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Greater Prince William TRAILS COALITION

Quarterly Meeting - TOMORROW
June 16, 10:00-11:00am

AGENDA:

- Status of getting incorporated with tax-exempt 501(c)(3) designation
- Trails update: Manassas Park
- Regional cooperation on application for Safe Streets for All (SS4A) grant
- Mobility Chapter with Trails Map – what's happening, how to engage to get more/better trails in Prince William County
- Trails and Blueways Council recommendations for expanding trails network in Mobility Chapter
- What's next for the Coalition's Aspirational Trails Map
- Trails funding in Prince William County: what's approved, what's in the pipeline
- History of active mobility/recreation trails development in NoVA
- Member reports

Hybrid meeting. Come in-person to GMU's Potomac Science Center with donuts, coffee, and a great vista in Room 3102 (get directions) or join online. To get Zoom link, register in advance.

Upcoming Hikes

Prince William Conservation Alliance is offering an opportunity to explore Neabsco Creek and the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail on Saturday, June 18, 10:00-11:30am

Coalition sponsors a Second Sunday hike each month. Expedition in June was postponed due to threat of rain (*yes, weather ended up perfect; cancellation was a bad call*). On July 10 we plan again to visit Bull Run Mountain Natural Area Preserve. In case the weather is really, really, really bad in July, please register. Sponsor of hike is Virginia Outdoors Foundation.

And in other news…

Transportation Planning Board is considering On-Road GHG Reduction Goals and Strategies today. Number 2 on the list is "*Increase Walk/Bike modes of travel - Complete the TPB's National Capital Trail Network by 2030*."

Check out what's happening at the Fredericksburg Trails Alliance.
NOTE: Greater Prince William Trails Coalition is designed to support existing organizations that are our members. We enhance their ability to recruit individual members and implement projects, so you will see our member organizations reporting on cleanups, trail development projects, etc.

Prince William County Sustainability Commission meets next on June 23. They are preparing a Community Energy and Sustainability Master Plan that will identify how to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to 50% of the 2005 level by 2030. Since vehicle emissions are the largest source of emissions, a better bike/pedestrian infrastructure - and budget estimates for building it - could be a key step in the action plan.

The Greater Washington Partnership just issued a Regional Blueprint for Inclusive Growth, updating the 2018 Blueprint for Regional Mobility. A trails network is a case study in their "pillar" of creating a High-Performing and Accessible Transportation & Digital Infrastructure.

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