

PRINCE WILLIAM

Parks & Recreation

Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

COMMISSION MEMBERS

Brodie Freer, Chair, Occoquan District
Benita Fitzgerald Mosley, At Large Member
Jen Donnelly, Brentsville District
Jane Beyer, Vice Chair, Coles District
Rick Berry, Gainesville District
Ross W. Snare, IV, Neabsco District
Oriella Mejia, Potomac District
Sharon Richardson, Woodbridge District

February 18, 2026, 7:00 PM

George Hellwig Administrative Bldg. Board Room
14420 Bristow Rd. Manassas, VA

Commission Members Present

Rick Berry
Jane Beyer
Jen Donnelly
Brodie Freer
Oriella Mejia (Virtual)
Sharon Richardson
Ross Snare

Staff Present

Todd Reid
Frances Bridges
Elle Lockhart
John Blevins
Joe Portell
Rob Orrison
Lauren Maloy
Amir Wenrich
Carter McClelland

Commission Members Absent

Benita Fitzgerald Mosley

Guests

None

Secretary

Shannon Jaenicke

Citizens

None

Call to Order

At 7:00 p.m. Chair Brodie Freer called the regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission to order and Carter McClelland led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Administrative Items

RES 26-05 Approve Remote Participation Request - Mejia. **APPROVED.** (JB:SR, Unanimous, Absent from vote BFM, RS, OM)

RES 26-06 Approve Minutes of January 21, 2026. **APPROVED.** (RB:JB, Unanimous, Absent from vote BFM, RS, OM)

Community Time

None

Presentations

Office of Historic Preservation Annual Update –Rob Orrison and Lauren Maloy

Rob Orrison and Lauren Maloy presented an update on the Historic Preservation Division facilities and programs. [Presentation available from the Secretary.]

Proposed Fiscal Year 2027 CIP and Operating Budget – Seth Hendler-Voss

Director Seth Hendler-Voss presented the CXO proposed Fiscal Year 2027 CIP and Operating Budget. He was excited that out of nine (9) DPR proposed budgeted initiatives, five (5) were included in the CXO's proposal. The overall proposed 2.2-billion-dollar budget includes a flat tax rate of \$0.906, this will not equate to a flat tax bill due to real estate appreciation. Highlights for DPR include:

- Employee compensation adjustments and merit increases.
- 8 FTE's for the Occoquan Greenway, Science in the Park, Construction Inspectors and an Admin for Pat White Center.
- \$20 Million in Capital funds for:
 - Land Acquisition
 - Hellwig Soccer field 2 project
 - Forest Greens Grill Room Expansion
 - Metz Boardwalk Extension
 - Dale City Recreation Center Park Improvements
 - Cloverdale Park Tennis Courts, and Ellis Barron Park Basketball Courts improvement
 - Charlie Boone Bike and Skate Park
 - Long Park Diamond Fields Improvements
 - Tyler ES field improvements
 - Increased CMP and Expansionary Projects

Committee Reports

None

Old Business

None

New Business

RES 26-07 APPOINT CARYLEE CARRINGTON, EM SMITH, YAURI DALENCOUR, AND JACOB ENGLEHART TO THE ARTS GRANT REVIEW PANEL FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM FOR FISCAL YEARS 2027 AND 2028; AND APPOINT TWO ALTERNATE PANELISTS, JOHN HARTT AND KELLY ALDRIDGE FOR FISCAL YEARS 2027 AND 2028 APPROVED. (JB:SR, Unanimous; Absent from vote BFM, Abstain RS)

Director Time

Director Seth Hendler-Voss provided the following updates:

- The State of the Parks event is scheduled for February 24, at 6:30 pm at the Kelly Leadership Center.
- State of the County is scheduled for March 2 at The Hylton Center for Performing Arts.
- Annual Report is being printed and will be available next week.
- Several staffing changes have been made as a result of Janet Bartnik's temporary assignment to the Transformation Office. This has provided an opportunity for many staff to step into acting roles and gain valuable leadership skills and experience. Frances Bartnik is serving as acting Deputy Director role, Elle Lockart as acting Administration Assistant Director, and Sara Smith is now serving a dual role as Park Foundation Administrator and Accreditation Manager. Business Services will move out of the Recreation Division and into the Marketing and Communication Division
- DPR is the process of exploring a partnership with Indigo Golf to produce the First Tee golf program.
- DPR is developing an executive fellowship program, for mid-to-senior level manager to provide shadowing, succession and cross training opportunities. The Fellow will manage a 6 to 12 moth special project in support of our strategic plan.
- The county's new Department of Transportation & Capital Construction will become an official department on July 1, 2026. 2 DPR employees will move to new department. Criteria have been established to determine which projects stay in-house with DPR Project Managers and which projects will be managed by the DTCC. All design work for park projects will remain in-house.
- Thoroughfare Master Plan meeting scheduled for 10:00am at Tyler Elementary on March 7
- Projects this Spring;
 - Davis Ford Master Plan
 - East/West Rec Center Feasibility study
 - Fuller Heights Expansion
 - Occoquan Bridge at Segment 6
 - Public Art Policy Task Force public input meetings in March
 - The CAPRA reaccreditation visit is scheduled for April
 - DPR will help produce the county's Juneteenth Celebration
 - Historic Preservation Foundation Work Plan will go to the BOCS – March 3
 - Approval of the Sports Athletic Field and Facility Use Manual and an access and parking easement at Orchard Park will go to BOCS March 17

Commissioner's Time

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| Ms. Richardson | Ms. Richardson thanked staff for the Historic Preservation presentation, and thanked Seth for the update on the budget proposals. |
| Ms. Mejia | Ms. Mejia thanked staff for the Historic Preservation presentation, and thanked Seth for the update on the budget proposals. She attended the Potomac District Town Hall and is looking forward to the Potomac District Green Policy Summit. |
| Mr. Snare | Mr. Snare has met with a few Board members regarding dedicated revenue from the computer and peripheries tax for Parks. |

- Mr. Berry Mr. Berry inquired whether the county has a deer management program for regional parks such as Silver Lake.
- Ms. Beyer Ms. Beyer thanked staff for the Historic Preservation presentation, and thanked Seth for the update on the budget proposals; she shared that there will be a Shenandoah Park meeting with the community tomorrow night.
- Ms. Donnelly Ms. Donnelly thanked staff for the Historic Preservation presentation and the update on the CXO's budget proposals. She has heard from citizens who are very interested in the possibilities for a Track and Field facility at the location that was formerly identified for the PWCS 14th HS.
- Chair Freer Chair Freer welcomed Commission Donnelly; he initiated a brief discussion over the county's implementation of the "311" information phone system and whether staff prefer inquiries to be initiated with 311 or with the "HelloParks" email address. Staff shared that either is acceptable, but "HelloParks" may be a more direct route. Chair Freer provided notice that he may not be able to attend the March Meeting.

Closed Session

None.

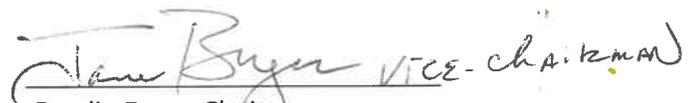
Adjournment

RES 26-08

Motion to Adjourn at 8:50 pm. **APPROVED (RS:JB, Unanimous, Absent from vote BFM)**

The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission will be held on March 18, 2026, at the Hellwig Park Administration Building.

Minutes **APPROVED** at Parks and Recreation Commission meeting held on March 18, 2026.


Brodie Freer, Chair


Seth Hendler-Voss, Director


Shannon Jaenicke, Secretary

MOTION: BEYER

February 18, 2026

SECOND: RICHARDSON

Regular Meeting

Res. No. 26 -07

RE: APPOINT CARYLEE CARRINGTON, EM SMITH, YAURI DALENCOUR, AND JACOB ENGLEHART TO THE ARTS GRANT REVIEW PANEL FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM FOR FISCAL YEARS 2027 AND 2028; AND APPOINT TWO ALTERNATE PANELISTS, JOHN HARTT AND KELLY ALDRIDGE FOR FISCAL YEARS 2027 AND 2028.

ACTION: APPROVED

WHEREAS, Prince William County Parks and Recreation is responsible for distributing the Prince William County Board of Supervisors (BOCS) approved Arts Grant funds; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Department anticipates that the BOCS will fund Arts Grants in Fiscal Year 2027 and Fiscal Year 2028 Budgets; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Commission, appointed by the BOCS, is responsible for appointing a grant panel with experience in such areas as financial management, grant review, arts education, arts funding and community involvement in the arts; and

WHEREAS, the Arts Grant review panel will independently review and score the arts grant applications and recommend appropriate funding levels; and

WHEREAS, the Arts Grant review panel composition will include five citizen members who are not a current employee or board member of a grant applicant organization, and one member of the Prince William County Finance department; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Commission will review the Arts Grant review panel's recommendation for grant funding and make a final funding recommendation to the BOCS; and

WHEREAS, there are currently four (4) vacancies on the Arts Grant Panel; and

WHEREAS, the appointment of two alternate panelists ready to assume the duties of any original panel member who is unable to fulfill their term would ensure continuity, stability, and the uninterrupted work of the panel;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Prince William County Parks and Recreation Commission hereby appoints Carylee Carrington, Em Smith, Yauri Dalencour and Jacob Englehart for a two-year term for fiscal years 2027 and 2028 and appoints two alternate panelists, John Hartt and Kelly Aldridge to the Arts Grant Review Panel for fiscal years 2027 and 2028.

Attachment: Biographies

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Votes:

Ayes: Berry, Beyer, Donnelly, Freer, Richardson

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent from Vote Mejia, Snare:

Absent from Meeting: Mosley

ATTEST: _____
Shannon Jaenicke, Secretary

Bios Arts Grant Panelists

Nikole Brillant's Bio (M

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My love for art started at a young age, when I was a little girl. I used to draw pictures of people, animals, and landscapes, and this carried on throughout my educational years. In high school I took many art courses, as well as drawing and painting for fun at home. In college, I majored in art for a year, until changing to design study, which gave me a broader skill set. While taking art, I learned to draw still life, abstract art, and my favorite, painting. The switch to design allowed me to think out of the box and carried into my business degree and work background today. A favorite hobby has been designing home and office spaces which transpired through family outings, collaboration and working with professional designers. As my career pivoted to event planning, there is a lot of use for a design and art background to bring a lively and attractive event to life. Today, I focus on raising funds for two nonprofits, as well as pursuing grants allowing me to understand first-hand the need for such support. My art background keeps me invigorated and allows me to see work and life in a brighter light. I still paint today for fun, mostly focusing on landscapes and scenic pictures, but sometimes I get the itch to bring out my abstract and contemporary side as an outlet. Not only has art become a way of life and an outlet, but it can be very calming and therapeutic in a fast-paced life. Photography has also always been a huge part of my life as well. I can't imagine a world without print. Whether it is capturing the humans I love, sweet animals or gorgeous views to make lasting memories, you can find me with my camera or cell phone snapping photos. In my work I am lucky enough to support social media projects and use my creative side to leverage engaging posts and promote. Event planning is still very organic to me and will always stay with me. I am happy to serve my community in Prince William County, where I have resided for 2 years now. Originally, I am from Fairfax County but have loved my move to Prince William County the last few years and am excited for the future.

Michelle Ross's Bio

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Michelle lives in Woodbridge and has an extensive background in Arts Administration. Financial Management: Managed organization budget as a Executive Director of Samuels Library, active participant in the budget process as Assistant Director of Prince William Public Libraries. Grant oversight: Oversaw ARPA funds for Samuels Library, managed funds and reporting for grants received by Samuels Library, managed funds and grants received for Sissonville Branch Library, completed grant-writing course in 2019. Grants analysis: Participated in selection process for grants distributed by the Front Royal Rotary Club, served on the Scholarship Committee for the Front Royal Rotary Club and the This is IT! Club (technology club for teens in Warren County, VA). Community Arts: Worked closely with Friends of Samuels Library and Virginia Museum of Fine Arts to present a multi-day art festival featuring local artists, speakers, and a visit from VMFA To-Go; Facilitated the installation of a StoryWalk at Eastham Park in Warren County; Represented Samuels Library for Blue Ridge Arts Council's Annual Deck the Halls fundraiser; Served on the committee for and acted in the Sissonville Library Advisory Board's Murder Mystery Dinner Fundraiser; Served as the head of the West Virginia Book Festival Author Selection Committee;

taught many art classes to adults and teens (ex. macramé, fired ink art, squirt gun painting, acrylic dipped wine glasses, and more...). Marketing: Managed and oversaw marketing for Samuels Library, served as Website Chair for the Rotary Club of Front Royal, managed social media for the House of Hope, contributed to social media campaigns for Kanawha County Public Library, created social media content and merchandised online market for OverDrive (international eBook distributor), managed and oversaw social media and digital marketing for Marion County Public Library, managed social media for the West Virginia Digital Entertainment Library Initiative. Other: Served on the Virginia Wine and Craft Festival Committee and Festival of Leaves Committee, served as board member for the House of Hope, planned and executed Samuels Library's A Taste for Books Gala, served as Treasurer for the Warren County SALT/TRIAD Council

Carylee Carrington's Bio

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A nationally recognized children's author, arts advocate, and community leader, Carylee Carrington brings a wealth of experience in arts education, nonprofit leadership, and public engagement. She is the founder of Read with Carylee, a platform dedicated to celebrating diverse children's literature and connecting authors to schools, libraries, and families across the region. Carylee lives in Gainesville with her two sons and their pet bunny.

Em Smith's Bio

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Emily "Em" "Dolly Spartan" Smith (she/her) is a Northern Virginia local who currently works as the Office Manager of George Mason University's Hylton Performing Arts Center. Emily has also been involved with the Prince William County Arts Council in their arts programming, particularly the annual Arts Alive! festival, of which she is a primary organizer. Previously, Emily has interned with Synetic Theatre, Village Theatre, and Broadway Bound Children's Theatre. Emily received her Bachelor's in Drama from the University of Washington in Seattle, WA. In her free time, Emily is President of Northern Virginia Roller Derby, where she skates under the name Dolly Spartan.

Yauri Dalencour

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Yauri is an accomplished dancer and multidisciplinary creative whose dedication to the arts extends far beyond performance. She brings both professional experience and a deep, authentic love for the arts community. She is a valued member of Jack and Jill, which allows her leadership, thoughtfulness, and commitment to cultivating creativity in young people and within our broader community shine. Given her experience and passion, Yauri is a strong and valuable voice on the grant panel, someone who understands both artistic excellence and community impact.

Jacob Englehart Bio*Fy27 & 28*

Our County Finance representative for the panel is Jacob Englehart. Jacob has been employed with Prince William County for over 12 years and currently is in the Financial Reporting & Control (FRC) division of Finance. He manages the Data Analytics Team which is responsible for oversight of financial reporting to both internal and external clients. Jacob has a strong history of implanting internal controls and currently sits on the Supervisory Committee for the Prince William County Federal Credit Union.

Alternates:**Kelly Aldridge***Fy27 & 28*

Kelly Aldridge is a tactile materials artist and the owner/operator of Dabble Creative Reuse Center, a donation-based retail store focusing on art and craft supplies, which also offers a variety of creative programs in Old Town Manassas. Our mission is to make art and crafting more accessible and sustainable while bringing people together and helping them to achieve their creative goals.

John Hartt*Fy27 & 28*

John Hartt, the artist known as Jortt, has been a member of the Manassas community for over two decades. After a 30-year career as a graphic designer, he put his mechanical pencil down and picked up his paintbrush. His goal as an artist is to make people smile. His oddball style encompasses the newbrow movement painted with hyper-intense colors and humorous and sometimes creepy undertones. From his art gallery in Historic Manassas to his live paint sessions at local events, visitors to in the Manassas area can always find Jortt art somewhere in town whether on t-shirts, stickers, or prints. His artwork has also enhanced many school playgrounds in the region, and he has painted murals in locales from Fredericksburg to Washington, D.C. John is the winner of the 2023 Kathleen Seefeldt Award for Individual Artist.

One ongoing project that John is proud of is "Something Wonderful" a series of twelve, eight-foot paintings that is travelling around to Prince William County Schools for one-month installations.

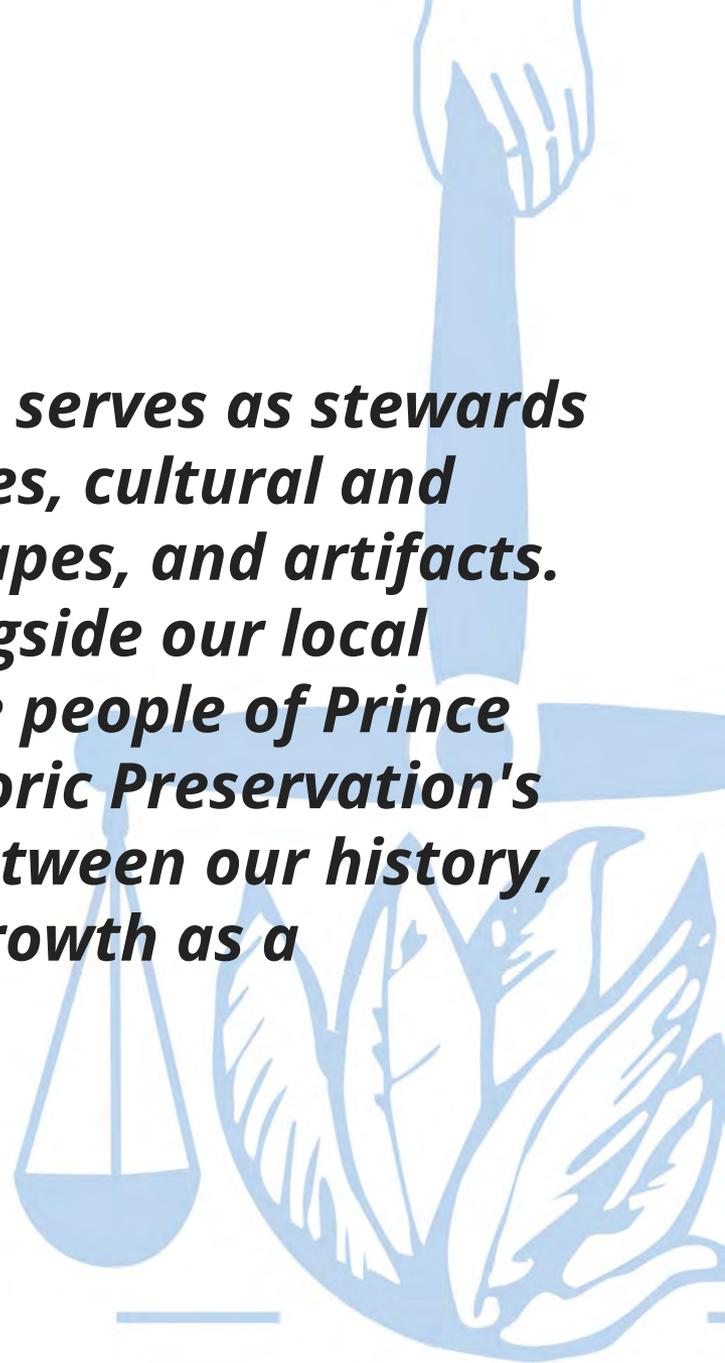
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Prince William County's
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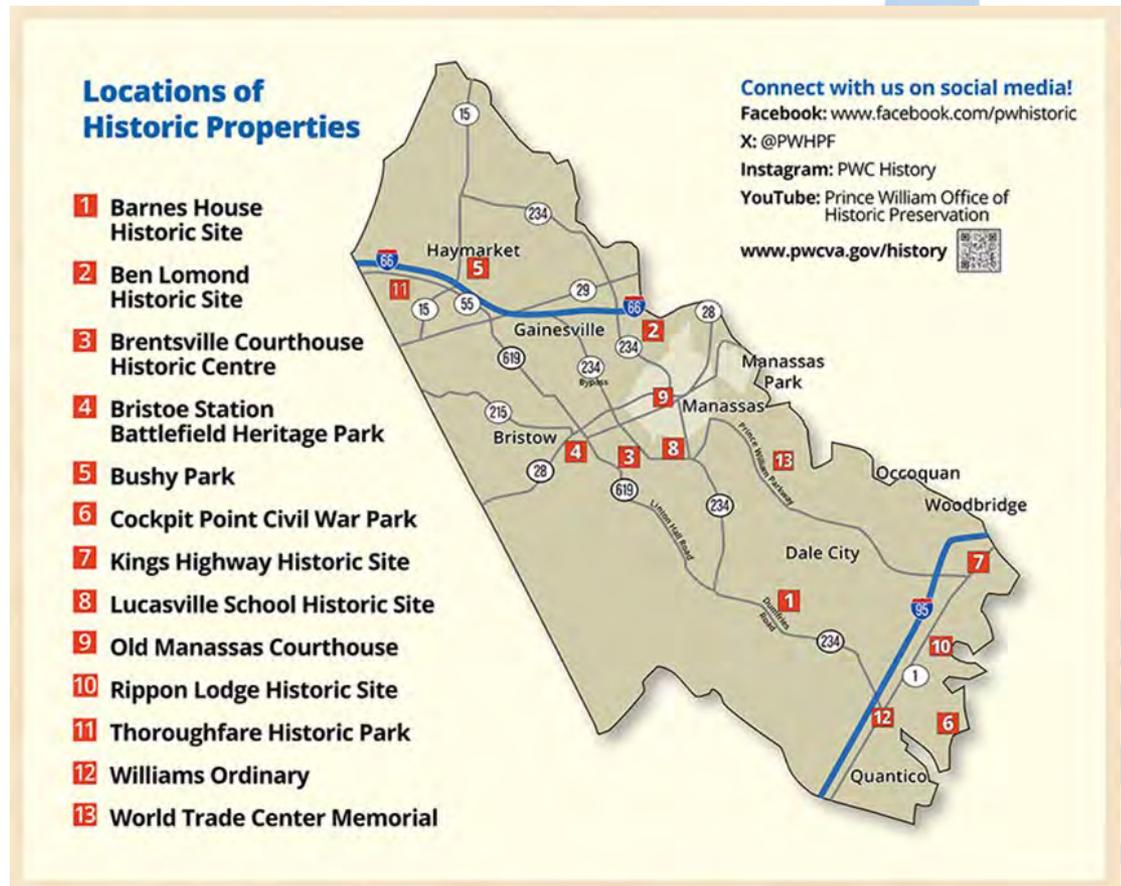
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Historic Preservation

The Office of Historic Preservation serves as stewards of County-owned historic structures, cultural and natural resources, historic landscapes, and artifacts. We build community identity alongside our local partners by telling the story of the people of Prince William County. The Office of Historic Preservation's goal is to show the connections between our history, our present, our future, and our growth as a community.



Prince William County Office of Historic Preservation

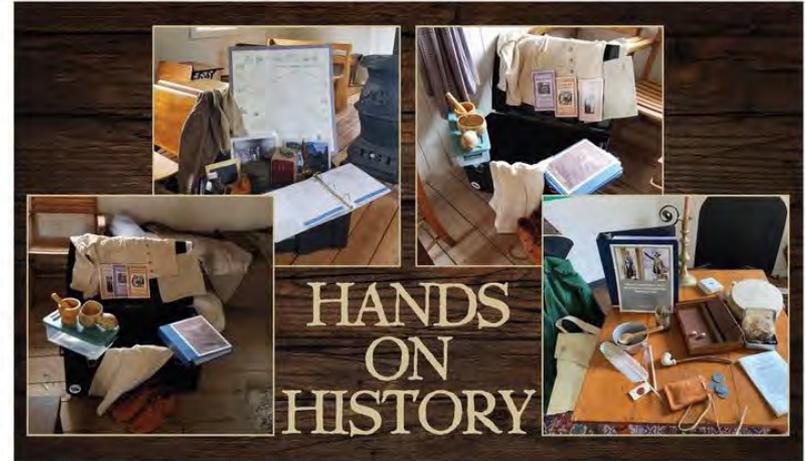
- Created in 2001
- Manages **14** historic sites, **27** historic structures, 600 acres of land – Majority under historic or natural easements
- 9 Full Time Staff & 2 Part Time Staff, 50 Regular Volunteers, hundreds of seasonal volunteers annually
- Nearly 155,000 visitors in 2025.



Public Programs and Events



Education



Traveling Trunks

Trunks Offered Include:

- 🌾 Agriculture in Prince William County
- 👤 Enslaved Life in Virginia
- 👤 Life of a Civil War Soldier
- 🗡️ Revolutionary War/Colonial Life...and MORE!

- 📚 Trunk programs connect students to their local history inside their own classroom.
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- 💰 \$30 for a one week rental, \$50 per program with staff, or \$150 for a full day with staff
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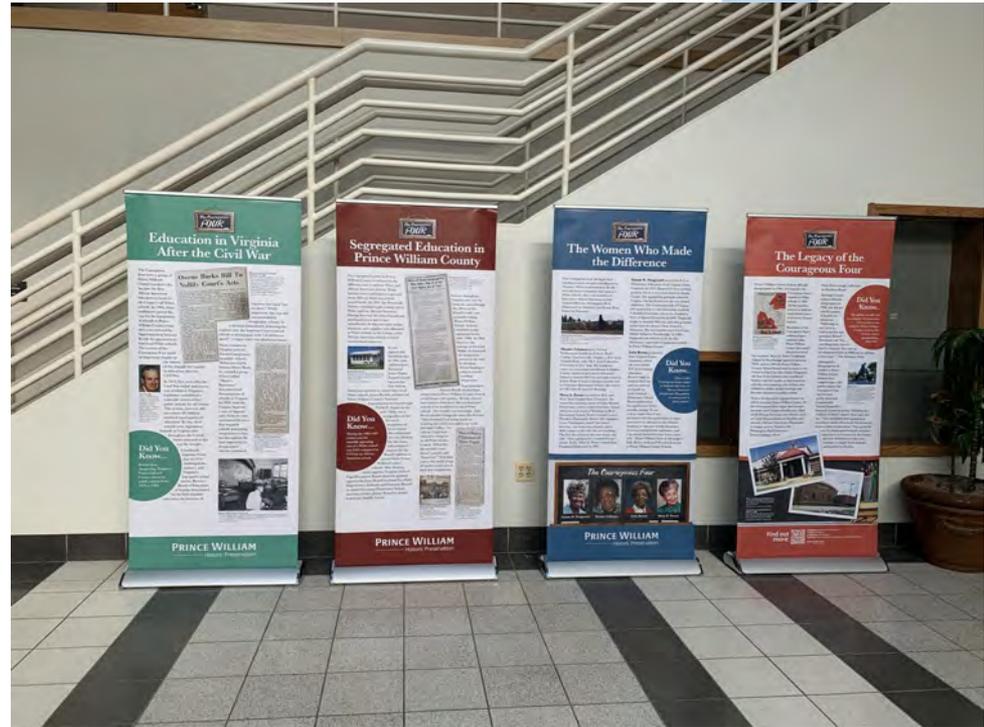
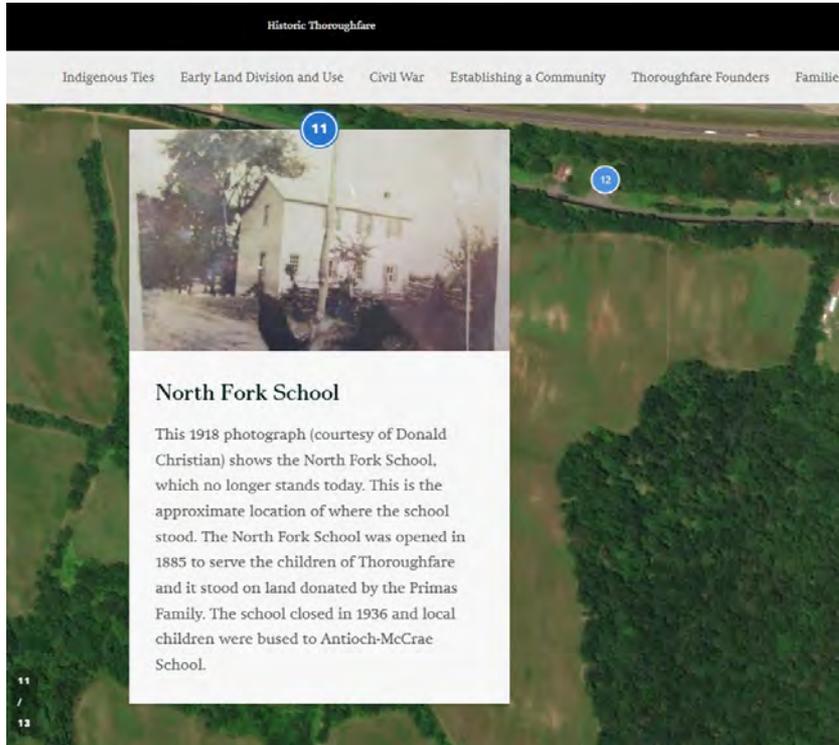
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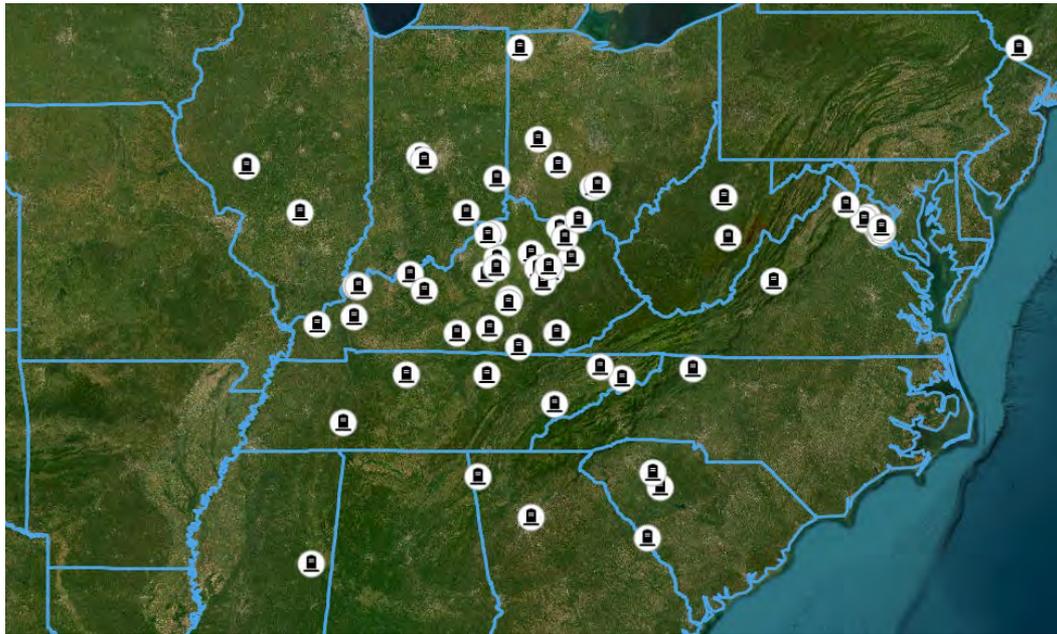
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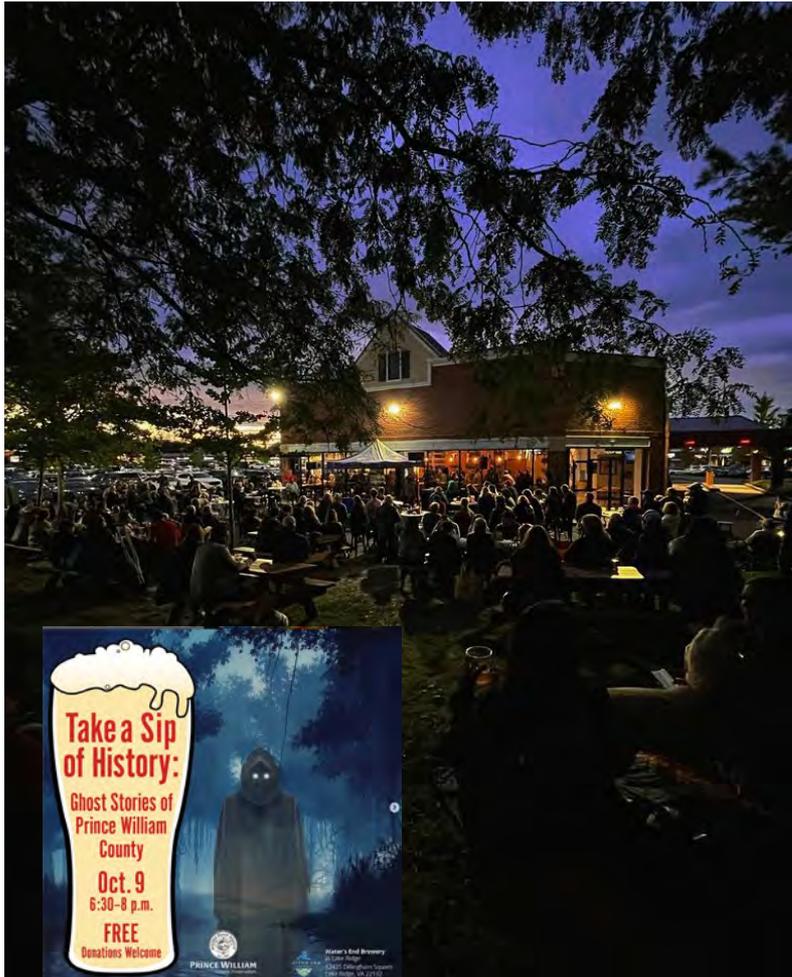
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Research & Preservation



Outreach Programs



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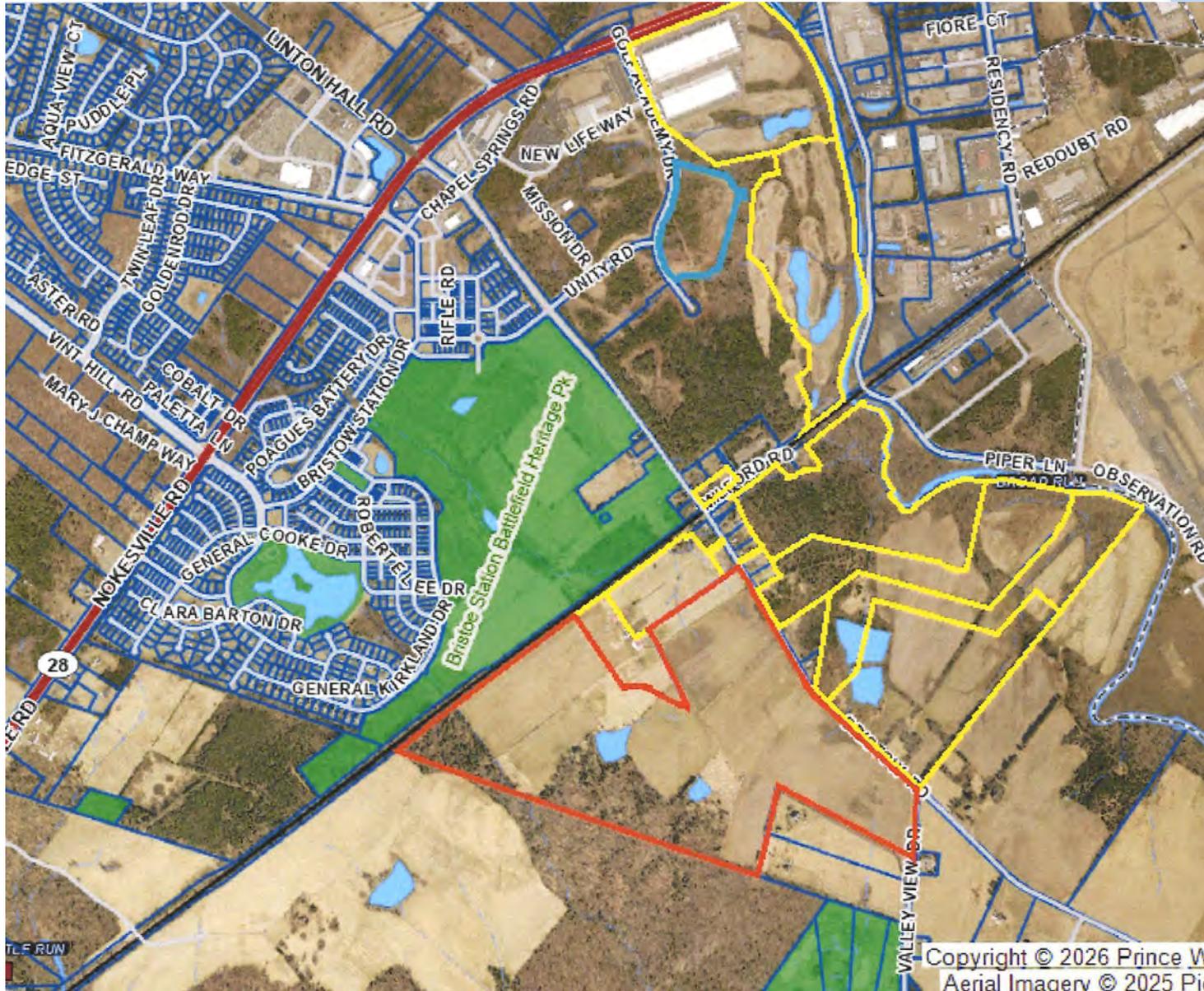
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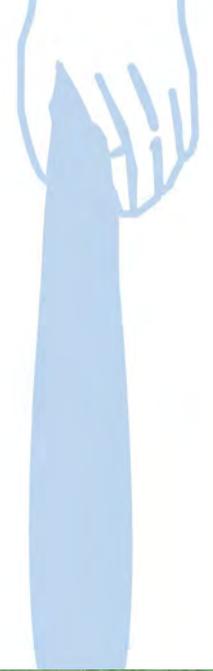
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