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Greater Prince William TRAILS COALITION

December 13: New Trails Map for Prince William County?

On November 9 the Prince William County Planning Commission approved the [August draft of the Trails Map](#) when it sent the [Mobility Chapter](#) forward for final decisions by the Board of County Supervisors. That meeting to finalize the [2040 Comprehensive Plan](#) is now scheduled for December 13.

Public comment on the August 22 version identified many additional trail segments to add. Though Planning Commission made no changes, the Planning Office has indicated that a new draft of that Mobility Chapter would be produced after the Planning Commission vote..

By December 5, no new draft had been made public. If there will be one, it should appear in the staff report for the December 13 meeting, [posted](#) by Thursday night.

You can make comments about improving whatever Trails Plan is in the staff report directly to [individual supervisors](#), and/or send an e-mail to the [entire Board](#).



Rocking Around the Boardwalk: Holiday Walk of Lights at Neabsco Regional Park

The Prince William County Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism has opened the [Holiday Walk of Lights](#) on [Neabsco Creek Boardwalk](#).

Unique Holiday Tree Display starts December 10. Wear your winter finest, including those ugly holiday sweaters, and view this one-of-a-kind seasonal treat. Walk down a magical path of hand-crafted light displays on Fridays-Sundays through December 31 - free, no registration required.



December 11: Second Sunday Hike to Cockpit Point Park

On the Second Sunday of every month, the organizations which created the Greater Prince William Trails Coalition offer a hike to explore places in Prince William, Manassas, and Manassas Park.

This month, the Potomac Heritage Trail Association is sponsoring a scramble along a rough trail before we cross the CSX tracks to a vista at Cockpit Point Park overlooking the Potomac River. We will see remnants of Civil War fortifications - and maybe bald eagles as well.

Use Possum Point Road to get to the end of Cockpit Point Road, and park near 18001 Cockpit Point Rd, Dumfries, VA 22026

Please register at <https://tinyurl.com/msxuy2uj> Questions? Contact us at info@gpwtrails.org

Job Announcements

Do you have a passion for trails? Do you love working outdoors? Do you want to make your community great? The Prince William County (PWC) Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism is looking for a Maintenance and Operations Supervisor to lead a team of professionals in caring for the PWC trail system. See [vacancy announcement](#) - closes TOMORROW, December 6.

The Virginia Trails Office is hiring too - [see announcement](#). Closes December 9.



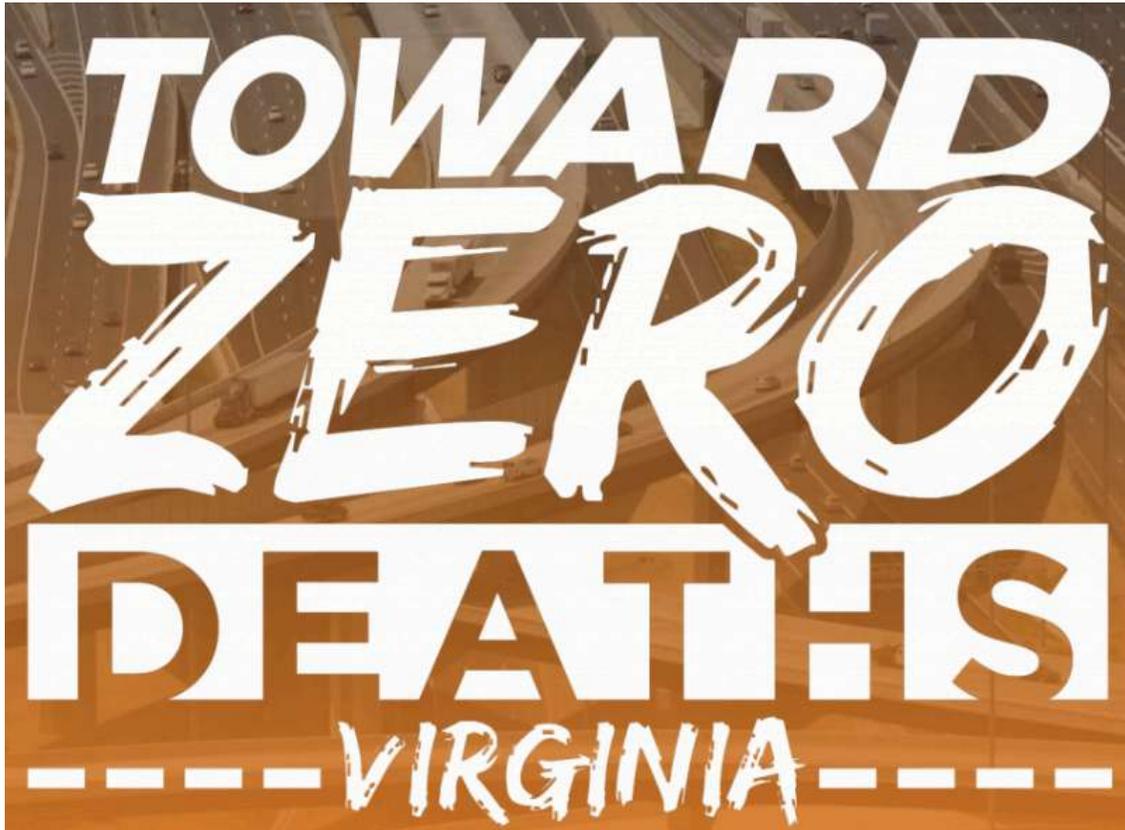
Bike/Pedestrian (and More...) Traffic Safety

Supervisors Victor Angry and Kenny Boddye held a town hall on traffic safety November 16. Prince Georges County already has a [Vision Zero program](#), but Prince William County staff indicated that they were interested in a “[towards zero](#)” approach.

- There is now a [petition](#) for safety improvements at the I-95/Route 234 intersection. For context, see [He lost his home. Then, walking to work, he lost his life](#) (*Washington Post*, November 3, 2022)
- For insight from the [Vision Zero Network](#), see articles from the [Vision Zero Cities Journal](#)
- Check out the [VDOT Safety Page](#) with data on crashes, injuries, and fatalities, plus the [Innovative Intersections and Interchanges](#) page.
- See [With 23 pedestrians dead, advocates call for action to make Fairfax County roads safer](#) (FairfaxNOW, November 22)
- December 14 - [Quarterly Conference Call of Safe Routes to School Virginia](#), 1:00-2:30pm Bike/pedestrian safety advocates are invited to join and learn together.

Meeting ID: 819 6646 6470

Passcode: 006204



Blazing the Discovery Trail

On November 16, three volunteers from the Mid Atlantic Off-Road Enthusiasts (MORE), Prince William Trails & Streams Coalition, and the Prince William County Trails and Blueways Council blazed the Discovery Trail in the Eco-Park near the county landfill, from the southern trailhead at Independent Hill Park to the northern trailhead at Benton Middle School.

After three hours and nearly five miles of walking, there were 350 “Wildflower Blue” blazes on the trees.



At the Planning Commission - December 14

Prince William Planning Commission will hear a proposal from Regency at Creekside Homeowners Association to switch maintenance responsibility of an existing trail along Catharpin Road from the HOA to the county. Trail segment includes a steel bridge (see below).

County staff is recommending denial of the HOA effort to abandon its original proffer to maintain the trail. Your comments may be sent to clerkPC@pwcva.gov or directly to Planning Commission members.



Bike to Work Day - May 19, 2023

Planning is underway to offer 9 pit stops in Manassas/Manassas Park/Prince William County on next year's [Bike to Work Day](#), including a return to Tacketts Mill. Check out a possible route on the [Prince William County Bicycle Skill Level Map](#).

In Other News

- December 13: proposed [Route 28 Bypass](#) will be discussed at "Transportation Tuesday" session (noon-1:00pm). The new highway extending Godwin Drive across Bull Run will have a parallel shared use path. However, it could provide or prevent bike/pedestrian crossings except at Lomond Drive, connecting or isolating Yorkshire from Splashdown Waterpark. [Register](#) to participate.
- [Northern Virginia Conservation Trust](#) (NVCT), a member on the Greater Prince William Trails Coalition, has good news: [Community Celebrates Better Access to Little Hunting Creek Preserve Trail](#)
- [Thriving Communities Program](#) (US Department of Transportation) grant applications are due TOMORROW on December 6
- [Chesapeake Gateways Network Grants](#) (National Park Service) applications are due on January 30, 2023
- [As Metro prepares to open new rail stations, advocates want better bike-ped accessibility](#). (*Virginia Mercury*, November 11, 2022)
- [Mood as celebratory as bridge over Beltway draws transportation, political leaders](#) (InsideNOVA, November 11, 2022)
- The [Advancing Trails to Support Multimodal Networks](#) info brief is one of many resources published by the [Pedestrian and Bicycle Information Center](#)



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