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Greater Prince William TRAILS COALITION

Prince William Trails and Streams Coalition:
Spring Cleanup of Marumsco Creek and Wetland in Veteran's Park

Time: March 23, 9:00am-noon
Location: Veteran's Park, 14300 Veteran's Drive, Woodbridge VA, 22191 Parking and check-in for the cleanup will be at the parking lot for the Little League ball fields. Volunteers will walk from there to the cleanup area. Trash bags, gloves and litter grabbers will be provided.
Questions: Contact **secretary@pwtsc.org**
Please register

Creating a Countywide Trails Map

Have you identified trail segments that should be added to the 2040 Prince William Comprehensive Plan? Identified re-alignment opportunities?

Prince William County's Department of Parks and Recreation is preparing to kick off preparation of a Countywide Trails Plan in 2024. In addition to creating more detail for trails already in the 2040 **Mobility Chapter**, the new plan will offer an opportunity to refine routes and create more segments linking communities to schools, parks, libraries, etc. *(See above for example of a possible refinement.)*

Watch upcoming agendas of the **Trails and Blueways Council** meetings for start of this process.

Comment on "Visualize 2050"

You can provide feedback until March 30 on proposed roadway and transit projects in the long range National Capital Region Transportation Plan, **Visualize 2050**. This is produced by the Transportation Planning Board at Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MWCOG). Questions are "yes/no," but you can add written comments of up to 500 characters for each project.

There are no specific questions on bicycle and pedestrian facilities, because "these projects are not included in the air quality analysis network." That assumes no single project designed to get people to bike/walk, rather than drive, will reduce tailpipe emissions enough to impact the air quality model.

Primary Mode	Number of Applications	% of Total	Requested Amount	% of Total Request
Roadway	6	25%	$448,325,040	47%
Interchange/Intersection	5	21%	$371,249,417	39%
Commuter Rail	1	4%	$6,145,103	1%
Bus	5	21%	$63,600,000	7%
Bike-ped	4	17%	$41,500,000	4%
Technology	3	13%	$16,400,000	2%
Total	**24**	**100%**	**$947,219,560**	**100%**

*4% of the funding requests from different counties/cities in the **FY24-29 Six Year Program** of the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority were for bike/pedestrian projects.*
86% of proposals were to move cars faster on highways.

COME OUT AND BE A RIVER HERO

SATURDAY, APRIL 6TH FROM 9 AM TO 12 PM

*****PREREGISTRATION RECOMMENDED *****

Preregister by sending an email to foto@friendsoftheoccoquan.org with the volunteer names, selected location, and check-in time.

This event takes place (Light) Rain or Shine.
In case of inclement weather please check the FOTO website or Facebook page for updates.

CLEAN-UP CREW

We Need You!

Site Locations

Lake Ridge Marina
12350 Cotton Mill Dr.
Lakeridge, VA 22192
Renate Vanegas
703-674-6659

Town of Occoquan
314 Mill Street
Occoquan, VA 22125
Julie Little
703-491-2168

Bull Run Marina
12619 Old Yates Ford Rd.
Clifton, VA 20125
German Vanegas
703-624-7124

Fountainhead Park
10875 Hampton Rd.
Fairfax Station, VA 22039
Sonia Monson
703-581-5487

Occoquan Regional Park
9751 Ox Road
Lorton, VA 22079
Alex Vanegas
703-674-7847

In Other News…

- Free **Six Steps to Build a TrailNation** webinar is March 28, 1:00-2:00pm. This session will highlight the six actionable strategies for building trail networks
- What can reduce the 75% pedestrian fatalities that occurred at night? See **Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) technologies for Publlc Safety**
- **E-bike incentives are a costly way to cut carbon emissions, but they also promote health, equity and cleaner air** (*The Conversation*, February 27)
- **2024 grant cycle for Virginia Recreational Trails Program** is scheduled for March 12 - May 7. Informational webinar will be held on April 2 at 1:00pm.
- **Pedestrian-Related Crashes See Increase In Prince William County** (*Patch*, March 5) "Three of the 17 pedestrian-related crashes in 2024 were fatal."
- **Op-Ed: Pedestrian Safety, Accessibility Can't Be An Afterthought** (*Patch*, March 8) Fairfax County supervisor Andres Jimenez said "*Any development we consider in Mason District needs to contribute to our community's economy and our cultural richness. That value is lost when our neighbors and visitors feel unsafe crossing a street or riding a bike*…"

- **How Alexandria accomplished Vision Zero goal in 2023** (WRC, March 6) Alexandria had no traffic deaths in 2023.
- **How State and Local Governments Are Working Toward Vision Zero** (*StateTech*, February 27)
- **How Hoboken Has Gone Years Without a Traffic Death** (*Governing*, February 28) In Hoboken, recent Vision Zero work has focused on "daylighting" intersections. That involves installing flexible posts, plus rain gardens or bike racks to prevent cars from parking at street corners and to improve visibility between pedestrians, bikers and drivers.
- **Bikeology** is a ready-to-use bicycle-safety curriculum for physical education teachers and recreation specialists working with students in grades 6-12.
- **Bicycle Safer Journey** offers videos targeted to bikers between the ages of 5-18
- **Cyclist believes he was shocked and burned while biking near power lines on W&OD trail in Virginia** (WRC, March 4)
- The Virginia Land Conservation and Greenways Conference will be in Fredericksburg on May 14-16. Choose between **9 field trips** offered on May 14. One of the four conference tracks is “Trails: Let’s Think Linear.” You can **register now.**
- Faifax County completed a **Road Safety Assessment** (RSA) in 2022. This was one of the **Prioritizing Active Transportation, Health, and Safety in Virginia** (PATHS) projects organized by the Virginia Department of Health (VDH), Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), other state agencies, nonprofits, and advocacy groups.
- Stakeholders invited to participate in development of the **Yorkshire Multimodal Corridor Study** will have a virtual meeting on March 22 to discuss the proposed Route 28 recommendations.
- Latest quarterly edition of Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC) **Regional Trail News & Updates** is now available.
- Did you know that 63% of the region's 2020 population lives **within one-half mile** of the National Capital Trail Network? Ditto for 72% of the region's jobs.

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