

Prince William County
TRAILS AND BLUEWAYS COUNCIL

Advisors to the Board of County Supervisors

MOTION: William McCarty

October 22, 2024

SECOND: Mike DePue

Regular Meeting

Res. No. 24-18

RE: FUNDING IN THE FY26 BUDGET FOR TRAILS

ACTION:

WHEREAS, the Board of County Supervisors is presently considering allocations of funding for the FY26 CIP budget; and

WHEREAS, the most recent Parks Facilities Needs Assessment (2019) identified trails as the public's most desired recreational facility and water access points as the public's 2nd most desired facility; and

WHEREAS, the Mobility Chapter and the Countywide Trail Plan of the Comprehensive Plan was approved by the Board in December of 2022 and identifies future bicycle and pedestrian needs countywide, and

WHEREAS, the Mobility Chapter promotes bicycle and pedestrian facilities that increase multimodal connectivity, safety, and recreational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the Mobility Chapter prioritizes bicycle and pedestrian projects which provide increased connectivity to schools, parks, and other community destinations; and

WHEREAS, In the Community Energy and Sustainability Master plan that was adopted by the Board on October 24, 2023, the goal of "Improving pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure and enhancing connectivity" was cited as a High Priority Action Item; and

WHEREAS, Adequate and consistent funding is needed in order to realize progress with the above stated goals; and

WHEREAS, Trails and Blueways Council members have identified a high priority list of trails and blueways projects including many from the Countywide Trail Plan spread across all magisterial districts that address the above stated goals (see attachment);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Trails and Blueways Council, recommends that the County's Board of Supervisors, in conjunction with recommendations from the Department of Parks and Recreation and the Department of Transportation, identify funding for a variety of trail projects across all magisterial districts in the FY2026 CIP.

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Votes:

Ayes: 13

Nays: 0

Absent from Vote (virtual only): 0

Absent from Meeting: 2

SIGNED:



Prince William Trails and Blueways Council chair

Attachment: Recommended Capital Improvement Projects by District

Occoquan:

| Rank | Project/Facility | Location/Detail |
|-------------|--|---|
| 1 | Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail | Plan, design, and construct a PHNST connection between the Town of Occoquan and Belmont Bay nearest the water as possible |
| 2 | Occoquan Greenway | Perform maintenance needed to improve the surface of the natural surface trail in segment 2 |
| 3 | Occoquan Greenway | Plan, design, and construct Segment 8 trail from the stormwater pond to Ellicott Street including a pond bypass to loop the Occoquan Greenway |
| 4 | Lake Ridge Trail Additions | Plan, design, and construct trails in powerline corridors between Old Bridge and Minnieville Roads |

Woodbridge:

| Rank | Project/Facility | Location/Detail |
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| 1 | Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail | Complete the extension of the Neabsco Boardwalk through the Metz wetland to Leesylvania State Park |
| 2 | Blackburn Road Sidewalk | Construct sidewalk to close gap from Dorothy to Randall |
| 3 | Blackburn Road Sidewalk | Construct sidewalk from Rippon MS to Featherstone ES |
| 4 | York Drive Sidewalk | Construct sidewalk from PW Parkway to Elizabeth Vaughan and Woodbridge MS to close gaps |
| 5 | Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail | Complete the extension of the PHNST from the Town of Occoquan to the George Mason University Potomac Science Center |
| 6 | Horner Road Sidewalk | Construct sidewalk to create connections to Kirby ES from Occoquan Road |
| 7 | Belmont Drive Sidewalk | Construct sidewalk to close gap at Dawson Beach |

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Potomac:

| Rank | Project/Facility | Location/Detail |
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| 1 | Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail | Ensure funding is available if additional funding is needed for the Powell's Creek Crossing |
| 2 | Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail | Fund design of segments that were the subject of the FLAP grant funded Gap Analysis (Dumfries area) |
| 3 | Cockpit Point Battery | Conduct a feasibility study, design, and construct, for a crossing of the railroad tracks |
| 4 | Powell's Creek Greenway | Construct natural surface trail from the termination of the existing trail to Route 1 (east side) |
| 5 | Dewey's Creek Greenway | Plan, design, and construct natural surface trail along Dewey's Creek |

Coles:

| Rank | Project/Facility | Location/Detail |
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| 1 | Flat Branch Greenway | Plan, design, and construct natural surface trail along Flat Branch |
| 2 | Sinclair Mill Boat Launch | Construct Sinclair Mill Road improvements, parking areas, and hand-carry boat launch facilities currently under design |
| 3 | Hoadly Road Multimodal Facilities | Plan, design, and construct bike/ped facilities along Hoadly Road from 234 to Spriggs |
| 4 | Rt 234 Business Bike Facility | Plan, design, and construct asphalt shared use path along 234 business from Brentsville interchange to Manassas city limit |
| 5 | Broad Run Greenway | Complete Broad Run Greenway from Dove's Landing to Rt 28 |
| 6 | Powell's Creek Greenway | Complete Landfill Discovery Trail to Minnieville Road |

Brentsville:

| Rank | Project/Facility | Location/Detail |
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| 1 | Broad Run Greenway | Construct natural surface trail from Victory Lakes to Sowder Village Shopping Center, expand trails network near Hunting Cove Place, and add trailhead amenities |
| 2 | Bristow Area Connector Trail | Plan, design, and construct natural surface trail that connects Bristoe Station Battlefield and Valley View Park |
| 3 | 234 Bypass Shared Use Path | Construct gap segments in the corridor, including those north and south of the intersection with Rt 28 |
| 4 | Dawkins Branch Tributary Trail | Plan, design, and construct natural surface trail along Dawkins Branch tributary |

Gainesville:

| Rank | Project/Facility | Location/Detail |
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| 1 | Rt 15 Shared Use Path | Construct a 10' wide asphalt path from Simons Grove to Waverly Farms Road with a connector from Catharpin Greenway under Rt 15 connecting to James Long Park |
| 2 | Rt 15 Shared Use Path | Construct 10' wide asphalt path from Battlefield HS to Catharpin Greenway to James Long Park |
| 3 | Old Carolina Road Shared Use Path | Construct 10' wide path from Somerset to Haymarket town line |
| 4 | Conway Robinson Connector | Plan, design, and construct a natural surface path to connect between James Long Park and Conway Robinson State Forest |

Neabsco:

| Rank | Project/Facility | Location/Detail |
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| 1 | Dale Boulevard Pedestrian Facilities | Plan, design, and construct pedestrian safety improvements in the area of Queensdale and Dale Blvd |
| 2 | Hoadly Road Pedestrian Facilities | Improve pedestrian facilities along Hoadly Road between PW Parkway and 234 |
| 3 | Neabsco Greenway | Construct greenway trail improvements to reduce maintenance related to erosion and drainage issues |
| 4 | Smoketown Road Pedestrian Facilities | Plan, design, and construct connectivity enhancements between Beaver Ford and Trafalgar |
| 5 | Elm Farm Road Pedestrian Facilities | Plan, design, and construct 10' wide asphalt shared use path along Elm Farm Road |
| 6 | Jenkins Park Loop Trail | Plan, design, and construct a nature trail and/or perimeter trail |