

**MOTION:**

**March 3, 2026  
Regular Meeting**

**SECOND:**

**Res. 26-4**

**RE:**

**CONSOLIDATION OF POTOMAC HERITAGE NATIONAL SCENIC  
TRAIL ROUTE THROUGH GREATER PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY**

**ACTION:**

**WHEREAS**, the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail (PHNST) is a designated National Scenic Trail corridor spanning parts of the mid-Atlantic region and will connect trails, parks, historic sites, and communities in Virginia. The trail network includes existing and planned sections tracing the natural, historical, and cultural features in the Potomac River corridor; and

**WHEREAS**, Prince William County, in partnership with the National Park Service and the Northern Virginia Regional Commission, has mapped potential routes for the PHNST through eastern Prince William County, connecting to Fairfax and Stafford Counties and the Towns of Dumfries and Occoquan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Parks and Recreation completed a FLAP Grant funded feasibility study in 2025 which identified the most feasible routes through the three major remaining gaps in Prince William County; and

**WHEREAS**, the inclusion of a well-planned and consolidated PHNST route in local, state, and national planning efforts is crucial to long-range planning and requests for funding; and

**WHEREAS**, the Trails and Blueways Council has advocated for the PHNST and provided feedback on the current and previous iterations of its alignment; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Prince William County Trails and Blueways Council supports the consolidated alignment for the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail through Prince William County, as prepared by Staff and included below.

**Votes:**

**Ayes:**

**Nays:**

**Absent from Vote:**

**Absent from Meeting:**

**SIGNED:**

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**Joe Marshall, Chair, Prince William County Trails and Blueways Council**

