



# PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY

## Trails and Blueways Council

PHNST Subcommittee Work Session Notes

August 20, 2024, at 2:00pm

Hellwig Administration Building

14420 Bristow Road, Manassas

**Approved by the T&BC on August 27, 2024**

1. **Call to Order** – David Brickley, Eileen Sheridan, Neil Nelson, Joe Marshall, and Liz Cronauer were present. Staff present – Janet Bartnik, David Kroeger, and Robert Boyd.

### 2. **PHNST Gap Analysis Notes**

David Brickley welcomed Robert Boyd back to the team.

#### Powell's Creek Crossing:

##### NORTH SIDE

Concerns voiced that there need to be a workable solution to accessing the crossing from the north side of the Creek. Potential access points include:

- Lookout Point to the east has a beautiful view and sits about 20 feet above the water.
- Second access point to the west is lower.
- Third access point is on HOA property.

Staff and consultants are scheduling a meeting with the HOA to discuss access points.

David Brickley suggested that a boardwalk could be placed along the creek/HOA boundary from the crossing access points to Mussell Island area.

Future parking is shown on the Leesylvania park master plan. Planned is 30 spaces and a comfort station at that location.

Liz Cronauer shared concern about the ability to build an access road to the crossing access points for construction access. She suggested that the consultant address this in the planning project. David Brickley stated that he has seen innovative ways to construct crossings in challenging situations.

Members asked if there might need to be some study of historical assets if the state park has not yet done that.

Discussion ensued related to how to segregate PHNST users from State Park users.

Joe Marshall noted an interest in having at least two access points on the north side.

##### SOUTH SIDE

The developer is obligated to build a trail down the hill from the town center overlook. The subcommittee would prefer that the trail not be that low and instead remain by the overlook. Townhouses built north of

the overlook have terraced ground that may be a challenge. This trail will intersect with the proposed access point near the service authority facility.

Inform had the eastern access point coming from CSX ground. Staff shared the route walked from the town center to the water, keeping off the railroad property, which they had explored after the concepts were drafted. Discussion ensued related to concerns that the developer's trail obligation be coordinated with the crossing design.

It was suggested that the County determine what the accessibility goal is for the project and then to work on design to meet that goal.

The subcommittee requested that staff define a mechanism by which the developer's trail and the crossing access point determination are coordinated.

David Brickley asked if the observation deck space could be expanded to accommodate special events.

#### Dumfries Gaps:

David Brickley shared that he had connected with Dominion Energy to discuss options for Possum Point. He suggested Janet connect with Yolanda Green to learn more about what is being planned for the property.

Liz Cronauer shared that she has been following the Town of Dumfries comprehensive plan update effort. Yolanda Hipski has also been following the effort and connected Liz to public input opportunities coming in September. The plan is likely to be considered in January.

#### FLAP Grant Update

David Kroeger shared that the FLAP grant consultant will host stakeholder meetings in September. The consultant has requested an extension into 2025.

### **3. Adjourn**

The next meeting of the PHNST was scheduled for October 23 at 2pm. Location in Hellwig TBD.