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Greater Prince William TRAILS COALITION

Second Sunday Hike on August 11

We will explore the brand new trail surface on Winter's Branch Trail in the City of Manassas from 1:00-3:00pm. There's a new viewing platform as well. Midway, look for the cooler with ice cream/popsicles on an August afternoon. **Register** to get details.

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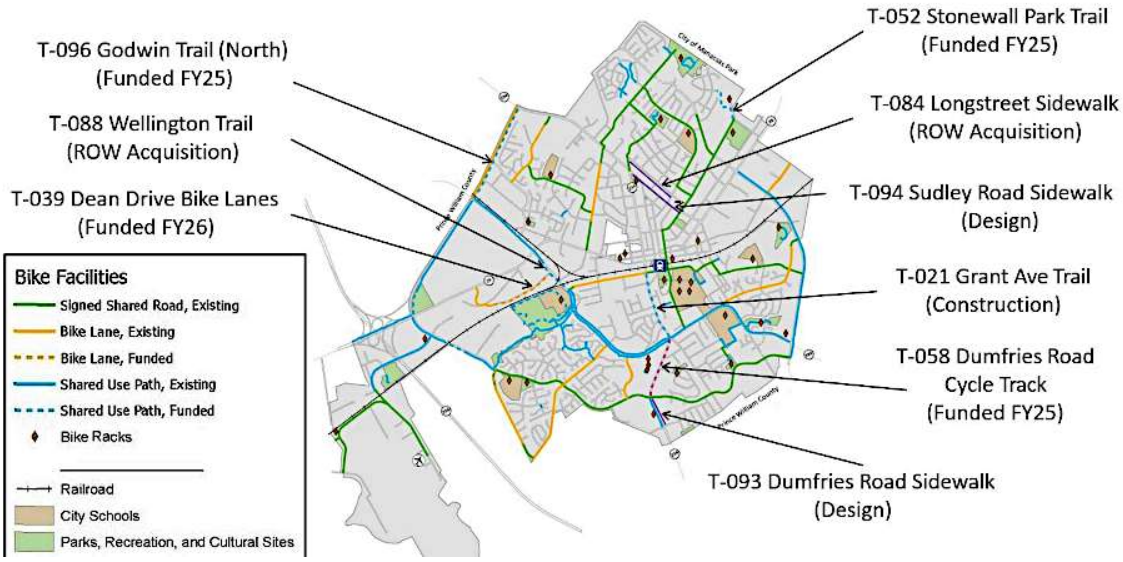
Northern Virginia Regional Commission
REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!
SEPT 5 AND 9 2024
2024 NORTHERN VIRGINIA RECREATIONAL TRAILS SUMMIT
Join the Northern Virginia Regional Commission and partner organizations for the third annual Recreational Trails Summit. This summit will focus on the planning and development of the region's trails and will be comprised of two, half-day events. Day 1 will be held virtually and Day 2 will be held in-person at the Lubber Run Community Center in Arlington, VA. Both sessions are open to all government entities, advocates, trail users, and community members.
USE THE QR CODE BELOW TO SIGN UP FOR DAY 1 AND/OR DAY 2 OF THE SUMMIT.
SCAN TO LEARN MORE AND REGISTER


T-096 Godwin Trail (North) (Funded FY25)
T-088 Wellington Trail (ROW Acquisition)
T-039 Dean Drive Bike Lanes (Funded FY26)
T-052 Stonewall Park Trail (Funded FY25)
T-084 Longstreet Sidewalk (ROW Acquisition)
T-094 Sudley Road Sidewalk (Design)
T-021 Grant Ave Trail (Construction)
T-058 Dumfries Road Cycle Track (Funded FY25)
T-093 Dumfries Road Sidewalk (Design)
Bike Facilities
Signed Shared Road, Existing
Bike Lane, Existing
Bike Lane, Funded
Shared Use Path, Existing
Shared Use Path, Funded
Bike Racks
Railroad
City Schools
Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Sites

Project Name	Proposed Funding Source	Funding Source	Application Status
Design/Construction (Major)			
Sudley/Centreville Roundabout (T-085)	NVTA 70%	Regional	Awarded
Mathis Avenue Streetscape (T-086)	Revenue Sharing / Earmark	State / Federal	Awarded
Bike/Ped Projects			
Centreville Road Sidewalk (T-090)	VDOT Pre-Scoping	State	Awarded
Sudley Road Bike Facilities (T-090)	RSTP	Federal	Awarded
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Transit Projects			
Bus Stop Enhancements (T-095) - Add. funding	CMAQ	Federal	Due Fall 2024
Planning Projects			
Safe Street Implementation Plan (MOB 6.4.3)	SS4A (Demonstration)	Federal	Submitted
Rail-with-Trail along VRE Manassas Line between Downtown Manassas and Bull Run Trail (Phase 1) (MOB 6.1.5)	ATIIP (Planning Grant)	Federal	Submitted
Signal Optimization (T-064)	CMAQ	Federal	Awarded
Maintenance Projects			
Church Street (Maintenance)	SGR	Federal	Awarded
Center Street (Maintenance)	SGR	Federal	Awarded

City of Manassas Update

City Council was **updated on July 15** regarding transportation projects in the Capital Improvements Program. A update to the City's Mobility Plan will begin this Fall.

The city is planning a **new roundabout** to replace the traffic signals at the Route 28/Centreville Road intersection.

Mid-Atlantic Off-Road Enthusiasts (MORE) In the News

From **Potomac News** on July 25:

How Two Men Led the Andrew Leitch Park Clean-Up Initiative

Two dedicated mountain bikers have made it their mission to build out a trail at Andrew Leitch Park.

Jason Williams and Rich Wilson became fast friends when they started riding in the same areas and found one another on a fitness app, which fueled their competitive spirits to break one another's records.

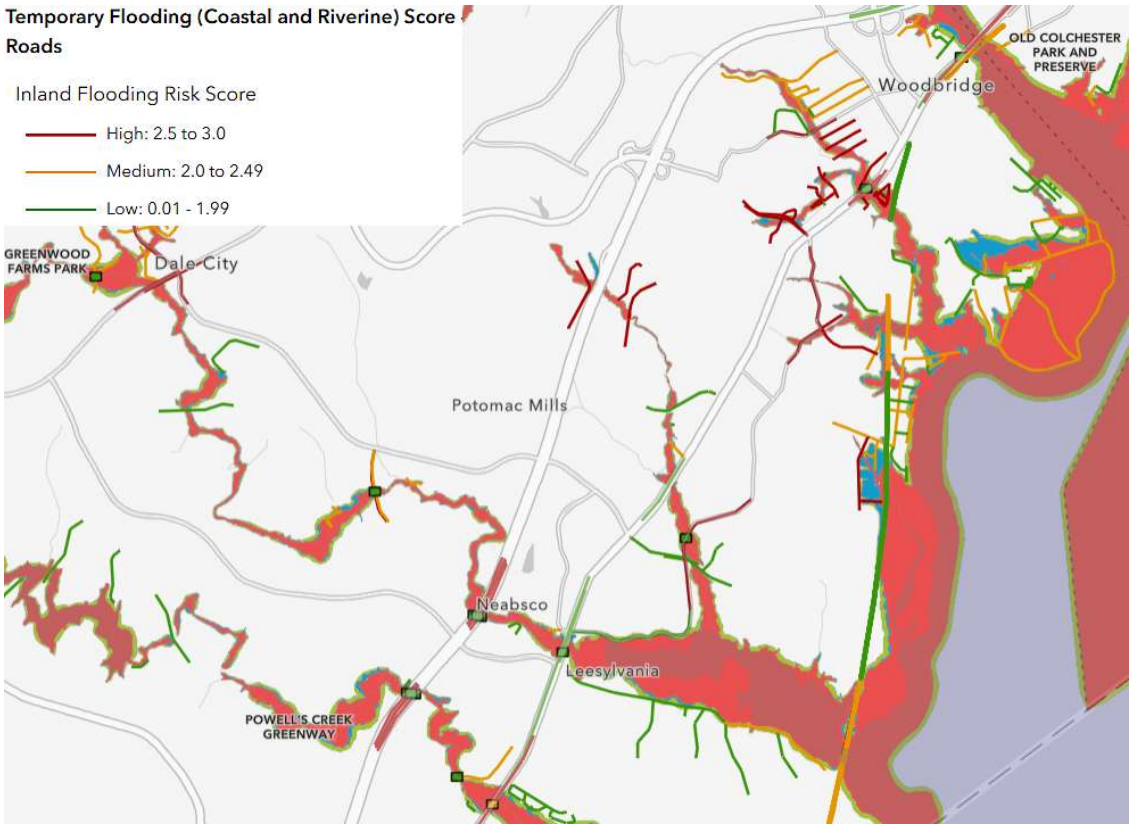
*Both had been riding at **Andrew Leitch** for years and separately thought of ways to expand and clean up the trail. As volunteers with Mid-Atlantic Off-Road Enthusiasts (MORE) — a nonprofit of local DMV mountain bikers that aims to increase access to natural surface trails — the two realized they could get this project off the ground.*

*Williams and Wilson helped clean up and build the trail at Locust Shade Park in Triangle. It took a few years to get the **Andrew Leitch project** started, but after an event with Keep Prince William Beautiful, the project really started.*

"While we were walking through the woods, we discovered so much trash that we were shocked," Wilson said. "Apparently, residents had just been dumping back there instead of taking things to the dump."

According to Wilson, work is never done on the trail, but it is already being enjoyed by residents and neighbors alike.

Risk of Trails, Sidewalks, and Roads Being Flooded

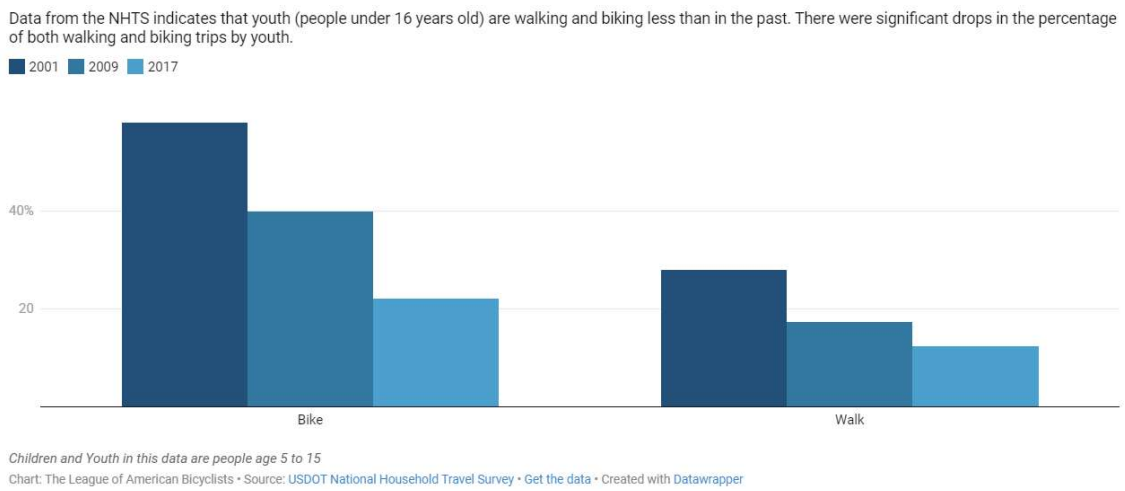


The Transportation Planning board (TPB) **Transportation Resilience Study** has mapped the risk.

Trail Contractor Update

- The county's contractor for the **Doves Landing Master Plan**, Dewberry, has started design work. At Doves Landing, the Preserve at Long Branch developer still needs to build a fair-weather crossing to extend the trail to Sinclair Mill.
- Inform is working on the Powell's Creek Crossing.
- The $325,000 Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) grant is funding the contractor ATS now to identify the best choice(s) for closing three gaps in the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail (PHNST).
- Foursquare ITP has completed the **Yorkshire TLC Grant Report**.

Also, there is a **new dashboard** to track parks-related capital improvement projects. The Department of Parks and Recreation is currently managing a heavy workload of about 80 projects, including the Powell's Creek Crossing and Featherstone National Wildlife Refuge segment of the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail.



*FYI: the League of American Bicyclists provides **demographics of biking and walking**.*

In Other News…

- Torsha Bhattacharya is leaving her position in the State Trails Office. The Virginia Department of Transportation advertisement has closed for the Project Manager State Trails Initiative- Local Assistance position to manage, oversee, and support statewide Multiuse Trails/Shared Use Path (SUP) projects.
- Wondering about grant deadlines? One tool to use is the US Department of Transportation's **Key Notices of Funding Opportunity** site.
- Another resource: **Seeking Federal Funding - A Guide for Local Governments**

- **How E-Bikes Won Over Europe** (*Bloomberg*, July 2). "*In virtually all of the countries where e-bikes are a majority of bike sales, governments have offered financial assistance for purchases.*"
- **Vosper: E-bikes step up in a down market** (*Bicycle Retailer*, March 11) "*…e-bikes are steadily gaining market share, from an insignificant 2% in 2016 to more than 18% of pedal-only bike sales in 2023."*
- **Transportation Benefits and Costs of Reducing Lane Widths on Urban and Rural Arterials** (Utah DOT Research & Innovation Division) "*Lower-speed roads also tend to have 11-foot lanes, or even 10-foot lanes in certain cases. In roadways with higher truck volumes, AADT, and average speed, lane width is mainly set at 12 feet.*" NOTE: The VDOT **Subdivision Street Guide** calls for a minimum 12' road width at page B(1)-7, but lane width is narrower than road width.
- **Electric scooter and e-bike injuries have soared since 2017, study says** (*Smart Cities Dive*, July 29) "*Injuries among e-bike riders doubled every year from 2017 to 2022 while e-scooter injuries rose 45% annually in that same period…*"
- **History Of Hiking: Surprisingly A Relatively Recent Leisure Activity** (*Wilderness Times*, July 11, 2023) "*…hiking began around the latter half of the 18th century in Europe... As cities grew larger, busier, and dirtier, it wasn't long before people grew tired of living in overpopulated and polluted places. In such an environment, a walk in nature actually seemed like the perfect recreational activity."*
- After a thunderstorm, do you need to report an issue on a sidewalk or shared use path? Submit a report via VDOT's **How can we help you?** form.
- **First Pedestrian Bridge Over Road Part Of Completed Prince William County Interchange** (*Manassas Patch*, July 29) Joe Marshall (green shirt, below) said "*Biking over this pedestrian bridge is so much better than dodging traffic coming off of a high-speed roadway…*" The **official news release** includes a link to the **ribbon cutting video**.

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