

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

Meeting Minutes
March 24, 2026
6:30 PM

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 members present: Robert Boyd, Yolanda Hipski, Patti Pakkala, David Kroeger, and Bryce Barrett. DPR Director Seth Handler-Voss and Deputy Director of Planning David McGettigan were also present. Jim Gahres attended virtually.

Call to Order

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Citizen’s Time.

- Citizen Russel Bryant encouraged TBC members to advocate letters to BOCS for budget approval and CIP Bond Referendum approval.

Administrative:

- Resolution 26-6 seeking remote virtual participation by Liz for health reasons was approved (motion: Duane, 2nd: Lynda).
- Minutes of the March 3rd TBC meeting had one correction inserted from Eileen and were approved (motion: Eileen, 2nd Lynda).
- Meeting notes of the March 4th Powell’s Creek Stakeholder meeting were not available for review and will be voted on at the April 28th T&BC meeting.

County Agency Representatives

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

- Davis Ford Master Plan community park site exploration took place on Saturday, March 21st. There were approximately 32 participants including Supervisor Bode and 18-20 DPR staff on site to lead the hikes, answer questions, and gather feedback including Nature in the Parks staff and an Arborist. A Charette will be scheduled in April to continue the process. This is being conducted by DPR staff and funding currently only covers the Master Plan.
- Dove’s Landing Park design is now 35% complete. The property transfer was completed for the Long Branch Preserve part of Dove’s Landing Park.
- The Sinclair Mill part of Dove’s Landing Park is nearing the end of its design. A site plan review is expected in later Spring. Invasives removal is planned for the Fall and construction groundbreaking is anticipated for Spring 2027.
- Invasives training will take place on April 25th with up to 20 spots for interested people.

PWC Transportation. Bryce Barrett

- Manassas/VRE Rail with Trail Feasibility Study is being finalized. The report will be made available to T&BC members in the week of April 1st. Discussions with Fairfax County have been centered on where the trail will cross Bull Run.
- Results from the Hoadly Road STARS study are also expected very soon. It will include a shared use path along the length of Hoadly Road, with the section from Prince William Parkway to Dale Boulevard on the north side and the section from Dale Boulevard to Route 234 on the south side to reuse an existing segment on the south side from Dale Boulevard to Spriggs Road. It will also include a sidewalk from Hoadly to Colgan High School on the east side of Route 234.
- A TRRSP Grant Approval has been received for a High School Student Bike/Ped Safety Study; site visits begin in April. Initial high schools chosen for the study are:
 - Woodbridge HS
 - Unity Reed HS
 - Forest Park HS
 - Garfield HS
- Bryce was asked about the three Comprehensive Plan Amendments for road removal that were part of a recent Planning Commission meeting. He said he is working to keep the Shared Use Paths on Sudley Road and Heathcote Boulevard after the roads are removed from the Comprehensive Plan when they are brought to the board for a vote.
- Plans for Bike-to-Work Day on May 15th and adult bike classes during the month of May are progressing.

PWC Planning, Yolanda Hipski

- Yolanda presented a slide set and reported on the Sustainability and Resilience Comprehensive Plan Amendment with a guest appearance by David McGettigan. Its emphasis is on

Sustainability and Resiliency in PWC with Financial, Social, and Environmental concerns.

- They have the raw data they need from the public meetings and surveys and the survey is closed. Next, they will develop action strategies that will be part of the CPA. The CPA update is expected in second quarter. One may subscribe or track efforts at <https://pwcworks.pwcva.gov/sustainability-cpa>.
- Efforts continue on the Vint Hill Small Area Plan (SAP) with Yorkshire and Fenwick Park SAPs starting soon.

Community Development Applications, Robert Boyd

- The Klein Property rezoning was discussed. Joe brought up the issues with additional stop lights, increased traffic and the lack of planning for bike users around the property. It was scheduled for the Planning Commission for the next evening.
- Two rezonings with significant parks/trails proffers will be brought to the BOCS on March 31st: Greenhaven at Broad Run [Item 7-A](#) and The Village at Broad Run [Item 7-B](#).

Business Items:

- TBC Logo. We will adopt the Logo we have on our polo shirts which will follow suit with other PWC Gov agencies. Jason will touch base with Amir for the design and digital products the T&BC may use.
- Many were not in favor of photos or bios on the county webpage due to the fear of spammers and phishing opportunities, so nothing will be added.
- With multiple new members, more T&BC polo shirts and name badges are needed.

Presentations/Reports.

Maritime Study with Fourth Economy, Ross Berlin and James Gahres

- Ross describe the Maritime Study his company is carrying out for Prince William County through a series of slides. They are exploring ways to increase the Blue Economy and document trends along PWC's waterfront. 26 miles of shoreline are involved with 80% private access. This will lead to a 10 to 20-year plan with action plans created next quarter based on the inputs of idea gathering. The survey (see link below) is open through mid-April.
- <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf2Mjm1vOXwI7ZTtmJJa5Uw86Q6SU1E1uffH7q8p-gXZnNc2g/viewform>
- They talked to NOVA Parks recently. It was suggested that rather than focus only on the external waterways, they also look at internal blueways. DPR indicated they would be sharing the section on Blueways from the Trails Master Plan with them.

Countywide Trails Plan Update, Robert Boyd.

- A draft of most of the text was sent to TBC members the day before. It has been renamed Pathways 2035 to differentiate it from the Comprehensive Plan Mobility Section and to emphasize its 10-year time frame. The appendix to the plan will include trail priority maps by district, and the list of 10 top priority recreational trails and 10 top priority mobility trails by district. It will also have full list, with some description of locations and distance. It will identify what can be done in next 10 years. It will have a glossary and an acronym table. TBC members are asked to provide comments prior to April 8th.
- There was discussion about priority scoring and how it appeared to favor denser populated areas yet counter-examples were shown of high scorers from the rural areas.
- Work session with Planning Commission is April 8th followed by BOCS review in late May or June.

County Budget Discussion. Robert Boyd

- No changes to the proposed budget have been made yet and the Parks/Trails bond referendum is progressing. The budget will go to the Planning Commission for a work session the next day. April 7th is the final day for timely citizen inputs to the BOCS.

PHNST Roundtable, David Kroeger

- David described the results from PHNST Roundtable on March 19th and the hike along the new proposed section of the PHNST in Prince William Forest Park on March 20th. These were sponsored by NVRC and included PHNST advocates and stakeholders from Northern Virginia. The schedule for completion of this section, if all goes well without unreasonable delays, would be 2031.

Organization Representatives' Time

Greater Prince William Trails Coalition (GPWTC). Eileen Sheridan

- Eileen will participate in the senior resource fair on March 25 at Ben Lomond.
- The next quarterly meeting will be on April 23rd at 10 AM in the Science Center at Belmont Bay.

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

- The Second Sunday hike in March was at the Civil War Trust properties off of Brentsville Rd and bordering Broad Run.
- March 7th Neabsco Creek and Boardwalk cleanup netted 17 tires, 120 bags of trash collected by about 60 volunteers.
- The Marumsco Creek / Veteran's Park cleanup will be March 28th.
- The April Second Sunday hike will be at Leopold's Preserve on April 12th at 1 PM.

Mid Atlantic Off-Road Enthusiasts (MORE). Jason Williams

- MORE is awaiting approval by PWC to allow the build of an additional trail "95th St" which will add over one mile of trail and a reroute improvement on the "Col Du Shade" trail.
- CY2025 Volunteer hours by MORE:
 - Andrew Leitch total volunteer hours 205
 - James Long Park total volunteer hours 166
 - Locust Shade Park total volunteer hours 169
- Total: 540 volunteer hours across the three PWC Parks trails

Parks Foundation. Jason Williams

- The Parks Foundation will be holding fundraising events, supporting:
 - Science in the Park van
 - Adaptive recreation park at Hellwig – near the NW ballfields.
 - Funding for kayak rental station at Sinclair Mill launch site
- There is the potential to hold events at the Rollins Ford Pump Track with the PWC Tourism office.

Members' Time:

- Amy – Featherstone trail construction is moving along nicely.
- Duane – Supervisor Stewart fully supports trails and is especially interested in the Route 15

crossing. Duane showed some pictures of Dove's Landing Park near the Cell Tower where the equestrian lot will be located.

- Jason – Mentioned support voiced by Supervisor Angry for trails.
- Eileen – Suggested trails people support efforts to locate public art along trails as is done in other parts of the country.
- Joe – mentioned hike that Jason, Charlie Grymes and he took with Supervisor Angry at the Preserve at Long Branch and how we totally “longed” for a bridge over Long Branch to the Sinclair Mill section.

Next meetings:

- March 30 - FOIA Training for Members at McCoart
- April 7 – Citizen Input to BOCS on Budget
- April 8 – Planning Commission Trails Master Plan Work Session – observe only
- April 19 – Invasives Removal at Brentsville Courthouse
- April 25 – Invasives Removal Class at Hellwig
- April 28 – T&BC Meeting

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 8:58 pm

Attachments:

- TBA