

Prince William County
TRAILS AND BLUEWAYS COUNCIL

Advisors to the Board of County Supervisors

Meeting Minutes
April 22, 2025; 6:30 PM

Attendance

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

Staff persons present: David Kroeger, Robert Boyd, and Patti Pakkala. Yolanda Hipski and Bryce Barrett attended virtually.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Liz at 6:30 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Administrative:

- Resolution 25-7 was approved, for virtual attendance by Bill McCarty.
- Resolution 25-8 was approved, for virtual attendance by Rich Wilson.
- Minutes of the March 25 TBC meeting were approved (motion: Eileen; 2nd Bill)

- Liz reported that Catherine O'Connor has resigned from the TBC, leaving the Vice Chair position open. Contact Liz if you are interested in serving as Vice Chair. Will be on the agenda in May.

Citizen's Time.

- Charlie Grymes noted that each district supervisor has \$450K in Transportation Improvement Program funds, which can be used for trails. Let your supervisor know about needed trail improvements or maintenance.

County Agency Representatives

PWC Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR). David Kroeger

- Doves Landing master plan stakeholder meeting is scheduled for May 19 at 7:00 pm (Kelly Leadership Center).
- Trails Master Plan stakeholder meeting is scheduled for May 29 at 7:00 pm (Kelly Leadership Center).
- Opening ceremony for canoe/kayak launch at Neabsco Boardwalk was held on April 16
- DPR has obtained subscription for satellite service for GPS unit, which will improve the mapping and data collection efforts.
- Occoquan Greenway Trail: Segment 2 bridge construction is complete. Volunteer workday is on May 3 to reroute the trail up to the new bridge.
- Patti reported that the DPR stewardship agreements are intended to cover maintenance, not new construction. Examples are rerouting for erosion or other concerns. No pilot trails. DPR is working to standardize the process under John Simkins. New trails will be approved by BOCS because of the associated maintenance requirements. Stewardship agreements could be for construction if in the plan and DPR sees benefit.

PWC Transportation. Bryce Barrett

- Neabsco Creek I-95 Bridge Replacement Update. An image of the revised VDOT design was included in the TBC meeting packet, and Bryce solicited comments on it. The revised design has a much larger culvert that includes a 5-foot wide bench trail. The bench trail would be part of the VDOT construction costs, but safety features such as lighting or a rail would be funded by PWC. TBC comments included:
 - The 5-ft width is inadequate, especially considering the concave tunnel overhead which would infringe on the usable space.
 - The plan to build it as designed and then retrofit the facility for trail use later is cost prohibitive. Widening the trail later would be very difficult and far more expensive than building a wider trail initially.
 - PWC Transportation should push for a 10-ft wide path built to standards.
- TBC members agreed that a resolution would be appropriate. Resolution 25-9 (RECOMMEND MODIFICATIONS TO VDOT'S PROPOSED NEABSCO GREENWAY DESIGN AT INTERSTATE 95) was drafted and approved. (motion: David; 2nd: Mike)
- Manassas Rail-with-Trail. A joint grant application was submitted but was not approved for funding. PWC and the towns (Manassas and Manassas Park) are funding the feasibility study and have a consultant on board. Site visit last week at Blooms Park. Probably will use existing trails in Blooms Park; need bridge over Russia Branch stream to connect to Manassas Park VRE. Have easement along tracks for a substantial portion, extending for 3 miles and ending at City of Manassas VRE station.

- Catharpin Creek under Rt 15. Doing grant application for a shared use path on the west side, to connect to the neighborhood. Trail under the bridge would connect to the SUP on the east side.
- Bike Month activities – learn to ride class by WABA, bike repair loaner kit at libraries, Bike to Work Day, Walk Bike & Roll to School Day ([see web page](#)).

PWC Planning, Yolanda Hipski

- Vint Hill corridor study. Yolanda is working on scope of work, will have multiple consultants. Planning for substantial community engagement, one of the consultants will have that role.

Community Development Applications, Robert Boyd

- Belmont Bay Application. DPR is generally happy with where it is; comments were submitted to the developer.
- Vint Hill corridor developments. Reviewing 3rd submission for three developments on the south side; engaged in good discussions with the developer. On the north side, reviewing 2nd submission for two developments. Comments due mid-to-late May.
- Kline property – 17th submission; now proposing all age-restricted units; park land which appeared in previous proposal has been deleted.

Business Items: 2025. Discussed a future joint meeting with the Parks Commission which meets on the 3rd Wednesday each month. Tentative plan for some TBC members to attend the Commission meeting on July 16. Patti stated that they want to hear about TBC initiatives and what we are working on.

Presentations/Reports.

a. Broad Run Greenway Corridor Update, David Kroeger

At the April 1 meeting, the BOCS approved dedication of five properties totaling 39 acres on Linton Hall Rd and Hornbaker Rd. Will allow for trails on each side of Broad Run. These were data center dedications. The developer will build the trail on the west side as an in-kind donation, all the way to the Saybrooke community. DPR will complete the trail on the east side. The bridge on Rocky Branch will be installed in September.

b. Parks CIP Dashboard, Patti Pakkala.

The dashboard shows the status of DPR planning and capital projects. [Parks CIP Dashboard](#)

c. Review of Final FY2026 Budget and CIP, Staff. Janet had included the budget info in the TBC meeting packet. Patti reported that the DPR Planning & Capital project team might go to the Transportation Dept. BOCS decisions on the budget at the Apr 22 meeting may indicate their direction on this.

d. County-wide Trails Master Plan

May 29 - public stakeholder meeting; will include user groups, hikers, paddlers. In-person attendance only, no option for virtual attendance. Eileen asked if GPWTC should provide input in advance; Patti said wait for the meeting. Will hold another meeting in October, complete the master plan by the end of calendar year 2025, and adopt in 2026. It is implementation focused.

Organization Representatives' Time

Greater Prince William Trails Coalition (GPWTC). Eileen Sheridan

- Youth Wellness Conference on May 3; DPR providing materials for exhibit.

- Walk and Talk Wellness Campaign, May 10 – June 8; Eileen asked for assistance in placing the signs in parks for the event.

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

- Hike at Potomac Shores following the GPWTC quarterly meeting on April 24, looking at potential PHNST routes.
- PWTSC trail workday on May 3, to re-route trail to the new bridge on Segment 2, Occoquan Greenway Trail

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

- MORE volunteers completed the Creekside Trail (1.9 miles) at Long Park; use has increased.

Trails Keepers. (no report)

Members' Time:

- Kimberly: met with Janet and the supervisor at Forest Greens golf course, looking at trail connections.
- David: PHNST subcommittee meets on April 29, 2:00 pm
- Mike: county attorney has issued new guidance on rules for electronic participation. The Historical Commission has adopted a resolution which TBC should look at.
- Duane: Puts in volunteer time at GW National Forest on the border with W. Virginia. Logs volunteer hours, asked if PWC has a system for recording volunteer hours. It's at <https://volunteers.volunteerprincewilliam.org/user/login/>
- Joe: was disappointed the BOCS did not add funds for trails. The request for \$5 million in FY26 had no backup. Next year need to present a plan for use of the funds requested.
- Jason: won bike raffle sponsored by the Parks Foundation, for Rollins Ford Park. Parks Foundation has good video. The park was busy with kids playing; the parents were sitting on the sidewalk. Patti said some additional furnishings are being purchased.
- Liz: Commended DPR for the canoe/kayak launch opening; the event had good representation from government. In the Brentsville district the Supervisor is holding open houses where developers display plans for comment. Encourage other districts to have them.

Meeting Recap:

Next meetings:

- PHNST subcommittee meeting on April 29, 2:00 pm
- Doves Landing master plan on May 19 at 7:00 pm (Kelly Leadership Center).
- Trails Master Plan stakeholder meeting on May 29 at 7:00 pm (Kelly Leadership Center).
- TBC meeting on May 27, 6:30 pm

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM