

Prince William County
TRAILS AND BLUEWAYS COUNCIL

Advisors to the Board of County Supervisors

Meeting Minutes
August 25, 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: Bryce Barrett, Rob Boyd, Janet Bartnik; Patti Pakkala attended virtually.

Call to Order

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Administrative:

- Minutes of the July 28 TBC meeting were approved (motion: Jason; 2nd Eileen)
- Minutes of the August 19 PHNST subcommittee meeting were approved (motion David; 2nd Liz)

Citizen's Time. Charlie Grymes: DPR did a great job with Pathways 2035, we have a plan for more than we can build. TBC should cheerlead for DPR to have authority to approve volunteer projects, targeting the low hanging fruit. Noted an item missing from the plan - didn't see way to provide water access at Quantico Creek. Need to increase supply; the coal ash issue will be resolved, and the County will get 90 acres.

Russell Bryant: Thanks to staff for replacing information panels at Neabsco Boardwalk.

County Agency Representatives

PWC Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR). Rob

- Pathways 2035 is at County Attorney's office, don't anticipate issues.
- There's been no change in DPR E-bike policy yet; waiting on Police Dept update.
- Rocky Branch bridge ribbon cutting – Sep 10, 10:00 am
- Sinclair Mill site – property transferred, money will follow for bridge. County will have boat on site.
- Boat house feasibility study (Lake Ridge Park / Marina – had meeting with stakeholders and have the draft report; will see what steps Supervisor Boddye wants.
- PWC Library – asked to expand library trails, like at Hellwig and Chinn.
- Davis Ford Master plan – DPR attended MIDCO meeting, looking for way to make pedestrian connection, possibly along Davis Ford Rd.
- Riverbend Park revitalization - looking for grants, reviewing options, will hold community meeting.
- Meeting with Public Works and developer on connection from Potomac Shores to Cockpit Point. David asked DPR to also talk to the developer about connection to overlook.
- Neabsco Greenway – Lindendale Rd to Delany Rd / rec center. Survey crews are out, about one month for design. It's funded with bond money. PWC / DPR purchased a property on the rec center side. Need VDOT input on where to cross.
- Featherstone – contractor should complete work within the Refuge by Sep 30. Then DPR will finish the connection to street which will take 1-2 months. Some funding is available for amenities like benches and signs.
- Metz boardwalk – notice to proceed for phase 1 is working its way through procurement. DPR is working on permits for phase 2 which will go all the way to Leesylvania State Park.
- Powells Creek crossing – plan to have stakeholder meeting in Oct. Geotech report is being prepared; artifacts were found. 35% design should be completed soon.
- PHNST Gap 3 on Joplin Rd – coordinating with the museum and the Marine Corps. Will get section along Rt 1 locked down, while still pursuing potential for a route through the museum grounds.

PWC Transportation. Bryce

- Rt 15 crossing – plan for the trail under the bridge is not moving forward; the property owner on the east side is not supportive. Looking at building a shared use path to the intersection & entrance to Long Park. Transportation has Congressional earmark funds, but will need to have funds allocated to the revised project.
- Sep 22 – car free day.
- Joint effort with City of Manassas for a road-cycling basics class, in Manassas. Will take guided tour thru the city on different types of bike facilities.
- Will get DMV \$30K grant for educational classes and bike/ped initiatives in FY27
- I-95 over Neabsco Creek – VDOT is revising design, will no longer be a culvert, will be open under the bridge as it is now.

PWC Planning.

- Rob reported that the Planning Office has not yet identified a representative to the TBC.
- Dumfries is working on small area plans, including one for the waterfront. Plans include PHNST route through town.

Community Development Applications. Rob

- Destination Place – the application was resubmitted, probably the final one. Comments are due by Sep 22. Developer changed proffer for trail to be located on higher ground where it will be easier to construct, rather than in wetland where a boardwalk would be required.

Business Items:

- Bylaws are ready to go to BOCS for approval

Presentations/Reports Robert Boyd.

- Shared Use Paths/Interchange Projects, Bryce Barrett.
 - Bryce presented the plan for the Sudley Manor and PW Parkway interchange.
 - Clover Hill and Parkway – will be a divergent diamond and a roundabout at Godwin Drive
- Volunteer Process Updates, DPR. Template allowing DPR approval for large projects (such as MORE projects) is going to the BOCS. Will adapt the DPR volunteer form for trail workdays. Preparing a project intake form for groups who want to work on trails already planned for, where DPR is will do maintenance. MORE liaisons at west end have interest in maintenance at Silver Lake Park, which has environmental restraints. Won't be building new features, and probably not trails. Will set up stewardship agreement.
- Low Hanging Fruit Planning Discussion – District Selections
 - \$30K from proffer to connect Powells Creek trail to Rt 1
 - Flat Branch – belongs to PWC; VDOT has a small portion, will not keep it if there is no road planned. Joe – it should be added to list, even though it may be a blacktop path in the long term.
 - TBC members should identify projects for the low hanging fruit list

Organization Representatives' Time

Greater Prince William Trails Coalition (GPWTC). Walk & Talk Wellness signs should be placed on Sep 5. Next organized walk is on Oct 2 at Neabsco Boardwalk. Youth wellness conference in Manassas on Sep 26; GPWTC will have table.

Prince William Trails & Streams Coalition (PWTSC).

- 2nd Sunday hike at Blooms Park on Sep 13. Will see trail segment renovated by Dominion during the power line project.
- Occoquan River cleanup is on Sep 26.

Mid Atlantic Off-Road Enthusiasts (MORE). No report

Parks Foundation. Kaboom play facility to be built at Hellwig, Oct 21-23

Members' Time:

- Kimberly – attended Dumfries small area plan meeting, talked about trail connections and kayak launch.
- David
 - Eastern Shore of Virginia Rail Trail; started in 2019, official ribbon cutting was on Aug 20. In Accomack and Northampton counties.
 - 9/11 memorial trail – connecting 9/11 sites, 1500 miles. 25th anniversary events: Sep 5 – tour NYC 32-mile ride; Sep 12 flight 93 memorial 24-mile ride; Sep 25 Pentagon memorial 3.5 mile walk, 25-mile ride in Alexandria, PG county MD.
 - Potential to seek VA legislative support for Powells Creek crossing
- Neil – no construction activity yet on the Hooes Run bridge
- Amy – 110th anniversary of National Park Service
- Jason – highlighted Recreation mapper on DPR web site. Police Dept has updated policy on e-bike & scooter safety page
- Duane – thanks to MORE for doing a great job on trails
- Liz – thanks to Bryce for including SUP and pedestrian safety features at interchanges.
- Joe – thanks for ribbon cutting on Revolutionary War memorial. Spent three weeks in Alaska. Purchased two e-bikes, class 2. Tour de VRE – Oct 3 – train to Backlick Rd then ride back to PWC. Doing spreadsheet of 234 shared use path, where completed from Potomac Shores to Balls Ford.

Next meetings:

- a. Follow up items / Requests of staff – Agenda setting September 11
- b. September 22 T&BC Meeting 6:30 PM
- c. Other Announcements
 - i. Rocky Branch Ribbon Cutting – Sep 14th 10am
 - ii. Bus Tour – Sep 19th (Contact Shannon for Signup)

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 9:02 pm