

Prince William County
TRAILS AND BLUEWAYS COUNCIL
Advisors to the Board of County Supervisors

MOTION: Bill McCarty

March 28, 2023
Regular Meeting
Res. No. 23-2

SECOND: David Brickley

RE: COMPLETION OF THE PHNST IN PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY BY DECEMBER 31, 2031 - IN TIME TO PARTICIPATE IN CELEBRATIONS OF THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

ACTION:

WHEREAS, The 250th Anniversary of the United States Declaration of Independence is on July 4, 2026 and regional events are planned that will attract significant tourism and other economic activity to the Northern Virginia area; and

WHEREAS, The Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail (PHNST) could play a central role in highlighting the many historically significant sites in the County; and

WHEREAS, The Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail is presently discontinuous in several places, which significantly diminishes its attraction; and

WHEREAS, These sections of trail are critical to creating a continuous PHNST trail through the County in order to take full advantage of regional events celebrating the 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Prince William County Trails and Blueways Council recommends that the County creates a plan to ensure a continuous PHNST route within its boundaries by March 31, 2031, in order to fully participate in the commemorations of the 250th Anniversary of the United States Declaration of Independence and the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route.

Votes:

Ayes: 8

Nays: 8

Absent from Vote (virtual only): 1

Absent from Meeting: 5

SIGNED: 
Liz Cronauer, Chair, Prince William County Trails and Blueways Council