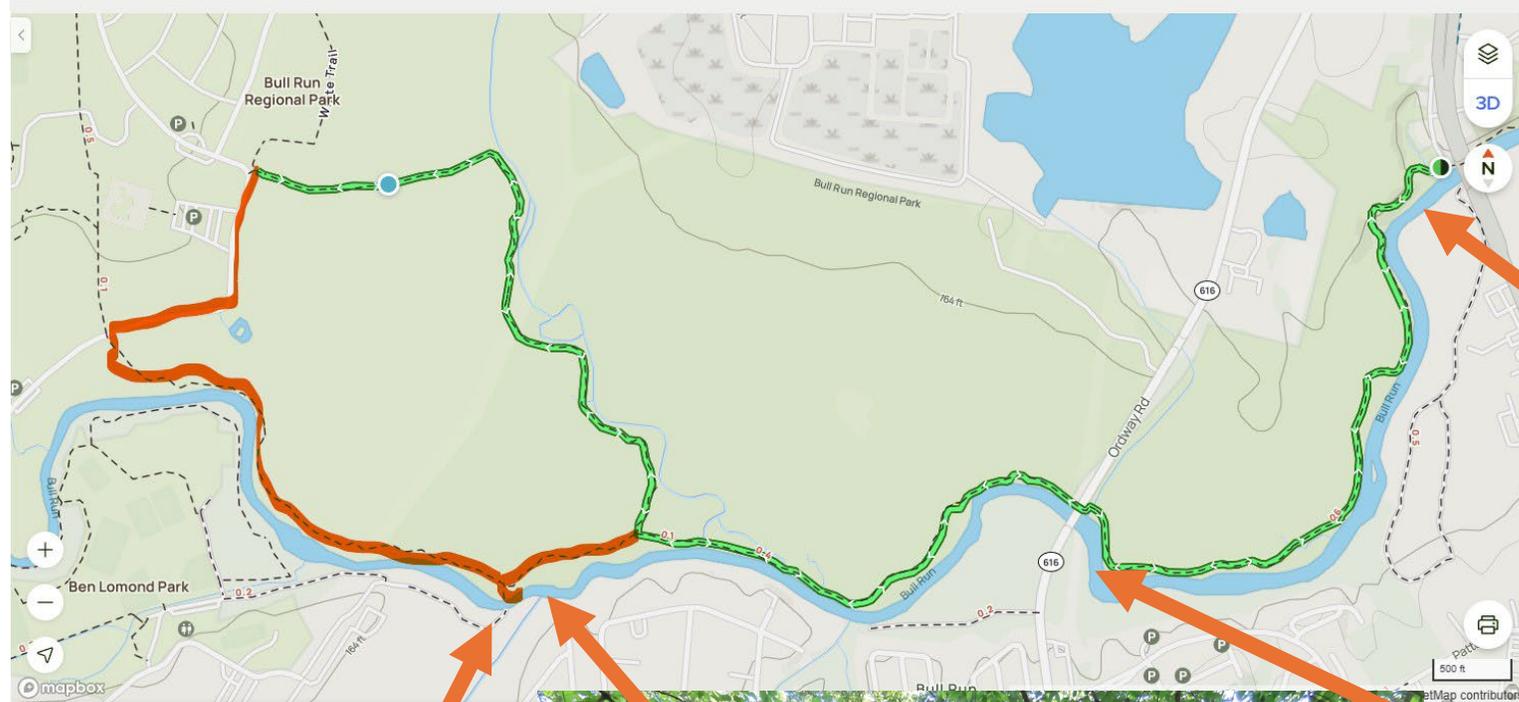
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Bull-Run Occoquan Trail

Exploring Bull Run north of Route 28



Featherstone NWR Trail Groundbreaking

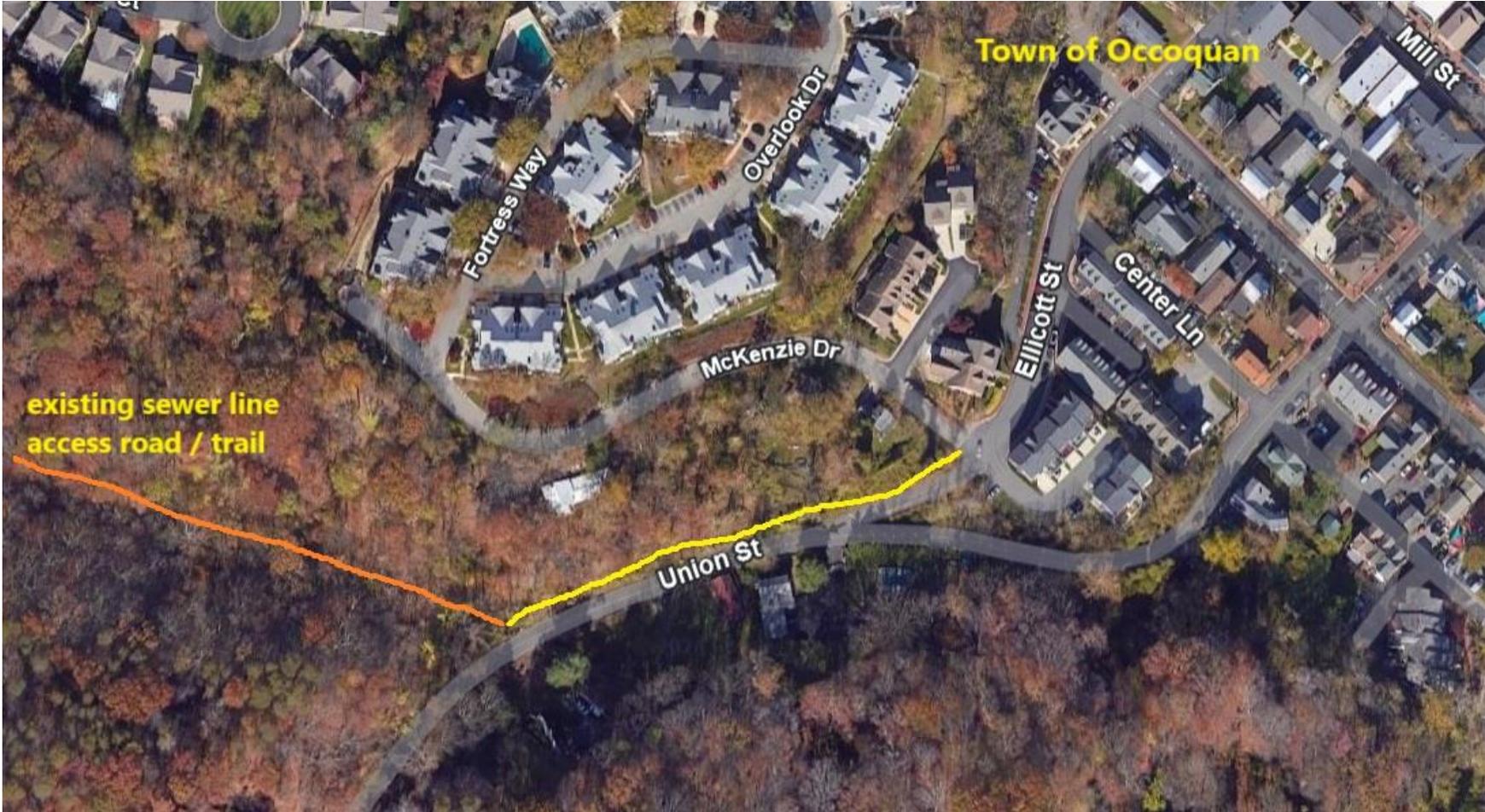
Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail

Virginia Beach Biking

First Landing SP,
False Cape SP
Mackay Island NWR
Back Bay NWR



Occoquan District Trail Projects



Ellicott Street Sidewalk- Occoquan Greenway Connect

Existing project, administered by PWC Dept of Transportation. If not fully funded, provide funding to complete the project.



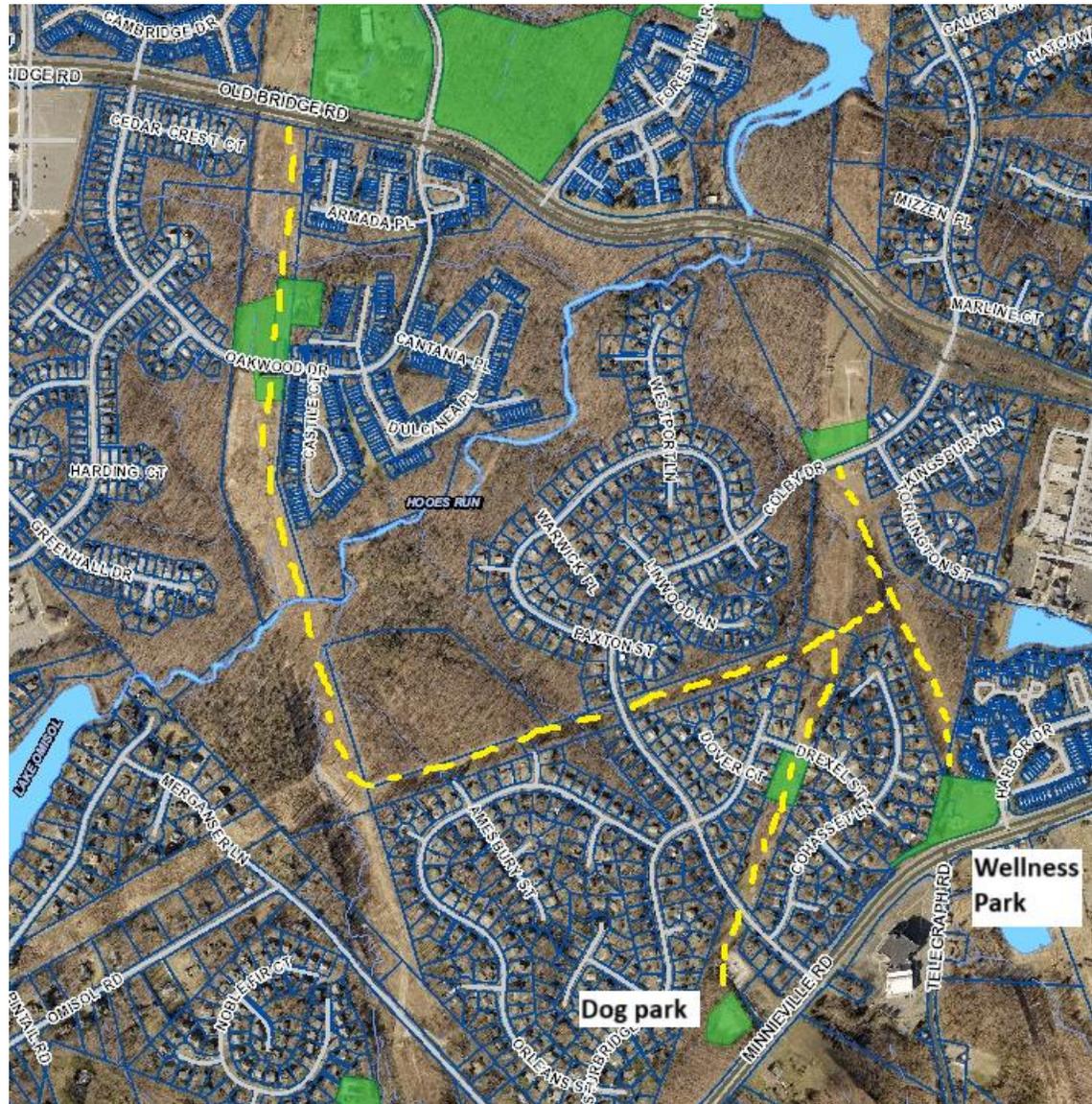
PHNST connection – Town of Occoquan to Belmont Bay

Route going under I-95 and Rt 1 bridges. May require acquisition, easement, or proffer. Will need VDOT permit.



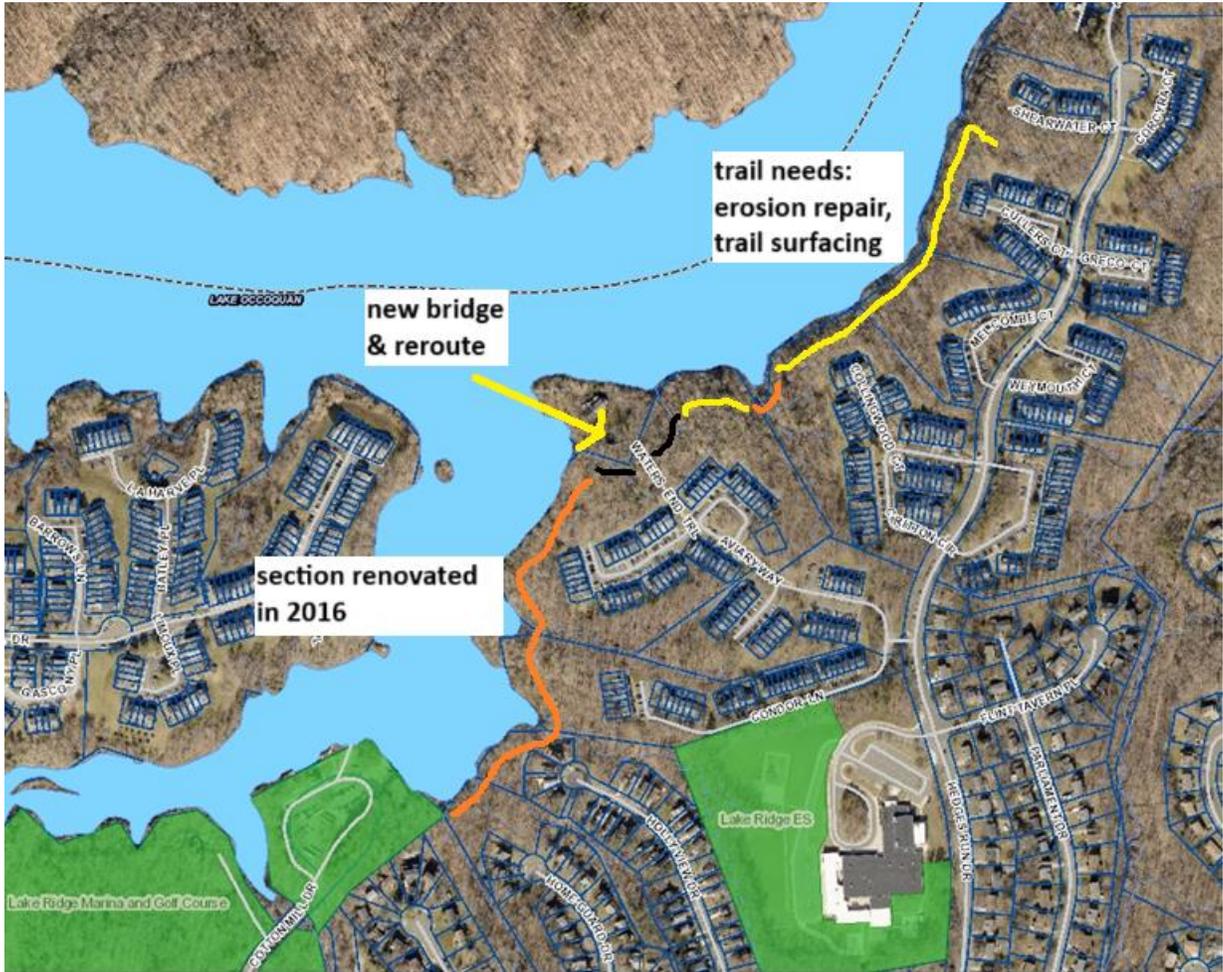
Occoquan Greenway Trail – Segment 8

Build the stormwater pond bypass and loop through the open area. It is uncertain if current funding is sufficient for this.



Trails in powerline corridors in Lake Ridge

On Lake Ridge Parks & Recreation Association common area, would require easement (and agreement with Dominion).



Occoquan Greenway Segment 2

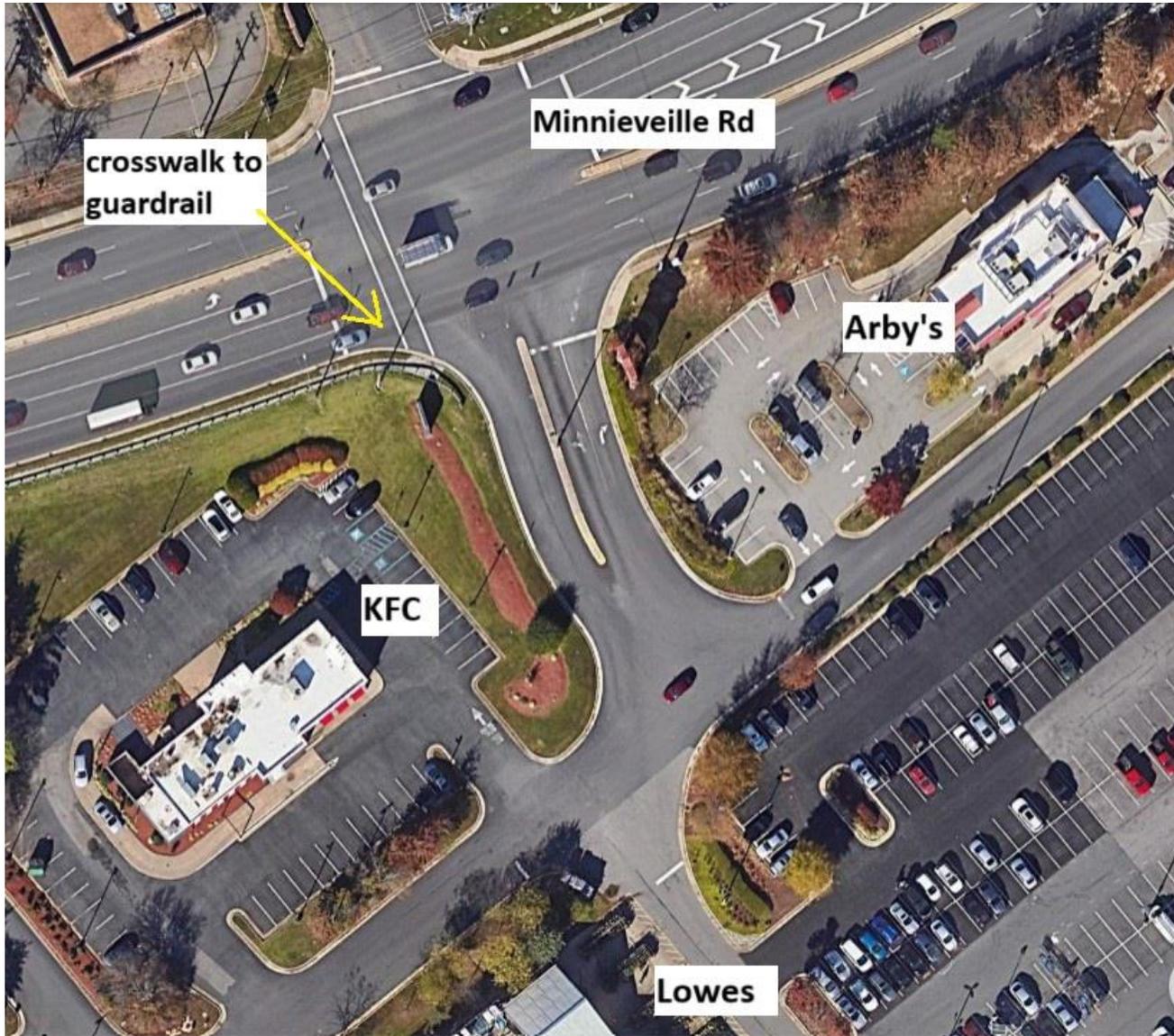
Most heavily used trail segment. A portion of Segment 2 was reconstructed in 2016 (erosion repair and prevention, culverts installed, restoration of trail surface). Additional restoration work is needed on the section that was not repaired in 2016.



Occoquan Greenway Segment 2

Section not renovated in 2016





Minnieville Road Pedestrian Improvements – between Fowke Lane and PW Parkway

Particularly through all the intersections - better striping, signaling, and bike/ped islands should be reviewed.



Sidewalk on Caton Hill Road for Access to Target store

Lawton at Telegraph is a rezoning to construct two apartment buildings, 4 story and 5 story. A sidewalk on Caton Hill Rd will be the most direct route for pedestrians to reach Target and the restaurants in the shopping center.