

**Prince William County**  
**TRAILS AND BLUEWAYS COUNCIL**

Advisors to the Board of County Supervisors

**Meeting Minutes**  
**June 24, 2025; 6:30 PM**

**Attendance**

<b>District</b>	<b>Appointee</b>	<b>Present (in person)</b>	<b>Present (virtual)</b>	<b>Absent</b>
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, Bryce Barrett, Yolanda Hipski. Patti Pakkala attended virtually.

**Call to Order**

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Administrative:**

- Resolution 25-12 was approved, for virtual attendance by Kimberly Palacios.
- Minutes of the May 27 TBC meeting were approved (motion: Jason; 2<sup>nd</sup> Rich )

**Citizen's Time.**

- Brodie Freer, Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Commission, said the Commission is interested in learning more about the TBC and looking for opportunities to collaborate. He invited the TBC members to participate in the annual park tour on September 13. Specific destinations to be determined. The bus normally departs from Hellwig.
- Russell Bryant stated that the Rt 28 bypass cancellation and CPA is an opportunity to advocate for additional trail funding and improvements; and there will be more opportunities.

**County Agency Representatives**

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

- Forty-eight people attended the Trails Master Plan meeting on May 29. DPR obtained input on blueways, mobility infrastructure and recreational trails. DPR will also post a survey on the website.
- David reviewed the status of development projects, land acquisition, trail easements and trail construction plans along the Broad Run corridor. There is a proposed land dedication with the Bristow Campus rezoning. Rob stated that the Bristow Campus application was pulled from the BOCS agenda for June 24. Data center developers have been cooperative with PWC in regard to establishing trails, more so than residential development. If the Bristow Campus is not approved, the trail is still on the comp plan, but there's no guarantee another developer would support the trail. The Strathmore rezoning also includes a proposed land dedication.
- Janet reported that there was little activity on the Powell's Creek crossing. DPR is working to get the amended contract through procurement.
- Jefferson Park trail connector project. Rob stated that PWC DOT is beginning the survey work and contacting landowners. He anticipates that design will take 10 months.
- Doves Landing and Sinclair Mill. David reported that the contractor is working on the 35% design, and plans for invasive plant removal and reforestation.

**PWC Transportation. Bryce Barrett**

- Rt 28 bypass CPA. A consultant is on board to do traffic demand models. They will run scenarios with & without various facilities.
- Neabsco Creek I-95 Bridge Replacement Update. VDOT is re-evaluating the design. David Brickley added that he has been communicating with Dic Burke at VDOT, who seems supportive of the redesign effort.
- On June 3 the BOCS adopted the Comprehensive Traffic Safety Action Plan. DOT is preparing grant applications, to be submitted on June 30. Applying for joint projects with the cities. The list of 12 proposed projects is included in the [BOCS agenda item](#) on page 102, and is attached. DOT is pursuing low cost, quick, interim safety improvements and measures to decrease cut through traffic. The engagement project is intended to include multiple agencies (transportation, police, fire) in raising awareness and promoting safety. They will evaluate compliance with national standards for accessibility. A letter of support for the grant applications will be included on the TBC agenda in July.
- General updates. Today (June 24) the BOCS authorized \$2.9 million for the trail on Catharpin Creek passing under Rt 15. DOT will build a natural surface trail. On May 13, the BOCS authorized applications for Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant submission. DOT submits pre-applications, gets feedback VDOT, then narrows them down to five for final submission in the fall. DOT is also working on applications under the NVTa six-year program (FY2026-2031).

**PWC Planning, Yolanda Hipski**

- Fettle Park Area Market Study. Initiation is pending.
- Vint Hill corridor study. The consultant is on board.
- Sudley ULI. The report is not yet available for viewing.
- Yolanda will not be at the July TBC meeting.

**Community Development Applications, Robert Boyd**

- Kettle Run. DPR conversations with the developer continue on the planned trail network, public access, and land dedications.
- Kline property. The current application is for an age restricted community with 251 units. DPR submitted comments. David asked if the internal trail will have public access, and Rob said it won't as currently laid out. Rob said if DPR pushes for public access, then DPR would end up with responsibility for maintenance. The previous version of the application included a 45-acre public park, land for an elementary school, and commercial space. The park and school are no longer included, and almost all of the commercial space is out.
- Destination Place. DPR and other County staff met with the developer last week. The developer has proposed a new trail alignment that is partially along the water but then connects to the Destination Place street rather than continuing across the stream to the PHNST path in front of the Rivergate apartments. The developer says there are many environmental challenges for a trail to cross the wetland. They are leery of public access to the trail in the community, and a link to the apartments. Discussions continue about the trail alignment and what the developer might build. David Brickley says the county should get an easement to connect over to the apartments, restaurant and marina area even if the developer doesn't build it. The developer will build a private kayak launch near I-95.

**Business Items: 2025.**

- Onboarding Package Items for New TBC Members. Items suggested: maps of trails, list of major projects / acronyms, info on organizations represented here, list of pertinent websites, the goals list; summary of FOIA and public meeting requirements; welcome email. Jason has a list of links and organizations and will send it to Liz.
- Trail Project Prioritization
  - Trails master plan won't include sidewalks. CIP list and master plan may not be identical. For the master plan, will be looking at goals like connecting to regional trails and connections to public facilities, not just at what is practical and can be built easily.
  - FY27 CIP requests – start thinking about it, the County begins putting it together in September. There was discussion of the metrics shown in the strategic plan; Patti stated the baseline of 62 miles is recreational trails, those not in a road right-of-way. The annual increase target (9 miles) came from an estimate Patti prepares for the DPR budget. Janet stated that DPR desires to increase partnerships with volunteer organizations to add trail miles.

**Presentations/Reports.**

**a. FLAP Grant PHNST Gap Study Overview, Rob Boyd**

The FLAP grant report is about 90% complete. The consultant has identified recommended routes for Gaps 1, 2, and 3 and included cost estimates. Rob said there is extensive backup material, over 1000 pages. Neil asked about planning for the gap between Potomac Shores and the Town of Dumfries. Rob said the plan is to get from the VRE station to Cockpit Point Rd, and confirmed the developer will be

required to build more of the PHNST. Patti said the developer is required to add trail mileage as units are built. There is no plan to build more trails west from the Potomac Shores Middle School area.

### **Organization Representatives' Time**

#### **Greater Prince William Trails Coalition (GPWTC).** Eileen Sheridan

- The next quarterly meeting is on June 26.

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

- July 13 hike at the Bull Run Mountain Natural Area Preserve. Bill also reminded the group that PWTSC coordinates the adopt-a-trail program. Jason asked if there were any new developments in collecting volunteer hours. Janet said that Janet LeFleur does that as she coordinates volunteer work, and some is still done in the Volunteer Prince William system.

#### **Mid Atlantic Off-Road Enthusiasts (MORE).** Rich Wilson

- Contacted the new Tractor Supply Store on Minnieville Rd and completed application for donations. Seeking to raise funds for signage at Locust Shade Park.
- Asked about status of signage for Andrew Leitch Park

### **Members' Time:**

- Neil: asked about status of the needs assessment survey. Janet said it was released to the Parks Commission and will be on the TBC agenda in July or August.
- David Brickley: biked the Torrey Brown trail in Maryland, a rail trail that goes from the Mason-Dixon Line up to York PA. Won't be at the July 24 meeting.
- Lynda: litter trap cleanouts in May and June, storms carried in large pieces of wood debris; collected 6,000 plastic bottles.
- Amy: Won't be at the July 24 meeting.
- Joe: suggested doing a PHNST festival to generate interest and support. Walk portions of the trail, get transportation support. For additional discussion later.
- Duane: good input at trails master plan meeting. At Doves Landing, make rerouting the trail on Lake Jackson Citizen's Association property a priority. Volunteers would help. Janet said John Simkins is working on the new trail alignment, and an estimate of the amount of work involved / costs. Duane also noted that the trails at Nokesville Park were built by Nokesville Horse Society and PWTSC. The Nokesville Horse society is gone; the trails are not being maintained.
- Bill: Won't be at the July 24 meeting.
- Jason: sawyers will need recertification next year. Coordinating with John Simkins on potential for a local DPR sponsored class.
- Janet: Won't be at the July 24 meeting. The PHNST subcommittee meeting was changed to July 17. Targeting Oct 15 for the joint meeting between the Parks Commission and TBC.

### **Meeting Recap:**

#### **Next meetings:**

- PHNST subcommittee meeting on July 17, 2:00 pm
- TBC meeting on July 22, 6:30 pm

**Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM