

Prince William County
TRAILS AND BLUEWAYS COUNCIL

Advisors to the Board of County Supervisors

Meeting Minutes
 February 3, 2026; 6:30 PM
 (meeting postponed from Jan 27 due to weather)

Attendance

| District | Appointee | Present (in person) | Present (virtual) | Absent |
|-------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------|
| At Large | Amy Latalladi-Fulton | ✓ | | |
| | Bill McCarty | | ✓ | |
| Brentsville | Liz Cronauer | ✓ | | |
| | Steve Cover | ✓ | | |
| Coles | Mike DePue | ✓ | | |
| | Joe Marshall (CHR) | ✓ | | |
| Gainesville | Duane Martin | | | ✓ |
| | Ken Johnson | | ✓ | |
| Neabsco | Jason Williams (VCHR) | ✓ | | |
| | Rich Wilson | ✓ | | |
| Occoquan | Eileen Sheridan | ✓ | | |
| | Neil Nelson (SEC) | ✓ | | |
| Potomac | Jessie Citizen | | ✓ | |
| | Kimberly Palacios | | | ✓ |
| Woodbridge | David Brickley | | | ✓ |
| | Lynda Silverstrand | ✓ | | |

Staff persons present: David Kroeger, Rob Boyd, Yolanda Hipski; Patti Pakkala and Bryce Barrett attended virtually.

Call to Order

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Citizen’s Time. Charlie Grymes: The VA House of Delegates Transportation Committee did not forward HB1402 which would make the PHNST a State Prioritized Trail. But visibility of the PHNST has been raised. The PWC FY2027 CIP was released and includes \$4 million for extending the boardwalk through Metz Wetland, but no commitment to build master trail plan or long-term funding for trails.

Russell Bryant: need to engage on funding, CIP and budget process has started. Speak to chiefs of staff and Planning Commissioners.

Administrative:

- Approved remote participation by Ken, Bill and Jessie (motion Eileen; 2nd Steve)
- Minutes of the Dec 16, 2025 TBC meeting were approved (motion: Liz; 2nd Steve)
- Jessie Citizen, new appointee for the Potomac District, introduced himself

County Agency Representatives

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

- Status of BOCS YE25 CIPS Trails Contributions. Rob displayed the list of projects and amount of funding. They come with no restrictions, and don't have to be spent within a year.

| Magisterial District | Designated Capital Projects | Amount |
|---|--|------------------|
| Chair | Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail | \$5,002 |
| Brentsville | Nokesville Park Improvements | 77,944 |
| Coles | Cannon Branch Trail Improvements | 34,058 |
| Gainesville | Heathcote Boulevard/Legend Drive Crosswalk | 43,354 |
| Neabsco | Earl Cunard Park Improvements | 39,558 |
| Occoquan | BMX Improvements | 3,500 |
| | Charlie Boone Memorial Park Improvements | 117,289 |
| Potomac | Graham Park Road Improvements | 19,817 |
| Woodbridge | Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail | 137,967 |
| | Wetlands Preserve Boardwalk | |
| Designated Capital Projects Total: | | \$478,489 |

- Rocky Run Bridge, Long Branch Bridge and Hooes Bridge updates. Invitation for bids on construction of the Hooes Run bridge (Occoquan Greenway) was posted on January 30. Rocky Run bridge is on site; installation delayed because of the weather. Long Branch – developer will give money towards bridge. BOCS approval of the proffer is needed. The master plan for Sinclair Mill will include the bridge design. Sinclair Mill design is moving forward, at about 50%; funds are available for build out.
- General Updates. Neabsco bridges are working thru permitting. Powells Creek – moving main spine of crossing forward, have some preliminary cost estimates. Will hold a public meeting on March 4. Featherstone – finished boardwalk (north and south), construction of bridges is next. Large change order to the contract was approved by the BOCS. Need to grade the connection to VRE at the south end. Have a contract for finishing the trail on the easement through the HOA property and connecting to Featherstone Rd.
- Feb 24 - State of the Parks event
- Mar 2 – BOCS Chair Jefferson’s State of the County event, Hylton Center 7:00 pm
- DPR provided testimony for VA legislature HB1402 to include PHNST in state-wide trails plan.
- Patti stated that DPR will start the Davis Ford master plan soon; will start with a hike, open up for a visit and then hold a design charette; targeting early March. Will also post an on-line survey.

PWC Transportation. Bryce Barrett – transportation update slides presented by Bryce are attached.

- CIP \$1M FY25 & FY26 Projects Status.
 - PW Parkway sidewalk project will be standard 5-ft sidewalk
 - Funds identified for the Rt 15 crossing are local funds and can be used for something else if that project stalls
- Strategic Plan Mobility Group Membership and Plan: Forming a Bike/Ped working group; will identify County SMEs, and then external stakeholders. Will formalize framework and objectives, and relationship to TBC and other efforts. Should have a TBC representative on the group as minimum.
- Pending Grant Applications – TLC and RRSP programs (see slides)
- Dept of Transportation will sponsor a bike rodeo and adult learn-to-bike classes again this year
- Bike to Work Day is Friday May 15

PWC Planning, Yolanda Hipski

- Hoadly Road Projects Status. Hoadly Square rezoning - Residential development application for 279 units was approved. The trail plan for the open space was reduced because the neighboring HOA opposed routing a trail near their property.
- Memo attached on CPA2024-00005 - Initiate a Comprehensive Plan to integrate Sustainability & Resilience and recommendations from the Community Energy & Sustainability Master Plan into the Comprehensive. Community engagement meetings scheduled. Liz recommends monitoring the effort to see if TBC might have recommendations.

Community Development Applications, Rob Boyd

- General Rezoning Updates
 - Belmont Bay rezoning was deferred; there is some opposition, and it will be on hold until the vacant Woodbridge district seat on the board is filled. The proffer includes a 90-acre park dedication.
 - Villages at Broad Run, one of the developments on Vint Hill Rd. It's on Planning Commission agenda for Feb 28. Includes 28-acre land dedication for Broad Run Greenway and linear park.

Business Items:

- **Shifting T&BC Meeting to March 3.** The next meeting is moved from February 24 to March 3 due to the conflict with the DPR State of the Parks event.
- **Bylaws Discussion, Joe Marshall.** Joe presented the suggested changes and the TBC agreed to move ahead with them (motion Liz; 2nd Mike). Draft document to be included in the next meeting packet.
- **Social Media Discussion, Jason Williams.** Working with Amir Wenrick (DPR) on ways to improve outreach, and to coordinate with the Parks Commission, Park Foundation and Historic Preservation.
- **Plan for \$5 M CIP asks in FY 27 and beyond, Joe Marshall.** Joe prepared the attached Trail Funding Planning FY27 document, with the goal of strengthening the requests for additional funding. Eileen suggested developing a snapshot of planned projects, laying out the funding (what's been spent and what is required), timing and project scope.
- **TBC Goals and Plans, Joe Marshall.** Draft update was included in the packet, additional input pending from DPR.

Presentations/Reports.

- **Countywide Trails Plan Update, Robert Boyd.** Planning to circulate draft of Master Trail Plan in March. For cost estimating, project managers pulled construction costs for various types that the county would be responsible for building. Will present corridor cost per mile with a range of amounts. Single track natural surface would be at the low end, blacktop or boardwalk are at the high end. Trail costs could be \$400k to \$6 million per mile; that's inclusive, comprehensive costs. Patti recommended continued focus and advocacy on cost to complete our network, similar to the park master plan which is \$100's of millions. Sell the big idea of the plan, not individual pieces. Will have a work session with Planning Commission; hope to have maps of trail systems, and interactive web site. DPR is trying to get trail building company on contract.
- **Blueways Time - Design Sketches for Launches, Robert Boyd.** Included in the TBC packet, no additional discussion.

Organization Representatives' Time

Greater Prince William Trails Coalition (GPWTC). Chair Jefferson spoke at the quarterly meeting on Jan 22. The web site is up: [Trails Connect Communities](#)

NVRC has updated the PHNST map: [Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail | Northern Virginia Regional Commission - Website](#)

The Maritime Study presentation is posted [here](#) The survey is posted [here](#)

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

- Feb 2nd Sunday hike (Feb 8) at Leopold's Preserve was cancelled due to snow
- Mar 2nd Sunday hike (Mar 8) will be at the Civil War Trust properties off of Brentsville Rd and bordering Broad Run
- March 7 – Neabsco Creek and Boardwalk cleanup, announcement and registration posted
- March 28 – Marumsco Creek / Vet's Park cleanup, announcement and registration posted

Mid Atlantic Off-Road Enthusiasts (MORE). The MORE winter gathering is on Feb 28. Jason and Rich are working on wayfinding for Andrew Leitch, identifying locations for posts and signs, pricing signs.

Parks Foundation. Jason is now on the board and spoke about their park and community assistance projects.

Members' Time:

- Steve – mentioned the large sewage spill into to the Potomac in Maryland. Asked about any PWC response. Rob expects that Public Works is tracking it, but PWC has no facilities or land on the Potomac other than Cockpit Point.
- Neil – the release of the invitation for bids for the Hooes Run bridge is a significant milestone; that has been pending for quite some time.
- Lynda – asked about the Dumfries plan for the waterfront. Rob said there is a preliminary master plan, and they have identified water access points and a board walk. Potential dredging for a marina. PWC is also planning access further down Possum Point Rd closer to the power plant.
- Jason – network with your district planning commissioner and park commissioner
- Liz - thanks to people who spoke to the VA legislative committee on the PHNST. Rocky Branch bridge – looking forward to ribbon cutting. Maritime study – hoping to identify public access points, we should do the survey.

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- Joe – thanks to staff; he and Jason will meet with Seth to talk about year ahead and goals; Seth may attend quarterly.

Next meetings:

- PHNST subcommittee meeting on Feb 18, 2026, 2:00 pm
- February 24 State of the Parks
- March 3 T&BC Meeting
- March 4 public meeting on Powell's Creek crossing
- March 30 FOIA Meeting

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 9:03 pm

Attachments:

- Transportation update slides from Bryce
- Planning Office memo on CPA2024-00005, integrating sustainability & resilience
- Trail Funding Planning FY27 (document prepared by Joe)