Prince William County TRAILS AND BLUEWAYS COUNCIL

Advisors to the Board of County Supervisors

Meeting Minutes October 24, 2023; 6:30 PM Approved by the T&BC on November 28, 2023

Attendance

District	Appointee	Present (in person)	Present (virtual)	Absent
At Large	Amy Latalladi-Fulton	✓		
	Bill McCarty	✓		
Brentsville	Liz Cronauer	✓		
	VACANT			
Coles	Mike DePue	✓		
	Joe Marshall	✓		
Gainesville	Duane Martin	✓		
	VACANT			
Neabsco	Jason Williams	✓		
	Rich Wilson	✓		
Potomac	Raheel Sheikh			✓
	VACANT			
Occoquan	Eileen Sheridan	✓		
	Neil Nelson		✓	
Woodbridge	David Brickley	✓		
	Lynda Silverstrand	✓		

Staff persons Patti Pakkala, Yolanda Hipski, David Kroeger and DPR Deputy Director Janet Bartnik were present. Eugene Loew and Bryce Barrett attended virtually.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Liz Cronauer at 6:34 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Administrative:

- Sept. 26, 2023, T&BC minutes were approved through a motion by Lynda and seconded by Rich.
- Oct. 18, 2023, PHNST SC minutes were accepted through a motion by David seconded by Duane.

- Resolution 23-7 allowing remote virtual participation in the meeting by Neil Nelson was approved through a motion by Bill and seconded by Mike. This will be attached to the minutes.
- Liz's Resolution 23-8 which addresses underpasses for planned trail crossing of creeks and streams was discussed. Several edits were made before the resulting resolution by Mike and seconded by Bill was approved unanimously. This will be attached to the minutes.
- An expected resolution from Mike on Blueway Launch Sites was tabled until Mike could meet with David over the next month and tour several sites.
- Janet reported that T&BC polo shirts were ordered Monday and expect to be received in time for November's meeting.

Citizen's Time.

• Catherine O'Conner attended virtually. She was approved earlier in the afternoon by the BOCS as the second Brentsville representative and she will start in November.

County Agency Representatives

PWC Department of Parks and Recreation. Patti Pakkala, Janet Bartnik, David Kroeger

- Patti presented a slide (attached) about the first submission of the Gibson Crossing rezoning, near the intersection of Hoadly Road and Route 234 and next to Colgan HS. The new plan is for 192 assisted-living condominiums with insufficient parking and no ped connections to Colgan.
- Patti presented a slide (attached) about the first submission of the Smith Crossing rezoning, near
 the intersection of Catharpin and Artemus with connections to the Digital Gateway data center
 and Heritage Hunt. A Greenway plan was proffered though there was no mention of public
 access. It is a high-density cluster development like Preserve at Long Branch.
- Patti presented a slide about the fifth submission of Devlin Technology Park, a three-parcel
 collection at the intersection of Devlin Road, University and Linton Hall Road near Chris Young
 Elementary School. 89 acres include parks and trails along utility easements.
- Patti then talked about Lower Broad Run Greenway. There is a need to move an easement over
 to the potential trail near Target. Some bridges need to be completed or replaced. There are
 "Billy Goat" sections that need better solutions. There are many dedicated easements that
 cover about 95% of the trail from Lake Manassas to Route 28. There is a possible launch on
 Broad Run near Glenkirk Road.
- Janet reported that 3 of 4 CIP priorities for the FY25 budget for DPR were for trails.

PWC Transportation. Bryce Barrett

- Bryce reported that the PW Parkway and Old Bridge intersection design was being reworked.
 Crossings will be limited to Olde Bridge Road.
- Bryce reported that they are looking to update the Bike Skill Map.
- Bryce reported that the Bike and Pedestrian App is now ready for access. They still need to create a user guide.

Presentations/Reports.

Dedication of Trail under I-66. Duane Martin

 Duane is still working on this. He plans to take Supervisor Weir's chief of staff out to see the trail. They are enthusiastic about the I-66 Underpass trail and its connection to Ben Lomond Park. He will cover this more at the November meeting.

PHNST Subcommittee. Jason Williams

• No report this month – next meeting on November 29th at 2 PM.

Organization Representatives' Time

Greater Prince William Trails Coalition (GPWTC). Eileen Sheridan, Vice Chair, Neil Nelson, Secretary

• 5 T&BC members at Trails Summit earlier same afternoon. Very worthwhile with lots of progress. Many connections were made including among new people. Manassas handed out a new Bike Map. The next quarterly meeting will be held in January.

Prince William Trails & Streams Coalition (PWTSC). Mike Depue

• The paddle from the Lake Jackson dam to the Bull Run Marina will occur October 28th with a 10 AM launch. It should take 3 hours to paddle this mostly flat route. The trail to the launch is relatively steep. Currently there are nine planning to participate.

Mid Atlantic Off-Road Enthusiasts (MORE). Jason Williams, Rich Wilson

- They wore nice matching MORE work shirts to the meeting.
- October 17th was the last SMORES ride of the season at Andrew Leitsch Park. They had 20 participants including many regulars. The Draft Trail is the most popular and has been rewalked and adjusted.

Members' Time:

- Amy:
 - Nothing to report.
- Bill:
 - The Second Sunday hike in November will be on the Broad Run Greenway from Target to the steep hill at 1 PM.
- David:
 - PHNST SC continues to make progress. Kudos to Janet, Staff and SC members. He is looking forward to the work on the Powell's Creek Crossing as the selected contractor out of Chicago has done fantastic past work.
- Duane:
 - Talked about his riding outside of the county in George Washington NF and at Indian Graves near Luray. He is very active with the Tuscarora Trail (an alternate trail to the AT farther west) where horseback riding is allowed.
 - Duane emphasized the importance of the Catharpin Greenway and how it is a key link to connect the Manassas Battlefield with the Appalachian Trail. The PATC is very committed to this – it was suggested that one of their representatives present to a future T&BC meeting.
- Eileen:
 - She mentioned new member Catherine's work as the founder of Trail Keepers and experience with the Sheffield Manor HOA Trail Committee.
- Jason:
 - Jason announced a boardwalk replacement project on the Powell's Creek Greenway scheduled for November 10th to 12th. He also mentioned a potential Bike Skills Park in Lake Ridge.

- Joe:
 - Talked about the great state park system in Missouri that he recently visited. They use squares of colored plastic for blazes and were starting to add posts with letters that correspond to points on the park's trail maps. He also discussed his observations on the repair of the Landfill Discovery Trail. Grass is beginning to grow on the utility highway, but no connections have been rebuilt with the trail points.
- Liz:
 - Nothing to report.
- Lynda:
 - Nothing in the Bandalong lately. When recently canoeing to Featherstone National Wildlife Refuge she noticed trash on the beach and reported it – so far, no response from Fish and Wildlife.
- Mike:
 - Thanks to Amy.
- Neil:
 - On the Occoquan Greenway, segment 3 bridge should be inspected in the next week. Segment 2 bridge plan was presented to the Lake Ridge HOA. First Friday hike on November 3rd will be on the UOSA easement / trail in Manassas Park, part of a potential trail connection to Ben Lomond Park Janet to publish on website as open meeting.
- Raheel:
 - Not present.
- Rich:
 - Nothing to report.

Meeting Recap:

None

Next meeting agenda items:

- New Brentsville Member
- Nominations for 2024 Officer positions
- Duane I66 dedication ceremony
- Mike Resolution about blueway targets and launch sites
- Jason PHNST subcommittee status
- Bryce Bike and Pedestrian App
- Agenda items for the November meeting should be forwarded to Liz, Amy, or Joe by November 14th.

Next meetings:

At Hellwig: Full T&BC – November 28th at 6:30 PM.

At Hellwig: PHNST Subcommittee – November 29th at 2 PM

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 8:36 PM based on motion by Eileen, seconded by Jason.

MOTION: Bill McCarty October 24, 2023

Regular Meeting

SECOND: Mike DePue Res. No. 23-7

RE: APPROVE MEMBER NEIL NELSON'S REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE

REMOTELY THROUGH ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION MEANS

ACTION:

WHEREAS the Prince William County Trails and Blueways Council adopted a policy pursuant to Section 2.2-3708.2, VA Code Ann., to allow for remote participation by Members of the Council, and

WHEREAS in accordance with the Council's policy, Neil Nelson notified the Chair that he (the member) is requesting permission from the Council to electronically participate at the Council's October 24, 2023 Meeting; and

WHEREAS the member certified (Check A or B);

- A. _X__ the Member is unable to attend the meeting due to (i) a temporary or permanent disability or other medical condition that prevents the Member's physical attendance or (ii) a family member's medical condition that requires the member to provide care for such family member, thereby preventing the member's physical attendance; OR
- 3. _____ the Member is unable to attend the meeting due to the following specifically identified personal matter: (specify)

AND the Member has not already participated electronically due to a personal reason in excess of two meetings this calendar year or 25 percent of the meetings held per calendar year rounded up to the next whole number, whichever is greater; and

WHEREAS the remote location from which the Member plans to electronically participate is his residence; and this remote location will/will not (underline one) be open to the public; and

WHEREAS the Member verifies that the Member's participation in any closed session of the meeting shall remain confidential and not be disclosed to any unauthorized persons or entities; and

WHEREAS pursuant to the Council's policy, a request for electronic participation from a remote location shall be approved unless participation violates the Council's policy or any provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Prince William County Trails and Blueways Council does approve the request to participate in the meeting through electronic communication means in accordance with the Council's policy; a quorum of the Council was physically assembled at one primary or central meeting location; and arrangements were made for the voice of the Member to be heard by all persons at the primary or central meeting location.

Votes: Ayes: 11 Nays: 0

Absent from Vote: 1 Absent from Meeting: 1

SIGNED: Elizabeth Cronauer
Prince William Trails and Blueways Council chair

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MOTION: Mike DePue October 24, 2023

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SECOND: Bill McCarty Res. No. 23-8

RE: ENSURE ACCOMMODATION FOR FUTURE PLANNED TRAILS AND

BLUEWAYS IN THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD

PROJECTS.

ACTION:

WHEREAS the 2040 Mobility Chapter of the Prince William County Comprehensive Plan now includes the Countywide Trail Plan; and

WHEREAS the Countywide Trail Plan includes both existing and future planned trails along streams as well as future blueways with access points for recreational boating; and

WHEREAS future new roads including projects spurred by new developments, as well as projects to improve existing roads, may involve stream crossings of areas where future blueways are planned and future trails are planned but not yet constructed; and

WHEREAS the design of these road projects could possibly adversely impact or even preclude the feasibility of a future trail or blueway if that possibility is not taken into account during the design and construction of the road projects.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Prince William County Trails and Blueways Council recommends to the Prince William Board of County Supervisors that both the County's Department of Transportation and the Department of Parks and Recreation routinely review all road project designs involving stream crossings to ensure that they will not adversely impact or preclude future planned trails and greenways.

An attachment consisting of a list of potential blueway and trail crossings that may be impacted by projects involving existing roads has been included with this resolution, but it should be noted that it does not include all possibilities.

Votes: Ayes: 12 Nays: 0

Absent from Meeting: 1

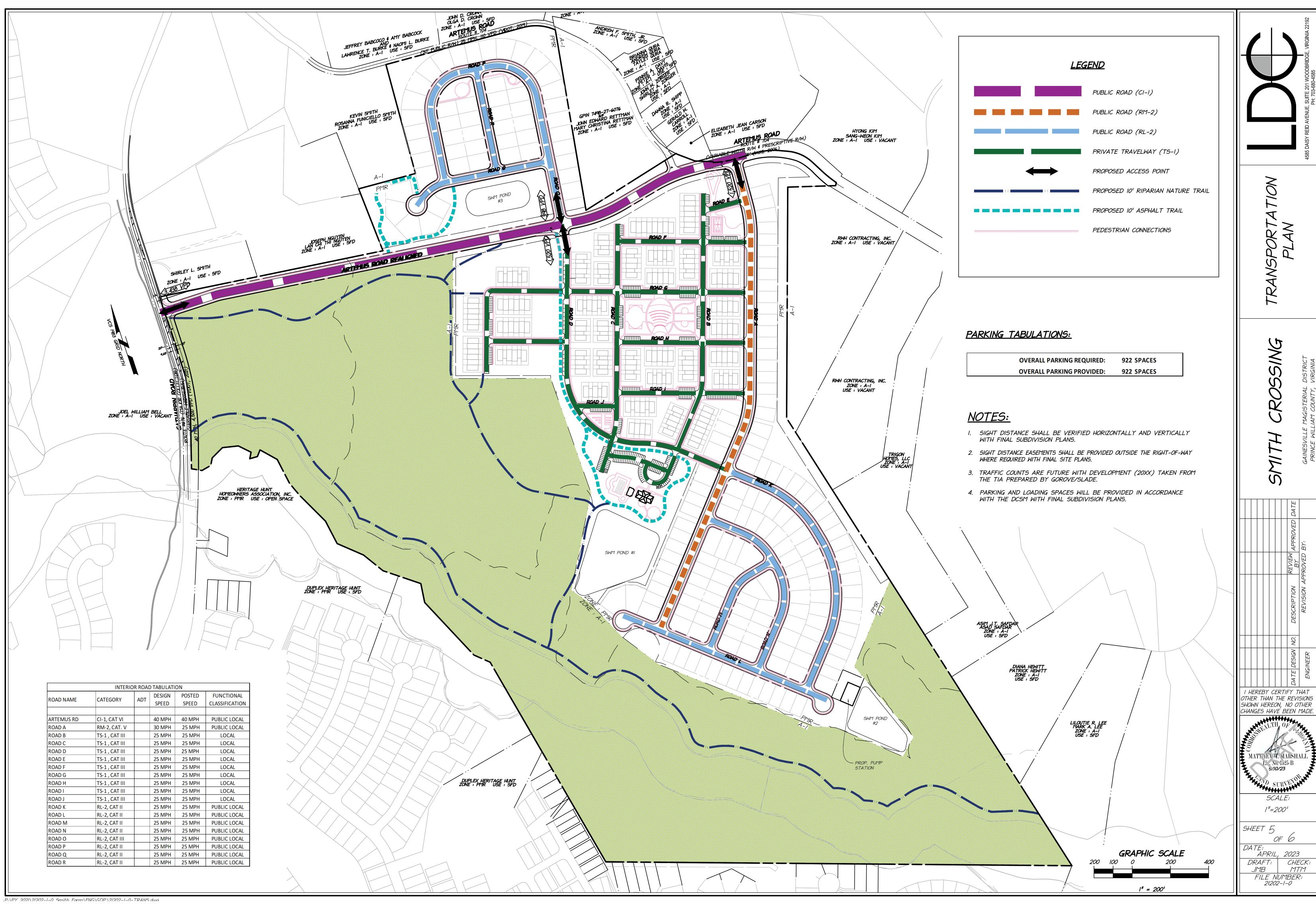
Elizabeth Cronauer
Prince William Trails and Blueways Council chair

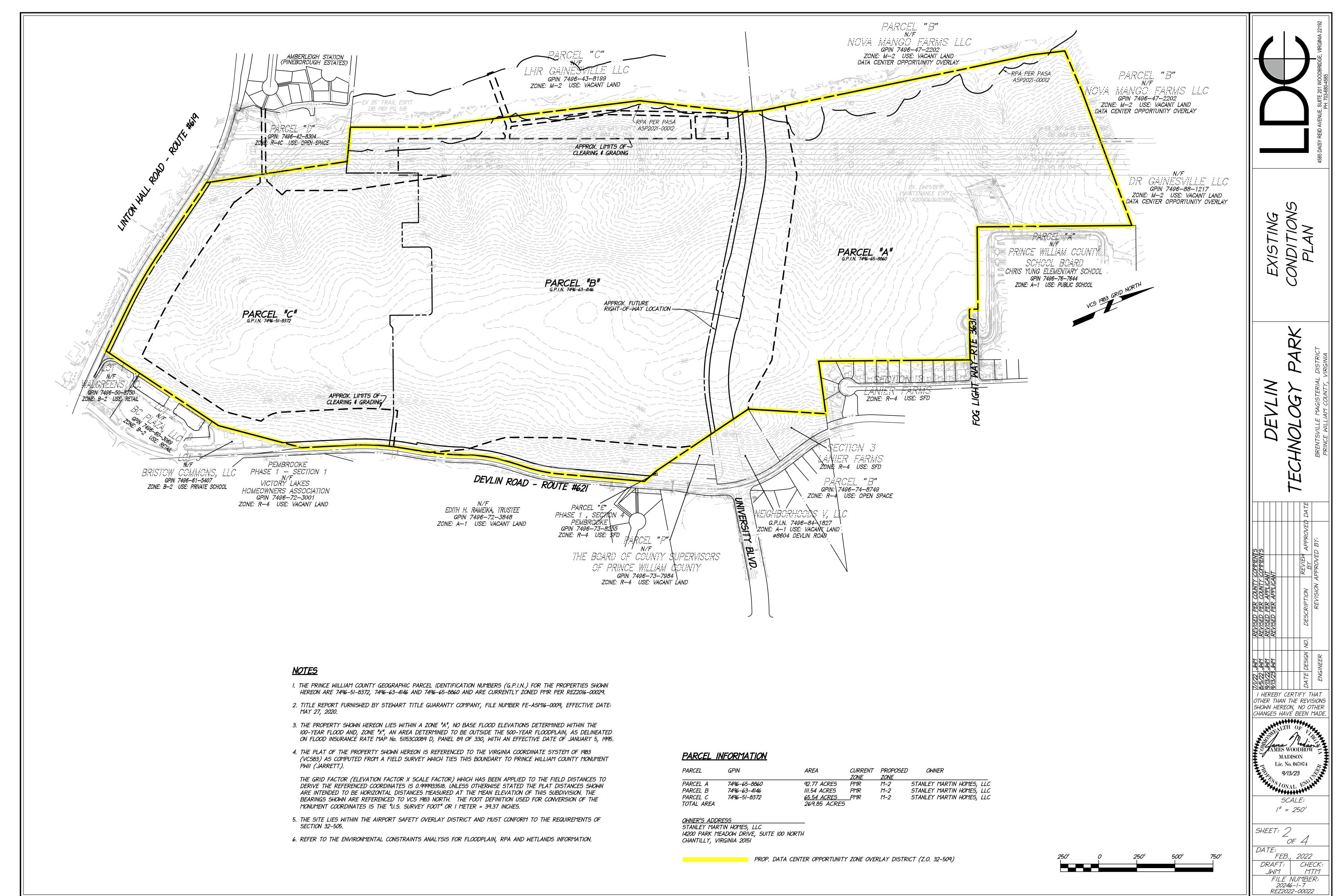
T&BC RESOLUTION 23-8 ATTACHMENT – Stream valley trails underneath roads

- Catharpin Greenway under Rt. 15
- Catharpin Greenway under Lightner Road
- Catharpin Greenway at Catharpin Road
- Catharpin Greenway Pageland Lane
- Little Bull Run Greenway under Rt. 15
- Little Bull Run Greenway at Old Carolina Road
- Little Bull Run Greenway at Catharpin Road
- Little Bull Run Greenway under Pageland Lane
- Lick Branch under Pageland Lane
- Broad Run Greenway under Glenkirk Road
- Broad Run Greenway under Rollins Ford Road
- Rocky Branch Greenway at Rollins Ford Road
- Rocky Branch Greenway at Worthington Dr
- Broad Run Greenway at Sudley Manor Drive
- Broad Run Greenway under Linton Hall Road
- Broad Run Greenway at Rt. 28
- Broad Run Greenway at Lucasville Rd
- Broad Run Greenway at Brentsville Rd
- Cedar Run Greenway at Bristow Road
- Powell's Creek Greenway at Minnieville Rd
- Powell's Creek Greenway at Spriggs Rd
- Powell's Creek Greenway under I-95
- Powell's Creek Greenway at Rt. 1
- Neabsco Creek Greenway at Lindendale Rd
- Neabsco Creek Greenway at Old Delaney Rd
- Neabsco Creek Greenway at Minnieville Rd
- Neabsco Creek Greenway under I-95

- Neabsco Creek Greenway at Rt. 1
- Aden Road over Cedar Run
- Dawkins Branch University Blvd.
- Marumsco Creek Route 1
- Quantico Creek I-95







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