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Greater Prince William TRAILS COALITION

Hybrid Quarterly Meeting on April 14: In-Person and Via Zoom

We will gather in person from 10:00-11:00am on April 14 at the GMU Potomac Science Center in Belmont Bay, 650 Mason Ferry Ave, Woodbridge, VA 22191 (free parking). We will also offer the option to join via Zoom - **please register now to get the Zoom link**.

Planning, funding, and building trails is becoming a front-burner issue in Manassas, Manassas Park, and Prince William County. Join us for an hour on April 14 to drink coffee, munch bagels, catch up - and to spread the word about your organization's upcoming events.

After the meeting, we plan to explore a portion of the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail at Belmont Bay - weather permitting. *Yes, networking in person is back…*

Second Sunday Hike: April 10

This month, the Coalition member sponsoring the Second Sunday hike is the Prince William Conservation Alliance.

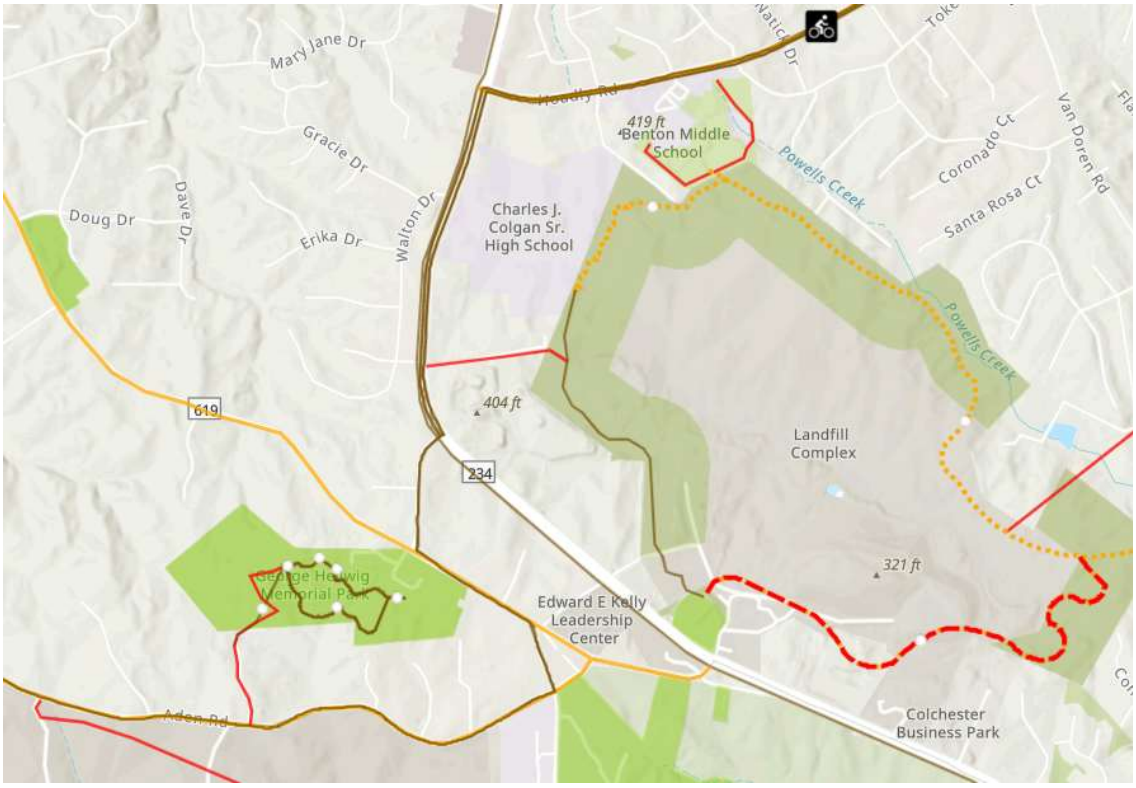
Check out the schedule of different hikes between 10:20am-3:00pm during the Bluebell Festival at Merrimac Farm Wildlife Management Area.

Trails Map in 2040 Comprehensive Plan Is Still "Draft" - *Not Too Late* to Comment

Prince William County could plan to construct a *few* new trail segments over the next 20 years, or plan to construct *many* new trail segments by 2040.

Public input will make the difference. Trails in the final 2040 Comprehensive Plan will have a chance to get county funding. Trails not in the plan… don't count on seeing any local, regional, or state funding.

Check out the Coalition's Aspirational Trails Map 2.0 and compare it to the draft trails map being proposed by county officials for the Mobility Chapter. ***If you want to see more trails on the county's official map***, now is the time to speak up and tell the Planning Commission, Board of County Supervisors, and staff what you want.



Local Trail News

Advocates, VDOT collaborate to restore a nearly forgotten equestrian trail on I-66 at Bull Run

Officials tout upcoming Route 234-Brentsville Road improvements

In the FY23 Manassas Park budget, the #6 priority is expanding bike/pedestrian mobility on Manassas Drive:

Infrastructure-		
Focus capital dollars on improving and maintaining roads and streets, sidewalks, storm drains, public facilities and old water pipes throughout the City	5	In FY 23: $7M investment in Transportation (not taxpayer funding), $2.3M in Facilities, and $1.6M in Water & Sewer Infrastructure.
Extend the sidewalk along Manassas Drive by the tracks	6	Part of $600K downtown infrastructure budget. City is applying for a Federal RAISE grant that will pay for this if approved, and we will also apply for a CDBG grant via the County for this effort as well.

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