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Greater Prince William TRAILS COALITION

“Planned/Proposed” Trails in Prince William County - What’s Included, What’s Missing

Prince William County has released another **draft of a trails map** for the Mobility Chapter in the 2040 Comprehensive Plan. Some of the trails identified in the Coalition’s Aspirational Trails Map 2.0 are included, but many are not. ***If you want to advocate for adding a missing trail segment***, send comments - now - to Pathwayto2040@pwcgov.org

Also, now is an appropriate time to communicate to elected officials that there is public support for 1) funding construction of the trails that are planned, and 2) funding maintenance of completed segments. For Prince William County, messages can be sent to bocs@pwcgov.org Separate message can be sent to Manassas and Manassas Park officials.

Hybrid Coalition Quarterly Meeting - April 14, 10:00-11:00am

We are planning to meet **in-person** as well as **online** in April. We'll offer the option to mingle and network in the GMU Potomac Science Center at Belmont Bay, as well as participate via Zoom. Weather permitting, after the meeting we will walk along a section of the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail.

Second Sunday Hikes

Every month on the second Sunday, an organization belonging to the Coalition sponsors a "get out and explore" experience. On April 10, the Prince William Conservation Alliance will be offering different hikes between 11:00am-3:00pm during the Bluebell Festival at the Merrimac Farm Wildlife Management Area.

We had snow on the ground for the March hike at Doves Landing Park, led by the Green Team at Bull Run Unitarian Universalists.

Occoquan Greenway Moves Forward

After moving through the engineering and permitting stages, the Prince William County Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism is starting to build a bridge over Hooes Run on Segment 6 of the Occoquan Greenway. That is possible because the Lake Ridge community has granted an easement, welcoming hikers and bikers.

Closer to the Town Occoquan, there will be more “opportunities” for additional bridge work (see below). On May 8, the Prince William Trails & Streams Coalition will lead our Second Sunday hike on a part of the Occoquan Greenway.

Bike to Work Day - May 20

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More News…

- Check out the latest Greenways and Trails E-news from the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation.
- Trails are Common Ground (TaCG) public awareness campaign has launched. It is designed to elevate the importance of respectful, inclusive, safe, and enjoyable experiences on trails.
- American Trails has announce the opportunity to apply for grants from the Trails Fund.

Duane Martin of Prince William County's Trails and Blueways Council brought Supervisor Pete Candland on March 11 to see how Virginia Department of Transportation will keep open the trail underneath I-66 at Bull Run. The

Potomac Heritage Trail Association was proactive in preserving that link between Mayhew Sports Complex and Manassas National Battlefield Park.

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