Planning Office

Agenda

7:30 p.m., Tuesday, November 10, 2026
202 A & B
Development Services Building
5 County Complex Court
Prince William, VA 22192

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Moment of Silence
3. Roll Call
4. Remote Participation Request from Historical Commission Member (if applicable)
5. Approval of October 13, 2026, Meeting Brief and Resolutions
6. Citizens' Time *(3 min/5 min)*
7. Chairman's Time *(3 min)* — De Pue
8. Vice-Chairman's Time *(3 min)* — Green
9. Members' Time *(3 min each)*
10. Staff Time *(3 min each)*
    Planning Office
    Libraries
    Office of Historic Preservation
11. Land Development Applications Review - (Please provide staff with completed form)

    Tabled Cases

    REZ2027-00008, Mendez Enterprises of Virginia-Wellington LLC S1 — Brown
    SUP2027-00009, Mendez Enterprises of Virginia-Wellington LLC S1 — Brown

    Revised Cases

New Cases

SUP2027-00010, Love Church S1	Brown
REZ2027-00009, Parkridge Land Bay B, C and D S1	Pearsall
REZ2027-00010, Quartz District Proffer Amendment II S1	Burgess
REZ2027-00011, Gossom Corner S1	Pearsall
DPA2027-00001, Nokesville Road - Proposed Zoning Map Amendment	Brown

12. Committee Reports

Budget	Porta
Publications	Burgess
Cemeteries	Brown
Historic Roadways	Pearsall
County Registered Historic Sites	De Pue
Legislative	Brickley
Events	Brace
Historic Communities	Porter

13. Old Business

Bennett School – Letter written by the Chairman requesting the Historical Commission be included in discussions.	De Pue
Support Board's initiation of expanded area for CPA2023-00005, Amend List of CRHS -Blackburn's Ford Battlefield	De Pue

14. New Business
    2027 Intern Project

15. Announcements

16. Adjournment

NOTES: None

The Historical Commission's meeting agenda may be amended or revised after it is posted, prior to the commencement of the meeting, and during the meeting, as provided by law.

Meeting Brief and Resolutions

October 2026

Planning Office

B R I E F

Development Services Building
Conference Room 202 A & B

October 13, 2026
Regular Meeting

In Attendance Chairman De Pue, Commissioners Brace, Brown arrived at 7:50 p.m., Burgess, Dobbins, Green, Kastens, Pearsall, Porta, Porter; Ford – Remote, Peterson - Remote

Justin Patton – Staff Liaison; Toni Brzyski - Commission Secretary; Eric Griffitts – Heritage Resources Specialist left at 8:05 p.m.; Lauren Maloy - Office of Historic Preservation

7:40 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence

Roll Call Quorum present

RES 26-044 **Approve the request by Commissioner David Peterson to participate in the meeting through electronic communication means - APPROVED - MOTION CARRIED** [VOTING RECORD: Motion De Pue, Porta; Ayes-by acclamation; Nays-None; Absent from vote Brown, Ford, Peterson; Absent from meeting Brickley, Davis, Dodge]

RES 26-045 **Approve the request by Commissioner Vanessa Ford to participate in the meeting through electronic communication means - APPROVED - MOTION CARRIED** [VOTING RECORD: Motion De Pue, Porta; Ayes-by acclamation; Nays-None; Absent from vote Brown, Ford; Absent from meeting Brickley, Davis, Dodge]

RES 26-046 **Approve the September 8, 2026, Meeting Brief and Resolutions as presented - APPROVED - MOTION CARRIED** [VOTING RECORD: Motion De Pue, Porta; Ayes-by acclamation; Nays-None; Absent from vote Brown; Absent from meeting Brickley, Davis, Dodge]

Citizens' Time One citizen spoke representing himself.

Chairman's Time Chairman De Pue reminded members that even if they're unable to attend the meeting to please provide their recommendations for the land development cases.

Vice-Chairman's Time No Report

Member's Time

Commissioner Porter reported the 2027 Human Rights Awards will be celebrating the end of legalized Segregation in Prince William County Public Schools (1966 – 2026) 60 years.

Commissioner Dobbins noted that frequently when she's unable to attend a meeting it's because she is taking care of her granddaughter who is extremely ill.

Commissioner Porta attended the dedication of the Road to Yorktown historical marker on September 27, 2026, in Occoquan. The marker is part of the Road to Revolution Heritage Trail.

Commissioner Porta attended the ribbon-cutting and dedication ceremony for the brand-new Occoquan Elementary School on September 30, 2026. The three-level, 120,000-square-foot facility (built on the site of the previous campus) serves as a modern replacement for the district's nearly 100-year-old historic school building.

Staff Time Planning Office

Eric Griffitts noted that the Comprehensive Plan Amendment to expand Blackburn's Ford is scheduled for the November 17, 2026, meeting of the Board of County Supervisors. It was discussed that a resolution of support from the Commission might be helpful.

Justin Patton provided an update on historical markers.

Mr. Patton asked if the Commission wants to participate again in the University of Virginia intern program and provided some suggestions for possible projects based on previous ideas.

Staff Time Libraries

No Report

Staff Time Office of Historic Preservation (OHP)

Lauren Maloy provided the following:

- Working with the consultants to finalize the master plan for Thoroughfare Historic Park and will let the Historical Commission know about the next public meeting when it is scheduled.
- Planning for the Annual Prince William/Manassas Symposium on Saturday, March 20th at the Manassas Museum, with a portion at historic Annaburg.

- Take a Sip of History is on Thursday, October 15th at Water's End Brewery.

Review of Pending Development Applications

RES 26-047 **Land Development Recommendations – APPROVED – MOTION CARRIED** [VOTING RECORD: Motion Porta, Green; Ayes-by acclamation; Nays-None; Absent from Vote None; Absent from meeting Brickley, Davis, Dodge]

Committee Reports

Budget — Commissioner Porta addressed the allocation request on the agenda.

RES 26-048 **Agree to allocate funds in the amount of $1000 for the Historical Commission to participate as a co-sponsor of the Prince William/ Manassas History Symposium, being planned by the Prince William County Office of Historic Preservation, scheduled to be held on Saturday, March 20, 2027 - APPROVED - MOTION CARRIED** [VOTING RECORD: Motion Porta, Green; Ayes-by acclamation; Nays-None; Absent from vote None; Absent from meeting Brickley, Davis, Dodge]

Publications — Commissioner Burgess reported nothing new for October.

Cemeteries — Commissioner Dobbins provided an update on the Gaskins Racetrack and Cemetery historic interpretive trail, all of which is connected to proffers, and indicated she should soon have photos regarding the trail.

Commissioner Dobbins talked about Slaty Run Church cemetery which is interested in a marker.

Historic Roadways — Although the committee didn't meet, Commissioner Pearsall passed around a list of historic roads to be finalized in the upcoming months. Mr. Patton reminded members of the historic road layer that they can access on the Commission's online GIS. Members suggested training for this would be helpful.

County Registered Historic Sites — Commissioner De Pue noted that Eric Griffitts already reported on Blackburn's Ford.

Legislative — No report.

Events — Commissioner Brace asked about the orders. Justin Patton indicated he hadn't been able to check on them.

Historic Communities — No report.

Old Business — Bennett School – Members discussed the report containing information about the Magnetometer survey and results as well as the Ground Penetrating Radar survey and results. Members thought more work should be done and were generally disappointed about the extent of the methods and the contents of the report. Discussion followed on possible next steps. Perhaps a letter from the Commission requesting it be included in upcoming discussions would be useful.

New Business — None

Announcements — Commissioner Porta reported that former Historical Commissioner member, Meaghan Reddick, has published a book entitled *Haunted Fauquier County*.

Commissioner Brown noted he successfully completed participation, in full gear, in the National Capital Region 9/11 Stair Climb at the Gaylord at National Harbor. He said the best part was that friends had brought his 96-year-old father to the event so he could give Eric a thumbs up when he finished the climb.

Justin Patton reported a friend of his, David Moore, is having a book *Have Blue Sky* published which is a debut aviation thriller and historical novel.

Adjournment — **8:40 p.m.**

MOTION: **DE PUE**

SECOND: **PORTA**

October 13, 2026
Regular Meeting
Res. No. 26-044

RE: **APPROVE REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE REMOTELY THROUGH ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION MEANS**

ACTION: **APPROVED**

WHEREAS, the Prince William County Historical Commission (Commission) adopted a policy in its bylaws pursuant to Section 2.2-3708.2, VA Code Ann., to allow for remote participation by Members of the Commission; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Commission's policy, **David Peterson** notified the Chair that the Member is requesting permission from the Commission to electronically participate at the Commission's October 13, 2026, meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Member certified that *(check A or B)*:

A._____ the Member is unable to attend the meeting due to a temporary or permanent disability or other medical condition that prevents the Member's physical attendance; OR

B. **X** the Member is unable to attend the meeting due to the following specifically identified personal matter: **travel**

AND the Member has not already participated electronically due to a personal reason for more than one meeting this calendar year, *(Section (B) shall be limited to two meetings each calendar year)*; and

WHEREAS, the remote location from which the Member plans to electronically participate is Toronto, Canada; and this remote location will/will not *(circle one)* be open to the public *(need not be open to the public)*; and

WHEREAS, the Member verifies that the Member's participation in any closed session of the meeting shall remain confidential and not be disclosed to any unauthorized persons or entities; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Commission's policy, a request for electronic participation from a remote location shall be approved unless participation violates the Commission's policy or any provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Prince William County Historical Commission hereby approves the request to participate in the meeting through electronic communication means in accordance with the Commission's policy; a quorum of the Commission was physically assembled at one primary or central meeting location; and arrangements were made for the voice of the Member to be heard by all persons at the primary or central meeting location.

Votes:
Ayes: by acclamation
Nays: None
Absent from Vote: Brown, Ford, Peterson
Absent from Meeting: Brickley, Davis, Dodge
MOTION CARRIED

ATTEST:_____
Secretary to the Commission

MOTION: **DE PUE**

SECOND: **PORTA**

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WHEREAS, in accordance with the Commission's policy, **Vanessa Ford** notified the Chair that the Member is requesting permission from the Commission to electronically participate at the Commission's October 13, 2026, meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Member certified that *(check A or B)*:

A.____ the Member is unable to attend the meeting due to a temporary or permanent disability or other medical condition that prevents the Member's physical attendance; OR

B. **X** the Member is unable to attend the meeting due to the following specifically identified personal matter: **business travel**

AND the Member has not already participated electronically due to a personal reason for more than one meeting this calendar year, *(Section (B) shall be limited to two meetings each calendar year)*; and

WHEREAS, the remote location from which the Member plans to electronically participate is business location; and this remote location will/will not *(circle one)* be open to the public *(need not be open to the public)*; and

WHEREAS, the Member verifies that the Member's participation in any closed session of the meeting shall remain confidential and not be disclosed to any unauthorized persons or entities; and

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Votes:
Ayes: by acclamation
Nays: None
Absent from Vote: Brown, Ford
Absent from Meeting: Brickley, Davis, Dodge
MOTION CARRIED

ATTEST:_____
Secretary to the Commission

HISTORICAL COMMISSION RESOLUTION

MOTION: **DE PUE** **October 13, 2026**
Regular Meeting
SECOND: **PORTA** **Res. No. 26-046**

RE: **APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2026, MEETING BRIEF AND RESOLUTIONS AS PRESENTED**

ACTION: **APPROVED**

WHEREAS, the Prince William County Historical Commission considered its September 8, 2026, meeting brief and resolutions; and

WHEREAS, the Historical Commission provided no corrections;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Prince William County Historical Commission does hereby approve its September 8, 2026, meeting brief and resolutions as presented.

Votes:
Ayes: by acclamation
Nays: None
Absent from Vote: Brown
Absent from Meeting: Brickley, Davis, Dodge
MOTION CARRIED

ATTEST:_____
Secretary to the Commission

HISTORICAL COMMISSION RESOLUTION

MOTION: **PORTA** **October 13, 2026**
Regular Meeting
SECOND: **GREEN** **Res. No. 26-047**

RE: **LAND DEVELOPMENT RECOMMENDATIONS**

ACTION: **APPROVED**

WHEREAS, the Prince William County Historical Commission seeks to identify, preserve and protect historic sites and structures in Prince William County; and

WHEREAS, the Prince William County Historical Commission's review of pending land development applications assists in determining the necessity for cultural resource surveys and other research and evaluations; and

WHEREAS, the Prince William County Historical Commission believes that the identification, preservation and protection of historic sites and structures throughout Prince William County is well served by this action;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Prince William County Historical Commission does hereby recommend to the Prince William County Planning Commission the action(s) noted for the following properties:

Case Number
SUP2027-00002
Name
Madera Farm SUP S1
Recommendation
No Further Work

Case Number
PLN2009-00514
Name
Neabsco Overlook Rezoning 5th Submission
Recommendation
No Further Work

Case Number
REZ2027-00006
Name
Braemar Village Center Sign Proffer Amendment S1

Recommendation
No Further Work

Case Number
REZ2027-00007
Name
The Station at Nokesville S1
Recommendation
No Further Work

Case Number
CPA2026-00014
Name
4030 Prince William Pkwy S1
Recommendation
No Further Work

Case Number
SUP2027-00008
Name
Gardner Property S1
Recommendation
No Further Work

Case Number
REZ2027-00008
Name
Mendez Enterprises of Virginia-Wellington LLC S1
Recommendation
Table

Case Number
SUP2027-00009
Name
Mendez Enterprises of Virginia-Wellington LLC S1
Recommendation
Table

Votes:
Ayes: by acclamation
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent from Vote: None
Absent from Meeting: Brickley, Davis, Dodge

MOTION CARRIED

ATTEST:_____
Secretary to the Commission

HISTORICAL COMMISSION RESOLUTION

MOTION: **PORTA** **October 13, 2026**
Regular Meeting

SECOND: **GREEN** **Res. No. 26-048**

RE: **AGREE TO ALLOCATE FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF $1000 FOR THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION TO PARTICIPATE AS A CO-SPONSOR OF THE PRINCE WILLIAM/MANASSAS HISTORY SYMPOSIUM, BEING PLANNED BY THE PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION, SCHEDULED TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, MARCH 20, 2027**

ACTION: **APPROVED**

WHEREAS, the Prince William County Historical Commission seeks to identify, preserve, protect and promote the history of Prince William County; and

WHEREAS, the Prince William County Historical Commission believes that outreach in the community is an important component in promoting the history of Prince William County; and

WHEREAS, the Prince William County Historic Preservation Division is planning a History Symposium to be held on March 20, 2027, which will be an event in the community and provide an excellent opportunity for outreach; and

WHEREAS, the Prince William County Historical Commission believes that the identification, preservation, protection and promotion of the history of Prince William County is well served by this action;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Prince William County Historical Commission does hereby agree to allocate funds in the amount of $1000 for the Historical Commission to participate as a co-sponsor of the Prince William/Manassas History Symposium, being planned by the Prince William County Office of Historic Preservation, scheduled to be held on Saturday, March 20, 2027.

Votes:
Ayes: by acclamation
Nays: None
Absent from Vote: None
Absent from Meeting: Brickley, Davis, Dodge
MOTION CARRIED

ATTEST:_____
Secretary to the Commission

Draft Resolution and Staff Report

Blackburn's Ford

HISTORICAL COMMISSION RESOLUTION

MOTION: **November 10, 2026**
Regular Meeting

SECOND: **Res. No. 26-**

RE: **RECOMMEND THE BOARD OF COUNTY SUPERVISORS RE-INITIATE THE BLACKBURN'S FORD COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT INVESTIGATION TO EMBRACE THE ORCHARD BRIDGE PARK PROPERTY AS PROPOSED BY THE PLANNING STAFF**

ACTION: **APPROVED**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Supervisors established the Historical Commission to advise and assist in efforts to identify, preserve, protect and promote historical and cultural resources and the history of Prince William County; and

WHEREAS, The Prince William County Historical Commission ("the Commission") is charged by Section 2-88 of the County Code with "recommending to the Board of County Supervisors [("BOCS")] sites or structures to be designated as county historic districts."; and

WHERAS, Comprehensive Plan Action Strategy CR2.13 directs the Historical Commission to recommend properties for classification as County Registered Historic Sites (CRHS); and

WHEREAS, in fulfillment of that responsibility, during its March 14, 2023, meeting, the Commission adopted a resolution proposing that the Blackburn's Ford Battlefield be classified as a County Registered Historic Site due to its significance as the site of the opening phase of the July 1861 First Manassas Campaign, and its critical role in determining the ultimate location of the July 21, 1861 Battle of Manassas; and

WHEREAS, during its July 25, 2023, meeting, the BOCS passed Resolution 23-399 to investigate adding to the list of County Registered Historical Sites properties associated with Confederate positions during and after the July 18, 1861, Battle of Blackburn's Ford located along the southern bank of Bull Run within Yorkshire in the Coles Magisterial District; and

WHEREAS, upon evaluation of the proposal, both the County Planning Staff and the Commission recommended that the initially proposed County Registered Historical Site area be expanded to include land east of Centreville Road now embraced by Orchard Bridge Park, administered by the Prince William County Department of Parks and Recreation. The new property to be included was the location of significant Confederate troop movements that played a key role in the Battle of Blackburn's Ford;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Prince William County Historical Commission does hereby recommend the Board Of County Supervisors re-initiates the Blackburn's Ford Comprehensive Plan Amendment investigation to embrace the Orchard Bridge Park property as proposed by the planning staff.

Votes:
Ayes:
Nays:
Absent from Vote:
Absent from Meeting:
MOTION CARRIED

ATTEST:_____
Secretary to the Commission

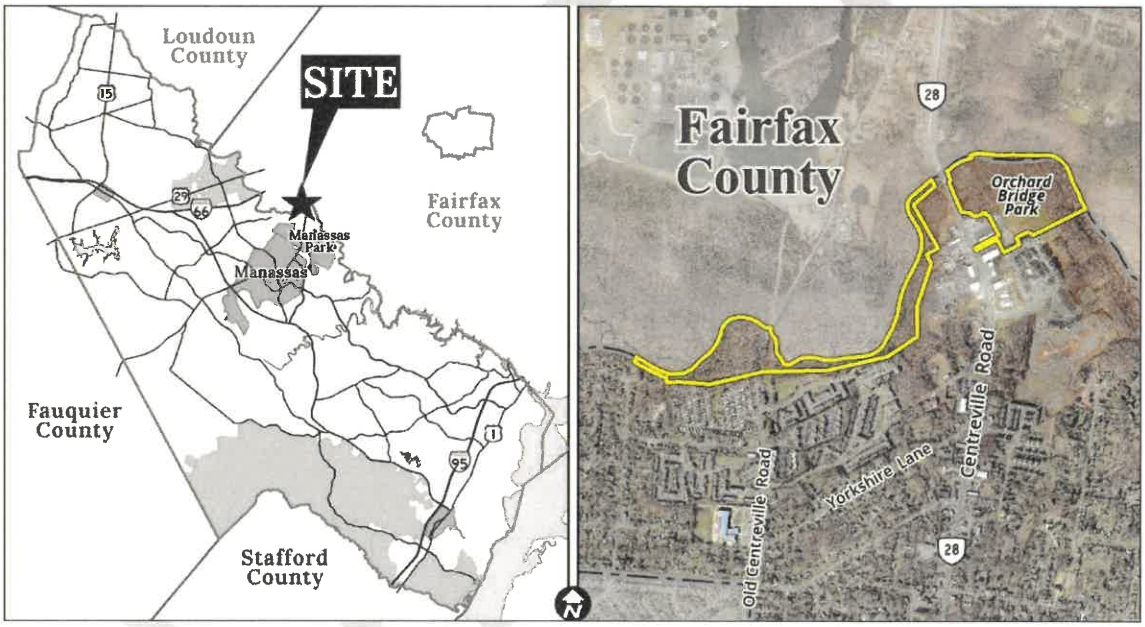
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STAFF REPORT

BOCS Meeting Date:	November 17, 2026
Agenda Title:	CPA2023-00005, Blackburn's Ford
District Impact:	Coles Magisterial District
Requested Action:	Approve the resolution to authorize re-Initiation of CPA2023-00005 to add Orchard Bridge Park to the assemblage of properties proposed to be designated as a County Registered Historic Site (CRHS) for its association with the Battle of Blackburn's Ford.
Department:	Planning Office
Staff Lead:	Tanya M. Washington, AICP, Director of Planning
Case Planner:	Eric Griffitts, Principal Planner/Heritage Resources Specialist



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Board of County Supervisors (BOCS) approved Res. No. 23-399 to initiate Comprehensive Plan Amendment #CPA2023-00005 to investigate designating portions of the properties located at 7200 Centreville Road (GPIN #7897-25-2259), 8486 Charnwood Court (GPIN #7897-04-5844), 7310 Old Centreville Road (GPIN #7797-94-3463), 7410 Boundary Avenue (GPIN #7797-84-4631), 7412 Boundary Avenue (GPIN #7797-84-3346), and 7391 Bull Run Road (GPIN #7797-84-2247), all within Manassas, Virginia, as the Blackburn's Ford County Registered Historic Site (CRHS). All of the land included within the initiated boundaries was associated with Confederate positions during and immediately after the Battle of Blackburn's Ford that still retained historic integrity. During post-initiation agency review, it was discovered that the location of Orchard Bridge Park, located at 7215

Centreville road (GPIN #7897-36-4699) was also historically part of the Battle of Blackburn's Ford. This request is to re-initiate Comprehensive Plan Amendment #CPA 2023-00005 to include Orchard Bridge Park to the Blackburn's Ford CRHS.

BACKGROUND

A. Comprehensive Plan Amendments (CPAs) – Under Section 15.2-2229 of the Code of Virginia, the Board of County Supervisors (BOCS) may consider amendments to the adopted Comprehensive Plan.

B. Request - This is a request to modify an existing CPA that was initiated to study the creation of the Battle of Blackburn's Ford CRHS from areas associated with the battle and its aftermath that still retain historic integrity. The modified CPA will include Orchard Bridge Park, which consists of all of the property located at 7215 Centreville Road (GPIN #7897-36-4699). The entire CPA site is located within the Coles Magisterial District. See Aerial Map showing the general location of the amendment request.

C. Previous BOCS Initiation – At its July 25, 2023 meeting, The BOCS passed Res. No. 23-399 to initiate Comprehensive Plan Amendment #CPA2023-00005 that would investigate adding to the list of CRHS in the Compressive Plan properties associated with Confederate positions during and after the Battle of Blackburn's Ford that still retained historic integrity. The proposed CRHS area identified in the initiated CPA consists of portions of the properties located at 7200 Centreville Road (GPIN #7897-25-2259), 8486 Charnwood Court (GPIN #7897-04-5844), 7310 Old Centreville Road (GPIN #7797-94-3463), 7410 Boundary Avenue (GPIN #7797-84-4631), 7412 Boundary Avenue (GPIN #7797-84-3346), and 7391 Bull Run Road (GPIN #7797-84-2247),

D. Location – The site is located along the southern bank of Bull Run within Yorkshire in the Coles Magisterial District. Centreville Road (Route 28) crosses Bull Run east of the current CRHS area. Where Centreville Road crosses Bull Run is the historic location of Blackburn's Ford, which was the location where Union and Confederate forces were engaged during the Battle of Blackburn's Ford. Confederate forces occupied the southern banks of Bull Run during and after the engagement. This area includes known earthworks that remain visible today. Recorded earthworks have been identified at the location of Mitchell's Ford, which is approximately one-half mile southeast of Blackburn's Ford. The Mitchell's Ford earthworks have been previously designated a County Registered Historic Site (CRHS).

E. CRHS Area – The proposed CRHS area established in Res. No. 23-399 generally follows the course of Bull Run, extending from Bull Run Road to the vicinity of the Route 28 bridge. This embraces areas along the south bank of Bull Run, extending

as wide as approximately 200-feet from streambed. The CRHS area is known to contain Confederate battle lines, earthworks and fortifications, occupied by the brigades of Brigadier Generals James Longstreet, Milledge Bonham, and Colonel Jubal Early during the July 18, 1861, Battle of Blackburn's Ford, an engagement that marked the opening phase of the First Manassas Campaign. This area is within the Blackburn's Ford Battlefield and Potential National Register District. This area includes the Mitchell Ford Entrenchments which are listed on the National Register of Historic Places and the Virginia Landmarks Register and are classified as a CRHS. Other intact earthworks reported by the Bull Run Civil War Roundtable exist on private property located at the west end of the CPA area near Bull Run Road. Most of the property within the CRHS area remains undeveloped and is predominantly wooded.

F. Battle of Blackburn's Ford – The Battle of Blackburn's Ford occurred on July 18, 1861 and had consequences that directly impacted the First Battle of Manassas on July 21, 1861. The battle was a small unit engagement between Union forces under the command of Israel Richardson and Confederate forces under the command of James Longstreet, Milledge Bonham, and Jubal Early. The engagement was part of a Union advance to determine the strength of Confederate positions on the south bank of Bull Run. As a result of the engagement, finding the Confederate positions around Blackburn's Ford well defended, Union forces decided to cross Bull Run further upstream, leading directly to the events of the Battle of First Manassas on July 21, 1861.

G. Existing Long-Range Land Use – The long-range land use classification of property within existing CRHS area consists of a mix of MU-3, Mixed Use with a T-3 Transect, RN-3, Residential Neighborhood with T-3 and T-4 Transects, and a CRHS, County Registered Historic Site. The MU-3 designated properties are primarily centered around the Centreville Road (Route 28) corridor. The properties designated RN-3 and RN-4 are bisected by Old Centreville Road. The RN-4 designated properties are located east of Old Centreville Road and contain the Quail Hollow community. A two-acre portion of the HOA property along Bull Run has been designated a CRHS, containing the Mitchel's Ford entrenchments that were constructed by Confederate forces in 1861. The RN-3 designated properties are located west of Old Centreville Road. This area primarily consists of vacant land and a single family housing neighborhood. Orchard Bridge Park is designated POS, Parks and Open Space.

H. Zoning Designation – The existing CRHS area is zoned, B-1, General Business and R-4 and R-6, Residential. The B-1 zoned areas include properties along the Centreville Road (Route 28) Corridor. The Quail's Hollow community is zoned R-6, Residential and the remaining portions of the CRHS area are zoned R-4, Residential. Orchard

Bridge Park is zoned a combination of B-1, General Business and R-16, Suburban Residential.

I. Yorkshire Activity Center and Small Area Plan: A portion of the CRHS area is located within Yorkshire Activity Center. During the 2022 Comprehensive Plan Update, Yorkshire was identified as an Activity Center. Recently, the BOCS initiated The Yorkshire Small Area Plan, which will expand upon this designation and engage residents and stakeholders to formulate a comprehensive small area plan that will define the long-term development framework for Yorkshire. The Yorkshire Small Area Plan project area is bisected by Route 28 (Centreville Road) and is generally bounded by Bull Run and Fairfax County in the north, the City of Manassas Park in the south and west, and Old Centreville Road to the East.

J. Surrounding Area: Area surrounding the CRHS area consists of a mix of both park land and developed areas. The northern side of Bull Run consists of mostly undeveloped park land located in Fairfax County. The only dedicated parkland south of Bull Run within this portion of Prince William County is Orchard Bridge Park, which is located east of Centreville Road (Route 28) and the current CRHS area. The Centreville Road (Route 28) corridor predominately contains businesses. Areas further to the west have been developed with residential consisting of both single-family detached and single-family attached housing.

K. Historical Commission: The Prince William County Historical Commission, during their regular scheduled meeting on March 14, 2023, adopted a Resolution requesting Blackburn's Ford Battlefield be classified as a County Registered Historic Site. Staff further identified that portions of the land east of Centreville Road (Route 28) outside of the current CRHS area was the location of significant troop movements that contributed to the outcome of the Battle of Blackburn's Ford. These troop movements consisted of the advance of the First Virginia regiment which moved through what is now Orchard Bridge Park to cross Bull Run as part of the main attack force that engaged with Union forces commended by Israel Richardson. This discovery was shared with the Historical Commission who requested that expansion of the CRHS area to include Orchard Bridge Park. At its August 12, 2026, meeting, staff briefed the Prince William County Historical Commission on plans to address justification for the boundary expansion to the CRHS area through re-initiating Comprehensive Plan Amendment #CPA2023-00005.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

A. Staff Evaluation of Proposed Request for Initiation – Staff evaluated this request with the purpose of recommending whether to re-initiate the CPA, to re-initiate with an expanded area or different land use designation, or to not re-initiate the CPA.

1. Criteria of Staff Evaluation – Staff evaluated the request for re-initiation based on consistency with the Comprehensive Plan and the adopted Strategic Plan.

2. Three Types of Possible Recommendations –

   a) Initiate – Based on the staff evaluation, CPA requests may be recommended by staff for initiation. Requesters who have committed to filing a concurrent rezoning application are intended to be heard within 12 months of acceptance of the rezoning application.

   b) Expanded Study Area / Different Land Use Designations – In some cases, staff may determine that either a larger area should be studied to make the proposal more appropriate for the area and/or different land use designations may be recommended.

   c) Do Not Initiate – Based on the staff evaluation, CPA requests may not be recommended for initiation based on inconsistency with the goals of the Comprehensive Plan.

B. Staff Recommendation- Staff recommends re-initiation to expand the CRHS study area to include Orchard Bridge Park for the following reasons:

1. The proposed expanded area include areas that are historically associated with the Battle of Blackburn's Ford;
2. The proposed expansion can help the county further recognize significant cultural resources, meeting policy objectives of the Comprehensive Plan's Cultural Resources Plan;
3. The proposed expansion of the CRHS area was requested by the Historical Commission, who originally requested the study of the Blackburn's Ford battlefield for designation as a CRHS;
4. The expansion of the CRHS area will not likely impact proposed mobility plans for the Route 28 expansion;
5. The expansion of the CRHS area appears consistent with goals and strategies of the Comprehensive Plan's Open Space Plan; and
6. The expansion of the CRHS area helps address Yorkshire Activity Center polices and action strategies.

C. Board Action Requested – Re-Initiate Comprehensive Plan Amendment #CPA2023-00005 to include Orchard Bridge Park, located at 7215 Centreville road (GPIN #7897-36-4699), as part of the proposed CRHS area.

Community Input

The Planning Office has contacted property owners within the existing CRHS area. None of the property owners contacted have provided written or verbal objections to the CPA. The Quail's Hollow HOA and the property owners at 7410 and 7412 Boundary Avenue (GPINs 7797-84-2247 and 7797-84-3346) indicated their verbal support for the project. The Planning Office will continue to engage with property owners and the community as the project continues.

PWC Agency Consultation

The Planning Office has consulted with Prince William County Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) and Transportation and Capital Construction (DTCC) regarding the CPA. The purpose of these meetings was to present plans to expand the CRHS area to include Orchard Bridge Park and to have a discussion to identify potential impacts and concerns for the proposal.

A meeting with DPR Staff was held on January 5, 2026. DPR Staff expressed no significant concerns or identified issues with including Orchard Bridge Park within the CRHS area. Orchard Bridge Park currently does not have a master plan to manage the park's use. However, DPR indicated their intentions to continue to use the park for primarily passive recreation, except for areas devoted to a cricket playing field. DPR stated they would support including Orchard Bridge Park as part of the Blackburn's Ford CRHS, provided changing the Long-Range Land Use of the Park from POS, Parks and Open Space to CRHS, County Registered Historic Site would not prevent the planned trails through the park or the construction of docks or other recreation facilities that would allow for access to Bull Run.

Planning staff also met with DTCC staff on July 24, 2026, to discuss potential impacts of any expansion of the CRHS area on planned transportation improvements to Route 28. DTCC indicated sufficient right-of-way existed for any bridge expansion, but they acknowledged that easements may be needed along properties bordering the Route 28 right-of-way.

Legal Issues

Initiation of a CPA does not mean that the Board must approve the CPA after it is studied; it instead begins the process for consideration. Other legal issues are appropriately addressed by the County Attorney's Office.

Timing

There is no timeframe requirement for the Board to take action on the initiation of Comprehensive Plan Amendment requests.

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ATTACHMENTS

Project Summary & Staff Analysis
Long-Range Land Use & Zoning Maps

Blackburn's Ford CRHS

Request: This request is to re-initiate CPA 2023-00005, Blackburn's Ford CRHS to expand the study area to include Orchard Bridge Park, located at 7215 Centreville Road (GPIN #7897-36-4699). Including Orchard Bridge Park to the study area may result in changing the Long-Range Land Use of the park from Parks and Open Space (POS) to County Registered Historic Site (CRHS).

Long-Range Land Use Summary for Expanded Area

Location: The proposed CRHS area established in Res. No. 23-399 generally follows the course of Bull Run with its western boundary at Bull Run Road and its eastern boundary adjacent to the west side of the Route 28 right-of-way in the vicinity of the Route 28 bridge that crosses Bull Run. Orchard Bridge Park consists of ±38.66 acres located immediately east of Centreville Road (Route 28) and is south of Bull Run.

The following table summarizes the request:

LRLU Classification	Existing Acreage (±)	Proposed Acreage (±)
Parks and Open Space (POS)	±38.66	0
County Registered Historic Site (CRHS)	0	±38.66
Total	±38.66	±38.66

The following table summarizes the uses and densities intended for the Parks and Open Space (POS) and County Registered Historic Site (CRHS) designations:

Parks and Open Space (POS)	The Parks and Open Space classification designates existing and projected parks, open space, and recreational areas of the County. This classification designates all existing federal, state, and local parks, and planned parks within the County. POS areas allow for either active or passive activities or in some cases both types of uses may occur. Those areas that are dedicated open space may be planned for passive use provided there are no restrictions associated with the land. This classification is designed to encourage civic uses in an area that has its own distinct character. Consideration should be given for conservation and open space as well as adaptive reuse to protect properties with historic value. For properties within the Arts & Entertainment overlay, uses may include an equestrian center, fairgrounds, small arena, indoor track and field, or pool facility.
Existing Land Use Designation	Primary Uses: Active and Passive Recreation, Sports Fields, Trails, Hiking, Bicycles, Open Space Percent Mix of Uses: Civic: 100% Density: Varies Minimum Open Space: Varies

	Target Building Height: 1 -3 stories active recreation; 1-story passive recreation Zoning: N/A
County Registered Historic Site (CRHS)	This classification is designed to protect important cultural resources. Cultural resources include architectural, archaeological, and historical resources. CRHS designations that are mapped on the Long-Range Land Use Plan Map include existing sites and districts that have a preservation easement or are either listed, pending, or deemed eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places or Virginia Historic Landmarks Register; are incorporated in an Historic Overlay District or other zoning overlay district; are recorded as part of the Historic American Building Survey or the Historic American Engineering Record; or has been selected for inclusion in the annual evaluation and update of such list by the Historical Commission and approved by the Board of County Supervisors.
Proposed Land Use Designation	Primary Uses: Varies but denotes significant Cultural Resource. Use Categories could include: • **Retail** – Historic: retail and other appropriate commercial uses that are compatible with and help preserve and promote the cultural or historical values and use of a historic site, such as a historic inn or a bed and breakfast establishment. • **Historical/Cultural:** educational and communal uses that help preserve or interpret the county's history, such as museums. • **Park:** open space that provides for recreational opportunity or other outdoor activities associated with a historic site. • **Agriculture:** Traditional farming association with a historic farm site. • **Transportation:** Includes historic roads, railroads, bridges, and waterways that are still in use and played a role in the history of the County and its development. Density: Varies Minimum Open Space: Varies Target Building Height: Varies Zoning: N/A

Comprehensive Plan Analysis

Long Range Land Use Plan

The Long-Range Land Use Plan represents that part of the Prince William County Comprehensive Plan that provides a development vision illustrating the best means for the County to utilize its land resources. The Land Use Plan is set to accommodate future development in an efficient and sustainable way that is compatible with the character of various communities while protecting the valuable and sensitive natural resources throughout the County and contributing to the County's Climate and Resiliency goals. The Land Use Plan provides best practices for the integration of environmental justice, equitable development, and smart growth approaches to establish healthy, inclusive and sustainable neighborhoods. The Land Use Plan considers the County's existing and future needs for commerce, environmental protection, energy efficiency, historic preservation,

housing, industry, public and semi-public facilities, parks and recreation, transportation, as well as social and economic sustainability.

The list of County Registered Historic Sites represents County resources identified by the Board of County Supervisors to have significant cultural resource value, that are given the land use classification of County Registered Historic Site ("CRHS") in the Comprehensive Plan. The CRHS Long-Range Land Use classification helps guide land use to ensure development within and adjacent to significant cultural resources provide for adequate mitigation of both direct physical impacts and indirect impacts, such as viewshed impacts. Development proposals that impact significant cultural resources are to be evaluated with regard to provision of long-term measures to protect the integrity of such resources where appropriate. Development should preserve, renovate, or otherwise restore an archaeological site, historic site, historic structure, or viewshed.

Denoting areas associated with the Battle of Blackburn's Ford as a CRHS can help guide land use patterns to lessen direct and indirect impacts to the remaining portions of the battlefield that retain historic integrity and still possess known battlefield features, such as earthworks. Comprehensive Plan Land Use policies 9 and 11 provide action strategies that help guide land use changes that can assist in the protection of CRHS designated areas:

Land Use Policy 9 encourages land use patterns that support the preservation of cultural, historic and archaeological sites and the goals and objectives of the Cultural Resources Plan. The following action strategies associated with LU9 provide guidance for development near designated CRHS areas:

- **Action Strategy LU9.1** *Encourage development densities at the low end of the range of the land use classifications and/or provide context appropriate mitigation adjacent to County Registered Historic Sites ("CHRS"), as reflected on the Long-Range Land Use Map and in the Cultural Resources Plan.*
- **Action Strategy LU9.2** *Evaluate rezoning and special use permit applications within and/or adjacent to CRHS-designated land to determine the appropriate density or intensity, layout, and height of new development.*

Land Use Policy 11 encourages site plan development and building designs that will enhance the setting of CRHS designated areas and mitigate viewshed impacts. The following action strategies associated with LU 11 provides guidance for the development near designated CRHS areas:

- **Action Strategy LU11.1** *Design projects to mitigate the adverse effects of development on the architectural and landscape features of archaeological and historic sites and structures when developing properties or adjacent properties.*
- **Action Strategy LU11.2** *Encourage the preservation of views to and from historic properties through the protection of farm fields, meadows, and woodlands.*

- **Action Strategy LU11.3** *Incorporate adaptive reuse of historic structures into new developments, rather than demolition, and provide sufficient land around archaeological and historic sites and structures to preserve the integrity of the site in the historic context.*

Cultural Resources Plan

The Cultural Resources Plan sets out the goals and policies of the County as they relate to cultural resources. The policies and action strategies are intended to guide the Board of County Supervisors, as well as boards, commissions, staff, citizens, and the development community. References to applicable state and national historic/cultural resources criteria and other relevant material for each appropriate policy are identified.

The primary intent of the Cultural Resources Plan is to facilitate and encourage the identification and protection of the County's significant cultural resources – architectural and archaeological sites, cemeteries, battlefields, cultural landscapes, museum objects, archival materials, and historical sites and districts. The secondary intent is to enhance awareness of the history of the County and the importance of preserving properties that are significantly linked with that history. Prince William County defines significant resources as those classified as County Registered Historic Site (CRHS) and those that have been determined eligible for listing or are listed on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP).

Criteria for CRHS designation requires satisfying one or more of the following criteria:

- Listed or determined eligible for listing on the NRHP
- Documented as part of a Historic American Building Survey (HABS), Historic American Engineering Record (HAER), or Historic American Landscape Survey (HALS)
- Listed or determined eligible for listing on the Virginia Landmark Register (VLR)
- Contributing resource within a Historic Overlay District.

In 2020, the Virginia Department of Historic Resources (VDHR) determined areas associated with the Battle of Blackburn's Ford that still retain historic integrity were eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places (NHRP). Areas associated with the NRHP eligible battlefield of Blackburn's Ford were recorded as site 029-5117, the Blackburn's Ford NRHP eligible site includes all of the existing CRHS area and the location of Orchard Bridge Park.

The Battle of Blackburn's Ford represents a significant historical event associated with the First Manassas Campaign. The battle, fought on July 18, 1861, had consequences that directly impacted the First Battle of Manassas on July 21, 1861. The battle was a small unit engagement between Union and Confederate forces for control of Blackburn's Ford, a key crossing of Bull Run. Confederate forces defended positions along the south bank of Bull Run and defeated Union forces

trying to cross at Blackburn's Ford. As a result of the engagement, Union forces decided to cross Bull Run further upstream, leading directly to the events of the Battle of First Manassas on July 21, 1861.

Re-initiation of CPA2023-00005, Blackburn's Ford to include Orchard Bridge Park would add to the CRHS area locations of significant troop movement known to be east of the current alignment of Centreville Road (Route 28) that contributed to the main Confederate attack that stopped the Union advance across Bull Run. Including Orchard Bridge Park as part of the CRHS area can help address the following cultural resources policies in the Comprehensive Plan.

- CR-POLICY 1: Identify the significant cultural resources in the County.
- CR-POLICY 2: Protect and preserve cultural resources that are important for documenting or demonstrating the prehistory or history of the County.
- CR-POLICY 3: Enhance the awareness of Prince William County's history and the importance of the County in the historical development of the Commonwealth of Virginia and the United States.
- CR-POLICY 4: Encourage preservation of the County's most significant historic properties through use of the County Registered Historic Site (CRHS) classification.

Open Space Plan

This Open Space Plan provides policy guidance for the future of Prince William's open space. The Plan includes objectives, strategies, and recommended actions designed to ensure the provision of an adequate supply of beneficial open space to satisfy the needs of this and future generations in the County. A system of open space and corridors will protect water quality in streams and ultimately the Chesapeake Bay (including sources of public drinking water); enhance the ability of wildlife to find food, water, and shelter; minimize environmental damage from development on excessively steep slopes, floodplains, resource protection areas (RPAs), or inappropriate soils; conserve cultural sites and scenic vistas; and enhance connections between neighborhoods. The Open Space Plan provides goals and action strategies aimed to ensure the preservation of natural and cultural resources, provides for passive recreation, is used for cultivated fields or forests, or exists in a natural and undeveloped state. Open space may include nature preserves, historic sites, farms, parks, forests, floodplains, wetlands, etc., and may include some structures, parking areas, roads, trails and facilities that support the use of the land.

The entire CRHS area consists of areas along the south bank of Bull Run. Designating these areas as a CRHS associated with the Blackburn's Ford Battlefield can encourage the preservation of the natural environment that can further ensure protection of the Bull Run watershed while also recognizing the location as a historic site. Areas with the CRHS designated Long-Range Land Use can have several compatible uses. One identified compatible use in the Cultural Resources Plan is that of parks that combine open space preservation with recreation opportunities for outdoor activities

while also being associated with a historic site. Including Orchard Bridge Park within the CPA area would redesignate that Long-Range Land Use of the park from Parks and Open Space (POS) to County Registered Historic Site (CRHS). This potential Long-Range Land Use redesignation can support the passive recreation uses while also recognizing this area's importance as part of the Battle of Blackburn's Ford. It also supports the following Comprehensive Plan Open Space Goals and Policies:

- OPEN SPACE GOAL: Preserve existing protected open space, maintain high quality open space, and expand the amount of protected open space within the County.
- OS-POLICY 3: Retain existing open space in the county.
- CORRIDOR GOAL: Identify, protect and preserve environmental, heritage, and open space corridors.

Yorkshire Activity Center and Yorkshire Small Area Plan

Portion of the CRHS area are located within the Yorkshire Activity Center and the Yorkshire Small Area Plan. The vision of the Yorkshire Activity Center was to ensure the reinvestment and redevelopment of the Centreville Road / Route 28 corridor as a mixed-use corridor and welcoming gateway into the County with a mix of commercial uses and infill housing. Activity center policies in the Comprehensive Plan mainly address balancing land use changes with efforts to retain Yorkshire's diversity and unique character while preserving the area's affordability. Expanding the CRHS area to include Orchard Bridge Park can assist with addressing the following Yorkshire Activity Center Action Strategies:

- YOLU 1.4: Conduct cultural resources surveys to locate cultural resources in the Yorkshire area, including Civil War-era encampments and other resources known to exist in the area.
- YOLU 1.5: Recognize Old Centreville Road as an historic transportation corridor through interpretive elements such as interpretive kiosks and by documenting the history of the area. Conduct archaeological surveys of undeveloped land along the corridor to identify potentially significant cultural and historic resources.

Transportation Analysis

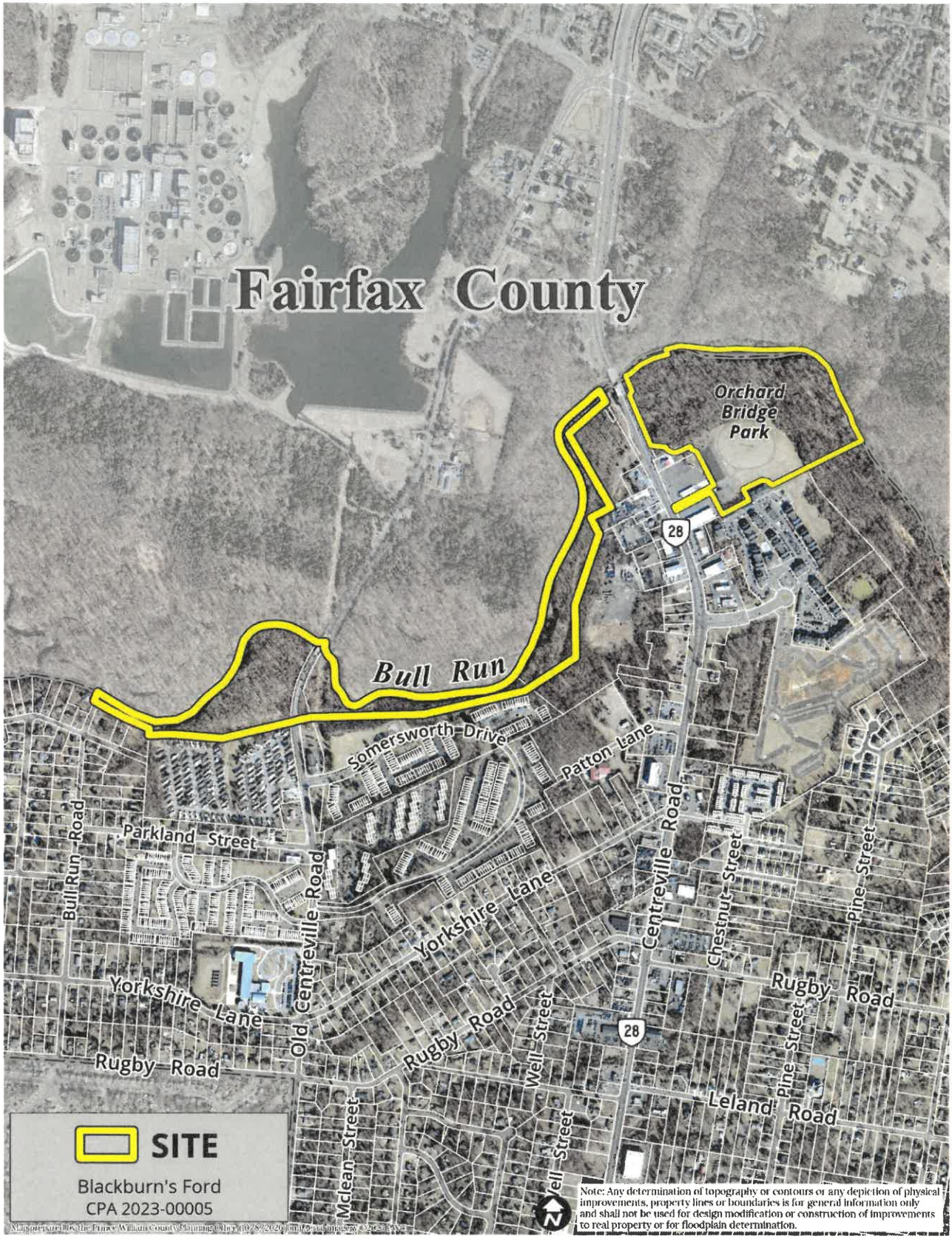
The Comprehensive Plan Mobility Plan provides a guide that will assist the County in its goal of providing the necessary roadway infrastructure to address existing and projected traffic demands in the County. As the County continues to grow, various roadway segments will be improved to maintain desired levels of service. These improvements can include proposing new roadways, widening of existing roadways, and intersection and interchange improvements which can improve the functional level of service and provide safe, efficient movement of traffic. In support of this goal the Roadway Plan identifies and highlights major roadways (interstates, parkways, arterials, and collectors) and provides guidance on the functional classification of existing and proposed

roadways, the location of future intersections and interchanges, and anticipated lanes. Prioritization of these improvements will be determined by the Board of County Supervisors.

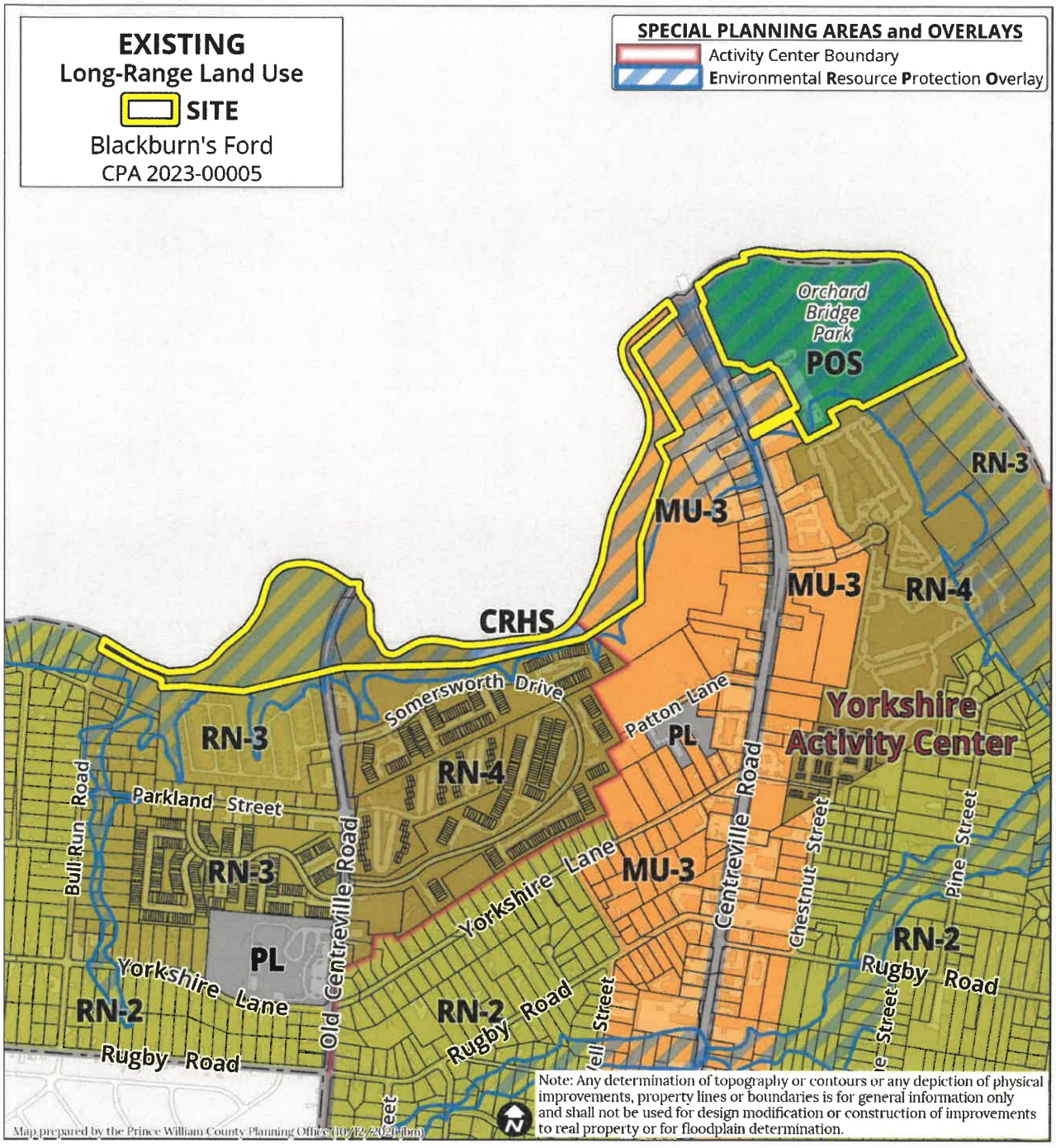
Centreville Road (Route 28) and Old Centreville Road are the only two roadway corridors that extend through the CRHS area. Centreville Road is classified as a Principal Arterial and Old Centreville Road is classified as a Collector. Centreville Road's crossing of Bull Run in the vicinity of the CRHS area is a significant transportation gateway in the County. The mobility plan continues to address challenges with transportation improvements to Route 28 to keep pace with traffic demographics. On May 13, 2025, the BOCS adopted Res. 25-281 to initiate a Comprehensive Plan Amendment (CPA) to the Mobility Chapter of the Comprehensive Plan for the removal of the Route 28 Bypass and addressed widening the existing Route 28 corridor to six lanes between the Manassas City line and the Fairfax County line. The CPA will also address the creation of the Flat Branch Trail, a new recreation trail that will follow the alignment of the former Route 28 Bypass. The CPA addressing the Route 28 mobility changes is still in process.

Re-initiating Comprehensive Plan Amendment #CPA2023-00005 to include Orchard Bridge Park likely poses limited impacts to proposed changes to the Mobility Plan addressing the Route 28 expansion. The proposed CRHS area does not include areas containing the right-of-way for Route 28. Planning office staff met with DTCC staff on July 24, 2026 to discuss the proposed expansion of the CRHS area and identify any potential impacts on planned transportation improvements to Route 28. DTCC staff indicated sufficient right-of-way existed for any bridge expansion. However, DTCC staff noted that easements may be needed along properties bordering the Route 28 right-of-way. Changing the Long-Range Land Use of boarding properties to a CRHS Long-Range Land Use designation should not prevent DTCC from obtaining roadway easement. The creation of Flat Branch Trail would also be consistent with the passive recreation uses compatible with the CRHS Long-Range Land Use designation should the alignment of the new trail extend through the proposed CRHS area. Planning and Parks and Recreation Staff will continue to work with DTCC staff to ensure any trails within the CRHS area be properly planned as not to impact significant cultural features, such as the known locations of earthworks.

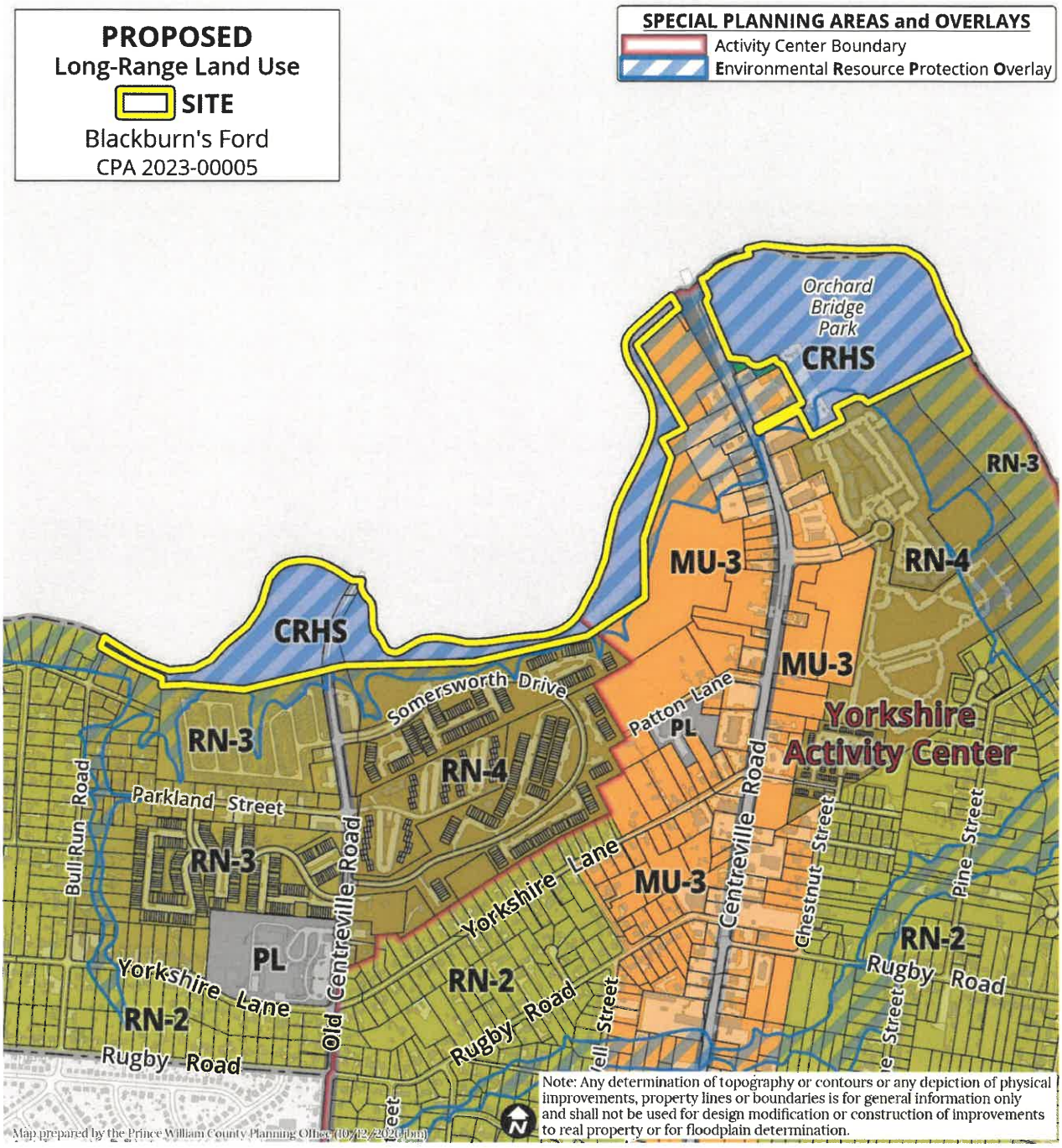
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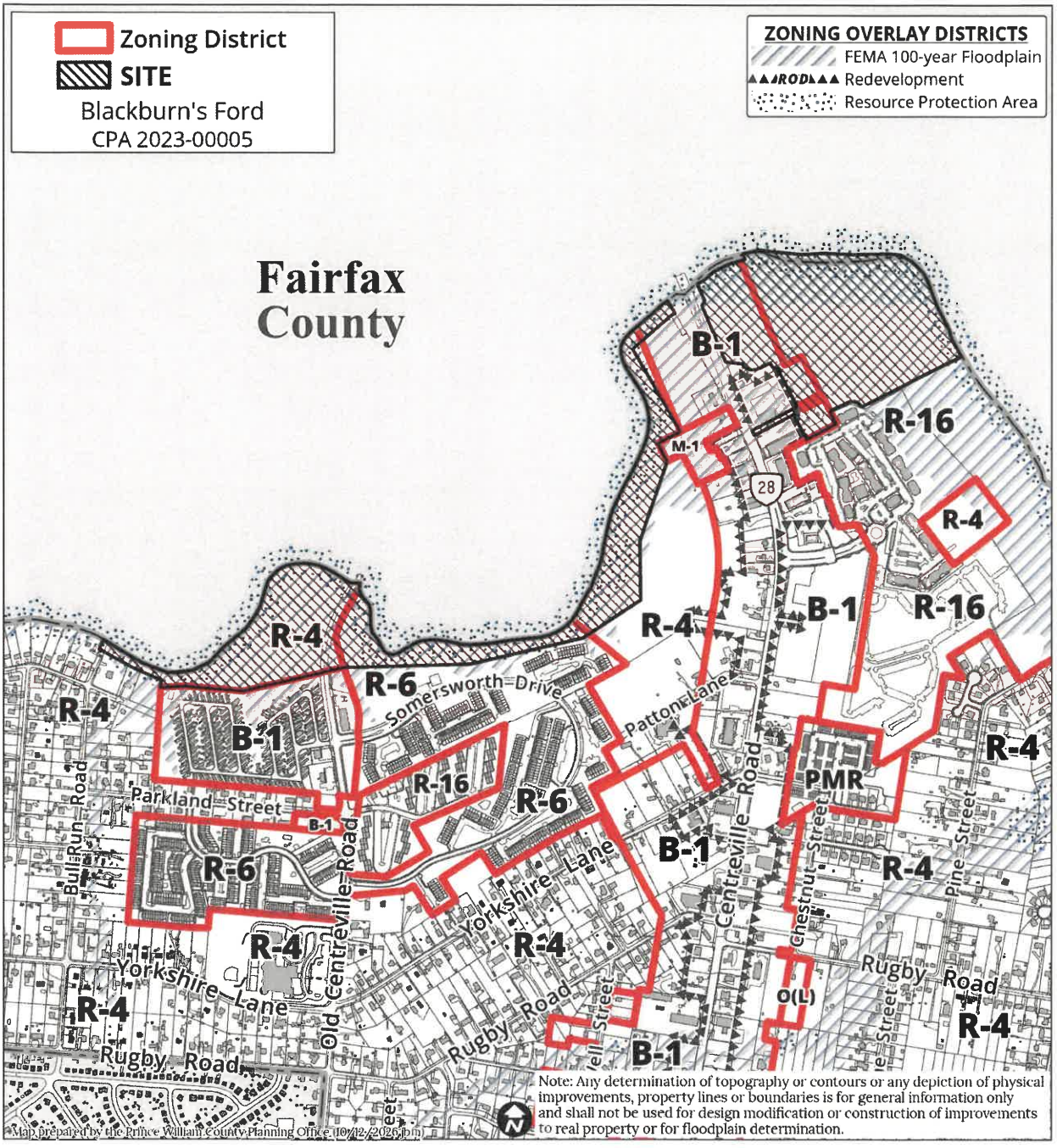

Fairfax County
Orchard Bridge Park
Bull Run
28
Somersworth Drive
Patton Lane
Parkland Street
Bull Run Road
Centreville Road
Yorkshire Lane
Chestnut Street
Pine Street
Rugby Road
Old Centreville Road
Well Street
Leland Road
Mclean Street
SITE
Blackburn's Ford
CPA 2023-00005
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Existing Long-Range Land Use Map



Proposed Long-Range Land Use Map




Zoning District
SITE
Blackburn's Ford
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ZONING OVERLAY DISTRICTS
FEMA 100-year Floodplain
Redevelopment
Resource Protection Area
Fairfax
County
B-1
R-16
M-1
28
R-4
B-1
R-16
R-4
R-4
R-6
Somersworth Drive
Patton Lane
R-4
B-1
R-16
R-6
PMR
R-4
Parkland Street
B-1
Centreville Road
Bull Run
R-6
B-1
Chestnut Street
Pine Street
R-4
Yorkshire Lane
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Possible Internship Projects

Historical Commission Intern Projects 2027

Research Military maneuvers in Western PWC for historic impact and provide historic markets or on-line resources.

Investigate the preservation of Priest's Mill site to determine historic impact.

Identify Air Force Tracking station post WWII at Independent Hill.

Determine the initial burial sites of Union soldiers disinterred from Prince William County graves and reinterred in Arlington National Cemetery after the Civil War.

Research and create a list of antebellum homes in Prince William County created and sustained by enslaved labor. Using this list, this project will also include an effort to map these homes to provide both a visual reference of the impact of enslaved labor on the County, as well as to provide a resource for future researchers. Prior experience with digital mapping is helpful but not required.

An online GIS StoryMap highlighting the history of the Tombstone Repository to celebrate the 50th anniversary of its dedication (October 1988-October 2028). The intern will compile and analyze firsthand records of the creation through planning office memos, commission resolutions, and speaking with previous commission members (if possible). Document the history of the headstones that were in the repository and had been returned, and a history of the headstones currently in the Repository. The intern will also communicate with the Veterans Affairs office regarding the number of VA markers in Repository to determine a path forward in alignment with the VA's headstone procedures.