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Greater Prince William TRAILS COALITION

<u>Bike On the PHNST</u> After the
Greater Prince William Trails Coalition
Quarterly Meeting on June 15, 10:00-11:30am

Please register to **attend in person** at the **Potomac Science Center** of George Mason University or to **join via Zoom** from 10:00am-11:30am on Thursday.

Agenda includes:
- how to complete the **National Capital Trails Network** by 2030 as planned by the **Transportation Planning Board** to help meet the commitment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to 50% of the 2005 level by 2030
- analysis of specific options identified by the **Trails and Blueways Council** to complete segments of the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail
- various initiatives by different groups, including the Virginia Department of Transportation, to create a regional bike/pedestrian map (or at least a data warehouse…) and adopt some common data standards
- proposals for enhancing bike/pedestrian safety

Afterwards, bring a bike and explore a segment of the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail (PHNST). Neil Nelson of the **Prince William Trails and Streams Coalition** will lead a short (about 1 hour…) expedition south of the GMU facility. If feeling adventurous, we might examine various proposals for connecting Belmont Bay to the town of Occoquan.

Maybe we'll "do lunch" and discuss how to complete the PHNST through the towns of Occoquan and Dumfries. and through PW County, before the **Semiquincentennial** of the Battle of Yorktown in 2031.

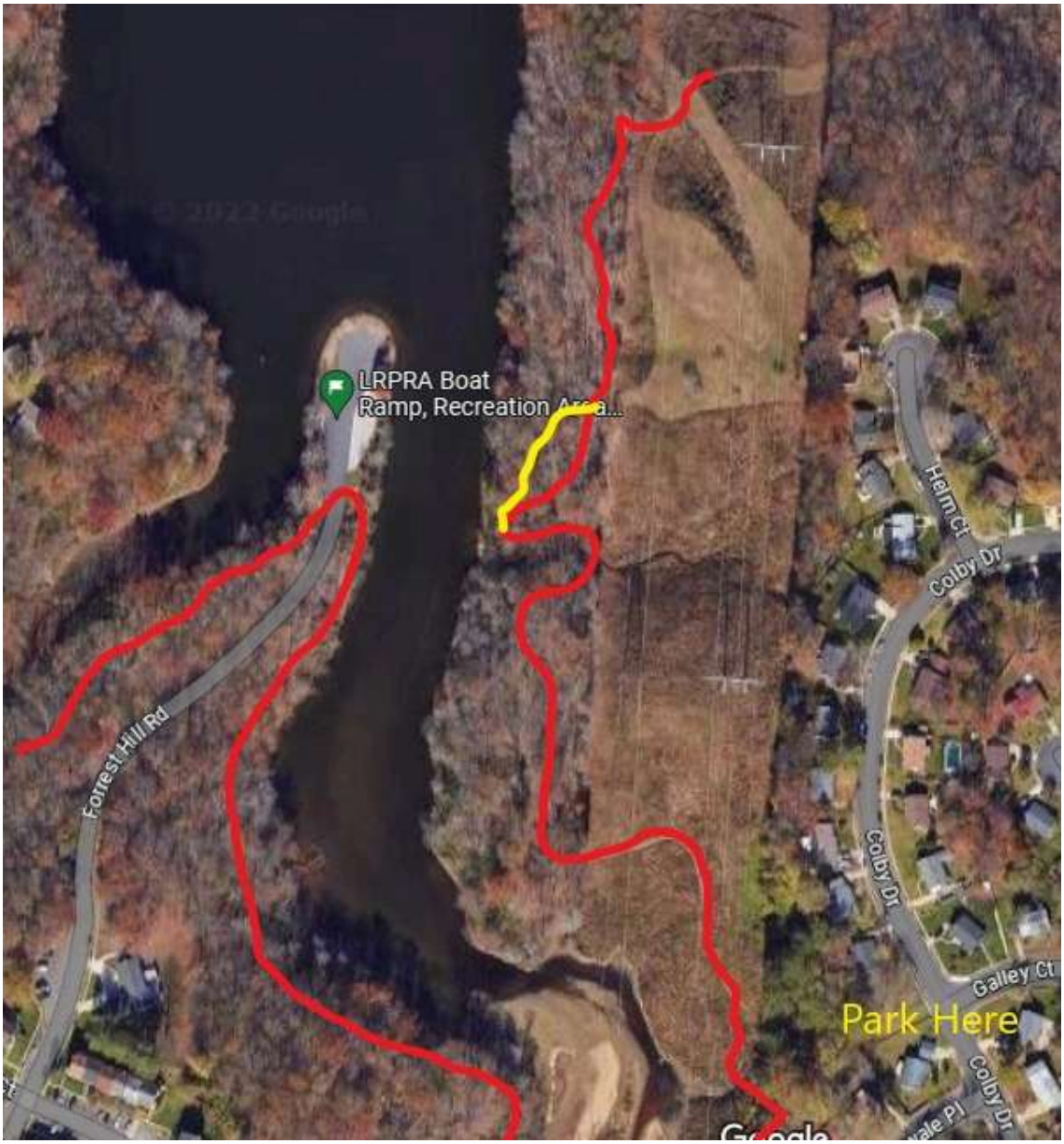
Washington Region Vision Zero Summit - June 14

Register for a series of Zoom presentations throughout the day, including the "Mapping Bikeability/Walkability Barriers" panel discussion from 1:00-1:30pm offered by the Greater Prince William Trails Coalition and the Community Healthcare Coalition of Greater Prince William.
You'll learn about our initiative for volunteers to identify the gaps in sidewalks, trails, and bike paths near all 96 schools (and a few parks) in Prince William County, and how unsafe segments/intersections near those schools could be upgraded.

MORE (**Mid-Atlantic Off-Road Enthusiasts**) volunteers have just finished adding a 1.5 mile stretch of trails at **James Long Park**, giving it a great little 4-mile loop. To celebrate, at 6:00pm on June 16 **Broad Run Off Road** is putting on a 1-lap race and a

2-hour Enduro race, where riders try to get in as many laps as they can/want within a 2-hour time limit.

Register online. Proceeds from this "Long and Short of It" race will be donated 100% to the James Long Park fund within MORE

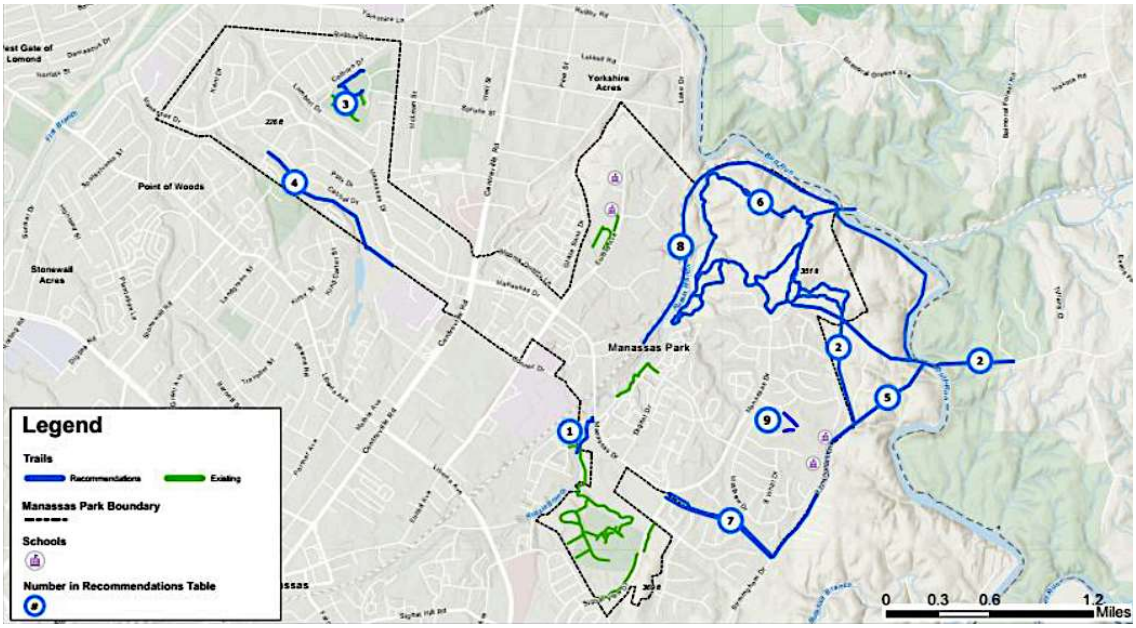


Hooes Run Segment Re-Route

Prince William Trails and Streams Coalition trail workday on Saturday, June 17 (9:00 am to noon) will continue re-routing the **Occoquan Greenway** in the Hooes Run area. We will be benching a new re-route (yellow line in picture, above) which will improve the current steep grade trail (red line).

We will have tools, but feel free to bring any personal tools such as Rogue Hoe or McLeod, Mattock, shovel, etc. Wear sturdy work shoes, clothes, and gloves.

More info at **Trail Workday** - and **please register** if you will be able to participate.



Manassas Park Produces First-Ever Active Transportation Plan!

Manassas Park has drafted its first Active Transportation Plan, using a $60,000 grant from the Transportation Planning Board. The draft will be presented to the city's **Planning Commission** on June 14 at 7:00pm.

VDOT Virginia Department of Transportation

Active Transportation in Virginia

In other news…

- **NOVA BMX** is offering a free open house on June 14, 5:30-7:30pm at the NOVA BMX track next to McCoart Administrative Center. You can borrow a BMX bike and helmet and try out the track. *(The **USA BMX Battlefield Nationals** were held on June 9-11. That event was projected to bring close to 4,000 visitors to the region from roughly 30 states and 6 different countries.)*
- Reminder: VDOT requests **input** for the Virginia Vulnerable Road User Safety Assessment (VRUSA) by June 20.
- The first Summer Series webinar of the Virginia Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program, "Setting Yourself Up for SRTS Success," will be June 28 at 1:00pm **Register online**.

- Fairfax Alliance for Better Bicycling (FABB) will describe the nuts and bolts of the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) repaving program, and how bike facilities can be implemented on roads to be repaved in the coming year. **Register** for the June 21, 7:00pm meeting on Zoom
- **'Every life matters' - Roanoke addresses bicycle safety on the road to Vision Zero** (*The Roanoke Times*, June 12)

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