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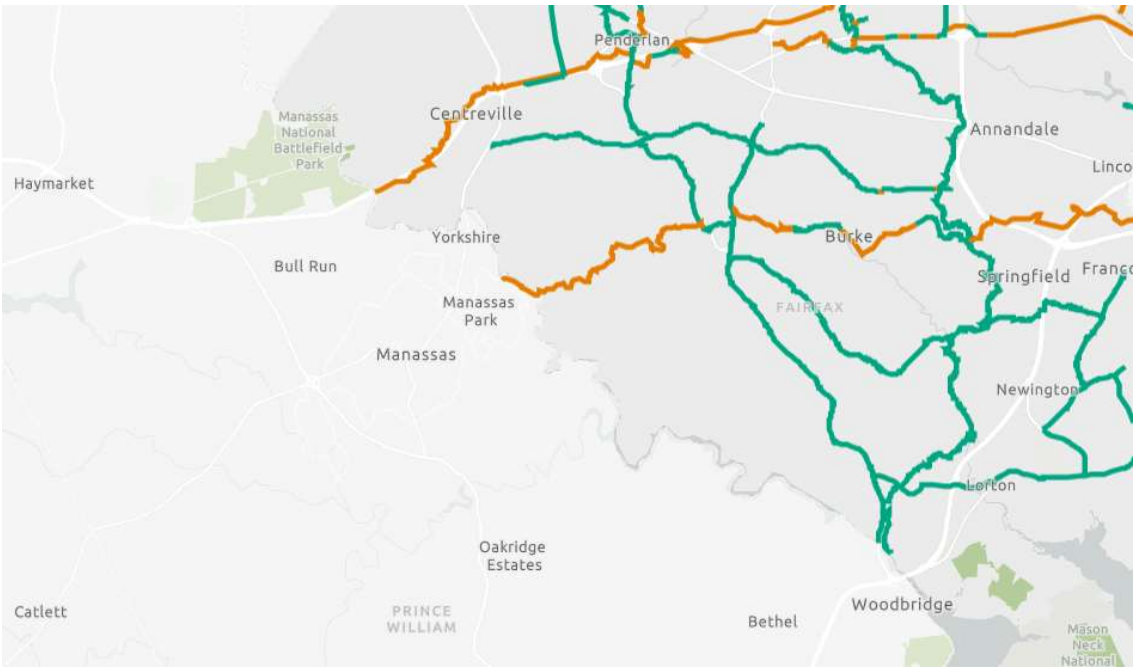


Yes, We Have Joined the Capital Trails Coalition!

The Greater Prince William Trails Coalition is now an official partner with the Capital Trails Coalition.

Both groups share common interests in enhancing the existing bike/pedestrian network. By joining the Capital Trails Coalition, we increase the regional focus on trails south of the Occoquan River.

The Capital Trails Coalition has an interactive map of trails on its website. Look for that map to include trails in Manassas, Manassas Park, and Prince William County in the future.

Second Sunday Hike - Now *This Sunday*, February 19

We got rained/sleeted out last Sunday, so we rescheduled to the following week.

Join us at 1:00-3:00pm on February 19 to explore Bull Run Mountains Natural Area Preserve. To get directions - and in case the weather goes south again - please register, (*NOTE: no dogs allowed at the preserve.*)

Trails Funding in Prince William County CIP

The draft FY24 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) proposes to spend all the remaining 2019 bond funding identified for parks and trails.

Spending planned for next year (FY24 starts July 1, 2023) includes $9 million for Powells Creek Crossing, $4.5 million for Occoquan Greenway construction, and $500,000 for Neabsco Greenway land acquisition.
Also included are:
- $4 million for the North Woodbridge Pedestrian Bridge
- an increase of $2 million for parks maintenance/accessibility projects, including trails

The 10-Year CIP Look-Ahead listed as the top item Parks, Recreation & Tourism Master Plan Implementation. In that plan, the answer to the question "*What park and recreation services are most valued in Prince William County?*" the #1 answer was "*Trails/Connectivity*."

State of the Parks Event - March 2 (7:00-9:00pm)

This year, the county's "department of fun" (Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism) is upscaling its annual report to the public. Anticipate a party atmosphere for the community conversation on March 2 at the Kelly Leadership Center, including a KidZone for childcare so adults can get up-to-speed on what's happening and what's planned.

This is a great opportunity for trails advocates to learn where 400 miles of new trails are planned in the 2040 Mobility Chapter.

Want to know what planned segments in your neighborhood are funded, and where you might want to speak to your elected officials so the county converts "planned" lines on paper (*OK, in a GIS geodatabase...*) into "real" on-the-ground trails? Show up on March 2 and ask.

Corridor Analysis - Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail

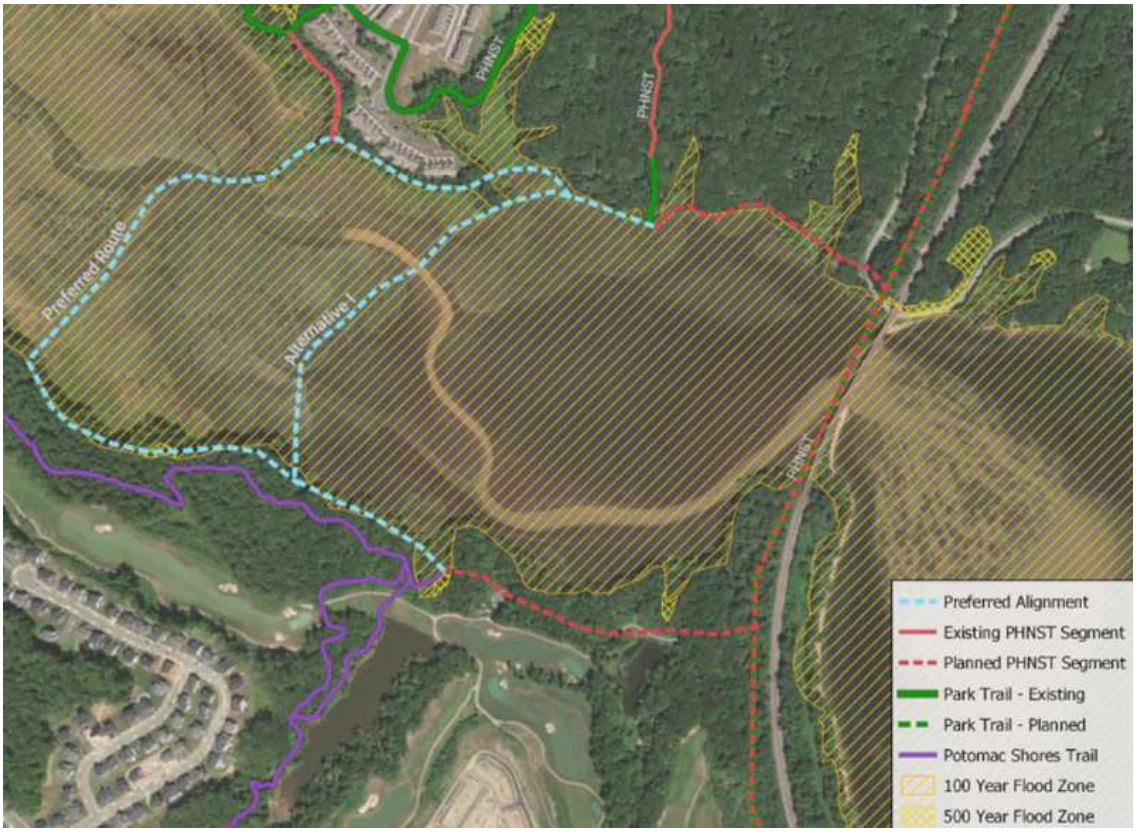
The Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC) has finished the 2022 Corridor Analysis for the Northern Virginia section of the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail (PHNST).

NVRC will host a virtual training event on March 15 (10:00–11:30am) to provide an overview of the 2022 Corridor Analysis and share key tools and features of its new dashboard. Register to join the event.

Andrew Leitch Trails Project - March 11

Andrew Leitch Park is a trailhead for the Neabsco Greenway. Mid-Atlantic Off Road Enthusiasts (MORE), Keep Prince William Beautiful, and the Boy Scouts are cleaning it up on March 11.

Want to help? See details on Facebook.



Greenways: Making Progress In A Forward Direction

Prince William County has advertised for *Architect/Engineering Design and Construction Administration Services for Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail (PHNST) - Powells Creek Crossing*. Three design options for the project will be developed. The $9 million project is funded through bonds approved by county voters in 2019.
Construction has begun of a bow truss bridge across Hedges Run for Occoquan Greenway. When completed, it will resemble the bridge shown below.

And in other news…

- Chris Yung Elementary School Wants to Teach Kids in PE Class How to Ride a Bike (*Prince William Living*, February 2, 2023)
- Intergenerational Mobility – Having Fun on Bikes with the Grandkids (blog post by Rich Holt, one of the founders of Active Prince William and now living in Ohio)

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