

Prince William County
TRAILS AND BLUEWAYS COUNCIL

Advisors to the Board of County Supervisors

Meeting Minutes
March 25, 2025; 6:30 PM

Attendance

District	Appointee	Present (in person)	Present (virtual)	Absent
At Large	Amy Latalladi-Fulton	✓		
	Bill McCarty	✓		
Brentsville	Liz Cronauer (CHR)	✓		
	Catherine O'Connor (VCH)	✓		
Coles	Mike DePue			✓
	Joe Marshall	✓		
Gainesville	Duane Martin	✓		
	Ken Johnson	✓		
Neabsco	Jason Williams	✓		
	Rich Wilson	✓		
Occoquan	Eileen Sheridan		✓	
	Neil Nelson (SEC)	✓		
Potomac	Steven Cover	✓		
	Kimberly Palacios	✓		
Woodbridge	David Brickley		✓	
	Lynda Silverstrand	✓		

Staff persons present: David Kroeger, Robert Boyd, DPR Deputy Director Janet Bartnik, and Yolanda Hipski. Bryce Barrett and Patti Pakkala attended virtually.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Liz at 6:30 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Administrative:

- Resolution 25-5 was approved, for virtual attendance by Eileen Sheridan.
- Resolution 25-6 was approved, for virtual attendance by David Brickley.
- Minutes of the February 25 TBC meeting were approved (motion: Neil; 2nd Ken)

- Notes of the PHNST Gap Study Stakeholder Meeting of February 26 (Gap 1) were accepted (motion: Neil; 2nd Liz).
- Notes of the PHNST Subcommittee Meeting of February 26 were accepted (motion: Neil; 2nd Liz).

Citizen's Time.

- Russell Bryant: reported that he submitted an email message advocating for trail funds, and spoke at a BOCS meeting. Reminded the TBC that there are still opportunities to speak at upcoming BOCS meetings, before the budget cycle ends.
- Charlie Grymes encouraged the TBC to ask others to send email in support of trail funding. Charlie stated that each Supervisor has \$450K in TRIP (Transportation Roadway Improvement Program) funds to allocate, which can include trail projects.

County Agency Representatives

PWC Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR). David Kroeger

- Catherine Gonzalez is on-board as the new GIS analyst. She is an outdoor enthusiast.
- DPR will present an update on the Trails Master Plan at the April TBC meeting. A stakeholder meeting is scheduled for May 29 at 7:00 pm (Kelly Leadership Center).
- DPR has scheduled a meeting on the Doves Landing master plan on May 19 at 7:00 pm (Kelly Leadership Center).
- Grand opening of the kayak launch at the Neabsco Boardwalk is scheduled for April 16, 1:00 pm. DPR will provide a truck to carry boats from the parking lot to the launch point.

PWC Transportation. Bryce Barrett

- Neabsco Creek I-95 Bridge Replacement Update. PWC Transportation Dept met with VDOT yesterday and was shown a revised design with a much larger culvert that includes a 5-foot wide bench trail. VDOT has not released the new design yet, but PWC Transportation will continue to seek updates for review and will solicit input from the TBC at the April meeting. The bench trail would be part of the VDOT construction costs, but safety features such as lighting or a rail would be funded by PWC. David said there are many examples of underpass trails in the West; he said a 5-foot bench may not be adequate, and it must allow for a wildlife corridor as well.
- Sudley Manor Drive / PW Parkway Interchange Design Update. PWC received an unsolicited proposal for the project, but will follow normal acquisition procedures and obtain additional proposals.
- Trail Monitors Update. PWC Transportation will redeploy one monitor (counter) at the pedestrian bridge at the Parkway / Brentsville Rd interchange, and leave it there for most of the spring (it was in use at the site for 21 days in the fall of 2024). Bryce would like input from the TBC on where to deploy the second monitor; members should send email with suggestions.
- Bike to Work Day / Month Announced. There were nine pitstops in PWC last year. This year will celebrate bike month, including a BOCS proclamation on May 13. WABA will sponsor adult learn to bike classes in the City of Manassas, on May 10 2:00 – 5:00 pm at Farmers Market parking lot. Bike repair kits will be donated to libraries, for check out (free). Also considering a bike rodeo. Would like to organize family bike ride with the support of a volunteer organization.
- Also, PWC Transportation Department will be scheduling open houses on April 30, May 7, and May 15 so the general public can ask about planned projects, funding status, schedules for construction, streetlights, safety issues, etc. and meet the staff.

PWC Planning, Yolanda Hipski

- ULI Sudley Road TAP Study Update. Urban Land Institute Technical Advisory Panel presented report on March 6. One focus was on the healthy place index; another was on pedestrian safety hot spots. Key finding was recommendation that Ashton and Williamson form a parallel (to Sudley) oval structure with Shared Use Paths moved there and off of Sudley. Also, multiple trail recommendations should be pulled and added to aspirational maps. The committee identified the Ashton Ave. corridor for a Shared Use Path. The ULI TAP study report is at: [ULI Technical Assistance Panel-Sudley Road Redevelopment Corridor](#)
- Vint Hill corridor study. Planning Office is developing the statement of work and then will hire consultant. Received \$250K funding for it (Planning - \$150K; Transportation \$100K).

Community Development Applications

- Belmont Bay Application, Robert Boyd. The rezoning application was resubmitted in early March; comments are due by April 15. Updated proffers now include 98 acres of open space (former golf course sections) to be dedicated to the County as parkland (previously was 105 acres). Large areas of open space (OS 1 & OS 3) will be dedicated to the County. A small section (OS2) will go to the HOA. Need connection between them; PWC DPR is coordinating with the developer. Some of the old golf cart path will go away, and some new trail sections will be added.

Business Items: 2025.

Presentations/Reports.

a. Cannon Branch Greenway Update, David Kroeger

Working with data center on location of easement. Considering parking access point on park property. The state owns the wetland mitigation bank. City of Manassas owns a series of narrow parcels on the east side of Broad Run and south of the airport. Patti said there is no specific alignment of Broad Run trail south of the airport.

b. County Mapper – Non-motorized Trails Layer, Robert Boyd. Rob presented a tutorial and demonstration of County Mapper, highlighting the trails plan; and showed the Pending Planning Cases web tool: <https://gisweb.pwcva.gov/webapps/pendingcases/>

Rob said notify DPR if you find errors in the current trails shown in the County Mapper. If you notice any errors, please note them on the Google Sheets document at this link:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1pnXgBB_hAKvY15FnsO1hH-uTaQKbqNkMk0JPwyQmNk/edit?usp=sharing

Organization Representatives' Time

Greater Prince William Trails Coalition (GPWTC). Eileen Sheridan

- GPWTC will hold two sessions to obtain input on updates to trail maps.
 - Virtual on March 31 (focus on connections to the City of Manassas Park and City Manassas)
 - In person on April 12 at Chinn Library
 - quarterly meeting scheduled for April 24

Prince William Trails & Streams Coalition (PWTSC). Neil Nelson

- The Second Sunday hike in April will be at Blooms Park in the City of Manassas Park, 1:00 pm
- PWTSC completed the two spring stream cleanups: Neabsco Creek and Boardwalk on March 1; Marumsco Creek and Vet's Park on March 22. Had good volunteer turnout for both and collected significant amounts of trash.

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

- MORE will launch the next season of s'MORE rides in April at Andrew Leitch Park on first and third Tuesdays, 5:30-7:15 pm.
- MORE volunteers completed the Creekside Trail (1.9 miles) at Long Park

Trails Keepers. Catherine O'Connor (no report)

Members' Time:

- Amy: no report
- Bill: Athletic Brewing Company partners with trail groups, is donating \$2 million for projects. Janet said the company funded a bike park in Colorado.
- Catherine: no report
- David: no report
- Duane: There are good trails with mountain views within a fairly short drive of PWC. He mentioned Star Tannery VA near the West VA border. He volunteers to do trail maintenance in the GW National Forest and Shenandoah National Park. The Tuscarora Trail runs parallel to the Appalachian Trail and is a good equestrian trail. The Old Dominion Equestrian Endurance Organization conducts the Endurance Ride, and sponsors the Virtual Triple Crown in which participants complete 205 miles, by horse or other means (biking, walking). The Bull Run Mountain is an opportunity in PWC, with great views on the Fauquier County side.
- Eileen: Years ago, some TBC members participated in outreach efforts at the Dale City farmers market, with trail maps on display and handouts. Are the easels and foamboard maps still available? She is working with Vicky Castro on TBC participation at the Youth Wellness Conference at McCoart on Sat May 3, 10:00 – 3:00. Event is sponsored by the National Alliance for Mental Illness. Are other TBC members interested? Need maps, handouts and display material from DPR.
- Jason: DPR has been working at Andrew Leitch Park on the Neabsco Greenway Trail. At the Princedale end they are placing stone on the trail surface in an area which has always been wet.
- Joe: any news on the landfill trail? DPR reported they are having discussions with management at the landfill.
- Ken: no report.
- Kimberly: no report.
- Liz: we won't see if trails are funded until the end of budget process. But not too late to send a reminder on trails, one more push.
- Lynda: no report
- Mike: no report
- Neil: progress on Segment 2 bridge, Occoquan Greenway trail. The contractor poured concrete today for the bridge abutments.
- Rich: no report.
- Steven: moving Braemar trail along

Meeting Recap: Janet noted that the BOCS will take a lot of actions at the budget markup meeting on April 15, indicating decisions on the FY26 budget.

Next meetings:

- Doves Landing master plan on May 19 at 7:00 pm (Kelly Leadership Center).
- Trails Master Plan stakeholder meeting on May 29 at 7:00 pm (Kelly Leadership Center).
- TBC meeting on April 22, 6:30 pm

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM

Photo shown by Duane – Eagle Rock VA

