

Prince William County
TRAILS AND BLUEWAYS COUNCIL

Advisors to the Board of County Supervisors

Meeting Minutes
May 27, 2025; 6:30 PM

Attendance

District	Appointee	Present (in person)	Present (virtual)	Absent
At Large	Amy Latalladi-Fulton		✓	
	Bill McCarty	✓		
Brentsville	Liz Cronauer (CHR)	✓		
	Vacant			
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, Janet Bartnik and Bryce Barrett. Yolanda Hipski attended virtually.

Call to Order

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Administrative:

- Resolution 25-10 was approved, for virtual attendance by Amy Latalladi-Fulton.
- Resolution 25-11 was approved, for virtual attendance by Eileen Sheridan.
- Minutes of the April 22 TBC meeting were approved (motion: Steve; 2nd Duane)

- PHNST Subcommittee Notes of the April 29, 2025 meeting were accepted.

Citizen's Time.

- Russell Bryant commented on the BOCS decision to decline funding in FY26 for trail construction and maintenance. In their discussion, they said the TBC members advocated for it, but they didn't hear from residents in sufficient numbers.

County Agency Representatives

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

- Doves Landing master plan stakeholder meeting was held May 19. It was a positive meeting in which DPR received feedback on plans for park facilities, not just road and traffic issues. Signs have been posted to notify park visitors that the trail on the Lake Jackson HOA property is closed (not available for public access). DPR will put up a physical barrier. DPR got USDA assistance in checking for the presence of the endangered small whorled pogonia; none were found. DPR will seek advice from a state agency on managing natural resources, and particularly invasive species control.
- Occoquan Greenway: Segment 2 bridge is awaiting installation of railings on the bridge abutments before it can be opened for use. A request for bids on the Segment 6 bridge is expected to be released in late 2025.
- The Trails Master Plan meeting is on May 29. Rob provided additional info on the meeting format. Attendees will mark-up posters for priorities; DPR will get input on use of trails; and it will include a mapping exercise to draw desired connections. The intent is to get first cut at priorities.
- Jefferson Park trail connector project. Rob and PWC DOT reps met at the site. They will get a proposal for the .8-mile trail connection with two stream crossings. Will build a 6- or 8-foot-wide trail with a stone dust surface from the pedestrian bridge over the rail tracks to the Jefferson Park border. With improvements in the park to be completed by the developer, this will connect Rt 1 and the new apartment complex to Jefferson and Veterans Parks. In response to a question from Mike, Rob noted that there was some encroachment into the Park property by the residences along the trail route.

PWC Transportation. Bryce Barrett

- Rt 28 bypass. On May 12 the BOCS initiated comprehensive plan amendment (CPA) to remove several items and add the Rt 28 widening. Removing the road removes the planned shared use path, but a recreational trail or linear park can be added back. A consultant has been hired; they will analyze vehicle impacts and staff will bring recommendations to the BOCS. Any land vacated by VDOT goes back to the previous landowners, or they are given the right of first refusal.
- Neabsco Creek I-95 Bridge Replacement Update. PWC DOT staff sent a letter to VDOT, echoing the TBC concerns. VDOT responded, indicating that they are reconsidering the design.
- General updates. May was Bike Month; hosted learn to bike class with WABA and City of Manassas on May 10, with 9 or 10 people in the class; Bike-to-Work Day was on May 15. Wrapped up existing conditions portion of Hoadly Road STARS study; completed car counts; determined that bike & pedestrian comfort level is poor; there is a mismatch of facilities; there are problems with speeding and running red lights. Bike repair kits are being checked out from libraries. PWC DOT hosted three transportation open house sessions. A traffic counter is in

operation at the pedestrian bridge at the Brentsville interchange; another counter which isn't working properly but can be deployed when fixed.

PWC Planning, Yolanda Hipski

- Fettle Park Area Market Study. The County has hired a consultant to complete a market study for the Fettle Park area. The main objective of this study is to gather market information to further define what uses the market could support within this area while also determining how the study area could be optimized from a development perspective. The Town of Dumfries will be updating its comprehensive plan in June.
- Vint Hill corridor study. A contract for consultants should be in place next month. Will have multiple consultants. Planning for substantial community engagement, one of the consultants will have that role. Will have work sessions with the BOCS and Planning Commission.

Community Development Applications, Robert Boyd

- Strathmore rezoning. Bryce reported that it (one of the developments along Vint Hill Road) received Planning Commission recommendation for approval on May 7; the developer is providing a shared use path on Vint Hill along with other trail connections.
- Rezoning updates. Rob said DPR is reviewing the three Kettle Run applications along Vint Hill Road; planning for a trail connection to Broad Run Greenway.
- Destination Place. The name will be changed back to Destination Place (from Townes of Occoquan). DPR met with the developer, they continue to offer only a trail easement with stipulations; they have no interest in building the trail. DPR is pushing for an inter-parcel connection and easement without stipulations. DPR is pushing for a public trail, but the developer has concerns about public access. The developer is not building some recreation facilities that are shown in the illustrations, such as the park facilities shown near the river.
- Bristow Campus datacenter application was deferred to BOCS agenda for June 24. Stack will build a trail on the west side of Broad Run if the application is approved; TBC members can contact district supervisors to advocate for building the trail without taking a position of the development application.

Business Items: 2025.

- Vice Chair Election, Liz Cronauer. Joe Marshall was elected as vice-chair, to serve for the remainder of 2025.
- Joint Meeting with the Parks Commission, Liz Cronauer. The joint meeting is scheduled for Aug 20th (3rd Wed) at 7:00 pm. This will be an agenda item for the June TBC meeting. Janet suggested that the joint meeting include a discussion of potential for the next bond issue to ensure it is well-rounded and meet needs identified in the assessment survey. She will present the survey results to the TBC in June.

Presentations/Reports.

a. DRAFT MOU with Prince William Water, Janet Bartnik

Janet discussed the draft MOU which will enable collaboration between DPR and Prince William Water to share information about planned projects in an effort to identify opportunities to leverage public projects for the greatest use and public benefit. It will go before the BOCS in June.

b. Neabsco Greenway Update, David Kroeger

David presented a slide showing the locations where three bridges will be replaced in Andrew Leitch Park, and one new bridge will be built. Plans are in review, and the contractor is doing a flood plain study which will be submitted to FEMA.

Organization Representatives' Time

Greater Prince William Trails Coalition (GPWTC). Eileen Sheridan

- The next quarterly meeting is on June 26.
- Walk and Talk Wellness Campaign, May 10 – June 8; signs were placed in parks; Eileen will check to see if the signs should be returned after the campaign.

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

- Hike on the Broad Run Trail, starting at Hunting Cove Place trail head, on June 8. Will hike down to Sudley Manor Dr and return.

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

- sMORE rides continue at Andrew Leitch Park, 1st and 3rd Tuesdays.

Members' Time:

- Kimberly: asked about retrieving the signs for the Walk and Talk Wellness
- Neil: noted that construction of the PHNST in Featherston Refuge had been put on hold due to eagle nesting. Janet added that a bridge for this segment was delivered.
- Duane: Long Park Creekside trail is great. Some signage is not placed where it is visible for equestrians. Doves Landing meeting – staff did a marvelous job. Noted that the County owns land along roadway (for widening) and new access road.
- Joe: checked out the trails at Long Park. The Doves Landing meeting went well. Orchard Bridge Park has potential for a connection to Lake Drive.
- Bill: visited Boulder, the biking and hiking infrastructure is incredible. Asked about potential arrangement to learn from a jurisdiction that is more advanced. Rich mentioned Urban Wilderness project in Knoxville, 12-mile loop, but could bike 75 miles on the trail network. Bill suggested use of utility corridors for trails.
- Rich asked if it has been confirmed that there was a death in Andrew Leitch. Janet said yes, it's a police issue.
- Jason: Rollins Ford pump track is funded by Parks Foundation, DPR is working on contract; anticipating groundbreaking in late summer or early fall. In regard to preparing for the trail master plan meeting, Jason noted that Supervisor Angry has a vision for an end-to-end trail across PWC.
- Liz: thanked staff for their work and providing information; she feels we are making progress. And she thanked Joe for taking the vice-chair position.

Meeting Recap:

Next meetings:

- PHNST subcommittee meeting on July 24, 2:00 pm
- TBC meeting on June 24, 6:30 pm

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 8:53 PM