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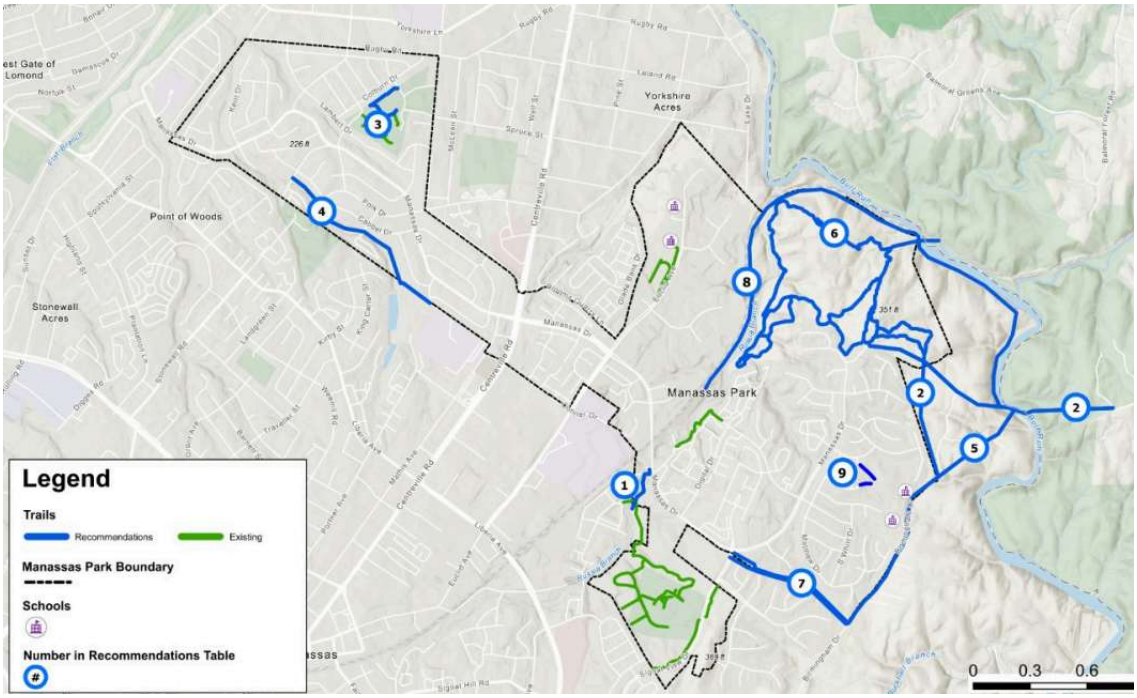
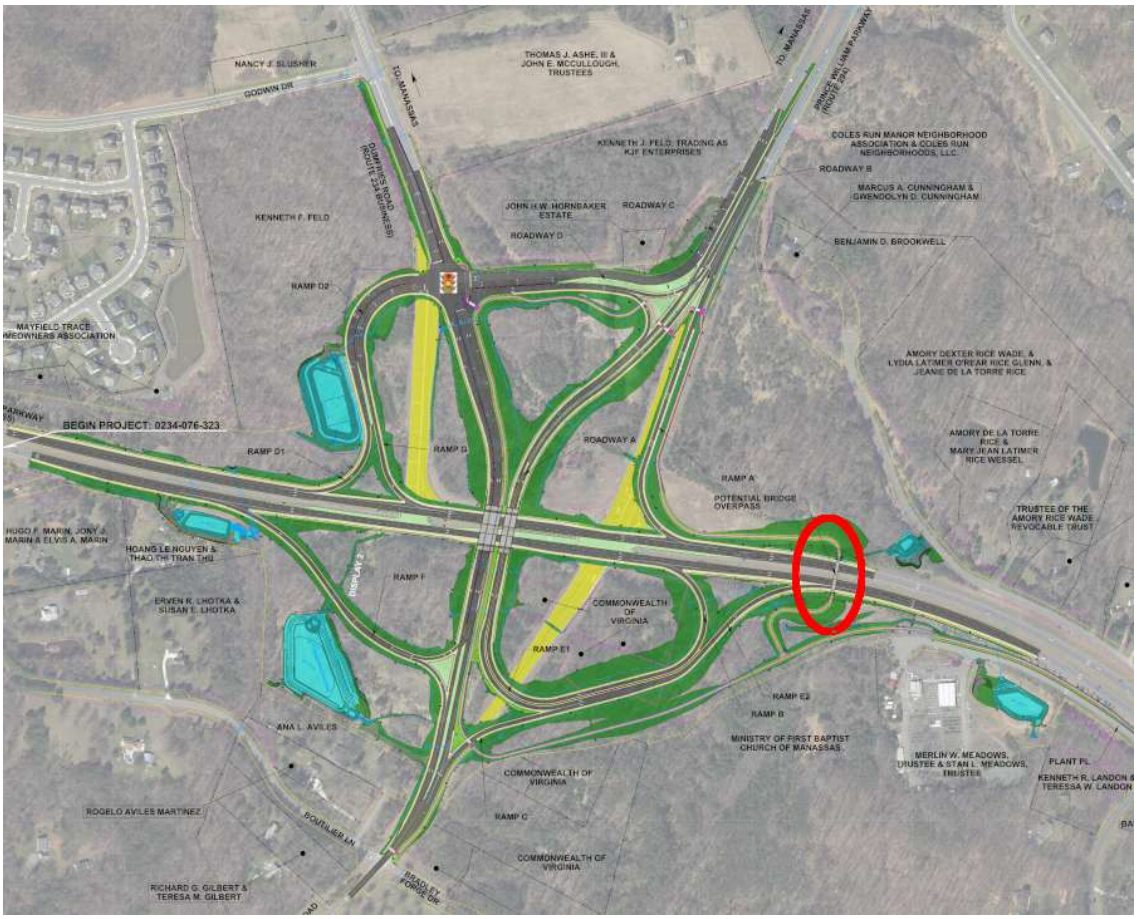


Manassas Park Releases Draft Active Transportation Plan

The **draft is now available** for review. It includes 36 specific recommendations, including the recommendtion by **Active Prince William** to plan for a bike/pedestrian bridge across Route 28 (perhaps at a spot in Prince William County).
Bridges do not come cheap - but one over Route 28 would provide a safe crossing for walking/rolling to Manassas Park schools, from neighborhoods on the west side of he major highway.

bike/pedestrian bridge over Route 234 at new Brentsville interchange
was installed in mid-August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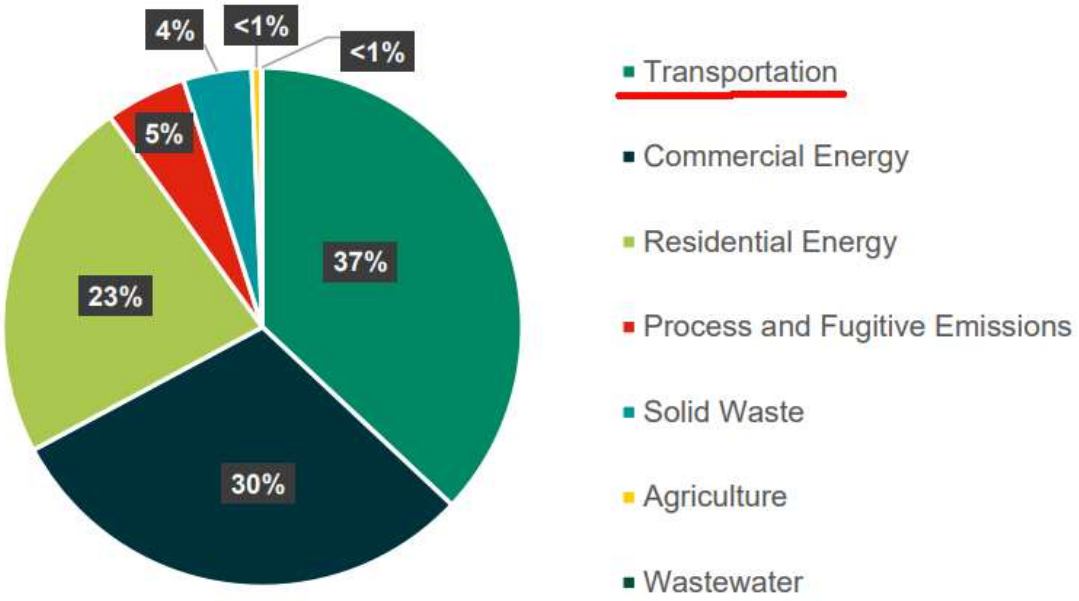


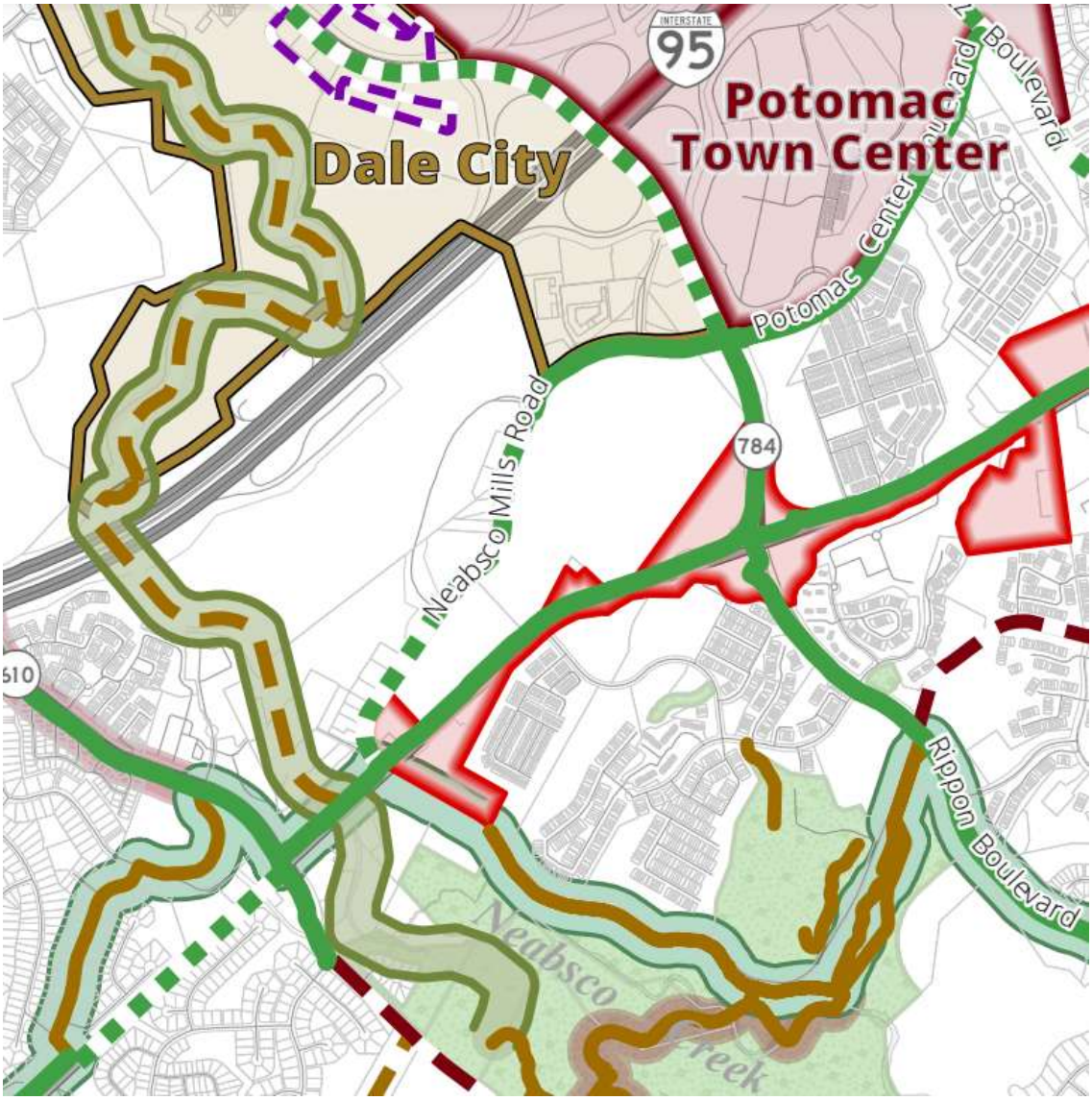
Sources of Greenhouse Gas Emissions - PW County (2018)

Comment by September 15 on
Community Energy and Sustainability Master Plan (CESMP)

The **draft CESMP** has 25 action strategies for cutting greenhouse gas emissions to 50% of the 2005 level by 2030. Transportation was identified as the #1 source of emissions, though use by commmercial energy (i.e., data centers) may exceed it when 2022 inventories are completed.
One action strategy to "*mode shift*" trips away from cars with tailpipes emitting greenhouse gases to bike/pedestrian and transit trips. E-bikes in particular are suitable for the high percentage of trips that are within just a few miles of where people live - assuming there were safe routes for biking.

If the CESMP is adopted and funded by the Prince William Board of County Supervisors, it could trigger a significant construction surge for trails identified in the **2040 Mobility Chapter**. One possibility: link Dale City to Neabsco Boardwalk (see below).
An online town hall to discuss the action steps is scheduled for September 14; **register online by September 12** in order to speak up. People must **submit comments** by September 15.

CESMP is tentatively scheduled to be presented to Board of County Supervisors on October 24.

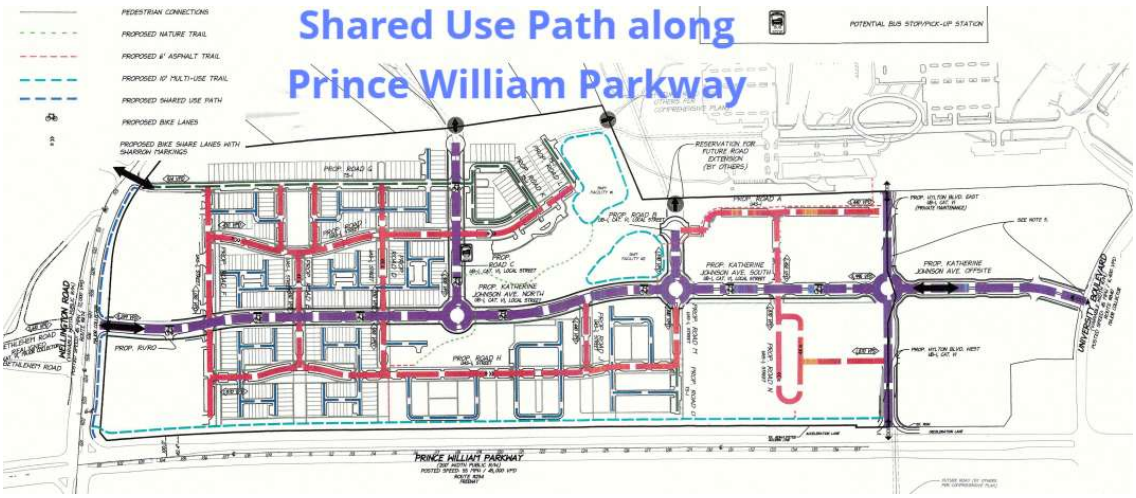


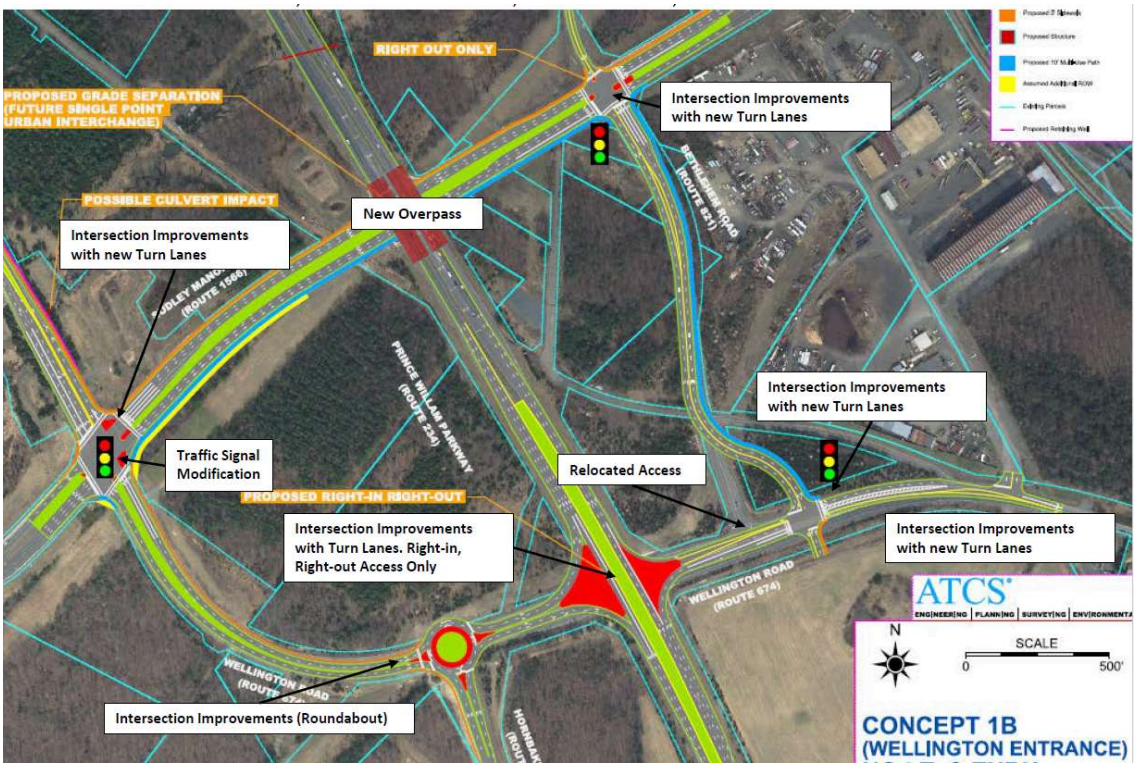
Save the Date - Second Annual Recreational Trails Summit hosted by* Northern Virginia Regional Commission *(NVRC) will be at the NVRC offices on the afternoon of October 24.

Trails and Blueways Council (TBC) Meeting Notes

From the August 22 meeeting of the Prince William County **Trails and Blueways Council**:

- An assessment of blueways revealed that only two launch sites are managed by Prince William County, at Lake Ridge Park and **just below Lake Jackson Dam**. Downstream trips are limited by the lack of access points. Primary need is near confluence of Occoquan River and Bull Run. NOVAParks has a ramp at Bull Run Marina nearby, but gate key to use it costs $150/year.
- TBC subcommittee on **Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail** (PHNST) is assessing priorities and sections to be completed. Expect recommendation for selecting a route between Occoquan-Belmont Bay that runs as close to the Occoquan River as possible.
- Members commented on early draft of proposed $130 million **Sudley Manor/Route 234 interchange**, noting lack of bike/ped infrastructure along Wellingon Road in particular. A 10' wide proffered paved trail is planned parallel to Prince William Parkway between Wellington Road and University Boulevard, to allow public use on trail outside VDOT right of way and to be maintained by private landowners (see below).





Coming Soon

More progress in a forward direction: a sign to identify trailhead of **Discovery Trail** at the landfill is scheduled for installation for October. A few additional signs along the trail are also being installed.
Key partners involved in creating/maintaining the Discovery Trail include the **Prince William Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism**, the **Department of Public Works**, **Dominion Energy**, and **Prince William County Public Schools**.
NOTE: Discovery Trail is currently interrupted by installation of new utility lines connecting to Independent Hill (see below).

Discovery Trail starting point - before the sign

In Other News…

- September 22 is **Car Free Day**. (*No, the auto dealers are not giving away free cars on that day - think car free, not free car…*)
- **Prince William Trails and Streams Coalition** will be conducting the annual Upper Occoquan trash cleanup on September 24 (Public Lands Day) from 9:00am-noon.. In addition to public launch points, HOA partners along the river will make their boat launches available to volunteers for the trash cleanup. **Get more details**.
- **Fairfax County seeks millions in grant funds for pedestrian improvement projects** (*Tysons Reporter*, August 15) Fairfax County Department of Transportation is requesting $9.2 million in Transportation Alternatives grants. Total cost for five projects, including three Safe Routes to School, is $32 million.
- A video is posted now of the May 18 "**InNoVAtion Lunch and Learn - Bicycle and Pedestrian Data**" program by the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) It addresses standardization, collection, and use of bike/ped data.
- October 4 is **Walk & Roll to School Day** You can **register online**, and look at **Vision Zero for Youth** for more information.
- Applications are now being accepted for the **Clean Trail Grant program** from ExtremeTerrain. Grants for up to $250 are available for purchasing tools, feeding volunteers on a trail cleaning/restoration/expansion project, and recruiting volunteers.
- **Occoquan E-Bikes** has opened in - *you guessed it* - Town of Occoquan.
- **State Trails Office** already has a vacancy and is advertising the **State Trails Administrator** position.
- The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has designated October as National Pedestrian Safety Month and has created a **Resource Guide**.

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