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Greater Prince William TRAILS COALITION

April 20 Quarterly Meeting, 10:00-11:00am

Next Greater Prince William Trails Coalition Quarterly Meeting will be April 20, 10:00-11:00am. It will be hybrid (Zoom and in-person) at GMU's **Potomac Science Center**.

Agenda includes updates so we all know what's happening and time for networking, plus three scheduled speakers to discuss trails planning/funding, proposed bike route on Dumfries Road, and a new dashboard to identify the location of crashes involving pedestrians/bicyclists:
- Seth Hendler-Voss, Director of Prince William Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism
- Brian Leckie, Transportation Planner in City of Manassas
- John Lincoln, Virginia Department of Health

If coming in person, please **register at SignUp Genius**. If joining this hybrid meeting electronically, please **register** at Zoom.

April 16 “Third Sunday” Hike

Because the Second Sunday in April overlapped holidays, we added a Third Sunday hike this month. Join us on April 16, 1:00-3:00pm as we explore the Bull Run Trail upstream from SplashDown Waterpark. Please **register** to get details..

Early Alert - on May 14, next Second Sunday hike will explore trails at Potomac Shores. We will see where new boardwalk/bridge across Powell’s Creek will be built, using $9 million in 2019 bond funding.

Prince William County Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism (DPRT) has already advertised the contract to design/build Powell’s Creek crossing as part of the **Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail**:
The project will develop a "world-class" signature water crossing over Powell's Creek and shared use trail to connect Leesylvania State Park and Powell's Landing Park to DPRT trails on the south side of the creek in the Potomac Shores community of Prince William County... The goal is to create a unique pedestrian water crossing opportunity for the PHNST as well as a signature feature connecting a state and county park.

NOVA Bicycle/Pedestrian Network Study

Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is establishing a Working Group of northern Virginia jurisdictions, agencies, and bicycle/pedestrian community representatives to provide inputs, review, and feedback to the study NOVA Bicycle/Pedestrian Network Study over the next year.

The study will compile and map identified locality bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure needs in northern Virginia, then develop planning level cost estimate ranges for completing that regional network.

First Working Group meeting will be May 10 or 11, in person at the VDOT office in Fairfax. If your organization wants to participate, **contact Heidi Mitter**, VDOT Project Manager.

Dumfries Road Bike Facilities - City of Manassas

Check out the **three alternative plans**:
Alt D: Protected bike lanes between Wellington Road and Hastings Drive
Alt E.1: Buffered two-way cycle track on the east-side of Dumfries Road
Alt E.2: Buffered two-way cycle track on the east-side of Dumfries Road/shared use path

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In Other News…

- April 20, noon-1:15pm: Transportation Planning Board webinar *Promoting Vibrant Communities and Safer Roads* using fast-paced program "pecha kucha" format. Presenters have just 6-7 minutes to tell their stories about pedestrian safety plans, trail design, bike safety education, and other projects in DC area. Learn how to access Transportation Land Use Connections (TLC) and Regional Roadway Safety Program (RRSP) funding. **Register** online.
- **Latest newsletter** from the Partnership for the National Trails System highlights the Comprehensive Trail Management Training Monthly Webinar Series from the National Park Service. They're free….
- Greater Greater Washington just wrote about bike/pedestrian safety in Fairfax County - **"It's a disaster in Fairfax County." Can a near miss dashboard make Northern Virginia's streets safer?**
- Check out **Kudos for PATC at Prince William Forest Park** in the April issue of *The Potomac Appalachian* from the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club (PATC).

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