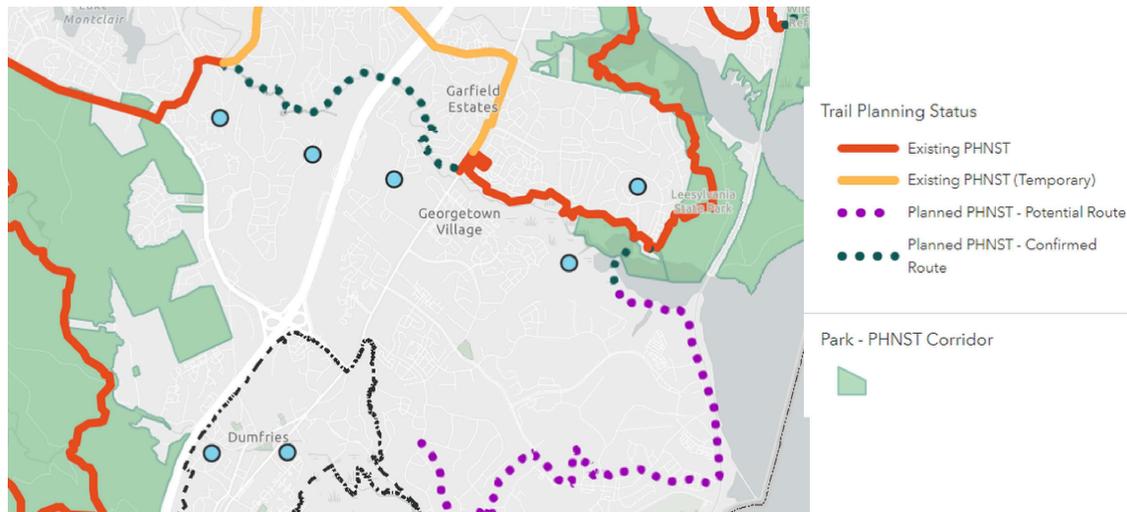


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Corridor Analysis Released for Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail

Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC) has released a spectacular dashboard with **11 interactive maps** of the PHNST network in Northern Virginia, along with the 2022 Corridor Analysis **written report**.

The status of trail connectivity and gaps, amenities, accessibility, and other important features for PHNST use and management - **it's all there**. The project builds off of findings from NVRC's 2022 **Health, Social Equity, and Economic Impact Study**, which highlighted the range of benefits that a completed PHNST network could have for Northern Virginia.

Contact **[Rebecca Murphy](#)** or **[Jill Kaneff](#)** for any questions or comments on the project.



Biking

PeopleForBikes and its partners are working on a nationwide campaign to accelerate the construction of safe, fun, connected places to ride, reduce barriers to access, and welcome more people to the joys of bicycling.

One of the ways to measure success is by developing a list and tracking 1,000 bike projects across the country. If you got a suggestion, **complete the survey**.

Bike, Walk and Roll to School Day is May 3 - find nearby **registered events**. Want to organize a “bike train” to school? Learn from the masters in **Building Momentum for Youth Biking: Bike Buses, Bike Trains, and Bike & Roll to School Day**.

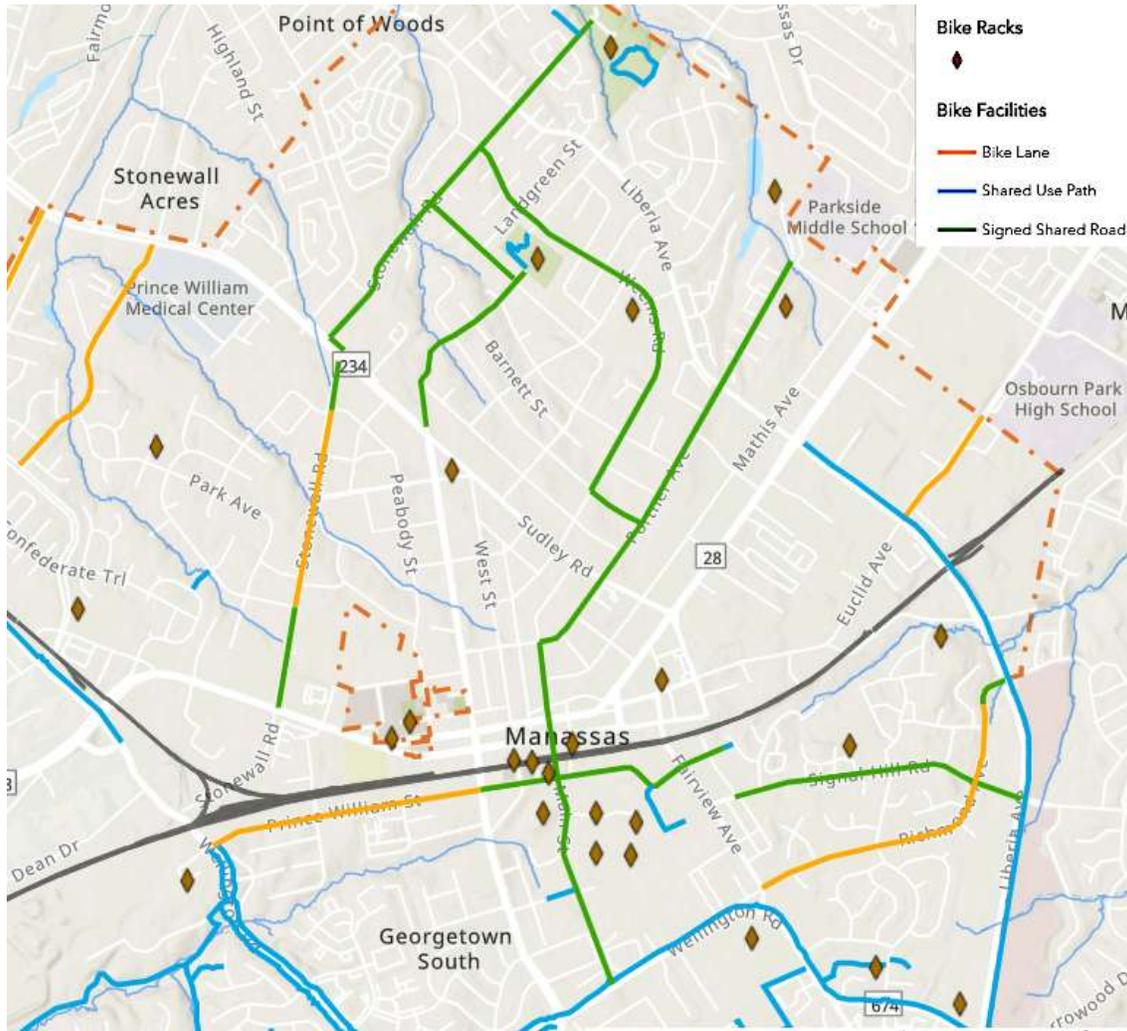
And check out, **Sam Balto on how to start a bike bus of your own** (with video: **Bike Bus for Earth Day**)

City of Manassas
Strategic Plan

Goals



- Goal 1: Increase the supply of quality housing options.
- Goal 2: Work with individual neighborhoods to preserve and promote their authentic history and character.
- Goal 3: Ensure that all neighborhoods have access to attractive and safe places, parks and trails.
- Goal 4: Enhance the community identity appearance and safety of older neighborhoods.
- Goal 5: Improve citizen satisfaction with the City as a place to live and overall sense of community.

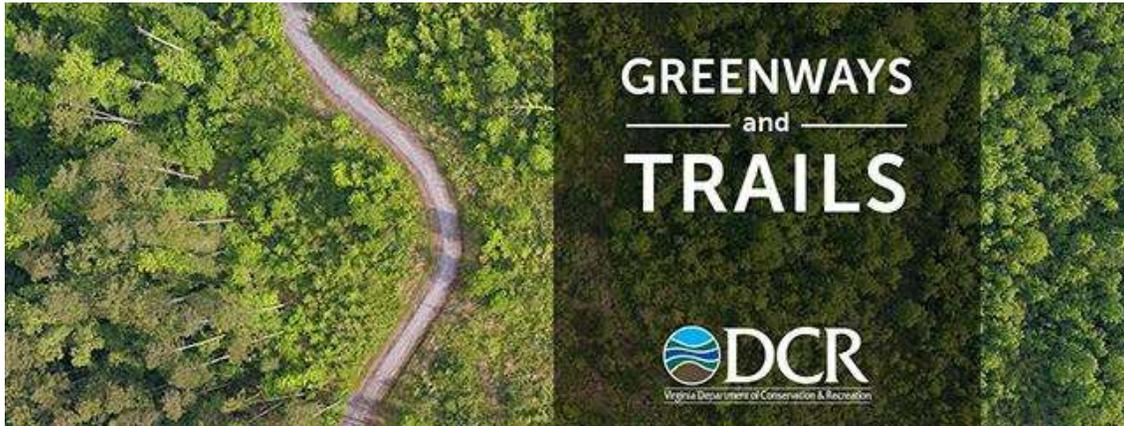


Trails Get Funded (or Not...) Through Budgets

The City of Manassas **budget** has been released for public comment. Bike/pedestrian projects on p.2 of the **Capital Improvements Program** (CIP) show how the city is planning to close the biggest remaining trail gaps.

*(Map above is from **Manassas City GIS & Interactive Mapping Application**.)*

Primary agenda item at **March 21 meeting** of Prince William Board of County Supervisors is to obtain public input on the proposed **Fiscal Year 2024 Annual Budget**. No General Fund support is currently programmed for trail projects in the proposed FY2024-2029 CIP, but funding is allocated for paying for 2019 bonds and trail maintenance (see **Question #22**).



State Trails News

Check out the latest information-rich [Greenways and Trails newsletter](#) from the Department of Conservation and Recreation.

Wood Hudson has joined VDOT's Transportation Mobility and Planning Division as the Manager of the new State Trails Office. He will lead the effort to develop the first state trails plan and trails data clearinghouse. **Torsha Bhattacharya** has been hired as Program Manager in the State Trails Office to prioritize trail project applications for funding, analyze equity impacts of trail funding and develop a statewide trail count database.

David Cook is VDOT's new statewide bicycle and pedestrian planner. He formerly worked as a transportation planner in VDOT's Lynchburg District Office.

Safety Links

VDOT's Safe Routes to School QuickStart Mini-grants (\$1,000 reimbursement grants) can fund safe walking and bicycling activities. [Applications](#) are due on April 6 - and check out the [SRTS newsletters](#) too.

Interested in road accidents in a particular area? Check out VDOT's [Virginia Crash Map](#).

[Prioritizing Safety on our Region's Roadways](#) (*Think Regionally* program on March 13 from Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments) focused on redesigning streets so that all users co-exist safely within transportation networks, using equity tools to target historically underserved areas, and increasing public outreach and education on the shared responsibility of safety.

[The fight for funding to prevent traffic fatalities in Virginia](#) (*Greater Greater Washington*, March 7, 2023)

[Why Bad Street Design is Both Costly and Deadly](#) (from Strong Towns)



In Other News...

- Joe Villari at the Virginia Outdoor Foundation Bull Run Mountains Natural Area Preserve is **hiring a Conservation Assistant** for a field-based role focused on invasive plant removal, trail building and maintenance, research and engagement programs support, plus routine site presence and monitoring.
- Upcoming **Community Energy and Sustainability Master Plan (CESMP)** in Prince William County will propose “mode shift” from vehicle to bike/pedestrian trips, to help meet county’s target to cut greenhouse gas emissions to 50% of 2005 level by 2030. It will be a challenge for Sustainability Office to “do the math” on how new road and trail projects could increase/decrease Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) and associated emissions. For one perspective, see **Regional bodies may face climate reality check on highway-widening claims** (*Greater Greater Washington*, March 13, 2023)
- Need \$\$\$ for trails? Check out the **Transportation Funding info** at the Equitable Park Funding Hub of the City Parks Alliance.

Save the Date - next Greater Prince William Trails Coalition Quarterly Meeting will be April 20, 10:00-11:00am. It will be hybrid, on Zoom and in-person at GMU’s Potomac Science Center. If coming in person, please **register at SignUp Genius**. If joining this hybrid meeting electronically, please **register** at Zoom.



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