

# 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

**March 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  
Oriella Mejia  
Sharon Richardson  
Ross Snare

### Staff Present

Frances Bridges  
Darrius Turner  
Joe Dillard  
Trey Payne  
Mac Slover  
Patti Pakkala  
Robert Boyd  
Janelle Pridemore  
Todd Reid  
Elle Lockhart  
John Blevins  
Rob Orrison  
Amir Wenrich  
Joe Portell

### Commission Members Absent

Benita Fitzgerald Mosley  
Brodie Freer

### Secretary

Shannon Jaenicke

### Guests

None

### Citizens

See Sign in Sheet

### Call to Order

At 7:00 p.m. Vice Chair Jane Beyer called the regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission to order and Sharon Richardson led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

### Administrative Items

**RES 26-09 Approve Minutes of February 18, 2026. APPROVED. (RS: RB, Unanimous, Absent from Meeting: BF, BM Absent from Vote JD)**

### Community Time

None

**Presentations**

**Annual MARSPA Good Sports Awards**

Sports Services presented the 2025 Good Sports Awards recognizing the efforts and sportsmanship demonstrated by members of the Sports Community in Prince William County. Coaches, Administrators and athletes were recognized for their accomplishments within their respected Sports Leagues and Community.

- Owen Morris Athlete (Miracle League)
- Julian Harris Athlete (Eastern Prince William Basketball Association)
- Anthony Williams Coach (Eastern Prince William Basketball Association)
- Jason Whitaker Coach (Miracle League)
- Shannon Johnson Administrator (Virginia Soccer League)
- Ralph Sinnott Administrator (PWC Girls Softball Little League)
- Cathy Hereford Administrator (PW Girls Fastpitch Softball League)

**RES 26-10 Motion to RECESS for 15 minutes for Photos with Award winners. (RS:OM, Unanimous, Absent BM, BF)**

**Call to Order 7:50 pm.**

**Planning Office Current Projects Update –Patti Pakkala and Roberty Boyd**

The Planning office presented an update on the following projects:

- Lake Ridge Boat House Feasibility Study
- Shenandoah Park Horticulture Therapy
- Riverbend Park
- Davis Ford Park
- Trails Master Plan
- Land Acquisitions
- [Presentation available from the Secretary.]

**Food Truck Pilot Program**

John Blevins, Asst. Director for Recreation gave an update on the Food Truck Pilot Program that will begin next month. The Food Truck pilot response to the 4<sup>th</sup> highest ranked item in the 2024 Needs Assessment. A webpage is available with the details, requirements and application process. Seven park sites have been selected for the pilot:

- Ben Lomond Regional Park (offseason only)
- Fairmont Park
- Orchard Bridge Park
- Neabsco Regional Park
- Rollins Ford Park
- Lake Ridge Park & Marina
- Locust Shade Park

**Committee Reports**

None

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

None

**Director Time**

Director Seth Hendler-Voss provided the following updates:

- Dale City Recreation Center employee Jonathon Pick was remembered. An 8-year employee of the department who came to the department from the former CVB. He was the attendant at the Visitors' Center in Occoquan, helped to deliver supplies during COVID lockdown and has been on the reception desk at Dale City for several years. Jonathon will be greatly missed by fellow staff and the customers of the rec center.
- There will be two Public Art Open Houses next week to engage the community on a public art policy for PWC. There will be facilitated sessions to get input from the community on variety of topics such as where public art should be located, who should fund public art installations, how public art should be selected, etc.
- Our CAPRA reaccreditation package has been submitted, and early review has been very positive. Our accreditation visit will be the last week of April.
- The state legislature has passed legislation that will require AEDs in all public areas of Parks. This is an unfunded mandate that could cost Parks approximately \$1m. We would be required to install approximately 80 AEDS, some in locations that may require electricity and shelter and all will require\_ongoing maintenance.

**Commissioner's Time**

Ms. Donnelly	Ms. Donnelly attended the East/West Basketball All Star game; she volunteered for the Farmers Market selection panel, but ultimately a panel was not required for this market season; she spoke at the PWCS meeting in support of an indoor track facility and the parks/libraries referendum.
Mr. Snare	Mr. Snare thanked staff for all the hard work that goes on during the budget season.
Mr. Berry	Mr. Berry attended the State of the Parks, and appreciated that the citizens have an opportunity to ask questions of the department staff; He as unable to attend the first Thoroughfare Public Meeting but looks forward to joining the next one on April 25 <sup>th</sup> ; Supervisor Stewart has shared his vision to have a recreation center complex located on the west side of the county, supporting the current size and interests of the resident population.
Ms. Mejia	Ms. Mejia will be participating in "scrape the grape" an initiative to remove lanternflies from wine growing vines.
Ms. Richardson	Ms. Richardson also enjoyed the State of the parks and noted that CXO Shorter is a very passionate supporter of Parks and Rec; she spoke at citizen

time at the BOCS meeting on 3/10 to urge the BOCS to move forward with the park/library bond referendum process; she thanked staff for tonight's presentation all the work that they are doing each day.

Vice Chair Beyer Vice Chair Beyer enjoyed tonight's award program, a good opportunity to celebrate our sports community, she also encouraged everyone to attend a Miracle League game if they can; She attended a meeting with the Shenandoah Park community, she believes that the community feels that there concerns have been heard regarding access; she also attended the State of the Parks and it was very good to see all of the staff an community in attendance; she reminded the Commissioners of the upcoming FOIA and Public Meetings Act training March 30 at 7 pm at the McCoart Board Chambers.

**Closed Session** None.

**Adjournment**  
**RES 26-11** Motion to Adjourn at 9:00 pm. **APPROVED (RS:JD, Unanimous, Absent from vote BM)**

The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission will be held on April 15, 2026, at the Hellwig Park Administration Building.

Minutes **APPROVED** at Parks and Recreation Commission meeting held on April 15, 2026.

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Brodie Freer, Chair

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Seth Hendler-Voss, Director

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Shannon Jaenicke, Secretary

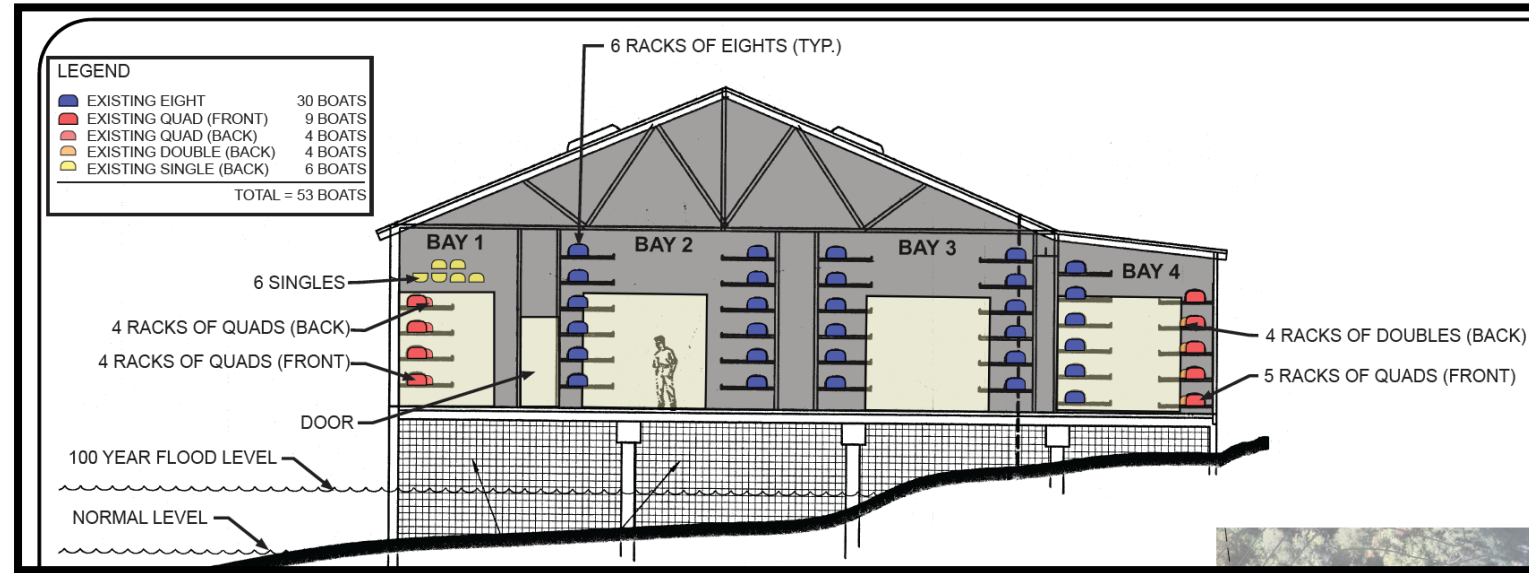
# Planning Team Updates

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# Boathouse Feasibility Study



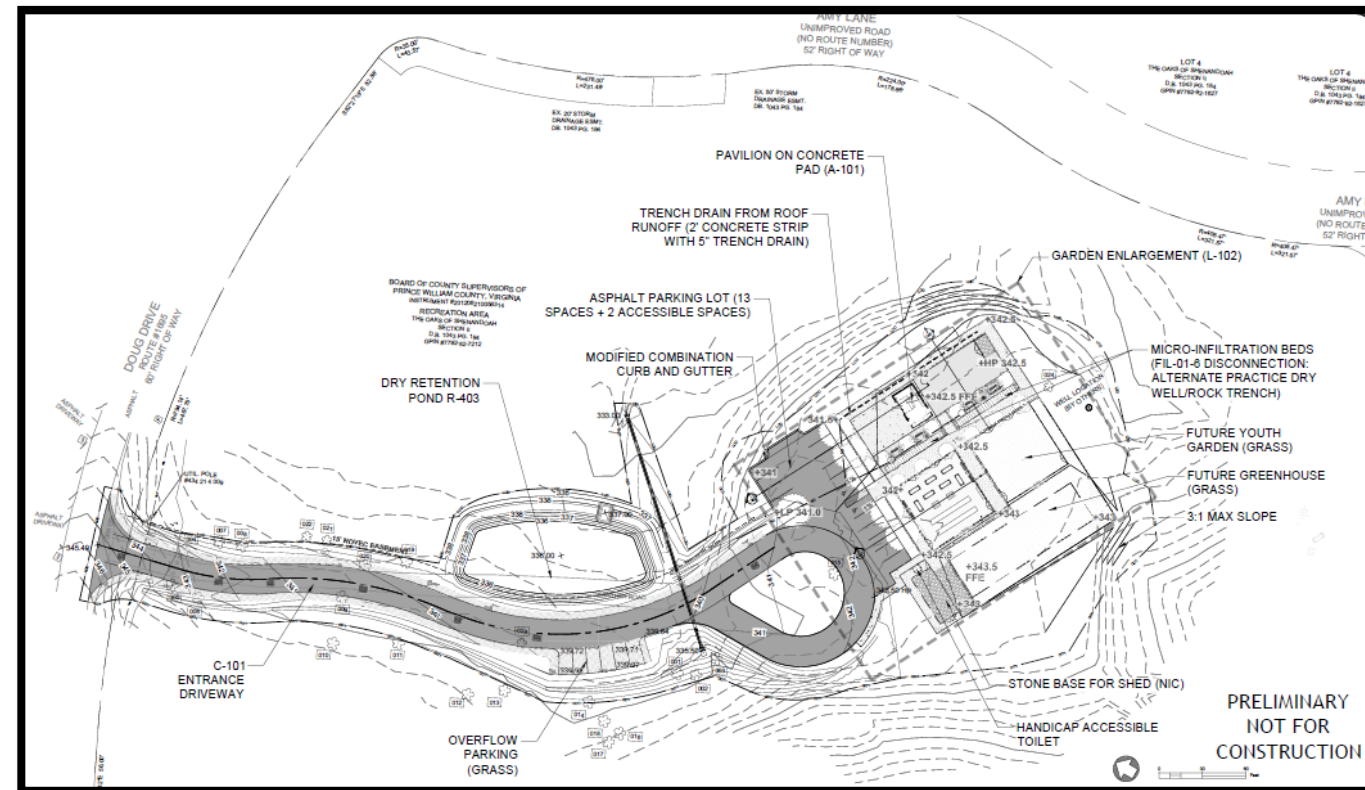
- **Consultant has completed analysis**
- **Evaluated existing indoor space and outdoor storage options in Lake Ridge Park**
- **Conducting final meetings with PWCS staff**
- **Report expected early June**

# Shenandoah Park Horticulture Therapy Gardens

- **Site designated for Friends of Horticulture Therapy use in 2007**
- **Implementation of 2023 MOU**
- **Community engagement complete**
- **Working with DOT to address Bristow Rd/Doug Dr concerns**
- **Site plan submitted**
- **Construction to begin Fall'26**

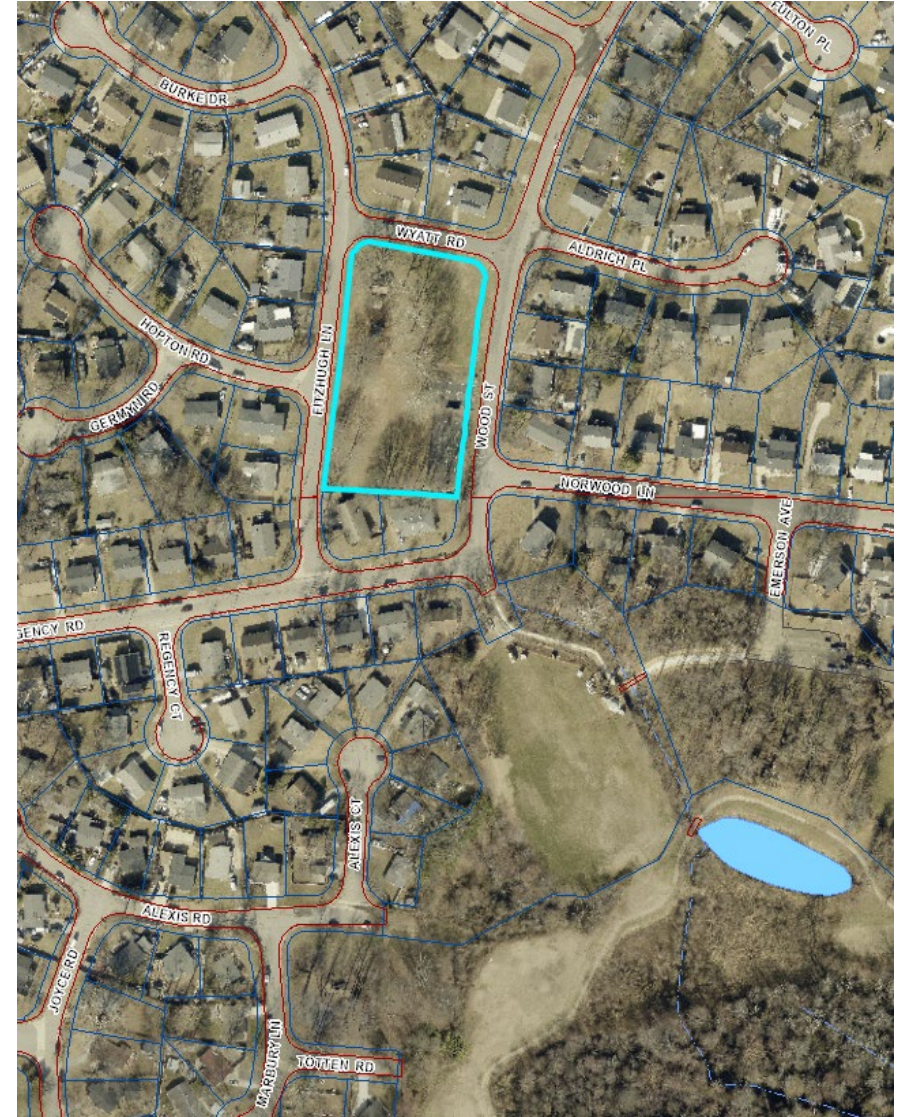


# Shenandoah Park Horticulture Therapy Gardens



# Riverbend Park Revitalization/Belmont MP

- **Funding available to refresh the park**
- **Current issues with the basketball courts, pavilion, and paths**
- **Online survey has been distributed**
- **New layout will be based on localized feedback**

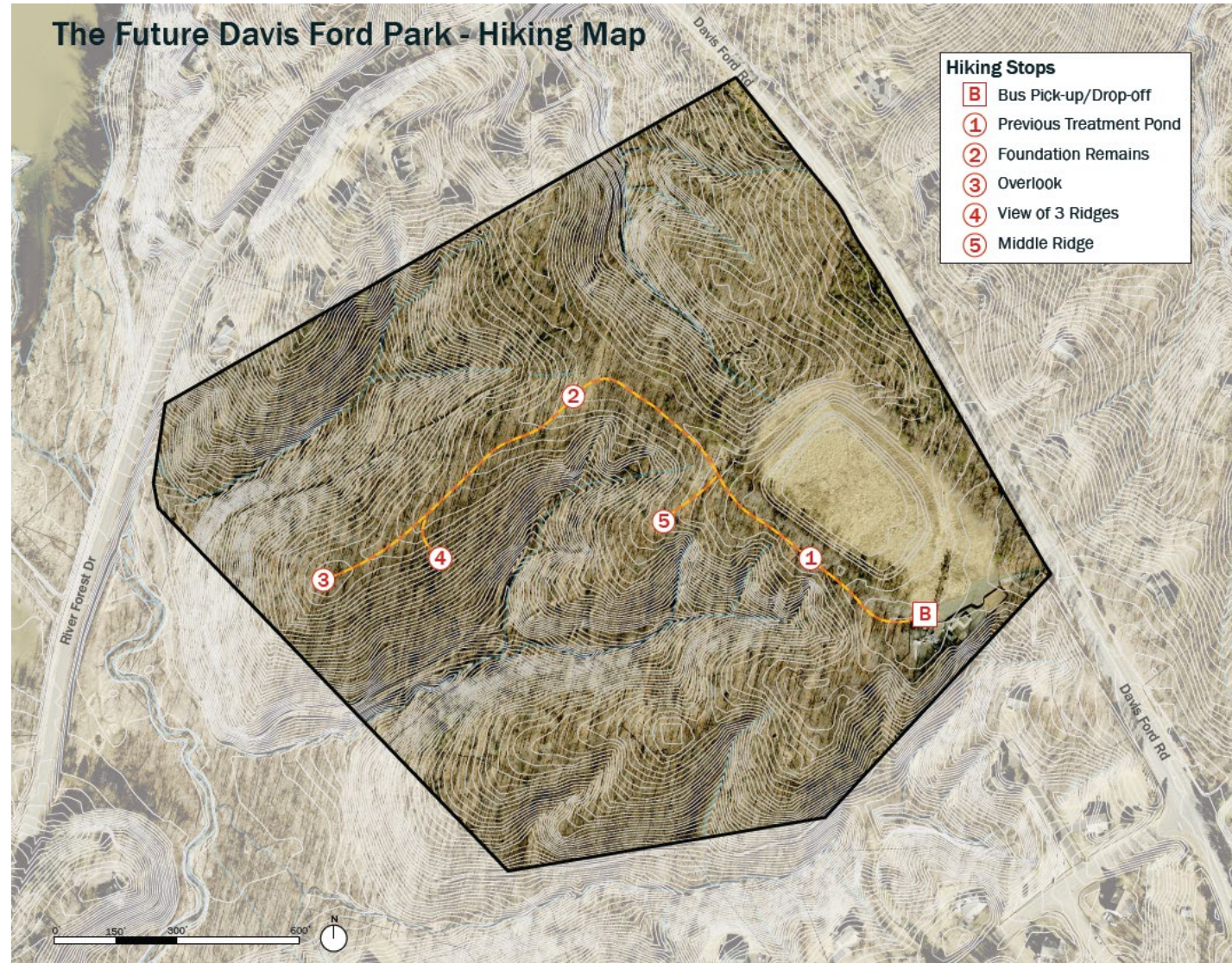


# Riverbend Park Revitalization



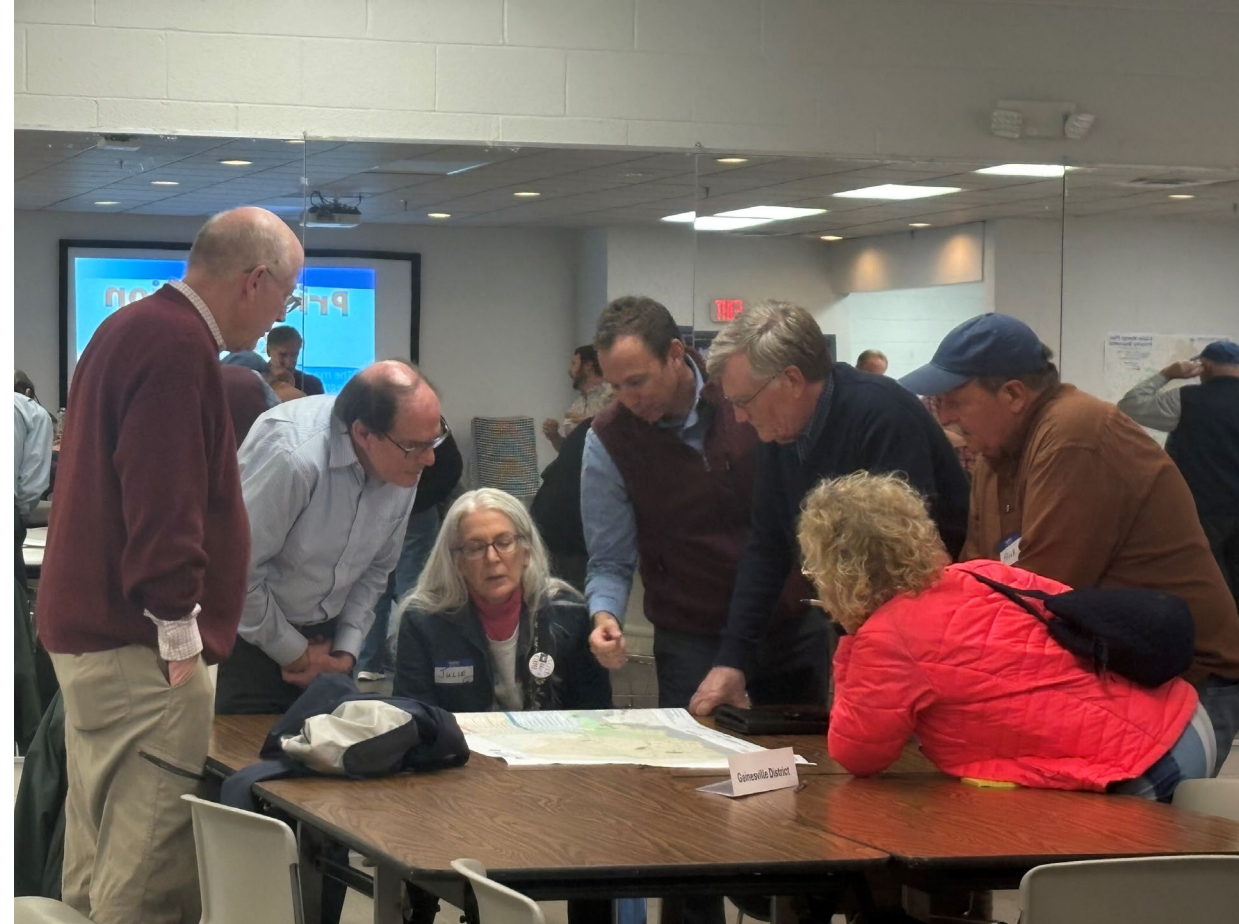
# Davis Ford Master Plan

- **Former Public Works site**
- **Transferred to DPR in 2021**
- **Starting public input process for master plan**
- **Guided hike on Saturday (Mar 21) at 11am**
- **Online survey will be distributed after the hike**
- **Follow-up public planning charette in early May**

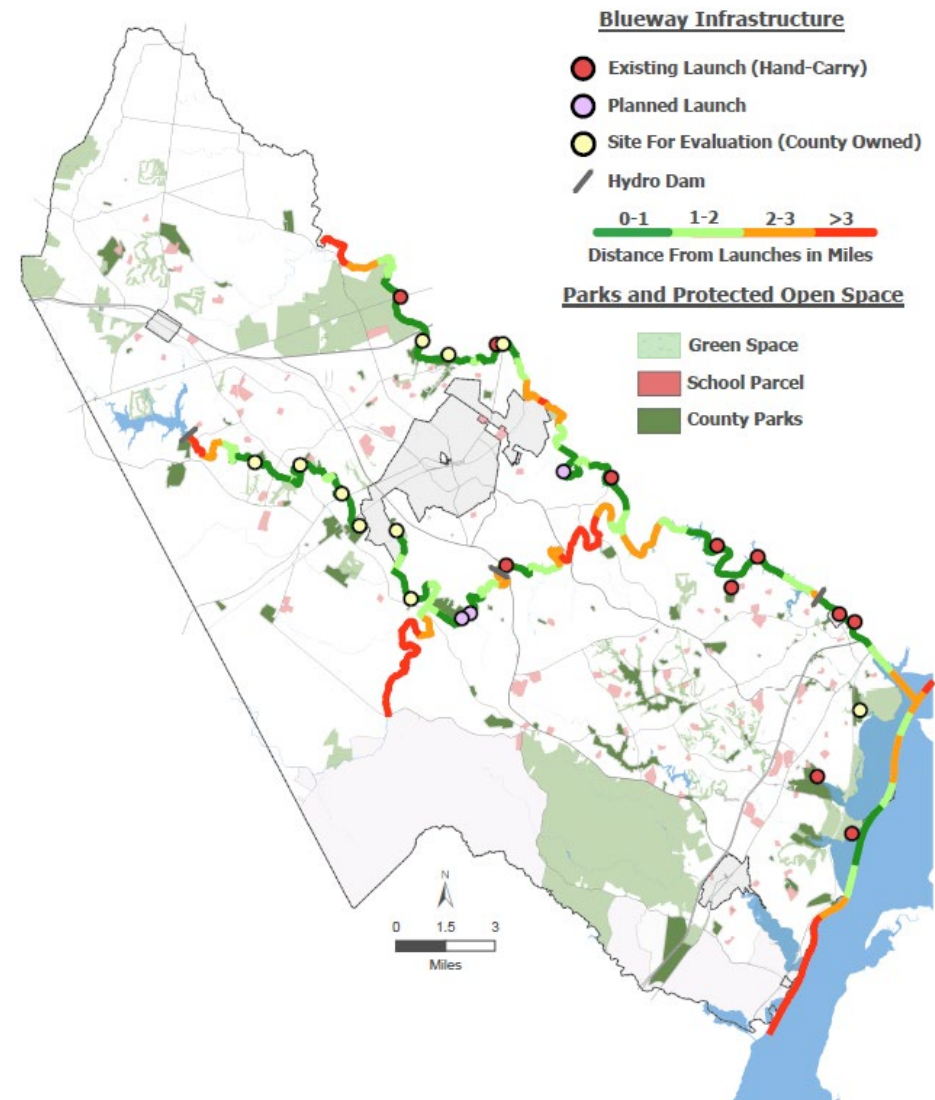
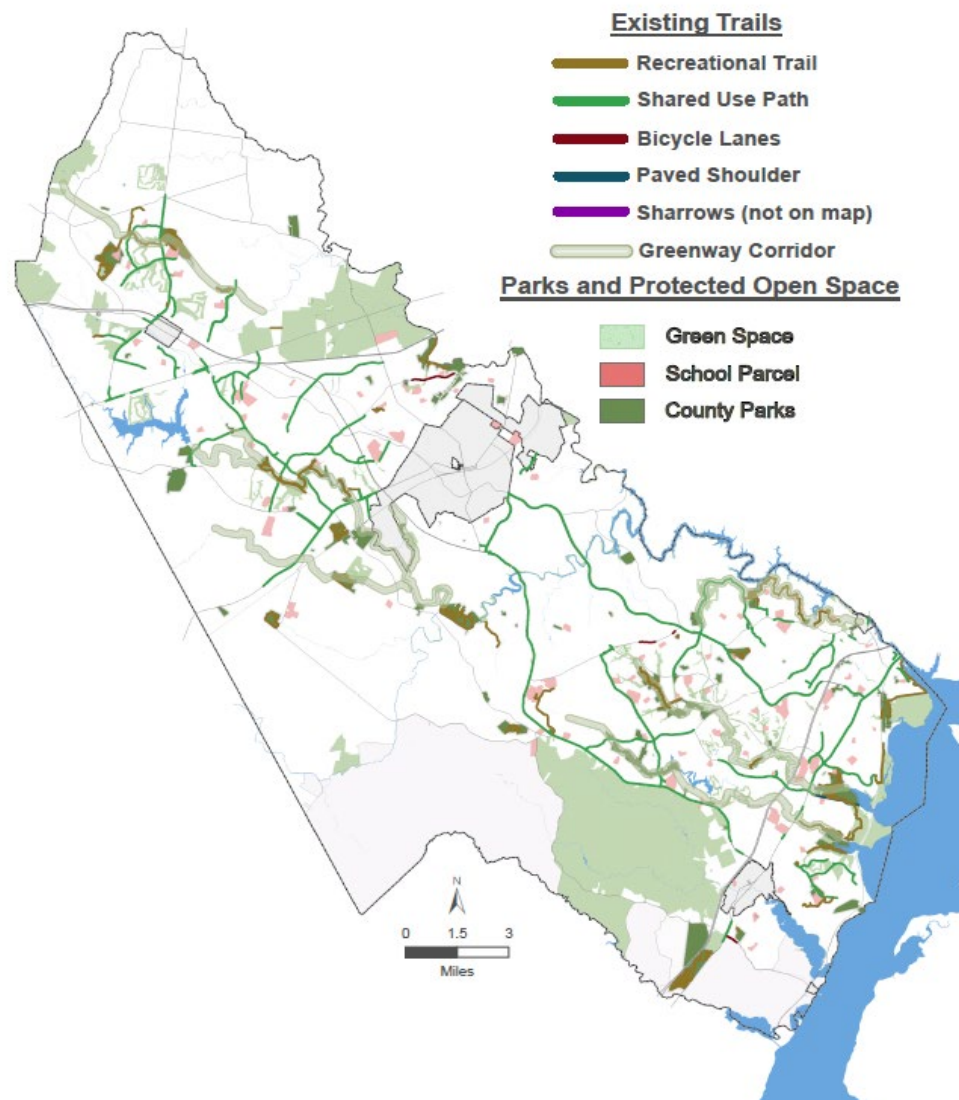


# Countywide Trails Master Plan

- ✓ Public Input
- ✓ GIS Data Review and Update
- ✓ Cost Estimating and Prioritization
- ✓ Draft Text Document
  - Finalize Graphics
  - April 8<sup>th</sup> – PC Work Session
  - BOCS Adoption in May



# Countywide Trails Master Plan



# Pending Development Acquisitions

- Hawthorn Dedication – 59 acres\*
- Longleaf Dedication – 34 acres\*
- Silver Bell – 4.1 acres
- Villages at Broad Run – 31 acres
- Sinclair Mill – 20 acres
- Preserve at Long Branch – 164 acres
- Belmont Bay – 90 acres



# Questions?

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