

Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail Feasibility Study

Stakeholder Meeting for Gap 1 – Town of Occoquan

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Introduction

- This Study will support NPS's goals of closing gaps in the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail network, allowing visitors and residents continuous access and enjoyment of the trail.
- The Study will identify a planned alignment for each gap area that provides feasible, safe, and convenient access to bicycle and pedestrian modes of transportation as well as recreational trail opportunities.

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Identified Gap Areas

- The Study will focus on three gap areas located along Interstate 95 within Prince William County



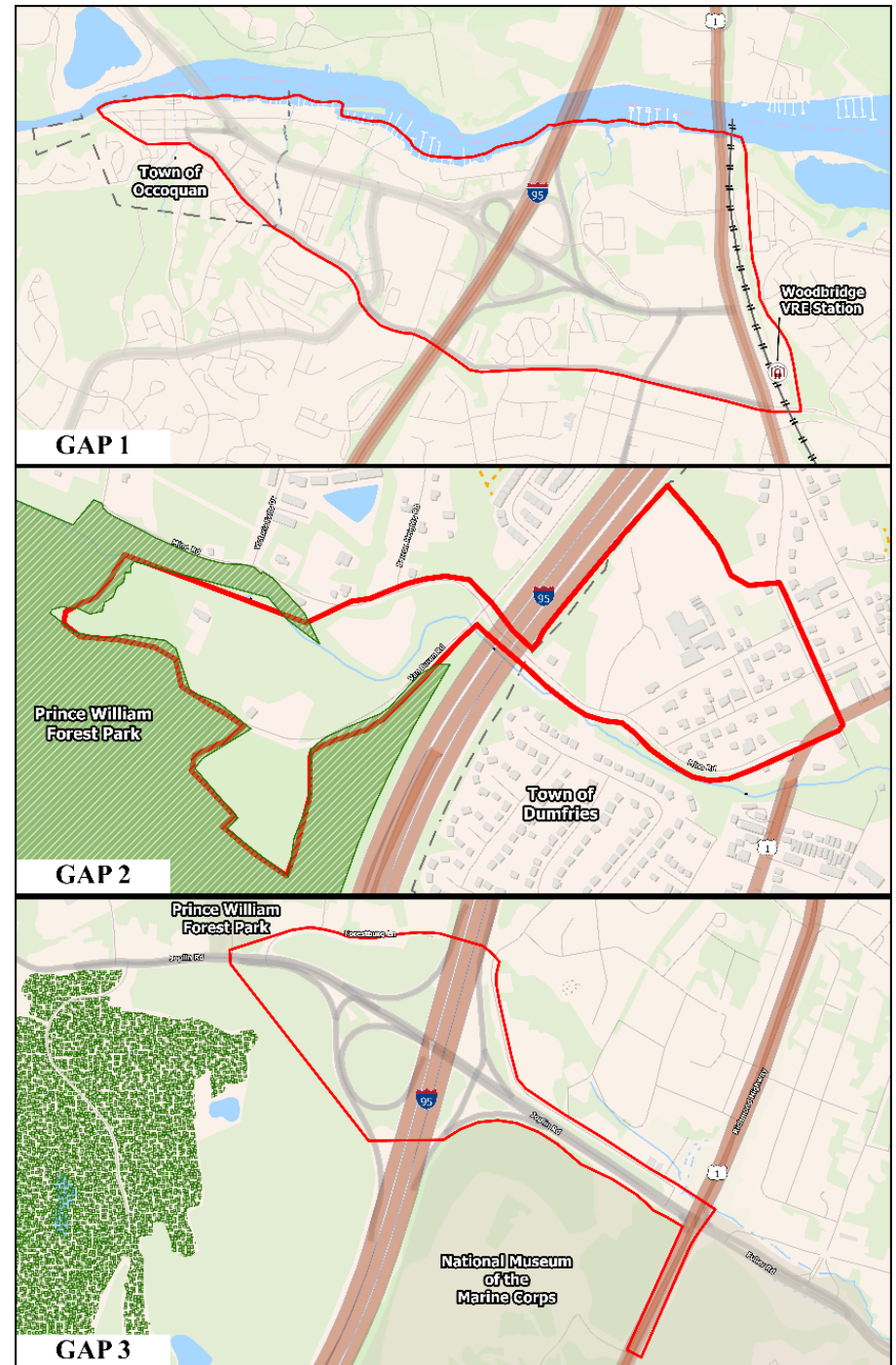
Gap Area 1 begins around the Town of Occoquan in the north and continues south along the Occoquan River / the Fairfax County line in the east and Occoquan Road to the west eventually ending south of Route 1 near the Town of Woodbridge



Gap Area 2 is located around the town of Dumfries and includes portions of the town with an easternmost boundary following Duke Street and Mine Roads before crossing under I-95 and following Van Buren Road towards Prince William Forest Park.



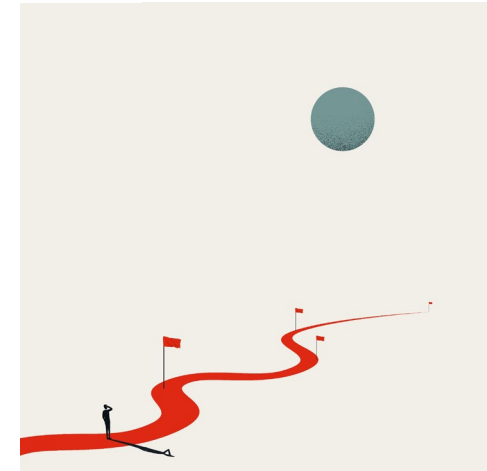
Gap Area 3 is located around the interchange of I-95 and Joplin Road beginning in the west at the entrance to Prince William Forest Park and continuing east along Joplin Road before moving South along Route 1 and terminating at the National Museum of the Marine Corps.





Where We Stand

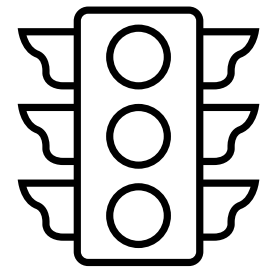
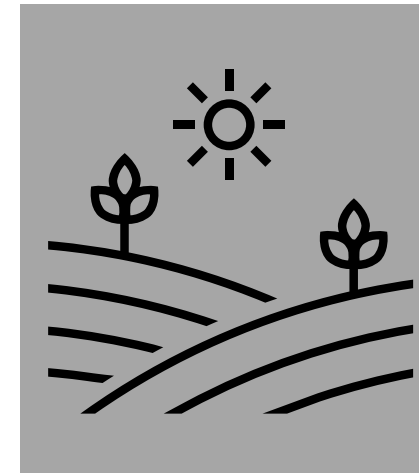
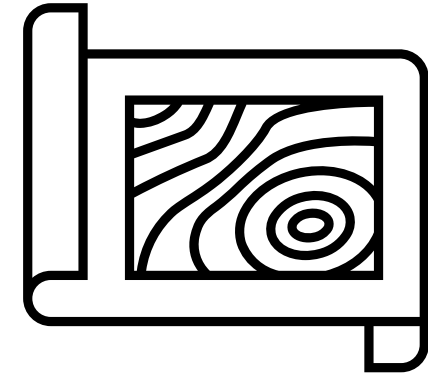
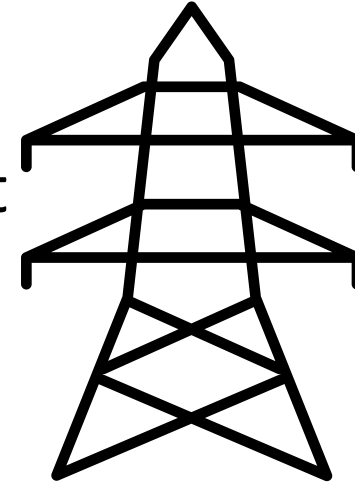
- The Study is currently in the Data Gathering and Existing Conditions Analysis Phase.
 - The Study Team utilized existing studies conducted by Prince William County to assess the needs of the existing and planned trail system within the County.
 - Studies and Plans Evaluated Include:
 - *Prince William County 2040 Comprehensive Plan – Parks Chapter & Mobility Chapter*
 - *Prince William County 2040 Countywide Trails Plan*
 - *North Woodbridge Small Area Plan*
 - *2020 DPRT Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan*
 - *2019 Prince William County Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment Survey*
 - *NVRC 2022 Corridor Analysis & Health, Social Equity, and Economic Impact Study*
 - The Study Team used existing GIS Data and field verification to begin analysis of Existing Conditions within the Project Areas and identify Constraints.





Gap Area 1 Constraints

- Gap 1 is urban and mostly built out. Our goal is to identify a feasible route which not only provides connectivity but can identify and stand out as part of the PHNST.
- Resources / Constraints Identified
 - Traffic and Pedestrian Safety
 - Existing Trails / Connections to Transit and Destinations
 - Utility Conflicts
 - Environmental Resources
 - Wetlands and Streams
 - Cultural Resources
 - Floodplains
 - Threatened and Endangered Species
 - Socioeconomics / Environmental Justice Communities

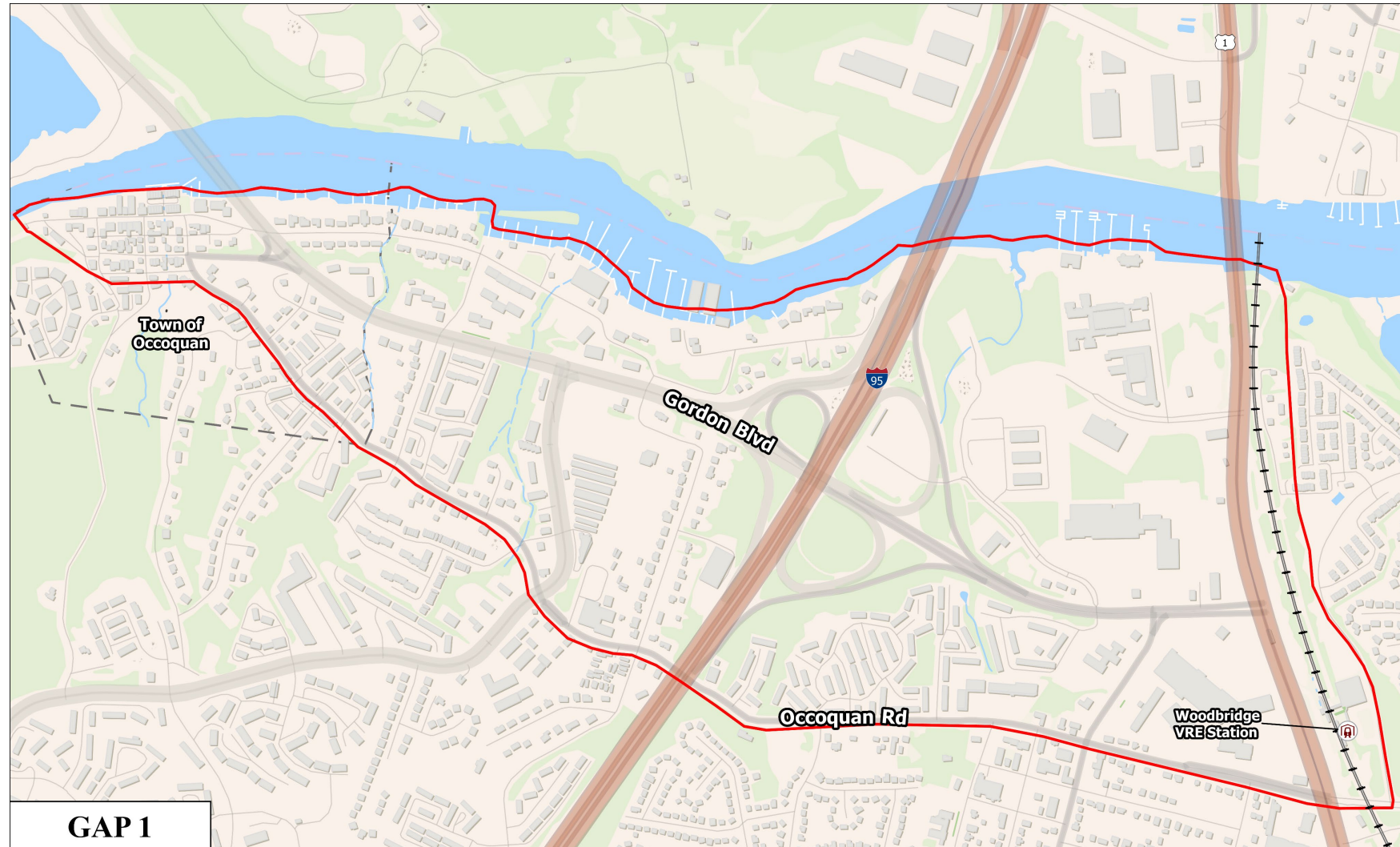




Gap Area 1

- Today, we want your input and your ideas/desires for the trail in this area to better understand the constraints of Gap Area 1.
 - Share your expertise and detailed knowledge of the study area.
 - Provide ideas and desires for the trail in this area.
 - Identify location specific constraints.
 - Gather feedback on desired design elements and trail preferences which will be incorporated during the design phase.

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Interactive Web Map



Thank you

Contact David Kroeger (dkroeger@pwcgov.org) with questions or comments.

Continue to be on the lookout for additional information and meetings as the study progresses!