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Greater Prince William TRAILS COALITION

Come join us in creating the aspirational trails network for Prince William, Manassas, and Manassas Park.

Prince William County staff will discuss how to share your ideas, including gaps in existing trails and opportunities for new paths, during the quarterly meeting of the Greater Prince William Trails Coalition (Thursday, October 29, 10:00-11:00am).

The process is just starting to define the trails component of the Mobility Chapter in the 2040 Comprehensive Plan. The chapter should be completed in 2021 - but the creation of the trails network will take decades - and money. Members of the Trails Coalition will nudge, encourage, and advocate so proposals made now will get funded and trails get built, year by year.

Register at register at register at
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAsfuirpz0jEt2sAmxVYpmua1vEzBS7DSUE

Happenings:
- Prince William Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism has completed its Systemwide Master Plan, with proposals for recreational trails in parks (addition to those which will be in Mobility Chapter)
- **Active Prince William** is partnering with Prince William County's **Safe Routes to School** program to create traffic gardens where young students ride bicycles, steer scooters and drive pedal cars to learn rules of the road.
- **Virginia Outdoors Foundation** honored Janis Stone, Vice-Chair of the Trails Coalition, for work at Bull Run Mountain
- Town of Occoquan opened Tanyard Hill Park Trail, with assistance from a grant from **REI** to **Prince William Trails and Streams Coalition**
- The **Wood and Dale Wanderers Walking Club** promotes organized walks around the county on seven different permanent 5 and 10 km routes, and at weekend social walks. While social activities have been subdued during 2021, the walking club wants to start monthly "group walks" to explore some the many different trails within the county. Join them the day after Thanksgiving to get outside on one the PWC trails -- which one is still to be decided. For details, contact timothy.miner@walkvirginia.org.
- On October 2, the Department of the Interior finalized electric bike (or e-bike) regulations on public lands
- Neabsco Boardwalk received the Governor's Environmental Excellence Gold Award
- If you are interested in the proposed art contest to highlight bike/ped safety, please contact Eileen Sheridan at sheridan_landuse@yahoo.com and check out the Roanoke Pedestrian Safety Art Contest at https://planroanoke.org/pedestriansafety/
- Also contact Eileen if you have contacts within organizations that should join the coalition, so we can create the comprehensive trails network of the future and enhance safe public use
- If you are interested in working on the Communications Team, or in fleshing out the policies and plans for this new coalition, please contact Charlie Grymes at cgrymes@gmail.com

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