

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

MOTION: Latalladi-Fulton

September 23, 2025

SECOND: Johnson

Regular Meeting

Res. No. 25-16

**RE: REQUEST FOR VIRGINIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY FUNDING OF THE POTOMAC
HERITAGE NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL AND WASHINGTON ROCHAMBEAU
ROUTE IN PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY**

ACTION:

WHEREAS, the 2025-2028 Strategic Plan includes an objective to “Enhance and expand public parks, trails, and green spaces to improve accessibility,” and;

WHEREAS, the 2040 Comprehensive Plan includes a Tourism Action Strategy to “Utilize Prince William County’s diversity, natural areas, cultural resources, historic sites, and recreation opportunities as foundational attributes upon which to build the Prince William County storyline,” and;

WHEREAS, American and French armies led by George Washington and the Comte de Rochambeau marched through Prince William County in September 1781 on the way to victory at the Battle of Yorktown, and;

WHEREAS, the path of the historic march through Prince William County creates the opportunity to substantially increase tourism associated with the Semi Quincentennial of the American Revolution;

WHEREAS, the General Assembly has designated six General Assembly Prioritized Trails and provided \$86 million in funding, but none are in Northern Virginia, and:

WHEREAS, the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail and the Washington-Rochambeau Route National Historic Trail are two units of the National Park System that cross through Prince William County, and;

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks and Recreation is completing a Trails Master Plan that refines the specific route for the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail identified in the 2040 Mobility Chapter,;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Trails and Blueways Council urges the Board of County Supervisors to include in its next legislative agenda a request for the General Assembly 1) to designate the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail as a General Assembly Prioritized Trail and 2) to allocate funding so two segments paralleling the Washington-Rochambeau route between Dumfries and Locust Shade Park can be completed by 2031.

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Votes:

Ayes: 10

Nays: 0

Absent from Vote (virtual only): 0

Absent from Meeting: 5

SIGNED:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Elizabeth Cronauer", written in black ink over a horizontal line.

Prince William Trails and Blueways Council chair