

Prince William County
TRAILS AND BLUEWAYS COUNCIL

Advisors to the Board of County Supervisors

Meeting Minutes
April 28, 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: Rob Boyd, Yolanda Hipski, and Bryce Barrett. Seth Hendler-Voss attended a portion of the meeting.

Call to Order

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Citizen's Time.

Russell Bryant mentioned items related to trail funding in the FY27 budget approved by the BOCS on April 21.

Administrative:

- Motion on remote attendance for Amy and Jessie was approved (motion: Mike; 2nd Lynda)
- Minutes of the March 24, 2026, TBC meeting were approved (motion: Ken; 2nd Duane)
- Rob reported that there is no need to approve meeting notes from the March 4 stake holder meeting on the Powells Creek crossing, per discussion with Shannon Jaenicke (DPR FOIA POC)

County Agency Representatives

PWC Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR).

- Rob Orrison - Historic Preservation Division, 250th Anniversary Historical Activities. Mentioned goal to complete PHNST through PWC by 2031, commemorate the 1781 Washinton-Rochambeau march to Yorktown. 2031 is also the 300th anniversary of PWC. Revolutionary war trail signs provided by the state; Kings Highway interpretation - 15 historic markers placed in 2008. Williams Ordinary has a revolution exhibit; PW revolutionary war memorial is now under construction outside on the grounds. Scheduled Aug 8 dedication when declaration was first read in PWC.
- Rob Boyd mentioned the estimate for the initial Powells Creek crossing is \$14-18 million. PHNST will follow Old Kings Hwy route in PW Forest Park.
- Rob Boyd – DPR
 - General: Powells Crossing - will have 35% design for main crossing in June; will leave the design of additional components at 10%. Will focus on building the main crossing. Featherstone segment PHNST – work continues on both ends, pause in middle for eagle nesting. Have funds for benches and way finding. Plan to finish late summer or early fall. Metz phase 1 boardwalk to be bid.
 - Catharpin Greenway – maintenance crew did a lot of work over the winter and spring. Work is ongoing: surfacing with stone, improving drainage, culvert replacement. Cleared trees and debris in the stream that were caught by the bridge support posts.
 - Rocky Branch bridge - poured footings for abutments, complete by end of July.

PWC Transportation. Bryce Barrett

- Rail-with-Trail feasibility study is a good product, with cost estimate and preferred alignment. Chances are good to get NVRC funding including bridge. City of Manassas was the primary applicant – PWC has small section, and bridge. Currently hiking-only trail (no bikes) on Fairfax side (NOVA Parks).
- Strategic Plan Mobility Group Membership and Plan Update - Working group is established, internal meeting to be held by end of 2nd quarter.
- Bike to Work / Bike Month – May 15 is bike-to-work day; proclamation by BOCS at May 12 meeting.
- Adult Learn to Ride – class at County Complex on May 9
- Hoadly Road Study – Transportation Dept has seen final VDOT report, should be posted by next week. Recommending shared use along entire road, and sidewalk where gaps exist including near bus stops. Seeking funding through VA Smart Scale, around \$30 million, submitted application.
- Safe Streets for All application - May 21 submission, TBC will approve letter of support at the May 26 meeting.

PWC Planning, Yolanda Hipski

- PC Work Session Recap – discussion at the April 8 session included: how were segments identified, process for prioritization, costs vastly exceed funding, how the Trails plan will work with the Comprehensive plan, and blueways.
- Zoning Ordinance update – consultant provided summary of current Ordinance; will have public workshop in late summer or fall. PWC can only regulate as permitted by state code. The DCSM is broader and better for influencing design elements such as trails and connectivity.

Community Development Applications, Rob Boyd

- Destination Place Rezoning: DPR staff has meeting with Woodbridge District staff on Monday about Destination place; no date is set for the application to go before the BOCS. It was noted that the developer is proffering a trail but it is in the flood plain, and higher ground would be a better location.

Business Items:

- **Shirts and Nametags.** Submit any requests to David Kroeger.

Presentations/Reports Robert Boyd.

- **Brief FY27 County Budget Parks and Trails Summary.** Rob summarized the results of the adopted FY27 budget. The attached email message from Seth Hendler-Voss with more detail was provided to the TBC after the meeting. Rob also mentioned that \$2 million is available for park land acquisition in the Brentsville District, and it appears that the proposed bond referendum is not moving forward.
- **Countywide Master Trails Plan.** The trails plan will have an interactive map to display the entire network or desired elements, like priority tiers. Making all web site info ADA compliant is presenting new challenges to DPR as they develop the products and reports.
- **TBC Questions about Countywide Trail Plan.** Document attached with the written questions submitted to staff and the answers.
- **Blueways Time – Sinclair Mill.** The Land and Water Conservation Fund grant will fund Sinclair Mill development, including bridge over Long Branch. DPR will have a staff report on blueways for the June 2 BOCS meeting. Mike DePue commented that although he appreciated the work done, putting several boating access points on Broad Run has very limited value since it usually is not navigable, and not many paddlers would be comfortable going out on it during the high-water events.

Organization Representatives' Time

Greater Prince William Trails Coalition (GPWTC). Quarterly meeting was held on April 23. Walk & Talk Wellness Campaign will run May 2 – Jun 28. Eileen and volunteers are placing signs in the parks. A suicide prevention campaign will be held for two months in Sep & Oct.

Prince William Trails & Streams Coalition (PWTSC).

- April 2nd Sunday hike was at Leopolds Preserve with a higher than usual number of participants.
- May hike is on the Occoquan Greenway Trail (May 10)
- PWTSC trail workday on the Greenway Trail is scheduled for May 23, to reroute a section around a wet area and build a wood footbridge.

Mid Atlantic Off-Road Enthusiasts (MORE). Jason showed a picture of the repaved parking lot at Locust Shade Park with repaired and improved trail entrance.

Parks Foundation. Obtained a list of the top 46 employers in PWC. Seeking funding for hands on history program and science in the park (\$325K needed for science van).

Members' Time:

- Liz – thanks to staff
- Steve - congratulations to Bryce on the rail-with-trail project and getting the communities together. Mentioned a Rail-to-Trail project in Harrisonburg VA. The Potomac River is no longer contaminated after the sewage spill earlier this year.
- Duane – walked the trail at Hellwig before meeting and saw potential for it to become ADA compliant. Asked about ADA at Doves Landing. Rob mentioned DPR will try using stone dust with a binder in it for the hard surface.
- Jason – is seeing electric bikes on trails and damage at Andrew Leitch Park. If you can't pedal it, or if it has a throttle, it's not allowed.
- Lynda – the new Woodbridge district Supervisor has asked Lynda to stay on TBC. Brian Landrum (new Planning Commissioner – Woodbridge) and Lynda met with the owner of the event facility next to Destination Place. The owner doesn't want the proposed playground across fence from her property.
- Neil – contract awarded for the Segment 6 bridge on the Occoquan Greenway trail, 130 ft bridge over Hooes Run. Plats completed for next large section of the trail and trail agreement should be amended this summer, expanding the trail.

Next meetings:

- May 7 Davis Ford Park public meeting
- May 8 items for TBC agenda due
- May 20 PHNST Subcommittee Meeting
- May 26 T&BC meeting

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm

Attachments:

- 250th Anniversary Historical Activities presentation from Rob Orrison
- Email message with budget recap from Seth
- Written question and answers on Trails Plan

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Update on PWC 250



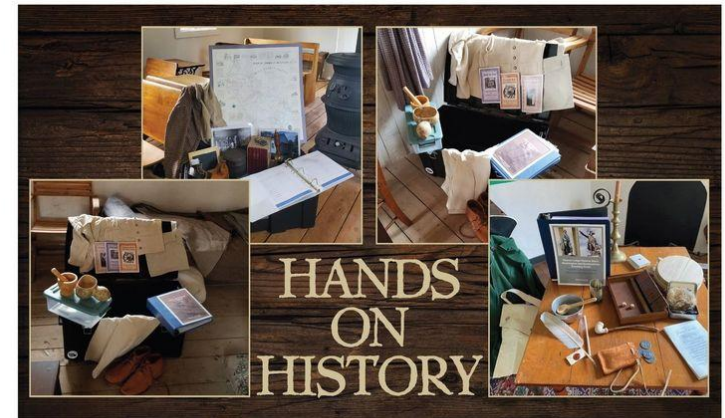
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— Historic Preservation

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.



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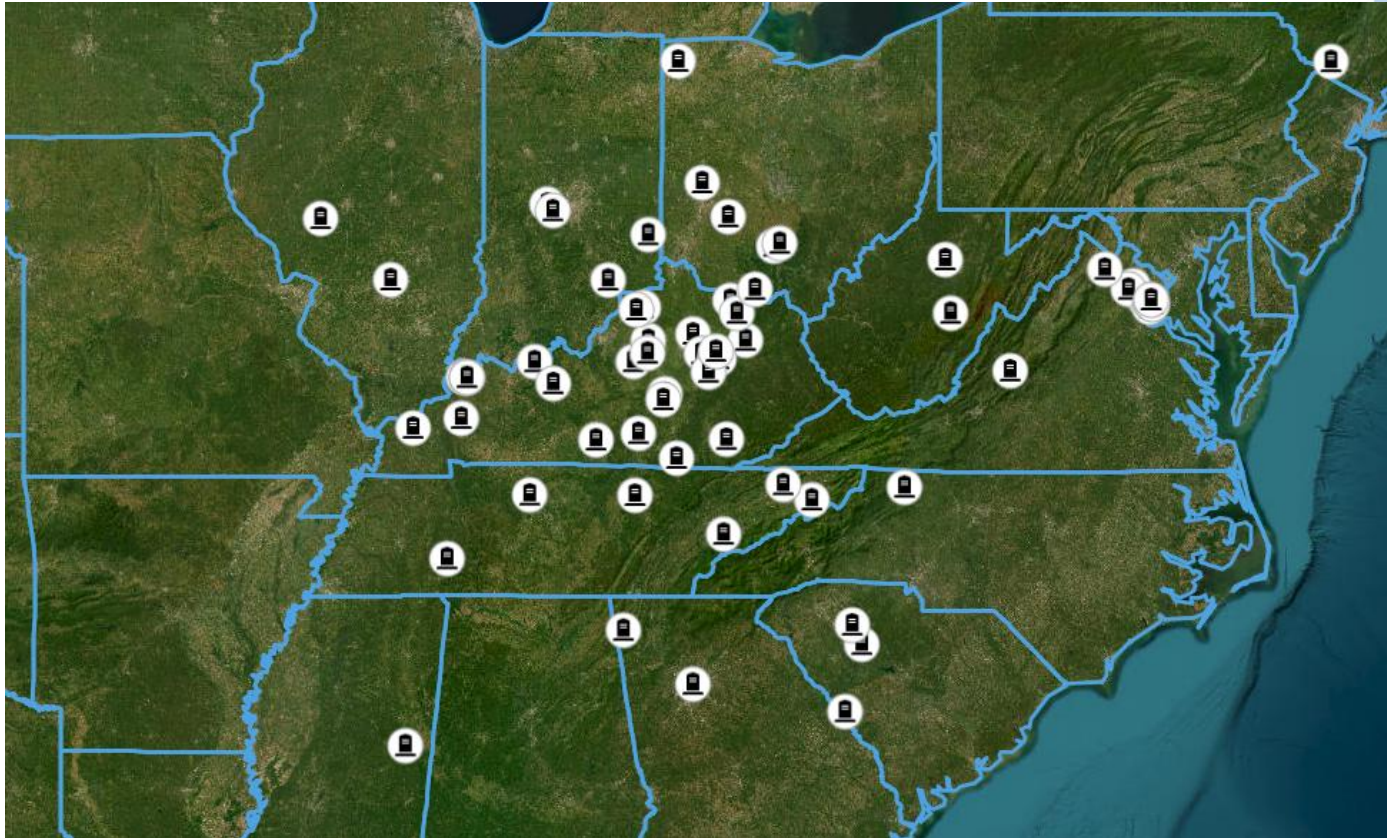
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Research



<https://www.pwcva.gov/department/historic-preservation/prince-william-county-revolutionary-war-veterans>

King's Highway Interpretation



Resolves to Revolution Exhibit



Revolutionary War Memorial



The memorial will be a simple inscribed stone, with a landscaped plaza surrounding it. Included in the plaza will be interpretive markers providing a historical overview of Prince William County's role in the American Revolution.

Memorial Today





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Director Message--FY2027 Budget

To Jaenicke, Shannon L. <sjaenicke@pwcgov.org>

Team DPR,

Last Tuesday, the Board of County Supervisors adopted the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget (July 1, 2026-June 30, 2027). The budget includes numerous new initiatives and capital projects, totaling nearly \$20 million (approximately a 10% increase from last year), demonstrating the Board's confidence in our department and prioritization of parks and recreation as an essential community service. In addition, the Board approved a 3% merit increase for full time, part-time benefitted and part-time provisional employees. The Board moved the full amount of the compensation and classification adjustments to the FY2028 budget, which means that instead of those adjustments being spread out over two years (FY2027 and FY2028), the full amount (\$26.4 million) will be considered as part of the FY2028 budget. You can view the entire FY2027 budget [here](#). For your convenience, I have summarized the new initiatives and projects below. The asterisks represent cost-recovered initiatives. All the newly approved initiatives were discussed and ranked during our Budget Congress event last August.

- **Occoquan Greenway and Trail Maintenance—2.0 FTEs** (1.0 Maintenance Technician; 1.0 Assistant Maintenance Superintendent)
These full-time positions will support the maintenance and operation of the new trail under development as part of the 2019 bond referendum and enable the creation of a central service district for grounds operations.
- **Project Inspectors—2.0 FTEs***
This initiative provides funding to support capital maintenance and construction projects such as trails and existing park improvements. The department manages 100 active projects annually with 27 additional projects expected in FY27. Currently, we employ one full-time inspector who supports five project managers. We aim for a 2:1 project manager-to-inspector ratio, allowing each inspector to manage 16 projects annually, enhancing quality control, reducing construction errors, and ensuring projects are delivered on schedule in accordance with approved plans and specifications. These positions are cost-recovered through project budgets, at no additional cost to the general fund.
- **Science in the Park Instructor—2.08 FTEs*** (numerous part time non benefitted positions)
This initiative provides funding to increase staffing and expand the Science in the Park (SIP) program to meet the growing educational demand from PWCS. Participation in the SIP program has increased by more than 125% since FY22, growing from 4,000 to 9,000 students. Due to this growth, thousands of students remain on a waitlist at current staffing level. The proposed funding will allow SIP to offer 90 additional sessions annually, serving an estimated 8,400 additional students. The expanded program is projected to generate approximately \$90K in additional revenue and will strengthen the DPR's partnership with PWCS by providing equitable access to high-

quality science education opportunities across grade levels, including special education and summer programs. The request is fully supported by SIP revenue at no additional cost to the general fund.

- **Administrative Specialist—Pat White Center* (1.0 FTE)**

This initiative provides funding for an Administrative Specialist (1.00 FTE) to support essential administrative and customer service functions for west-end parks and facilities. The position will serve as a central administrative hub for one recreation center and five parks, providing front-line assistance with program registration, facility rentals, scheduling, reporting, and supervision of support staff. Increased in person transactions and a significant rise in indoor facility rentals have expanded operation demands and administrative workload. Funding includes ongoing costs of \$82,212 in salaries and benefits and a one-time cost of \$2,500 for IT related equipment. The position is fully supported by existing revenue at no additional cost to the general fund.

- **Dedicated Facility Maintenance Funding--\$1.2 million annually**

This initiative will allow the Facility Maintenance division to provide a greater level of deferred maintenance support for park facilities to increase operational efficiency and employee and visitor safety.

- **Increase for park expansionary projects--\$2.5 million annually.**

This initiative brings the total annual allocation for expanding recreational service to \$5 million. This funds complements the \$2.4 million annually for deferred maintenance-replaced funding and will be used for projects like new field lights, bathrooms, playgrounds, etc.

- **Automated External Defibrillators**

New state law just signed by the Governor ([SB87](#)) requires all jurisdictions to provide a minimum number of AED's at indoor and outdoor recreation facilities by July 1, 2028. The Board provided \$210K in funding for design and permitting and \$1,375,000 in FY28 for installation.

- **Capital Projects (one-time funds)---\$17 million.**

- Cloverdale and Earl Cunard Park court rebuild--1M
- Phase II of Sharon Baucom/Dale City Recreation Center park--\$1M
- Tyler Elementary School softball field enhancements--\$1M
- Long Park Diamond Field improvements--\$1M
- Brentsville Magisterial District land acquisition--\$2M
- Hellwig Artificial Turf Field (completed 2019 bond project)--\$2M
- Metz Wetland Boardwalk Replacement--\$4M
- Forest Greens Golf Course outdoor grill room--\$2M
- Charlie Boone Skate Park--\$3M

Of the 9 initiatives we requested after Budget Congress, 5 were funded! I appreciate everyone's hard work to get us here, especially our finance and budget staff. The budgeting process can be complicated with lots of twists and turns, and this year was no exception. I'm encouraged by our forward momentum and look forward to a great new year. Together, we're going to continue reinvesting on our existing park infrastructure, explore new recreation center needs, draft a public art policy, and embark on our next five years as an elite,

accredited agency. If you have any questions about the budget, please do not hesitate to reach out to me or any of the Assistant Directors.

Thanks,
Seth

Seth Hendler-Voss

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