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Good news - Prince William County staff have expanded their draft of “planned” trails, adding 75 miles proposed by the Coalition after we proposed an Aspirational Trails Map in 2021.

Our goal is for county’s new Mobility Chapter in the 2040 Comprehensive Plan to include a comprehensive bike/pedestrian network, going beyond the traditional “pave more roads” approach. Trails need to be in that Mobility Chapter, if we expect to get funding for acquisition of right-of-way and on-the-ground construction.

Not all of the good ideas on the Aspirational Trails Map were accepted by county staff. Don’t despair - Coalition members can use the public involvement process for the Mobility Chapter to convince the Planning Commission and elected supervisors to expand the bike/pedestrian network further.

November 14: The Coalition is exploring segments on Aspirational Trails Map; join us to "test the trails." This Sunday, 1:00-4:00pm, we will bushwack through Powell's Creek Greenway on undeveloped floodplain downstream from Minnieville Road. Details are on the Coalition calendar for this and more Test the Trails expeditions.

November 19 - Mid-Atlantic Off-Road Enthusiasts (MORE) will hold a ribbon cutting for a network of trails they have built. Ribbon gets cut at 2:30pm, but come earlier for a pre-ride and hike (see details).
November 22 - The Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation is preparing the next Virginia Outdoors Plan. Provide input on the Northern Virginia elements in a virtual meeting, 10:00am-noon

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